



BROAD STREET UMC

March 5, 2023

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# A Word From the Holy Spirit!

Press in to the hardships.

<https://youtu.be/UqBTBXYKZpk>

Did you click the link? You should! It's powerful stuff. Change is hard, frustrating, and turbulent. Hardships make us want to pull away. But this video is a simple understanding of how we need to fight pulling away and press in to get the desired effect.





by **Pastor Teaira Parker** on February 26

# TRANSFORMATIVE ASH WEDNESDAY

Since I didn't grow up in the church, I had no understanding of what Ash Wednesday is or its significance. I actually didn't even know about it until I went to seminary and one Tuesday during chapel people walked in looking normal and walked out with a black cross on their foreheads. I didn't know what was going on. I thought, is this the Second Coming? Did I miss my opportunity to be swept up in the deliverance? Alas, a classmate of mine explained what was happening. She told me that we don't live forever, and we need to put right the things in our lives that separate us from one another and from God. By receiving the cross of ash, we acknowledge our human frailty, and our dependence upon God's healing grace. The 40 days of lent are a time of growth, and for drawing closer to Jesus on our Christian pilgrimage; for reflecting on what really matters





in our lives, and for turning back to God in repentance. This time of fasting and repentance enables us to grow more fully into the people God made and calls us to be, transforming us into the likeness of Christ whose death and resurrection we will celebrate during Holy Week and at Easter.

In the life of Broad Street United Methodist Church, this past Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday took on a transformational meaning in our lives. For the first time, our worship committee planned the church's first Ash Wednesday service immediately following the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner. Equipped with music, a full sermon, and the imposition of ashes, members willingly came up for ashes. I was so nervous I forgot the words for the first person that came up! After pulling myself together, I was able to see the significance of honoring this tradition. Putting the ashes on the hands and heads of God's people is the time that we symbolically show that we understand where we come from, where we are going, and the sacrifice Jesus made to help us on that journey. And, God trusted me to share this with his people.



Afterwards, I was told that there were others who didn't know how significant Ash

Wednesday is. It made me feel good that we participated in educating our Christian brothers and sisters on its significance. But we didn't stop there. On Ash Wednesday, the worship committee got up at an ungodly hour (6:30am) to give ashes or prayer to those at the Riverline train and bus station. Several people stopped and received ashes; with several more stopping to ask what Ash Wednesday was. It was then I realized that we took ministry to the streets. We prayed with



those who wanted prayer, wished a blessed day to those who brushed us off, and applied ashes to those who wanted and needed Jesus in their lives.

Although it was cold that Wednesday morning, with the help of Wawa coffee, the Holy Spirit warmed up our hearts and the hearts of the community. Ash Wednesday has always been an important time in the life of the church. However, this Ash Wednesday, it became a little more special in my life, the life of Broad Street United Methodist Church, and the Burlington community.



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THIS MONTH'S  
TOP STORIES

## BAKING WITH LINDA

by [Linda McCardell](#) and [Pastor Teaira](#) on March 02

Ever wonder how Linda gets her baked goods to taste so delicious? Ever ask her to give you the recipe? Well look no further. As we spotlight a longtime member of Broad Street United Methodist Church, we want to take a moment to honor one of her many gifts she has brought to the life of the church. Linda did an interview sharing the love that goes into the cookie sheets.

Pastor: Linda, thank you for talking with me about your desserts. I guess my first question is, what got you into baking?





Linda: Wow! Ok, I started because my mom was quite a baker. When I was a wee kid, I had a tiny table where I could decorate a tray of cookies. Now I do that with my daughter and goddaughters!

Pastor: How does sharing your baked goods positively impact you?

Linda: I love sharing with people who seem to understand it brings me joy, but also because I know they appreciate the effort. If I have a bad day, I try to think of something to do for another person, and that always raises my spirits.

Pastor: Do you realize that your desserts are received so warmly because we see the love you put into it and your sharing it with the congregation, friends, and family? The reason we are all beating your door down for your butter crunch bar is in part of them being so good, but also because you are so good.

Linda: Don't Methodist start every prayer with a meal? Lol

Pastor: (puts oatmeal cookie down in an attempt to disprove her point). Very true lol. Thank you Linda for the love and care you show yourself, your community, and definitely me. I'm going to hazard a guess that I speak for everyone when I say you are loved!

## **RECIPES**

### *Butter Crunch Bar*

Preheat to 350

1 sleeve saltines

1 stick butter

1/3 cup sugar

1 1/3 cup choc chips

Line a ridged cookie sheet with aluminum foil . Lay out saltines end to end. Melt butter then add sugar and dissolve. Drizzle mixture on saltines, bake for 9 min. Scatter chips on saltines. Wait 5 min, then spread soft chocolate. Refrigerate, then break up cookies. Prepare to be popular!



And let's not forget this little treat.

Follow Linda any time she submits a recipe. Your taste buds will be sure to thank you.



## YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

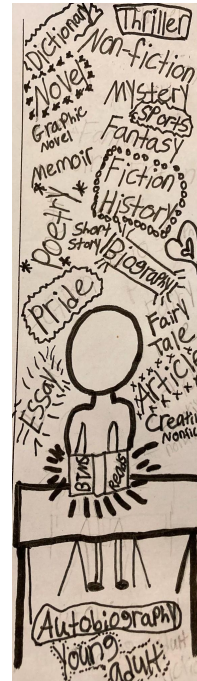
by **JoAnn Sienkiewicz** and **Pastor Teaira** on February 27

Not only is Jaycee Sienkiewicz crushing her academics to the point of being invited to the Junior National Honor Society, but Jaycee is putting her artistic talents to good use.

The Read Across America Contest asked kids to create and submit a bookmark. The winners will have an honorary breakfast, their work created and used as a bookmark across America, and bragging rights for the year. This year Jaycee's bookmark won!

Take a look at her work!





When you see this superstar gracing us with her presence in Sunday School and in church, show her some love for all her hard work.



## MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Broad Street UMC Celebrates

**International women's day**

Feminism isn't about making women strong. Women are already strong. It's about changing the way the world perceives that strength.

**BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**" THE BEACON ON BROAD STREET "**  
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# GAME NIGHT

**A Night For Fun!**  
 Board Games  
 Multi-Player Card Games  
 Video Games  
 Pool  
 And much more

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS,  
 CLASSMATES OR FAMILY TO  
 JOIN THE FUN!**

**Saturday, March 11, 2023**  
 Doors open at 5:00pm and close 8pm  
 To register please contact us:  
[office@broadstume.org](mailto:office@broadstume.org)  
 Game night is every 2nd Saturday of the month

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## HOAGIE SALE

Sponsored by the  
 Broad Street UMC  
 36 E. Broad St.  
 Burlington, NJ 08016

**Friday, March 24th - Pick up 11AM - 1PM\***  
**Saturday, March 25th - Pick up 11AM - 1PM**

\*If 10 or more hoagies are ordered by one location in Burlington  
 (City or Township) for Friday, 3/24, we will deliver.  
 \*\*Order Deadline is Tuesday, March 21st\*\*

**Price is \$10/hoagie**  
 includes a bag of chips and a bottle of water

Choose from:  
 Italian  
 American  
 Turkey & Cheese  
 Ham & Cheese  
 Cheese  
 Tuna

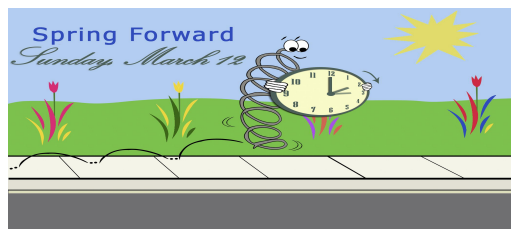
Call or text 609-658-2499 or  
 609-354-2004 for more information

Scan the QR code  
 with your phone's  
 camera and click  
 the link to order.



Payment in advance is required and can be made by cash or check (preferred)  
 or you can find us on PayPal at [paypal.me/BSUMC](https://paypal.me/BSUMC)  
 Choose 'hoagies' to pay after placing your order.

It's Daylight Savings next week. Don't forget to spring forward Saturday night.







# MARCH

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		Pastoral Visitations				
	Cleaning Day 9:30am	Pastoral Visitations			Youth Game Night	Noisy Coin Collection by BSUMC Youth
		Pastoral Visitations		Hoagie Pick-up 11-1	Hoagie Pick-up 11-1	
		Pastoral Visitations				

## MONTHLY PLANNER

### Top priorities

Tue., 3/14 - Cleaning Day - 9:30 am

Sun., 3/19 - Noisy Coin collection by BSUMC youth

3/24-25 Hoagie pick-up - 11am to 1 pm

### Notes

Every Wednesday is pastoral visitation. Schedule your visit today.



# APRIL

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						Palm Sunday/Cantata Sunday Service 11:00 am
		Pastoral Visitations	Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm	Good Friday Women's Breakfast	Youth Game Night	Sunrise Service - 7 am Burlington Promenade Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service Easter Service 11 am
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Need a visit  
from your  
pastor? Look  
no further.  
Beginning  
now...



**VISITATIONS**

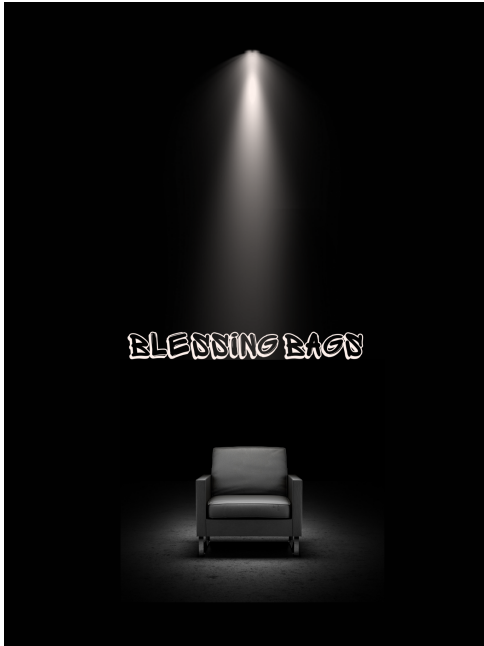
**PASTOR  
TEAIRA**

**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY**

**SCHEDULE A VISIT TODAY**

[pastor.revtp@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.revtp@gmail.com)





For 2023, we would like to start a project partnering with our adults and youth.

The adults can contribute the items for the Blessing Bags and the youth can assemble them. (If you would like to donate money towards the purchase of items, rather than bringing in items, please mark donations for Blessing Bags).

What is a Blessing Bag? Blessing Bags, also known as Necessity Bags or Care Kits, include a variety of items for people who are homeless, hungry, and in need of basic necessities. You can keep these bags in your car to offer when you see someone asking for help.

What should you put in a Blessing Bag?

## BLESSING BAGS

### ITEMS NEEDED

- Socks
- Toothbrush + Toothpaste
- Peanut butter crackers
- Granola bar
- Mints (individually wrapped)
- Lip balm
- First-aid kit with single-dose packs of Advil, band-aids, and antibiotic ointment (used leftover, washed out pill bottles to hold them)
- Gallon-sized zip-top bags to hold everything
- Pads + tampons
- Washcloth or face/body wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Face masks
- Bottled water (16 oz or smaller)
- Dental floss
- Comb/brush
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Hat and gloves
- Hand/foot warmer
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Please remember our families and friends in prayer:

# Broad Street Prayer List

Date :

Day :

Today's Reminder

Spike Tomer,  
Jim Dillon,  
Susan Parker & family  
Faye & Carl Sienkiewicz,  
Peggy Sanders,  
Pat MacDonald,  
Susan & Jim Graves,  
Karl Brown,  
Cindy Borgstrom,  
Barbara Goodher,  
Arla McGee,  
Bobbie Kroh,  
Thelma Burr,  
Wanda Bocci,  
Linda Hoffman,  
Jim Barthmaier,  
Santo (Babe) Cugliotta,  
Brynna Edenzon,  
Phyllis Fyfe,  
the Hybiske Family,  
Christina Suarez & Family,  
Dennis Redington,  
Deja Williams & family,  
Beverly Vichko,  
Matthew Fairhurst,  
Alan Robinson and family,  
Lacey Baskin,  
Danielle Betham,  
Ashlee Davidson,  
Ava McBride,  
Marita McCarty,  
Ryan McCleery,  
Fred Kuhn,  
Chad Potter,  
Robert DeLeon,  
Jenise Sienkiewicz,  
Debra Bogdanowicz,  
Valena Hill,  
Cuthbert John,  
Editha Richards,  
Jim Wonderlin,  
Megan,  
William Weik,  
Howard Cooper Sr.,  
Howard Cooper Jr.,  
Julia Levinson,  
Shannon & Matt Ezovski,  
Joseph Stransky,  
Emily Crane,  
Prayers for the family of Nancy Serafino,  
Prayers for the family of Nancy Minuto

Prayer Checklist :

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Pray for those in need

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Take a moment for self

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Talk to God

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Ask for forgiveness

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Thank You Lord!

Notes :

We all are in need of prayer.  
Make sure you  
pray for yourself too!



# What is Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

by **Cindy Borgstrom** and **Pastor Teaira** on March 04

Shrove Tuesday, or Fat Tuesday is the day prior to Ash Wednesday. It is a traditional feast prior to the beginning of lent, the 40 days prior to Easter. Traditionally, lent is a time of fasting, and on Shrove Tuesday Christians went to confession and were “shriven” or absolved of their sins. Pancakes are the food of the day because they use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, prior to the fast. For many it is also the day for ritually burning last year's palms, finalizing one's lenten sacrifice.

There is no biblical mandate requiring Christians to observe Shrove Tuesday, it is a matter of personal choice. Concepts like confession (Proverbs 28:13, and James 5:16:1) are biblical in nature. Also feasting is a celebration found in the Bible, ( Eccl. 3:13;)

The first pancake day was celebrated in the Year 1445. Though I'm not sure when Broad Street started celebrating pancake supper, we've been sharing in fellowship with the Burlington township community members, church members, and anyone willing to celebrate with us. The table is open to all. We hope to see you next year for Shrove Tuesday/pancake supper.

Special thanks to the Girls of Grace for planning and executing the event!



You did it Broad Street!



We needed cleaning supplies, paper products, and more. Not only did you step up, y'all showed out. Thank you each and everyone who contributed to restocking the cleaning closet. Because of you, we are well stocked and ready for the next cleaning day. If you are available to help clean, please check with Marsha or the calendar provided in this newsletter.

Thank You Broad Street!



# SAFE SPACE FOR PLAY AND BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

by Pastor Teaira on March 04



Game night started with the idea that there can be a safe space for neighborhood children to play and have fun. Starting in October, Broad Street Youth Game Night has been slowly growing as word is getting out about the food, fun, and fellowship that has been taking place.

Young folks from ages 10-17 have been showing up playing pictionary, board games, video games, arts and crafts, and trash talking as we compete for the winners spot in love and fun. Take a look at the pictures and share with us in our fun.

Special thanks to the volunteers who have consistently shown up to provide these kids a great time. Please give them a hug when you see them. Bill Lucas, JoAnn Sienkiewicz, Peggy Sanders, Michele Hogan, and Bryan Roth. Last month we even had some of the parents stay and provide food and supervision.

Have a child in your family or neighborhood? Have them join us every second Saturday of the month from 5pm to 8pm. Fun will be had!





## PASTOR'S CORNER



We've all been through a thing or two. We keep going because there is something we are striving for. For those of us who've been hit with a one-two punch and don't know how to get through the brokenness, remember...BROKEN CRAYONS STILL COLOR.



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