

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

The Pastor's Corner

Healing, Wholeness, and the Holy Spirit: A New Beginning with Rosh Hashanah and Christ



As we approach Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, we are given a profound opportunity to reflect on the spiritual significance of this sacred time and its connection to the Christian faith. Rosh Hashanah, the "Head of the Year," marks the beginning of a new season of renewal, reflection, and repentance in Jewish tradition. For Christians, this moment offers a beautiful parallel to our understanding of healing, wholeness, and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

This year, as the Hebrew calendar enters 5785, we are invited to reflect not only on the Jewish significance of Rosh Hashanah but also on how this time mirrors our Christian call to spiritual renewal and new beginnings in Christ.

At the heart of Rosh Hashanah is the concept of teshuvah, or repentance, a turning away from past sins and a returning to a right relationship with God. For Christians, this echoes our call to repentance through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as the Jewish people hear the shofar blast as a spiritual wake-up call, summoning them to repentance and renewal, Christians are continually called to turn our hearts back to God, seek forgiveness through Christ, and experience the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

In Romans 12:2, we are urged to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind," reminding us that spiritual renewal is at the core of our Christian walk. Much like the Jewish New Year, which offers an opportunity to reflect on the past and recommit to a future guided by God's will, our faith in

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Christ invites us to lay down our burdens and allow the Holy Spirit to bring healing and wholeness into every area of our lives.

The theme of renewal that Rosh Hashanah represents aligns beautifully with the Christian understanding of new beginnings. In Christ, we are made new creations, no longer bound by our past but renewed by the grace of God. This spiritual transformation is a gift made possible through the Holy Spirit, who continually works in us to restore and renew our hearts, minds, and souls.

The Holy Spirit's role in healing is essential in both Jewish and Christian traditions. In Isaiah 61:1, we find the powerful promise: "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives." This passage, which Christ himself quoted in the synagogue, highlights the deep connection between God's healing work and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is through the Spirit that we find healing for our brokenness and wholeness in our relationship with God.

As we enter the year 5785 and reflect on the spiritual implications of Rosh Hashanah, we are reminded of our dependence on God's grace and the work of the Holy Spirit to bring us to a place of healing and renewal. Just as Rosh Hashanah calls the Jewish people to take stock of their lives, seek forgiveness, and step into a new year with hope, we as Christians are called to reflect on our spiritual journey and invite the Holy Spirit to lead us into deeper healing and wholeness.



The concept of Rosh Hashanah as a time of new beginnings is closely tied to the Christian belief in redemption through Christ. Jesus came to offer a new covenant, a fresh start for humanity. Through His sacrifice, we are offered the chance to be reconciled to God, made whole, and filled with the Holy Spirit. This transformative power is what allows us to enter into each new season with hope and strength, knowing that God is always at work within us, restoring and renewing us

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day by day.

In 2 Peter 3:9, we are reminded that "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise... instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." As we reflect on this, Rosh Hashanah offers a timely reminder of God's patience and desire for our repentance, mirroring the Christian understanding of God's grace.

As we step into the new year of 5785, let us embrace the spiritual renewal that Rosh Hashanah signifies. In Christ, we are given new beginnings, not just once a year, but every day. Let us, like the sound of the shofar, awaken to the call of the Holy Spirit in our lives, leading us to deeper healing, wholeness, and transformation. Through God's grace and love, we are continually restored, and in this new season, we step forward in faith, knowing that the promises of God are ever-present in our lives.

Shana Tova (Happy New Year) and blessings to all as we seek the fullness of God's healing and renewal in this season!

In Christ,
Pastor Temaris

Broad Street United Methodist Church

Weekly
BIBLE STUDY
Every Tuesday

In Lucas Hall @ 6:30PM

Study's Focus: *Relying on the Holy Spirit*

36 E. Broad Street, Burlington, NJ 08016

Join us every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in Lucas Hall for our weekly Bible study! All are welcome! See you there!

FRIENDS AND FAMILY 2024

- Marsha Danser

254 years of Methodism in Burlington, New Jersey! Should we celebrate or just sit back and let it pass? Easy answer! At Broad Street we have decided to celebrate, just as we do each year in the fall. We welcome all to attend Friends and Family Sunday on October 20th.

Our worship service begins at 11 a.m. and will feature our district superintendent, Pastor Ronell Howard, as the speaker for the morning. Following the worship service, we will proceed to Lucas Hall and enjoy a catered luncheon that is free to all.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway outside the pastor's office. We appreciate knowing how many are planning to be with us for the luncheon in order to make sure we have enough food for everyone. When you sign up you can indicate whether or not you are able to bring a dessert.....no pressure!

Thank you so much for your support of Broad Street activities. Fellowshiping together whether during worship, Sunday School, or when sharing a meal....it doesn't get any better than this!

We hope to see you at our Friends and Family Sunday celebration!



**Broad Street
United Methodist Church**

Presents:

A Family Affair: Together We Serve!
Joshua 24:15



FRIENDS DAY

October 20, 2024
TIME: 11:00AM

36 E. Broad Street, Burlington, NJ



@BroadStreetUMC-Burlington



Guest Speaker:
Rev. Ronell Howard
District Superintendent



Rev. Temaris
Pastor

Gerald Dickens in *A Christmas Carol*

*Monday, October 21, 2024
1:00PM and 7:00PM*

It's going to be a very busy three days at BSUMC!! Gerald Dickens is returning to Broad Street UMC on Monday, October 21, 2024, for two performances, 1PM and 7PM. Two days earlier on Saturday our annual Church Conference

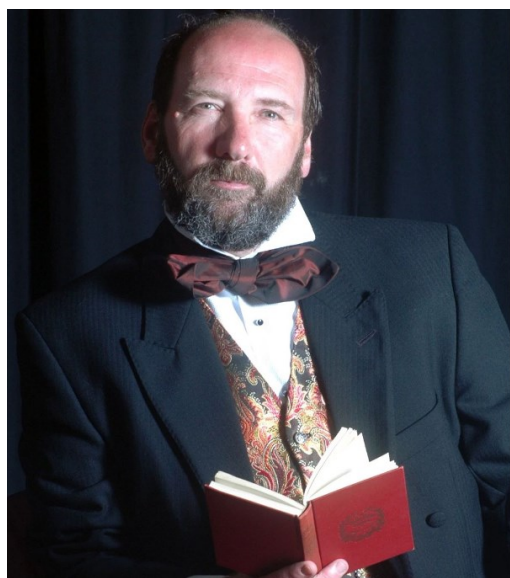
is scheduled and the day before is our Friends and Family service so we're packing a lot into those three days, but boy, will we be ready for this tale of renewal and rebirth come Monday!

Tickets are [available](#). They are \$20/adults and \$18/students and seniors in advance. All tickets are \$20 at the door.

If you are willing to bring baked goods for our reception following each performance, it would be greatly appreciated! If you are bringing a dessert to Friends and Family, consider making extra for us to use at the reception.

Bring baked goods (clearly labeled "Dickens") with you to church the day before to drop them off or bring them to the church on Monday, 10/21, after 11:30AM. Our reception is a big hit with our audiences and people tend to stay and talk for up to an hour following each show. Many other venues charge extra if there is a reception or they don't have one at all. We have received so many compliments on our food spread and people look forward to that and being able to peruse our used book sale when they come to our church. Everyone's help makes this successful every year!

Broad Street UMC is mentioned in the AARP online magazine article written about Gerald's show and there's even a picture! You can read it [here](#).





It's beginning to be that time of year. We already see many Christmas displays in stores, and that means it is time for the Christmas Shoe Box ministry through Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to put a shoe box together, you will be able to pick one up in the library after church on Sunday, as well as a sheet of ideas for each age group. When your box is finished, please return it to the library. All boxes must be returned by Sunday, November 10th. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. Any questions, please see Cindy Borgstrom.



The Girls of Grace want to thank everyone who helped out with our yard sale. Despite some challenges (the weather was poor and East Union St. postponed their annual yard sale by a week thereby eliminating the foot traffic we normally get from people wandering over from there), we had a very successful sale. We really appreciate the support from everyone—whether you donated, set up, worked, cleaned up or helped bring our unsold items to the ARC Thrift Store on High Street, each of you contributed to our success. Thank you!



The members of the Girls of Grace are already planning for their annual **Christmas Tea** which will be held on **Saturday, December 7, 2024**. Tickets are available now. Get yours early! See any member of GOG for your tickets.

Advent Devotional

By Rev. Dr. Helen Rainier

Reminder—everyone in the Broad Street family is invited to submit an Advent devotional to be included in our booklet that we'll share with each other before December 1st.



See me for additional information or check out the article in last month's Beacon on our [website](#). It includes detailed instructions on how to create your submission. We need at least 25 submissions, so there's room for everyone's.

Ways to submit your devotional by Sunday, November 10, 2024:

- Hand it to me in church
- Mail to me: 60 Wagon Wheel Lane Columbus, NJ 08022
- Email me: preachycat@aol.com
- Email the church office: office@broadstumc.org



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

The date has been set for our annual Church Conference. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 12:00PM. This is the annual business meeting of the church where we elect our leaders for the next year as well as approve our budget.

In the past, when we had a Charge Conference, only elected members of the Administrative Council would attend and vote. Now we have a Church Conference and all members of the church are welcome and encouraged to come and participate in this important meeting. It generally lasts about an hour and is presided over by an elder from another church.

We hope you'll set aside some time to join us and help shape the future of Broad Street United Methodist Church.



Thank you!!

Thank you, everyone! Your donations of school supplies for the Captain James Lawrence School teachers was very much appreciated. We received a lovely thank you note from the school.

Members of the Girls of Grace and the United Women in Faith were able to pack four boxes for each grade at the school with supplies that the teachers can use for their students if they are missing anything. We also made up boxes for some of the specialty teachers (such as Art).

Everyone's donations will be put to good use by the students and teachers at the school, which is just down Broad Street from our church.

Pictured above—some of our packing crew with the boxes ready to go to the school.

Pictured below—our delivery crew with one of the school administrators.



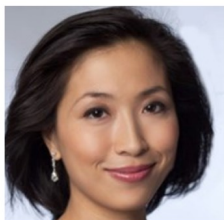
Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events



We have a lot of activities coming up this year. Mark your calendars now to be sure you don’t miss any of them. You can find all of these and other activities at the church on the church calendar on the [website](#).

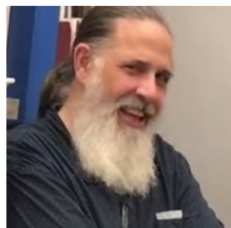
Tuesdays Starting October 1	Bible Study with Pastor Tamaris in Lucas Hall 6:00PM
Thursdays Starting October 3	Sanctuary Choir Practice; Practice for Christmas Cantata
Sunday October 13, 2024	SPRC Meeting following Worship 12:00PM
Wednesday October 16, 2024	Concert— <i>A Touch of Velvet</i> 7:00PM
Saturday October 19, 2024	Set-up for Friends and Family luncheon 9:30AM
Saturday October 19, 2024	Annual Church Conference in Chapel 12:00PM
Sunday October 20, 2024	Friends and Family Sunday (lunch following worship)
Monday October 21, 2024	Gerald Dickens returns with <i>A Christmas Carol</i>
Sunday October 27, 2024	Trustees Meeting following Worship 12:00PM
Saturday November 16, 2024	Concert— <i>Opera’s Greatest Hits</i> 2:00PM
Monday November 18, 2024	Administrative Board Meeting 7:00PM
Saturday November 23, 2024	Decorate the church for Christmas 9:30AM (meet in sanctuary)
Sunday November 24, 2024	Community Thanksgiving Service; time TBD
Wednesday November 27, 2024	Set-up for Thanksgiving Breakfast; time TBD
Thursday November 28, 2024	Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast in Lucas Hall 8:00AM
Friday December 6, 2024	Set-up for Annual Christmas Tea
Saturday December 7, 2024	Annual Christmas Tea Noon-3:00PM (set-up 8:00AM)
Sunday December 15, 2024	Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata during worship 11:00AM
Sunday December 15, 2024	Advent Covered Dish Dinner Lucas Hall 4:00PM
Sunday December 22, 2024	Blue Christmas Service 7:00PM
Tuesday December 24, 2024	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00PM

Roundtable Productions - Delaware Valley presents



A Touch of Velvet

An evening with
Echo Volla and
Tim Brown



Join us at Broad Street United Methodist Church as Soprano Echo Volla explores the coloratura repertoire and adds a Chinese ballad for a wonderful concert accompanied by pianist Tim Brown.

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:00 - 9:00PM

at the

Broad Street United Methodist Church

36 E. Broad Street

Burlington, NJ 08016

Tickets: Pre-ordered (payment collected at the door) - \$20

At the door (not pre-ordered) - \$25

Children and students with ID - \$10

Email concerts@broadstumc.org to reserve your tickets or use the QR code below.

All tickets are paid for at the door.

Free parking available at the municipal lot on Stacy Street.

Eventbrite Link: [A Touch of Velvet](#)

Direct inquiries to:

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Zoom Link available upon request.



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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/

A promotional poster for a "Blue Christmas" service. The background is a soft-focus image of evergreen trees covered in snow. In the top left corner, there is a dark blue rounded square with the text "22 DEC" in white. In the top right corner is the logo for Broad Street United Methodist Church, which features a red stylized flame or leaf shape next to a black cross, with the text "Broad Street United Methodist Church" and a registered trademark symbol. In the center, the words "Blue Christmas" are written in a large, white, cursive font, enclosed within a glowing white circular border. At the bottom, there is a dark blue horizontal band with white text that reads: "JOIN US THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FOR OUR BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT 7PM". Below this band, in a smaller white font, is the text: "A TIME FOR THOSE WHO SEEK A QUIETER, MORE REFLECTIVE CELEBRATION. GATHER WITH US IN A SERENE SPACE TO HONOR OUR MIXED EMOTIONS WITH PRAYER, MUSIC, AND COMFORTING WORDS, FINDING SUPPORT AND PEACE TOGETHER DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME OF YEAR." At the very bottom, there is a Facebook logo followed by the text "@BroadStreetUMC-Burlington" and a YouTube play button icon.

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