

# THE BEACON

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

## The Pastor's Corner

Dear Broad Street family,

He is risen!



The long season of Lent has come to its conclusion with the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, and with it, we are reminded of the new life that we have received in Jesus Christ. This new life is available to us now by the gift of the Holy Spirit. This reality is concrete, and the Easter Season is a time to contemplate what it means to not only be the church of Christ crucified—but the church of the resurrected Lord. In other words, how do we be a church that embodies the resurrected Jesus?

The book of Acts portrays a community that is entrusted to be bearers of Christ's presence to the world. There are stories of the community exhibiting a unique way of life, such as described in Acts 4:32, where the community holds all things in common and no one considers what they have as their own possession. We learn that this community in Acts, because of this new way of life, has enough and no one goes without. This is a wonderful instance of what it means to truly live by the grace of God—where undeserved love is the norm. Ensuring that your brother and sister in Christ has their material needs met is equivalent to living according to a resurrected life in the here and now.

Acts also portrays the disciples to have what appears to be a newfound courage in proclaiming the gospel—even if met with persecution. When you consider the fact that these are the same followers of Jesus that betrayed him—Peter himself denying Jesus three times—it seems to be the case that the resurrection has given us the courage to proclaim the good news. Without the resurrection, there is really no good news to proclaim, right? If the Gospel story ended without the resurrection, it isn't really worthy sharing. However, the resurrection goes beyond merely giving a nice story to tell; it is the means by which we actually receive the courage to share Christ and embody the life he has set before us.

Let us be a community in this season and beyond that embodies a resurrected life to each other and the world.

In Christ,  
Pastor James



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We had wonderful weather for our annual Easter Sunrise service at the Burlington City waterfront. Along with Broad Street UMC, the City of Refuge, First Baptist and The Way churches all participated. Following the service, many came back to Broad Street for our traditional Easter Breakfast. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we had enough food for everyone with enough for people to take some home.



## **Update from the Girls of Grace**

The Girls of Grace hosted the annual Women's Community Good Friday Breakfast again this year. Marsha Rodin and her daughters, Shannon and Georgi, from First Baptist made the quiche and BSUMC provided the baked goods. We had about 70 in attendance. Music was provided by members of the JuBELLation Hand Bell choir from Epworth UMC in Palmyra. Thanks to everyone who helped out, and special thanks to Jim Dillon, Don MacMillan, Steve Sampson and Spike Tomer who came to help us out so the women could enjoy the breakfast. Pastor James was there to meet everyone and all of our guests enjoyed cross pins from Marsha Rodin, butterfly candy bags from Susan Curlett and crosses made from Palm Sunday palms made by Alex Sheppard.



## Hoagie Sale

Thank you so much to everyone who has participated in the Girls of Grace hoagie sales in 2023 and earlier this year. Each sale has been a tremendous success. We've enjoyed making the hoagies and from what we hear, people having enjoyed eating them as well.

Our next sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The funds raised by that sale will go towards the Breath of God Capital Campaign which is paying for the air conditioning in the gym and Lucas Hall. The third hoagie sale of 2024 will be in September, the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, and the proceeds from that will be designated for the heating bill as we head into the winter.

As we did last summer, the June hoagie sale will be a 'buy one (for \$10), give one (for \$5)' sale. If you'd like to donate a hoagie to a local first responder you can add \$5 to your order for each hoagie you purchase for yourself and a second hoagie will be made and donated. Last year we donated to the Burlington City Police, the Endeavor Emergency Squad and the Burlington Township Fire Department on the Bypass. All were very appreciative and it's a wonderful way to do some community outreach to those who are serving the community themselves.

Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters and in the bulletin for when you can purchase your hoagies. And again, we appreciate all of the support. Please helps spread the word. People who are working might like to participate in an office-wide purchase of hoagies on a Friday.

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/)

1906 117th Show 2024

# The Burlington Entertainers

PRESENT

# Totally 80s



**Wilbur Watts Intermediate School**  
**550 High St.**  
*Just off Route 130 in Burlington, NJ*

**Friday, April 5 @ 7:30 pm • Saturday, April 6 @ 7:30 pm**  
**Sunday, April 7 @ 2:00 pm**

**Tickets \$10 each**  
 Available at the door!

Benefitting



**Deborah**  
 Heart and Lung Center

**Active Military and Children 10 & under Free**

### Burlington Entertainers

Many of you already have your tickets, but this is just a reminder that the Burlington Entertainers 2024 performance, *Totally 80s!*, will be held this weekend at the Wilbur Watts Intermediate School in Burlington City (not the high school as it has been in previous years).

Performances are Friday and Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. All proceeds benefit Deborah Heart and Lung Center.

**Laura Jaskot** and **Helen Rainier** from our congregation participate in this group. Come and support the Burlington Entertainers and enjoy a blast from the past with a program full of music from the 1980s.

### Worship Readers

We are always looking for people who would like to participate in the worship service by reading the scripture lesson or by leading a prayer. **Marsha Danser** coordinates our weekly readers. If you're interested in helping out, please let her know and she'll work with you to select an available date for you to read.



# Roundtable Productions- Delaware Valley Presents Sondheim Remembered



Performed by  
**Rachel Cetel**  
Piano accompaniment  
by  
**Joseph Krupa**



Join us at Broad Street United Methodist Church for an unforgettable evening celebrating the legendary composer, Stephen Sondheim and the songs he created.

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, June 5 · 7 - 9 pm

**Admission:** Preorder tickets for \$20 or \$25 at the door.

Children and students with ID-\$10.00

Email [concerts@broadstumc.org](mailto:concerts@broadstumc.org) to reserve tickets and pay cash

**Location:** Broad Street United Methodist Church

36 East Broad Street Burlington, NJ

Free parking is available in the municipal lot on Stacy Street

Direct inquiries to:

Bill Holt at [wlh7@comcast.net](mailto:wlh7@comcast.net)

Michele Hogan at [concerts@broadstumc.org](mailto:concerts@broadstumc.org)

Zoom Link available upon request.



## Work Day Committee

**Marsha Danser** heads up our Work Day Committee. This dedicated group of people get together approximately once a month to tackle clean-up and other jobs around the church. If you'd like to participate, there's no long-term commitment required. Just let Marsha know and she'll fill you in on the next project. Current meeting dates are scheduled as follows:

Friday, April 12

Tuesday, April 30

Tuesday, May 21

Friday, June 14

The group meets in Lucas Hall at 9:30 to get their 'assignment' for the day and then works for approximately 2 hours.

# 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 - currently on hiatus
Thursday Evenings	Praise Band Practice 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Tuesday April 9, 2024	United Women in Faith Meeting 1:00 PM
Sunday April 14, 2024	Worship Committee Meeting 12:00 Noon (following worship)
Tuesday April 16, 2024	Girls of Grace Meeting 1:00 PM
Monday May 13, 2024	Admin Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Wednesday May 22, 2024	Girls of Grace Meeting 7:00 PM
Tuesday June 11, 2024	United Women in Faith Picnic 5:00 PM
Friday & Saturday June 21 -22, 2024	Girls of Grace Hoagie Sale

## Flower/Bulletin Dedications

**Jean Tomer** coordinates our flower and bulletin dedications each week. The church has an ongoing relationship with the florist and we get new bouquets each week regardless of whether or not someone is sponsoring the flowers. Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, the price of the weekly flowers is increasing to \$40 while the cost of sponsoring the bulletin is remaining at \$10 (which helps cover the cost of the paper and toner used to print the bulletins).

If you sponsor the flowers, you have the choice of taking the flowers home or asking that we deliver them to one of the church shut-ins (or take one bouquet and have the other delivered to a shut-in or member of the congregation who is sick).

We have the following dates available for sponsorship (listing dates through July only at this time):

Flowers: April 14, 28

May 12, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 23

July 14, 21, 28

Bulletin: April 14, 28

May 5, 12, 19

June 2, 9

July 7, 21

## Children's Sermon

**Laura Sourwine** coordinates our children's sermons each week. If you'd like to help out and do a children's sermon, please let her know. There are so many resources available to you – you don't need to come up with the idea yourself. You can coordinate the message for the children with the sermon if you'd like or do something completely different. Finding suggested children's sermons is as easy as typing "children's sermon on Psalm 23" (for example) into Google and then choosing one of the many suggested ideas. While the children's sermons are directed at the younger members of our congregation, the adults usually appreciate the message as well. Please consider helping out and talk to Laura Sourwine to select a date you're available to participate. And, as Laura mentioned, both men and women are welcome to give children's sermons. We've even had some of our young people participate and they've done a wonderful job!

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



Looking good on St. Patrick's Day



The Beacon on Broad Street



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