

Broad Street UMC Newsletter

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Inspiration Corner

Once I learned that my ISSUES were not my IDENTITY, I gained CONFIDENCE in my IDENTITY and CONQUERED my ISSUES! #DailyBecoming

Our issues do not define us. People may call you by your issues but it's only what you answer to that matters. The Bible tells us in Psalm 139 "for you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, my soul knows it very well." If you answer to anything other than child of God, ask God to reveal to you who you are in Christ Jesus.

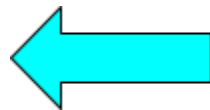
You're worth it friend!



Breaking News



There is a whole lot going on this summer. Record breaking heat waves, a rescheduling of the Olympics, the world is starting to get off punishment, Broad Street UMC said farewell to Pastor Kim and his lovely wife Stephanie, and hello to Pastor Teaira. That's a lot to take in for anyone; so here is some help. First, the Tokyo Olympics games are from July 23, 2021 to August 8, 2021 on NBC. Know that Pastor Kim and Stephanie are taking their first steps into a new journey and could always use prayer. As for Pastor Teaira, one way to gain new insight to who a person is, is by reading their user manual. Yes I said user manual. If we have user manuals for appliances and cars, why can't people have one too? User manuals offer a brief look at a person's style, what they value, what they have patience for and can tolerate, best communication practices, how to help, and what can be potential misunderstandings. Who is Pastor Teaira?



This is Pastor **Teaira Parker**

Basic facts: God seeking and God fearing 34 year old black woman. Heterosexual and impateintly waiting for her husband. Pescatarian, football fan (Washington...I know but it's true!), born in Baltimore Maryland, raised all over Maryland and Virginia. Has four degrees and never wants to go back to school again. Has a love for traveling, reading, music, parks and beaches. Pastor Teaira is a nerd but thinks she is cool and hides her nerdiness...she doesn't hide it very well. Her preferred title is Pastor, Pastor Teaira, or Pastor Parker. See the last page for the user manual.

Hopes and Partnership

Hello new church family. I am so excited to have met some and looking forward to meeting others of the congregation. I heard so many wonderful things about Broad Street United Methodist Church, and I am so thankful to God for allowing me to serve such a historic church. I know that Broad Street UMC has a rich tradition of getting things done and being a pillar in the community. I look forward to continuing that tradition and working with each and every one of you to achieve the goals and aspirations of the congregation, while leaving space for creativity and inspiration from the Holy Spirit.

I see my job as pastor as being a servant of God. My job is to serve God, love people, and preach the gospel. I also understand that building relationships is key to a healthy and wonderful church. I will be calling everyone in the directory to introduce myself to you over the next few weeks. If you are not in the directory, please get in touch with me on my work cell which is 609-367-4850. My email address is pastor.revtp@gmail.com. I am also available via FaceTime on the cell phone. My day off is Friday and I am currently working to schedule office hours that work best for the majority of the congregation. Please know I have an open door policy and if you are in need of your pastor, I am here.

I can't wait to see and meet you all in church on this Sunday July 4th, as we listen to Pastor Jere Hopkins-Doerr. I love you all with the love of Jesus. I am so excited, and I hope you are too!

Blessings

Pastor Teira



My Style

- I lead by example
- I ask for help
- I approach leadership by encouragement and participation
- I like to help people get what they need to excel and be successful in their hopes and dreams
- I take people at their word


What I Value

- Communication, respect, transparency, honesty, trust, and timeliness
- Health and wellbeing of the entire community
- Team culture
- Building strong relationships, casting a clear vision, and having a strategic plan
- People and process, intellect and creative ideas
- Being proactive as opposed to reactive
- Highlighting a problem with suggested solutions

What I Don't Have Patience For

- Toxic and isolated worship spaces where people don't feel valued
- Disrespect, division, dishonesty, or gossip
- Prejudice, hatred, or bigotry
- Belittling comments and conversations

What People Misunderstand About Me

- Just because I don't react does not mean I didn't hear or see you
 - I am an introvert posing as a professional extrovert
 - I value out of the box ideas more than people may think
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How To Best Communicate With Me

- Let's greet each other before we begin the conversation
- Be open minded
- Clear and courteous conversation
- Honesty and transparency are highly appreciated
- Tell me what I need to know and not what you think I want to hear
- I have an open door policy, and am accessible by phone, text, email and FaceTime
- Food is my love language

How To Help Me

- Surprises are for birthday parties, otherwise I'd rather not be blindsided
- Supply agendas for meetings
- Offer solutions and plans
- Make sure your part is complete and reviewed
- Share what's going on in your life or the life of the congregation where pastoral care is needed
- Staying on task but doing it with joy and laughter

I hope this brief look into who I am breaks the ice when first beginning to work with a new person. This is my personality, this is my style. I love praying for people. I love to tell jokes, laugh, and bring joy and light into a room. That's not just my personality, that's my spirit. Truthfully, sometimes I don't know what to say in some of the most difficult of times. However, I have learned by listening to God that sometimes just being present is enough. I say that to say, I'm here for you. We are family, we are community, we are Broad Street United Methodist Church.