

# THE BEACON

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## Pastoral Transition

As was announced by Cindy Borgstrom last month, Pastor Teaira has been reappointed and will be moving to California to pastor the United Methodist Church in San Fernando. We will be getting a new pastor effective July 1<sup>st</sup> which is the date most pastoral transitions are made.

The United Methodist Church has an itinerant pastoral system in which the Bishop appoints the pastors to each church along with the prayerful discernment of the District Superintendents.

Pastoral transitions are always difficult on both the pastor and the congregation. In an effort to create some separation between the outgoing and incoming pastors, the Conference suggests that the outgoing pastor not preach the last two Sundays in June, and



*"Don't be afraid to emphasize the ordinary gifts of love, peace and joy. Observe God's actions in the lives of people other than yourselves. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your spiritual leader."*

*- Pastor Teaira*

often the incoming preacher, while present, will not preach the first Sunday in July. [Read more on page 6](#)

## Scholarships

This past Sunday, Don MacMillan, representing the Scholarship Committee, presented three of our graduating high school seniors with scholarships. Scholarship money is raised from the Thanksgiving breakfast, from the ongoing book sale and through individual contributions. Thank you to all who participate in any of those opportunities to support our youth.

The scholarship program has given more than \$109,000 to 80 students over the past 42 years. This year, the following three students joined that group as young people who are supported by our church:

### Sarah Sourwine

Penn State University  
Pre-med

### Leanna Danser

Rowen College at Burlington County  
Engineering

### Drew Fellesco

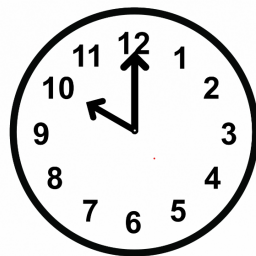
Rowen College at Burlington County  
Nursing



Congratulations, and thank you for your active participation in our church!

# Summer Hours

Our summer hours for worship begin this Sunday, June 18, 2023. There will be no Sunday School during the summer and worship will be held at 10:00 AM in the air-conditioned chapel.



The Worship Committee has a long discussion every year about what the summer hours should be and we recognize that we can not make everyone happy. Some people want church to begin earlier in the summer (ex. 9:00 AM) while others prefer not to change at all from our 11:00 AM time for the rest of the year. In an effort to compromise, we chose 10:00AM.

As we've done in previous years, there will be a hymn sing for about ten minutes prior to the start of the service. Think about your favorite hymns and be prepared to shout them out when asked for suggestions!

## Meet Our New Pastoral Family

Effective July 1, 2023, James Murray is appointed as the new pastor of Broad Street UMC. The following is taken from the Greater New Jersey UMC website:

"James was born and raised in Ormond Beach, Florida and nurtured in the Christian faith by his hometown United Methodist Church. He studied Economics at the University of Florida, planning to go to Law School, but heard God's call towards ordained ministry within the UMC. After interning at his home church, he attended Duke Divinity School, where he received his Master of Divinity and met his wife, Katarina.



After graduating, James served alongside his wife as an associate pastor at Jesse Lee Memorial UMC in Ridgefield, CT, after which James served as a chaplain resident at Danbury Hospital and as a hospice chaplain for Vitas Healthcare. James and Katarina spend their time with their joyful 2-year-old, Zooley, and loving dog, Sørine."

We look forward to welcoming James, Katarina and Zooley to the Broad Street family. We will be setting up small group meetings for Pastor James to meet people as we go through the summer. Please keep an eye out for the opportunity to participate in one of these small groups.

For more information about any of these stories or upcoming church activities, please visit our website:

[www.broadstumc.org](http://www.broadstumc.org)

You can also follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BSUMCBurlington>

We're on Twitter:

<https://www.twitter.com/BSUMCBurlington>

and on Instagram:

[https://www.instagram.com/bsumc\\_burlington/](https://www.instagram.com/bsumc_burlington/)

# Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events



We have a lot of activities coming up during the rest of the year. Mark your calendars now to be sure you don't miss any of them. Click on the link below to go to our website page that includes more information about most of these events.

Sunday 6/18/23	Summer Hours start. Worship is in the Chapel with air-conditioning and starts at 10:00 AM.
Thursday 6/22/23	Broad Street night at the Trenton Thunder
Saturday 6/24/23	Church Project Day Working on the front of the church mostly outside to spruce it up
Saturday 8/26/23	Church Project Day—projects to be determined
Month of September	Clothing Collection Fundraiser Watch for more information in the bulletin and on the website
Thursday 9/7/23	Choir Practice begins for the fall 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday 9/10/23	Sunday School begins again—Rally Day—9:45 AM Worship returns to 11:00 AM
Saturday 9/16/23	Girls of Grace Chili Cook-Off / Brownie Bake-Off
Friday & Saturday 9/22/23 & 9/23/23	Hoagie Sale Fundraiser
Saturday 9/23/23	Girls of Grace Annual Yard Sale
Friday—Sunday 9/29/23—10/1/23	IGNITE Youth Conference for youth in grades 6 through 12 Wildwood, NJ
Saturday 10/7/23	Blessing of the Animals Service Outside in our side yard, weather permitting
Wednesday 11/22/23	Set up for the Thanksgiving Breakfast All youth are invited to come help prepare for the breakfast.
Thursday 11/23/23	Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast 8:00 AM This annual tradition is a fundraiser for our church scholarship fund.
(Black) Friday 11/24/23	Gerald Dickens performs <i>A Christmas Carol</i> 2 performances: 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Saturday 12/2/23	Annual Girls of Grace Christmas Tea 12:00—3:00 Musical Entertainment for the Christmas season
Sunday 12/10/23	Advent Covered Dish Supper Time will be announced closer to the date
Tuesday 12/12/23	Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see <i>Miracle of Christmas</i> See web page or Susan Curlett for more information
Sunday 12/17/23	Blue Christmas Service—a service for those who are not feeling up to the festivities of the season due to loss, illness or for any reason
Sunday 12/24/23	Regular worship in the morning Evening Christmas Eve service—more details forthcoming

Read more about many of these upcoming events, get tickets or registration forms, etc. on our website events page located here:

[Weekly Announcements - Broad Street United Methodist Church](#)

# A Note from the Counting Committee



Over the past year we have implemented a new process to count the tithes and offerings given each week through the offering plate. This process is more efficient in terms of both the time needed for counting and in recording

your gifts to the church. The process also makes it easier for us to record gifts for multiple items that come in on one check. In the past, we requested separate envelopes and checks for each item, but now those can all be combined in one check. We know checks are expensive and this will help reduce the number of checks you write to the church. Here are some guidelines:

1. Please do not tape your envelope shut. The glue on the envelope is sufficient to keep it closed until it gets to the counters.
2. Please be sure your envelope number is on your check and on anything you use to submit gifts to the church if not your assigned envelopes. There is no need to include your name on the outside of the envelope—everything is tracked by number.
3. If you want to write one check for multiple items (ex., weekly offering, communion, flowers, donation to the scholarship fund), please just write on the outside of your envelope how the money in the check should be split between those items and we will record it that way.
4. We appreciate that some of you are now using electronic means to make your contributions to the church. If you have an option, please select the e-check or ACH option instead of credit card as that incurs a lower fee (paying electronically does have a cost associated with it which you can choose to cover, but if you do not, the church pays it and that cost is lower with ACH than credit cards).

However you contribute to the church, and whatever you contribute to the church, thank you!

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.* 2 Corinthians 9:7-8



## Noisy Coins

What is our 'Noisy Coin' collection?

Several years ago, Marsha Danser heard an idea from another church about how they were raising funds for their Sunday School program and she brought it to Broad Street.

Thanks to our members and friends, it has been a very effective fundraiser here.

Once a month from September through May, the youth take a special offering in metal offering plates (so that coins, when put in, are 'noisy'). Not everyone puts in coins and bills are appreciated as well. The money is counted separately from the regular offering and is used to fund our Sunday School. The average monthly Noisy Coin collection is \$50 so that goes a long way towards supporting the cost of our Sunday School. Thank you!



# Recent Fundraisers and Projects



At the end of March we held our first ever **hoagie sale**. We did not have any experience in doing this, but Michele Hogan reached out to a relative who was involved in a similar fundraiser at a local fire company and got the details. Using that information, Michele and Laura

Jaskot put together the fundraiser and with the help of about 10 women, we pre-sold 105 hoagies and made them on a Friday and Saturday morning in late March.

The sale was very successful, raising over \$600 for the church and we decided to hold another one in early June a few weeks ago. Michele had the idea of combining a fundraiser for the church with outreach to our local first responders, so we had a 'buy one, give one' program where people could buy a hoagie for themselves and then for a smaller fee, donate a hoagie to a first responder.

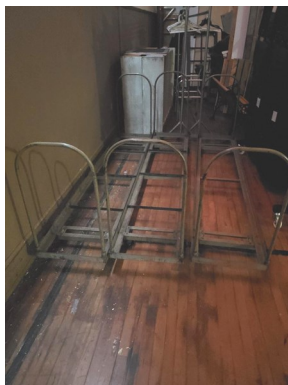
Again the program was successful resulting in donations of three large trays of hoagies to the Burlington City Police Department, the Endeavor Emergency Squad and Burlington Township's Fire Station 301 on the Burlington Bypass. We raised over \$450 for the church as well. Thanks to everyone who purchased hoagies, who donated hoagies and who helped make the hoagies—you all made the program a great success. Look for our next hoagie sale in mid-September.



Another recent fundraiser had a number of people working in the gym to take the wooden seats off our old chairs so that we could bring the metal frames to a **metal recycler** where we could get paid by the pound for the metal.

A dedicated crew removed the seats while others went through the gym looking for other metal items that could be removed and recycled.

Three or four pick-up trucks took loads to the recycler and we earned just under \$100 and cleaned out the gym at the same time. Thanks to everyone for their hard work!



Michele Hogan also recently organized groups of youth looking for community service hours (high school honor society youth as well as scouts) and they spent some **time in our cemetery** cleaning out brush and generally making the property look much nicer. Thanks so much for your effort—it looks great!

Bill Lucas organized the collection of items for **Blessing Bags**—one or two-gallon Ziplock bags filled with personal hygiene and other small items such as socks or gloves. We collected a lot of items thanks to everyone's donations and Michele Hogan organized youth to come and volunteer to put the bags together.

Some of the Blessing Bags were donated to the Meals of Love program at the Beverly UMC. Recently, others were brought across the street to the Baptist Church to hand out with the groceries in their food program. Marsha Danser reported that the bags were very well received by those who participate in that program and everyone was very appreciative and excited to receive things like soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and the other items in the bags. Thank you to everyone who donated or helped put the bags together. You made a difference!

# Pastoral Transition, cont.

That means that last week was Pastor Teaira's last Sunday preaching with us. While she is appointed here through the end of June and remains our pastor until then, we will have guest speakers for the next three weeks. This week, Marsha Danser will bring the message on 'Father's Day and Our Heavenly Father.'

We would like to thank Pastor Teaira for her time here the last two years. We started a new Youth Game night which has been growing. The Tuesday Evening Bible study group enjoys their time together. We have enjoyed some well-written and well-delivered sermons and we wish her well as she moves across the country to start a new chapter in her ministry.



## Join A Small Group

We have quite a few small groups in our church. Here are just a few that you might want to consider joining:

**United Women of Faith** - Betsy Grover, President

**Girls of Grace** - Cindy Borgstrom, President

**Sanctuary Choir** - Judy Schetler, Director/Accompanist

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study** - Michele Hogan, facilitator

**'No Meeting' Cleaning Crew** - Marsha Danser, coordinator

If you want to know more about any of these groups, please reach out to the person listed for information on what the group is and when they meet.



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