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The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

The Pastor's Corner

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

I was once in a meeting where someone asked me how my faith helps me when I encounter death and grief. This was back when I served as a hospital chaplain, and I

regularly encountered the multitude of experiences of what we call "loss." Loss is something that every human has felt; it is inescapable—that is until Christ comes again in final victory. But before Christ comes again, we live in a constant state of loss. One of the most palpable

losses is that of a death of a loved one. I have often heard stories of people attempting to call their loved one, only to realize that they will not be there to answer their phone call.

But loss is also experienced in the day-to-day. Time is filled with this feeling of loss—joyful moments that will never come back and will only be able to survive in memory. I know, at least for

myself, that I often look to the past with a feeling of nostalgia, wishing to go back to times that seemed simpler, or I reflect on my daughter when I first held her in my arms, wishing that I could experience that feeling once more.

How do we cope with this feeling of loss that seems to infiltrate every aspect of our life? Is there only despair? In the words of Paul, "By no means!" To answer the person who asked me how my faith helps me when encounter death and grief: It is my belief in Christ and Christ working through me and beyond me that gives me hope. If I had to believe in myself to conquer this feeling of loss in others and myself, then I surely would fall into a sense of hopelessness. However, the good news is that God is actively working through that same Spirit that raised Christ from the grave; God is actively sowing the transformative power of the resurrection into this dying world. We have the honor to be coworkers in this endeavor and also recipients of this gracious outpouring of love to heal our wounded hearts.

We will miss Bill Lucas and Ellen Smith. Into God's hands we commend their care.

In Christ,
Pastor James



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Ellen Smith



Ellen Mae (Van Sciver) Smith passed away peacefully on August 7, 2023. Ellen was 91 years old.

She was born, January 6, 1932, in Burlington, NJ to the late John and Clara Van Sciver. Ellen was married to David K. Smith on September 6th, 1952, for 70+ wonderful years. They lived in Edgewater Park, NJ and Burlington, NJ.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, baby Smith 1963; 7 brothers and sisters Alma Ester (William) Arenz, Edward Murrell (Helen & Alma) Van Sciver, Eleanor Mae (Thomas) Scattergood, John Hillary (Bonnie & Constance) Van Sciver, Mary Emma (Willam) Lukens, Beatrice Jean (John) Queenan and Jack Holmes (Meryl) Van Sciver. Also, her son-in-law Steven Moore.

Ellen worked for Borden's Dairy for many years. She then worked for 30 years in Burlington, NJ for her brother-in-law, John E. Queenan Jr., attorney. She volunteered at the Riverview Estates in Riverton, NJ for 15 years after retirement, where she was named volunteer of the year!

She was a member of Broad Street United Methodist Church and formerly active member of the First Baptist Church Burlington and the First Baptist Church of Mt Holly.

Ellen enjoyed cooking, traveling, bible study, card games and going out to lunch, especially with her friends and the Red Hats! She always enjoyed her family and friends and their company.

Ellen is survived by her husband, David K. Smith Sr. and their three children Susan Moore, Sally (Anthony) DiGia, and David (Oné); 6 grandchildren, Kristin (James) Mederos, Jeremy (Laura) Moore, Gregory (fiance, Danielle Matthews) Mower, Holly Moore, Jorja Smith and Wyatt Smith; 4 great-grandchildren, Cole Mederos, Jace Mederos, and Trey Mederos (Kristin) and Josephine Moore (Jeremy).

A viewing for Ellen will be held at the Masonic Home Chapel at 902 Jacksonville Road, Burlington, NJ 08016 on Wednesday, August 9th at 10am - 11am. Service will immediately follow at 11:15 AM.

Burial at the Beverly National Cemetery at a future date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Page Funeral Home, Burlington, NJ.

Contributions in Ellen's name may be sent to the Riverview Estates Riverton, NJ; The Masonic Home in Burlington, NJ; and the Broad Street United Methodist Church in Burlington,



Bill Lucas

William E. (Bill) Lucas

June 26, 1951 – August 09, 2023

Bill was born in Mt. Holly, NJ, and raised in Burlington and Mt. Holly, NJ.

He graduated from Burlington City High School, class of 1969, Burlington County College (Rowan) class of 1971 and Drexel University, with a degree in Business Administration, class of 1976.

His last employment was as an A/P Specialist at Sungard Availability from 1982 until 2016 when he retired.

Bill was an active and devoted member of the Broad Street United Methodist Church in Burlington City where he performed many of the vital responsibilities necessary for the operation of the church, as well as served on a number of committees and church teams.

Volunteering and helping others gave purpose to Bill's life. He lived to serve. In addition to all he did at BSUMC he also volunteered at Beverly Methodist Church Meals of Love, Ladle of Love at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, The Maker's Place in Trenton, the Yellow Ribbon Organization, and other causes too numerous for us to be aware of all of them.

One of his hobbies was walking. He belonged to several "meet up" walking groups and also did a number of charity walks to benefit various organizations.

Bill loved to travel, and, in the past traveled to England and Scotland with his siblings Betsy Grover, Ricki Lucas (deceased), and Sally Oxx (deceased) and niece JoAnn Holliday. He was also a fan of virtual tours and visited numerous sites through his favorite virtual sites. Day trips were also among the things that he enjoyed and he frequently traveled with his sisters to Lancaster, PA, Longwood Gardens and many other scenic sites within the area.

Bill was a long time member of the South Jersey Celiac Support Group and shared his knowledge, as well as his recipes, for those affected by Celiac Disease or gluten intolerance.

Bill is survived by his siblings Jim Barthmaier (Beverly) Betsy Grover, and Margie Hoffman as well as numerous loving and devoted nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and cousins. Predeceased by his parents Marjorie and Wesley Lucas, and siblings Marie Neblett, Thomas Lucas, Ricki Lucas, and Sally Oxx.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to BSUMC, 36 East Broad Street, Burlington, NJ 08016 or The Maker's Place in Trenton.



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

August: school supplies

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.



This year's IGNITE Youth Conference (for students in grades 6—12 in the fall) is from Friday, September 29th through Sunday, October 1st. Last year our youth had an amazing time. This year's lineup of speakers, bands and workshops looks amazing! Check it out [here](#).

If you are interested in attending (as a youth or a chaperone), please let Laura Jaskot know by September 1st at the latest so we can register our group.

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

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/

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.

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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.



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What is missing?

You are!

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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