

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

The Pastor's Corner

A Heart of Thanksgiving: Embracing Gratitude as Believers



As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the beauty of gratitude, a virtue that lies at the very heart of our faith as believers. While Thanksgiving is celebrated as a national holiday, for followers of Christ, it is an invitation to live each day with a grateful heart, acknowledging God's abundant goodness in our lives.

The Scriptures remind us of the power of gratitude in shaping our relationship with God. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Paul encourages us to "rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." These words encourage us to embrace thanksgiving not just in moments of abundance but in every season of life. Giving thanks is a way to trust that God is working all things together for our good, even when we may not see it.

Thanksgiving allows us to refocus our hearts, moving us from a mindset of scarcity to one of abundance. As we pause to reflect on God's blessings, we are reminded of His faithfulness, love, and provision. Each gift, each answered prayer, each moment of grace points to His unwavering care. Even in difficult times, when gratitude may be harder to find, we can choose to thank God for His presence with us, for the hope we have in Christ, and for the peace He gives that surpasses all understanding.

As believers, Thanksgiving is also a time to extend our gratitude outward, sharing our blessings with others. The holiday season offers unique opportunities to reach out to those in need, to share a meal, to offer a helping hand, or simply to speak words of encouragement. In doing so, we live out the love of Christ, becoming a blessing to others as we ourselves have been blessed.

This Thanksgiving, let us commit to cultivating a heart of gratitude not only for a day but as a daily practice of our faith. Let's thank God for His countless blessings, and let our

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gratitude overflow into acts of kindness, generosity, and love for those around us.

May we remember that every good and perfect gift is from above, and may our hearts be filled with thanksgiving as we celebrate His goodness in our lives. Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,
Pastor Temaris

Work Day Committee Get Togethers

- Marsha Danser

Our next two dates for cleaning and doing odd jobs around the church will be **Friday**, November 8 and Friday, December 13. We meet at 9:30 a.m. in Lucas Hall for instructions and then head out to accomplish our tasks. The work isn't strenuous, but it is very rewarding. Getting together gives us all a boost! While we work we catch up with each other, we get to know each other better, we laugh.....which makes the work fun!

Our Work Day Committee began approximately 12 years ago as a way to help out at BSUMC. We have tackled large and small projects, as well as general cleaning tasks.

Give us a try if you are so inclined!



Christmas Decorating - Marsha Danser

On Saturday, November 23 at 9:30 a.m. we will tackle the task of decorating our church for Christmas. Getting as many people as possible involved helps the job get done a lot faster. At Broad Street we have quite a few Christmas trees throughout the church, all of which get decorated. We decorate the windowsills in the sanctuary and chapel. We also have a lot of wreaths throughout the church that will need to be hung. This is a work event but it's also a fun time for all! Join us if you are able.

2024 Annual Church Conference

Wednesday
November 13, 2024
6:00PM
Chapel

All are invited to attend.

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

Each year we look forward to Friends and Family Sunday at Broad Street, and this year's celebration did not disappoint! The worship was inspirational, those in attendance were happy to be a part of the morning worship, the luncheon was outstanding, and the fellowship was certainly something we all enjoyed!

The day was a success because we were worshipping together. The day was a success due to all those who were a part of making it happen.....and that included many hands and feet! We sincerely thank all who attended and all who helped in the preparation, serving and clean up. Chef Josef added something new to our menu this year.....roasted pork loin with gravy. It was a big hit and we thank him for his expertise in the kitchen.

We were grateful to have our district superintendent with us at the Friends and Family worship service. Pastor Ronell Howard touched us all with her enthusiastic message of faith.

If you attended the service and the luncheon we hope you had a great time. We celebrate our church anniversary each year and look forward to next year's event which will commemorate 255 years of Methodist Worship in Burlington.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL 2024



Immediately on the heels of our successful Friends and Family Sunday, we hosted Gerald Dickens and his one-man performance of *A Christmas Carol* on Monday, October 21st. We had some very tired volunteers, but we hosted audiences of almost 80 for our 1PM show and almost 100 for our 7PM show. Everyone enjoyed the receptions following each show and as always, the comments we received were full of praise for the hospitality shown by the members of the church.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with or attended either of these events. We had people setting up for our luncheon, cooking, bringing in desserts, cleaning bathrooms, cleaning Lucas Hall, cleaning up following lunch, setting up for Dickens, setting up our receptions, taking tickets, handing out programs, running the elevator, directing people through the church, selling books, taking care of Mr. Dickens, cleaning up from the receptions, attending worship, attending the show, telling people about the show—we can't thank everyone enough for making our very busy weekend a fantastic one!



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.



*Broad Street
United Methodist Church
Girls of Grace*

Annual Christmas Tea



Saturday, December 7, 2024

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Broad Street

United Methodist Church

36 E. Broad St.
Burlington, NJ

Tickets:

\$20/adults

\$10/children

Various Teas

Luncheon

Sandwiches

Scones

Desserts

Silent Auction

Musical performance by Cecil Danser

Tickets are available now.

See Sharon Durazolapaugh or Laura Jaskot

or

contact Cindy Borgstrom at

hockeymom212@comcast.net

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 form in the back of the sanctuary. 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

Roundtable Productions - Delaware Valley presents



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.

Free parking available at the municipal lot on Stacy Street.

Eventbrite Link: [Opera's Greatest Hits](#)

Direct inquiries to:

Bill Holt at wlh7@comcast.net

Michele Hogan at concerts@broadstumc.org

Zoom Link available upon request.



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 [website](#).

Tuesdays	Bible Study with Pastor Temaris in Lucas Hall 6:30PM
Thursdays	Praise Band Practice 6:00PM Sanctuary
Thursdays	Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00PM Lucas Hall
Thursday November 7, 2024	Drop-off for flood bucket donations 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Lucas Hall
Friday November 8, 2024	Work Day Committee 9:30 AM Lucas Hall
Sunday November 10, 2024	Deadline to return gift boxes/donations for Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child boxes
Tuesday November 12, 2024	Drop off for flood bucket donations 1:00-4:00PM Lucas Hall
Tuesday November 12, 2024	Girls of Grace Meeting 1:00PM Lucas Hall (bring Advent Bag items)
Wednesday November 13, 2024	Annual Church Conference 6:00PM Chapel
Thursday November 14, 2024	No Sanctuary Choir Practice
Saturday November 16, 2024	Concert— <i>Opera’s Greatest Hits</i> 2:00PM
Sunday November 17, 2024	Deadline to return your Advent Devotional
Monday November 18, 2024	Administrative Board Meeting 7:00PM
Saturday November 23, 2024	Decorate the church for Christmas 9:30AM (meet in sanctuary)
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)
Friday December 13, 2024	Work Day Committee 9:30 AM Lucas Hall
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



Support Broad Street UMC's donation drive

Help flood victims with cleaning supplies



Broad Street UMC is assembling disaster relief buckets to be distributed by UMCOR. This is a great way to help those impacted by recent hurricanes.

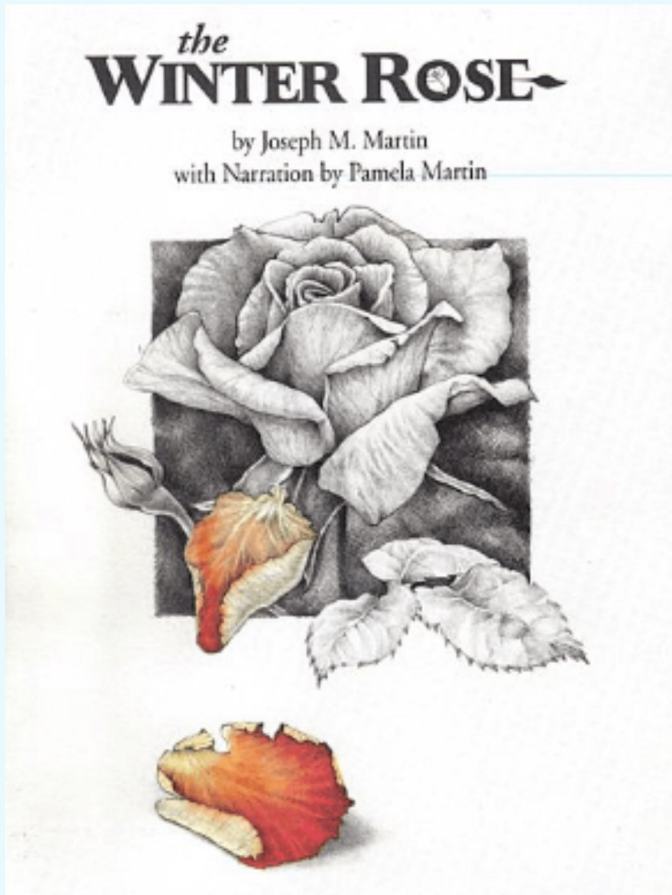
You can participate by donating items on the list below or coming to help pack the buckets. Drop off times are Sunday mornings from 10-Noon; Thursday, 11/7/24, from 7-8:30PM; and Tuesday, 11/12/24, from 1-3PM. We'll assemble the buckets on Saturday, 11/16/24, at 9:30AM.

- One five-gallon round bucket with re-sealable lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)
- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray cleaners)
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener (liquid, not gel)
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush with or without handle
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes (no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels)
- Five scouring pads (no stainless-steel pads with soap in them)
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- Roll of 24 heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness) (no surgical masks)
- Two pairs kitchen gloves durable for multiple uses
- One pair work gloves - cotton with leather palm or all leather

Join us in helping hurricane victims

Donate cleaning supplies today

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The Sanctuary Choir will present its Christmas cantata,
The Winter Rose by Joseph Martin,
on Sunday, December 15, 2024, during the worship service.
The cantata presents Jesus' life from birth through the passion.
Including both traditional carols and new songs, this is a beautiful
cantata and the choir is looking forward to sharing it with you.

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 graphic for a "Blue Christmas" service. The background is a soft-focus image of evergreen trees under a blue, misty sky. 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 Broad Street United Methodist Church logo, which features a red flame-like 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, a dark blue horizontal band contains the text "JOIN US THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FOR OUR BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT 7PM" in white, all-caps font. Below this band, white text reads: "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 icon followed by the text "@BroadStreetUMC-Burlington" and a YouTube icon.

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Blue Christmas

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