

## The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

### The Pastor's Corner

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First and foremost, I thank you all for your warm and gracious welcome. I am excited and honored to have the privilege of journeying with you all on the way to becoming more like Christ. Everyone here at Broad Street UMC has had a journey, is on a journey, and has more journeying ahead of them. I frequently find myself reflecting on my own journey. Often, I am astonished at the unlikelihood of how I ended up where I am.

My whole life, I thought I was going to be a lawyer. In fact, in my final year of undergraduate studies at the University of Florida, I had already taken the LSAT and was applying to graduate schools, but something happened. Can words adequately express what happened? Probably not. But I ended up applying to seminaries, interning at my home church, and then attending Duke Divinity School.

At Duke, I met Katarina, and after marrying one another, we ended up as Associate Pastors at her home church. Then—again, through something that is hard to express in words—I became a hospital chaplain and Katarina a pastor in Meriden, CT. (Oh, and our daughter, Zooey, was born in that transition). I then served as a hospice chaplain, and Katarina graduated from Yale Divinity School, having accepted an offer to Princeton Theological Seminary's PhD program in Theology and Christian Ethics. How, where, and when was God involved in this journey? How did I end up being a pastor at Broad Street UMC in Burlington, NJ, when just seven years prior, I was applying to law schools and preparing to graduate with a degree in economics from the University of Florida? Something happened in that final year of college.

I no longer pretend that my journey is my own. God by the Holy Spirit, has been active in my journey, which has brought me to you. I hope to share more about myself with each of you, and I look forward to hearing about your respective journeys. If it is anything like mine, it won't always be linear—journeys are messy, convoluted, sometimes miserable, sometimes immensely joyful.

In Christ,  
Pastor James



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United  
Women  
in Faith

## The United Women in Faith Of Broad Street UMC

by Betsy Grover

On Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at our end of year picnic, the United Women of Faith presented Cindy Borgstrom with a Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate.



Left to right: Margie Hoffman, Betsy Grover, Cindy Borgstrom, Faye Habingreither, Midge Smith

Cindy has played a major roll in helping coordinate our group, United Women in Faith (UWF) with the Girls of Grace (GOG) group.

With the two groups working together, we will be better able to meet our mission goals, which include contributing to the International United Women in Faith for global missions, focusing primarily on women, children and youths needs.

Nationally and locally we support mission work that is a little closer to home. Nationally, our group has collected vegetable seeds every March, to send to an organization here in the United States that provides what is needed for low income families to plant, grow and harvest much of their own food.,

Our local missions provide support for the Camden Neighborhood Center whose services include educational, recreational and basic needs, serving children and youth in the Camden, NJ area. Locally, we also support special needs that may come up from storms or other disasters. Examples would be donating supplies or providing hands on help for clean up and restoration in local areas that are affected. We also provide support to our own church for non-budgeted items. In the past that has included emergency repairs to something within our own church, and assisting with financial support for our youth to attend conferences and/or educational programs.

Current officers are: Betsy Grover - President  
Midge Smith - Vice President  
Margie Hoffman - Secretary  
Faye Habingreither - Treasurer  
Cindy Borgstrom - Coordinator with Girls of Grace

For more information on the national UWF and their organization, history and mission, click on the logo above.



Last year we sent 13 boxes to  
Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.  
Our goal this year is 20 boxes.

### **July: flip flops, sunglasses**

When purchasing items, remember that we are buying for children (for sizes of socks, flip flops, etc.). The Girls of Grace are coordinating the collection. Please see any member if you have questions.

**Please bring any donations in and put them on the bookcase in the library behind the table (across from the door to the outside). There is a box there to collect them.**



Beverly United Methodist Church's Meals of Love program is sponsoring a school supply and backpack giveaway program and they have asked us for help. Bill Lucas regularly helps with their Meals of Love program and will bring any supplies we donate to the Beverly UMC.

They are looking for the following: backpacks, pencil boxes or bags, square post-it notes, colored pencils, markers, manual pencil sharpeners, pens (red/blue/black), large erasers, rulers, children's scissors, travel tissues, glue sticks, highlighters and note cards.

Please bring to Broad Street UMC no later than Sunday, July 30th, and give to Bill. That is the deadline for the Beverly collection.

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

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

Previous editions of this newsletter can be found at this [link](#).

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.

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](#)

# Gerald Dickens in *A Christmas Carol*

*Friday, November 24, 2023  
1:00PM and 7:00PM*

Mark your calendars now and tell your friends and family: Gerald Dickens is returning to Broad Street UMC on Black Friday, November 24, 2023, for two performances, 1PM and 7PM. What a wonderful day to start the holiday season with our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast the day before and perhaps some holiday shopping that morning.



Exciting news: a writer from NJ Monthly magazine reached out. She is featuring Burlington as a good place to visit for a day or an overnight stay and her article is going to mention our performances of *A Christmas Carol*. The article covers a lot of the things to do and see in Burlington and we are really excited that she included us. The author, Barbara Leap, was in our audience last year and was so enthused about the show that she was inspired to suggest Burlington as the topic of her story. Her article will be in the September issue of the magazine.

## New Jersey

MONTHLY

This year we are going to try and include some ads from local businesses in our program as a way to help offset the costs. We get 250-300 people on average at his performances and other groups with that audience size are able to sell quite a few ads in their programs. We have a form that can be given to local businesses. If you are interested in helping distribute the forms, please let Laura Jaskot know.

We will be looking for people to help with the shows including setting up the sanctuary before the program, selling tickets, taking tickets at the door, running the elevator, directing people through the building, handing out programs, baking for our reception, setting up and cleaning up the receptions and putting the sanctuary back in order after the evening performance. We have always gotten great compliments on our receptions—everyone really enjoys talking after the performances and everyone who has helped with them in the past should be very proud of the comments we've received.

Tickets are available now. They are \$20/adults and \$18/students and seniors in advance. All tickets are \$20 at the door. While other venues charge more for their tickets to Gerald's performances, we try and keep the ticket prices affordable recognizing that a large portion of our audience are people on fixed incomes and we want to ensure they can still enjoy a program of this quality.

Ticket order forms and posters to share with family and friends are available [here](#) on our website.



# Upcoming Fundraisers and Projects



## Hoagie Sale and Yard Sale

Our next hoagie sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, **September 22nd and 23rd**. Our first two were very successful, both in terms of fundraising for the church and fellowshipping while we made the hoagies. Our second sale also included delivering trays of hoagies to local first responders and they were all very appreciative.



To the left, Susan Parker is pictured with two of the women from the Endeavor Emergency squad who were recipients of some of our hoagie trays.

Below, most of our crew of 'hoagie builders' are pictured with two of the officers from the Burlington City Police Department who came to pick up their hoagie trays from us.

Burlington Twp. Fire Department Station 301 also received hoagies. We don't have a picture, but they were also very happy to get them.

Watch for more information next month on how you can purchase hoagies and how you can help make them if you're interested.

The second day of our hoagie sale will be on the same day as the Girls of Grace Annual Yard Sale. We are collecting now for the sale. You can bring your donations to the gym.



## September Clothing Drive Fundraiser

We are going to hold our first ever clothing drive fundraiser in the month of September. An organization in Princeton Junction collects and pays by the pound for the following: Adult & Children Clothing, Shoes, Handbags, Purses, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats, Rain Gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Sheets, Pillowcases, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, and Jerseys. Merchandise that has holes, rips, stains, mold or has an odor and is wet is not accepted.

This works out well because we don't collect or sell clothes at our yard sale. As you go through your summer clothing at the end of the year and start taking out your winter clothing, put aside and bag up anything that you no longer wear and bring it to church. We will collect through the month of September and then bring the collected items to the Princeton Junction location and earn some money for the church.

According to their website, "the items collected from your fundraising programs go to regions in the USA as well as abroad to be sent to low income areas at economical prices and given a second chance. Inform your participants that they are helping your organization create awareness in the community, raising funds, cleaning out their homes, and giving back to low income areas! It's a quadruple win! "

Thanks to Michele Hogan for discovering this opportunity for us.



## BSUMC Bus Trip — *Miracle of Christmas*

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Leave at 9:30 AM

Lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant

3:00 Performance of *Miracle of Christmas*

Arrive Home at 8:00 PM

\$145 includes lunch, show, transportation and gratuities

Spots are filling up quickly.

See Sue Curlett if you want to attend.

Down payment of \$100 due by August 1st to reserve your spot.

## 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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