

# THE BEACON

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

## The Pastor's Corner

*“For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..”  
—Isaiah 9:6*



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season.

Grace and Peace from your pastoral family.  
Pastor James, Katarina and Zooey



## Advent Wreath and Candles

This week marks the third Sunday in Advent. The four candles in our Advent wreath represent the four weeks in Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

On the first week, we lit the first purple candle, also known as the Prophecy Candle.

On the second week, we lit two purple candles, the second being the Bethlehem Candle.

This week we light the first two purple candles and the pink candle. The pink candle is the Shepherd's Candle. This Sunday is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for 'rejoice'.

Next week we will light all four candles around the wreath in the morning. The fourth candle is the Peace candle. At the evening Christmas Eve service we will also light the white Christ candle in the middle of the Advent wreath.



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Let your light so shine... Matthew 5:16

## Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who helped with Gerald Dickens' performances of *A Christmas Carol* this year. We had our largest crowds in years and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves. Broad Street UMC is known for our hospitality and wonderful reception after each performance and this year did not disappoint. Between ticket sales, book sales and a few donations, we raised over \$1800. Our book market supporting our scholarship fund benefitted from the show as well



Thank you so very much for your participation in our **2023 Giving Tree** project. You donated **\$345.00 cash** as well as **23 packages of socks** and **18 hoodie sweatshirts** for both women and men.

All of the clothing items were donated to The Way at Sisterhood, Incorporated. The money was divided with \$173.00 going to

Sisterhood, Inc. and \$172.00 going to the **Ladle of Love** food program at St. Mary's Church.

Additionally, The United Women in Faith has donated \$100.00 each to the Sisterhood, Inc. and St Mary's Ladle of Love program. Thank you again, for your generosity.

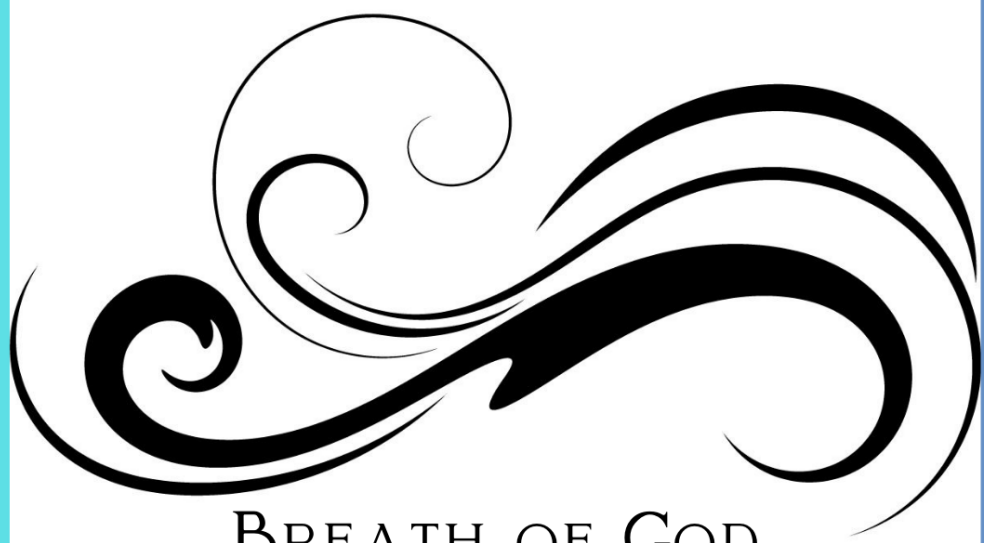
Thanks,

Betsy, Margie, Faye and Midge

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## THE UPPER ROOM®

The January/February Upper Room devotional booklet is now available. If you would like one, please let an usher know during the service or come to the church office following the worship service. A contribution of \$1 or more would be appreciated to help offset the cost. If you choose to, you can put your contribution in an envelope labeled 'Upper Room' and put it in the collection plate.

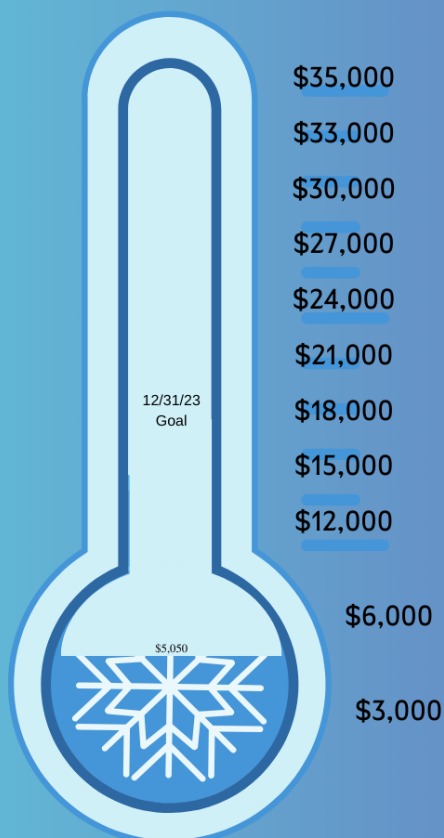


## BREATH OF GOD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are excited to announce that the project to air condition the gym and Fellowship Hall has been completed.

This will allow these areas of the building to be comfortably used year-round and we can invite the community in for fellowship activities as well as use the facility for things like funeral repasts and wedding receptions.

We are thankful that the Bridge Players are covering half of the cost of the project. We will need to raise \$36,000 and are starting a capital campaign to do so. We have received donations totaling \$5,500 so we're 14% of the way there. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. We'd like to be halfway to our goal by the end of the year.



How are we doing?

### Readers Wanted

We are looking for readers for our worship services in 2024. Anyone is invited to participate. You will be sent your reading ahead of time so you have time to familiarize yourself with it so you can be more comfortable reading.

Please see Marsha Danser or send an email to the church office ([office@broadstumc.org](mailto:office@broadstumc.org)) if you are interested in this ministry.







# Christmas Card



Please check the mail slots in the chapel for any cards sent to you. The “Post Office” is open through next Sunday so you still have a chance to write and send cards to fellow BSUMC family members.

Take advantage of the savings over the U.S. mail postage rate and ‘mail’ your cards to your BSUMC family for just \$0.20/card. This is a fundraiser for our youth programs, and the youth will sort the cards and put them in the mail slots in the chapel.

Romans 3:23-24 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

## Bible Study Romans

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in (or through) Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Tuesdays, 6:00PM**  
**in the BSUMC Fellowship Hall**  
**starting September 12, 2023**

Join Pastor James as he starts a new  
Bible study on  
Paul’s Letter to the Romans

Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

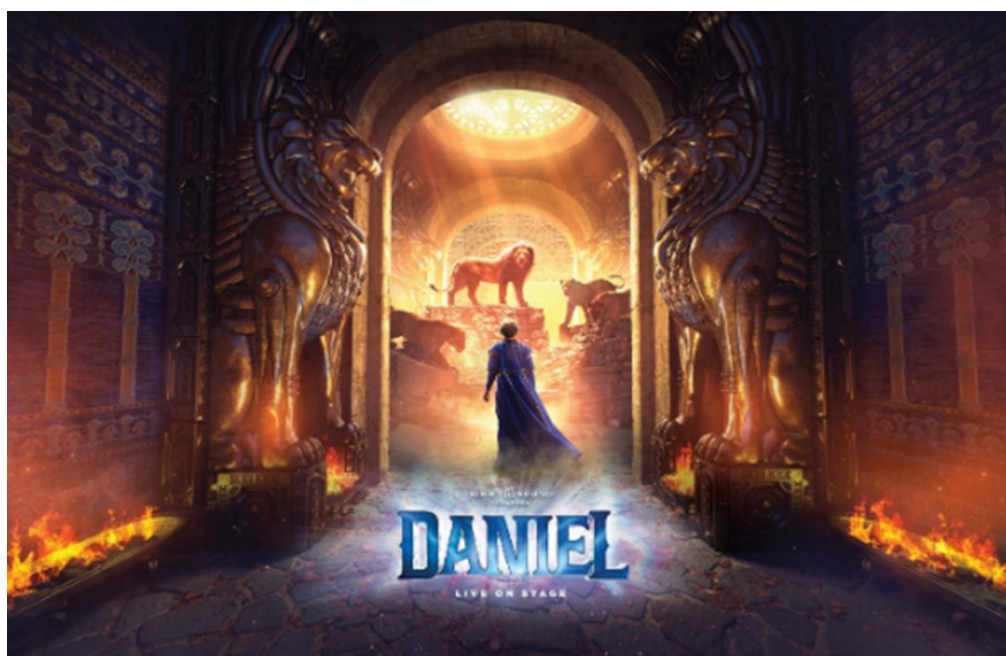
Pastor James is facilitating a Bible study on Paul’s Letter to the Romans. The group meets on Tuesday nights at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join and participate in this Bible Study whenever you can.

Each week, Pastor James will provide some insight and suggested pre-reading. You can find that information on our website [here](#).





We had a great time on Tuesday on our bus trip to Lancaster. We had a wonderful lunch at the Shady Maple and then we headed over to the Sight and Sound Theater to watch *The Miracle of Christmas*. Thanks to Susan Curlett for all of her hard work planning the trip. She is already thinking ahead to the spring for our next trip out to see *Daniel*. Keep an eye out for information on signing up for that one soon.





More pictures from the bus trip.  
Courtesy of Linda Hoffman.





**Noisy Coin Collection  
benefitting our youth  
Sunday, December 17, 2023**



**Christmas Cookie Munch  
following Worship  
Sunday, December 17, 2023**

*Blue Christmas Service*

7:00 PM Sunday  
December 17, 2023

Broad Street  
United Methodist Church  
Burlington, NJ

Many people are not feeling up to celebrating the holidays in the 'usual' joyous way due to the loss of a loved one, health issues, stress or a fractured relationship with friends or family.

Join us for our Blue Christmas service where you can find quiet peace. All are welcome, regardless of your church affiliation, to come and spend an hour away from the hustle and bustle of the season.

**Christmas Eve Service 2023**

Christmas Eve falls on December 24 this year!! Imagine that! We hope you will be able to join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Savior at Broad Street United Methodist Church. Our morning worship service is at 11:00 a.m. Our evening candlelight service is at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is a family service as it has been for many years. We try to include a time for all, even the youngest in our midst, to be a part of this special night. There will be plenty of music, our youth will do some speaking parts for you, we will light our candles, and just enjoy being together.



### Poinsettias

#### In memory of

Robert & Miriam McElhinney  
Prescillo Fellesco  
Bob Danser  
Judith Ann Dillon (Lucas)  
Loved Ones  
Eugene Tucker  
Elmira Bodine  
Bill Lucas - brother  
Richelle Lucas and Sally Ox - sisters  
Our parents, Doug and Sayoko Sourwine,  
and all of our grandparents  
Florence Burkley  
Thomas and Phyllis Fyfe  
Joe and MaryEllen Jaskot  
My Mother & Dad: Anna & Lee Rainier

#### Given by

Barbara Miller (daughter)  
Cecile F. Danser  
Rob and Cecile Danser  
Dillon & Solan Families  
Doris Waitz  
Judith Tucker  
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Betsy Grover and Margie Hoffman  
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The Sourwines  
Faye Habingreither  
Joe and Laura Jaskot  
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Daughter, Dr. Helen L. Rainier

### Donations

#### In memory of

Herb Borgstrom  
Jack & Eva Crocker  
Vera McVaugh  
William Sampson  
Vera MacMillan  
Robert MacMillan  
Rebecca Simon  
Richie Crook  
Charles & Naomi Crook  
Harvey & Becca Trauger  
John Crook  
Raymond Wolvin  
Bill Lucas  
Joel & Jeanette Reed  
Denise Kelly  
Aunt Ann Johnson & Aunt Laura Conlins  
Grandparents

#### Given by

Dennis & Cindy Borgstrom  
Dennis & Cindy Borgstrom  
Steve Sampson  
Steve Sampson  
Steve Sampson  
Steve Sampson  
Steve Sampson  
The Crook Family  
The Crook Family  
The Crook Family  
The Crook Family  
Joyce Wolvin  
Doris Waitz  
Tom & JoAnn Repici  
Dennis & Cindy Borgstrom  
Dr. Helen L. Rainier  
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#### In honor of

Judy Schetler and the BSUMC Church  
Choir  
Loyal Church Workers  
Marsha Danser, Cindy Borgstrom and  
Laura Jaskot for all they do for Sunday  
School and our kids

#### Given by

Dr. Helen L. Rainier  
Doris Waitz  
The Sourwines

Each year at Advent and Easter, the congregation of Broad Street UMC has the opportunity to honor or remember loved ones with donations or flowers that adorn the front of our sanctuary. This is a list of those names.



# Soup Sunday Sunday, February 4, 2024 following worship



Mark your  
calendars  
now.



## Offering Envelopes

2024 Offering Envelopes will be available next week in the back of the church. If you do not currently have an assigned envelope number and would like one, please contact the church office at [office@broadstumc.org](mailto:office@broadstumc.org)

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](#).

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