

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

## The Pastor's Corner

A note from the editor:

Apologies for the newsletter going out a few days late this month as the goal is to publish on the 1st - time got away from me. Because of the timing, we're giving Pastor James a month off from writing his Pastor's Corner for March. Please look for it again in April.

- Laura



Join us Easter Sunday morning,  
March 31, 2024,  
for a multi-denominational  
service with several local  
churches participating.

7 AM at the  
Burlington City Riverfront  
Bring a chair and a blanket (it may  
be chilly in the morning).

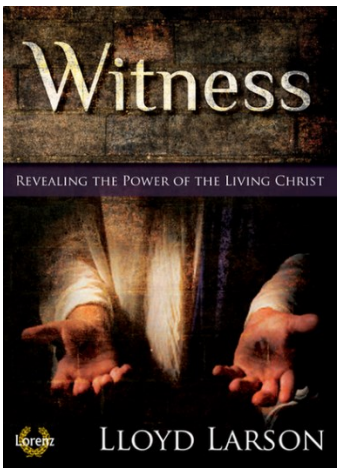
Breakfast follows in  
Lucas Hall at the  
Broad Street UMC  
36 E. Broad St., Burlington

## Easter Sunrise Service



BSUMC is once again hosting the Easter Sunrise Service at the Burlington City Riverfront on Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 7:00AM. Following the service, we will serve a hot breakfast in Lucas Hall.

If you can help make the casseroles for the Easter Breakfast on Saturday, March 30, 2024, please join us in the kitchen at 9:30AM.



Mark your calendars now to ensure you're in church on Palm Sunday when our wonderful choir will present its Easter cantata, *Witness*, by Lloyd Larson. They've been working hard and are excited to share this wonderful musical message with the congregation!



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The Girls of Grace **March Hoagie Sale** is this Saturday and Sunday. We will need help making the hoagies both mornings. Please come to Lucas Hall at 10AM Saturday or 9:45AM Sunday to help.

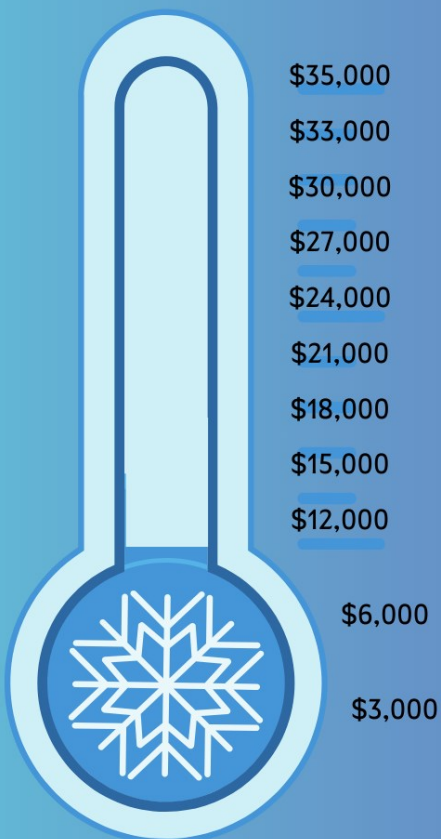


If you ordered hoagies, they can be picked up in Lucas Hall Saturday from 11:30AM – 1:00PM or Sunday immediately after church until 1:30PM. We will have a few extra Italian hoagies and a few extra turkey hoagies if you didn’t get a chance to order in advance. The cost is \$10 and the hoagies will be available on Sunday following the worship service.

# 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 we have started a capital campaign to do so. We have received donations totaling about \$10,000 so we’re 27.8% of the way there. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.



Our Breath of God Capital Campaign to raise money for the air conditioning in Lucas Hall and the gym is ongoing. To date we have raised about \$10,000 of the \$36,000 needed. Many thanks to all who have contributed so far.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to this campaign. Maybe you can’t make a large contribution but can contribute a small amount each week. Everything helps and small gifts add up. If you would like to make a contribution (one-time or weekly), just write the amount on the ‘Other’ line of your envelope and on the line below indicate that the extra is for the ‘Breath of God’ campaign.



The Girls of Grace held their inaugural Chili Cook-off and Brownie Bake-off in February. We had nine entries in the chili category with each one a little different. We had between 25 and 30 people attend and they judged the chilis after tasting each of them. Once the judging was over, everyone had the opportunity to eat the chili for dinner. We only had four entries for the brownie competition, so rather than having everyone judge, we just declared them all delicious and enjoyed them for dessert.

Congratulations to Jim Dillon for winning the chili cook-off with his 'Beef Chili.' Barbara Miller's chili came in second and Steve Sampson's chili came in third. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported what we hope to be an annual event.

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/)





## Updates from the Girls of Grace

The Girls of Grace continue to be very busy. At our last meeting we made another blanket for chemo patients at Fox Chase Cancer Center. We purchased two black cabinets for Lucas Hall. One is for the NA group that meets there on Monday nights. That way, their things can be stored neatly in the cabinet and locked. Thanks to Rob Danser and Rob Sourwine for securing the cabinets to the wall to ensure they are safe to use and won't tip over.

We are hosting the **Women's Community Good Friday Breakfast** on Friday, March 29, 2024. Bell ringers from the Epworth UMC in Palmyra will be joining us and providing music. Tickets are available now (\$5 each). You can pay for your tickets at the door, but please reserve your spot so we know how many are coming (talk to Cindy Borgstrom or Laura Jaskot). Set-up and preparation for the breakfast will be done on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 9:30AM in Lucas Hall.

**Calling all youth and men of the church!** Please consider helping us on Good Friday morning. We are hoping to have enough of you to help serve the breakfast so the women of BSUMC can enjoy the breakfast and the program. We would need you at the church by 7:45AM. You would be responsible for serving the breakfast and drinks and then helping with the clean-up. Please let Cindy Borgstrom or Laura Jaskot know if you are available. Reminder for the youth: this can count as volunteer hours for many schools.



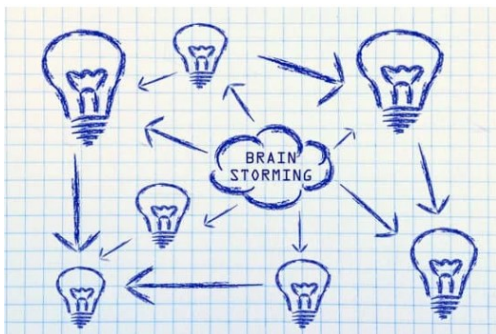
## Updates from the United Women in Faith

We mentioned last month that the United Women in Faith are continuing their annual tradition of collecting seeds for the Jackson Area Ministries mission project which supports poor families in the Appalachian areas in southeastern Ohio. Read more about this United Methodist Church mission project [here](#). **Seed collection will continue through Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

The next UWF meeting is on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024** at 1:00PM in Lucas Hall.

## New Ministry Brainstorm Session

Pastor James is part of the Mosaic ministries program in the Greater New Jersey Conference where young, new and student pastors meet regularly with mentors to learn more about church leadership and other things not always covered in seminary.



The program offered a small grant to the participating pastors if they came up with a new idea for reaching out into the local community. Pastor James met with a group of interested church members in early February and the idea they came up with was to have a monthly community dinner where church members and community members can meet each other and eat together, learning more about each other. Watch for more information soon on this exciting new ministry opportunity at Broad Street UMC.



### A Request from the Worship Committee:

Just a reminder that the worship service is recorded each week and then uploaded to our YouTube channel. The worship service starts when Judy begins her prelude and ends after her postlude is finished, and we should be ready to begin

worshipping when the music starts and continue to worship until it ends. Please spend the time she is playing at the beginning and the end of the service listening to the music and seated in the pews. Let's recognize and appreciate the amount of time Judy spends practicing to provide this beautiful music. In addition, we've had a number of people walking in front of the camera during the prelude or postlude recently, and it is a bit distracting to anyone watching our service online. Thank you!

Thank you to Cindy Borgstrom for coordinating our annual **Pancake Supper** on Shrove Tuesday. Everyone enjoyed the pancakes and fellowship. The next day, at 5:30PM, we had an **Ash Wednesday service**. Pastor James burned the palms we saved from last year's Palm Sunday to create the ashes that were put on the foreheads of the attendees. It was a small service, but very special, and we hope to see more people at the service next year.

# Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events



We have a lot of activities coming up this 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.

Tuesday Evenings	Bible Study - Romans 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday Evenings	Praise Band Practice 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Saturday 3/9/24	Make hoagies for hoagie pick-up 10:00AM
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Sunday 3/10/24	Make hoagies for hoagie pick-up 9:45AM
Sunday 3/10/24	Pick up hoagies 12:00NOON—1:00PM
Tuesday 3/12/24	United Women of Faith meeting 1:00 PM
Sunday 3/17/24	Deadline to bring in seeds for UWF mission project
Wednesday 3/20/24	Girls of Grace meeting 7:00 PM
Sunday 3/24/24	Palm Sunday; Choir Easter Cantata during worship 11:00AM
Thursday 3/28/24	Set-up for Women’s Good Friday Breakfast 9:30AM
Thursday 3/28/24	Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00PM
Friday 3/29/24	Community Women’s Good Friday Breakfast 8:00AM (GOG arrive 6:30AM; Servers arrive 7:45AM)
Saturday 3/30/24	Set-up and prepare casseroles for Easter Breakfast 9:30AM
Sunday 3/31/24	Easter Sunrise Service at the Riverfront 7:00AM
Sunday 3/31/24	Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service 8:00AM (cooking crew arrives 6:30AM)
Sunday 3/31/24	Easter Worship 11:00AM (Sunday School 9:45AM)

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 \(broadstumc.org\)](https://www.broadstumc.org)

**Soup Sunday** last month was successful! Thanks to everyone who came out to help make soup, to those who brought special soups to share, to everyone who came to eat and to everyone who helped with the cleanup. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we sold extra soup as a church fundraiser.



We made over \$900 that day alone, and we have continued to sell soup since. The freezer still has a lot of soup in it, although some varieties are sold out. To purchase soup, please see Laura Jaskot after church. Soup is \$10/quart (3/\$25) or \$5/pint (3/\$13 or 6/\$25). If you want to pay by check, make it out to BSUMC.

Last month we took a special collection for the utility bills, particularly for the heating bill. Thanks to everyone who



contributed. Every winter our bills for heat are particularly high. Our building is large, old and has a two-story sanctuary. Our PSE&G gas and electric bill was over **\$2,200** for December/January and over **\$2,300** for January/February for the church alone (does not include the parsonage or 402 Lawrence Street). We all want to be comfortable when we come to church, but there are little things we can each do to help as well. If you are the last person leaving a room, please be sure the lights are off. If you are the last person leaving

the sanctuary, please be sure all of the doors into the sanctuary are closed (front and rear). Heat rises and if we keep the sanctuary doors closed, that will help during the week. We use programmable thermostats in the church so when someone changes the temperature, it only overrides the program for two hours. This helps ensure someone doesn't inadvertently leave the heat on all week, for example, but if you come in for a meeting and feel that the room you're using is too warm, let Don MacMillan know and he'll take a look at the program for the thermostat for that room.



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