

THE BEACON

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

Easter Preview

Easter falls on April 20th this year. While that seems late, it's not the latest Easter can be. Did you know that Easter can be anytime from March 22nd through April 25th? Here's a bit of trivia: Easter is on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after the first day of spring. Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter, so that date also moves and it can fall from February 4th through March 10th. This year, Ash Wednesday is this week, March 5th. Although Ash Wednesday is 46 days before Easter and marks the start of Lent, Lent is only 40 days. That's because Sundays aren't counted in the 40 days.

Look for the Easter flower order form and the memorial donation form in a few weeks. We will have the form in the back of the sanctuary and will also send it out electronically with the bulletin. Easter flowers will adorn our altar rail on Easter Sunday and a list will be included in the bulletin of the dedications.

We will be holding our annual Easter Sunrise Service at the Burlington City Waterfront followed by a delicious breakfast (with hot coffee, of course).



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Good Friday Women's Breakfast

**8:00 AM Friday morning
April 18, 2025**

The Girls of Grace are continuing the tradition of holding a Women's Community Good Friday Breakfast. This started many years ago at Broad Street UMC. Then it moved for quite a few years to the Presbyterian Church on Mill Street. Following that First Baptist hosted for a few years, and then the pandemic hit. BSUMC picked it back up two years ago and this is our third year hosting again.

This year we have the sanctuary choir from Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverton providing a musical program. Ticket donations are \$5 each and tickets are available now. Please see Marsha, Cindy or Laura J. for tickets. Please invite your friends to come. We expect a full house, and seating is limited to 100, so please get your tickets early. If you know anyone from another church who would like to attend, they can reserve their tickets (and pay at the door) by using [this form](#) or sending an email to the church office (office@broadstumc.org).

Men – please consider helping us out on Good Friday. The Girls of Grace will handle setting everything up, but if you could help us by serving so that our women can also enjoy the breakfast, that would be greatly appreciated. See Marsha, Cindy or Laura if you are willing to join us that Friday morning and serve.



**Women's Community
Good Friday
Breakfast
Friday, April 18, 2025
8:00 AM
\$5.00 Donation**



**Musical performance
following breakfast by
the Calvary Presbyterian
Sanctuary Choir from
Riverton**

Pre-registration required due to limited seating.
Tickets available at BSUMC from Marsha, Cindy or Laura
or use the QR code to pre-register and then pay at the door.
Group registration available through the QR code or
email Office@broadstumc.org with your group information.



Girls of Grace

Broad Street UMC



Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off and Brownie Bake-off. We had 7 different entries for the Chili Cook-off this year and we would like to congratulate Joanna Bryce who took first place. Susan Parker entered two different chilis and she took second and third with her entries. Thanks to all our outstanding chefs this year. We also had several entries in the Brownie Bake-off, and we are pleased to announce that Helen Rainier took first and second place with her brownies! Start working on those chili and brownie recipes for next year, everyone!



Hoagie Sale Update



We'd also like to thank everyone who participated in our hoagie sale. We had a lot of help making the hoagies – we enjoy the fellowship aspect of this fundraiser and we've gotten quite efficient working together to make them. We sold 70 hoagies this time and made just over \$400. We hope everyone enjoyed their hoagie! Look for our next hoagie sale in June which will be our 'buy one, give one' sale. The local first responders have really appreciated that the last couple of years and it's a nice outreach to them. Here are a couple of pictures from previous 'buy one, give one' sales—on the left, with Endeavor Emergency Squad and on the right, the Burlington City Police Dept.



A Note from the Counting Committee

Almost everything is more expensive than it used to be, and that includes checks. If you make your donations to the church using checks, remember that you can include donations for multiple things in one check and one weekly envelope and write fewer checks. For example, if you were making your weekly donation on the first Sunday and also wanted to donate to the communion offering and a bulletin dedication, you could write one check for all three things. You would then write on your offering envelope on the first line for weekly tithes/offerings the amount you're donating for that. Then on the next line, write "\$x/communion; \$10/bulletin dedication for 3/17/25." It will all be tracked properly that way and you only write one check.

Bulletin Dedications

As you know, we discontinued having fresh flowers weekly on the altar last July. If you would like to purchase and bring them in, you are welcome to do so (Steins on Sunset is a good florist choice as they know the size we need). Just let the Worship Committee know the week before so your dedication can be in the bulletin. Susan Curlett has been creating the beautiful flower arrangements that are on our altar and we thank her for the wonderful job she's doing with them!

We are still having bulletin dedications weekly, however. The cost is \$10 to dedicate the bulletin and you can dedicate it in memory or honor of a loved one, a pet, a holiday, a group—whatever you'd like.

At the moment, most Sundays in 2025 are available. The cost to dedicate the bulletin is \$10. Bulletin dedication forms are available in the back of the sanctuary. If you'd like to dedicate for a particular week, fill out the form and return it to the church office (via the offering plate is fine) with your \$10 donation. You can include your payment in your weekly offering envelope – just mark the envelope on the 'other' line that you are including the bulletin dedication amount of \$10 for xx/xx date.

If your requested week is already taken we will let you know and we'll offer alternatives.



Thank you to everyone who submitted a devotional (or more than one) for our Lenten devotional booklet. We will hand out the booklets next Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent. We can accept final submissions today. We can't wait to read your stories!



Soup Sunday – February 2, 2025

Soup Sunday was a success again this year. Thanks to everyone who helped on that day – setting up, eating, serving or cleaning up – you are appreciated! We have soup for sale which supports the church's operations. \$10/quart, 3/\$25.



Maundy Thursday Service

We usually hold a Maundy Thursday service which is the night before Good Friday – the night when Jesus was at the Last Supper and before he went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. This year we are going to have that service, which includes communion representative of that Last Supper, and it will include a drama of the “12 Other Disciples” – the women that traveled with Jesus and his apostles. Helen Rainier is coordinating that portion of the service and she needs a few more volunteers to help play the roles of the 12 women. Please see Helen if you want to learn more about what this entails. It's going to be a very special service – please mark your calendars now for Thursday, April 17th, at 7:00PM.

The Burlington Entertainers

Did you know that three of our choir members are in the Burlington Entertainers? Susan Curlett, Laura Jaskot and Helen Rainier are in the group and are looking forward to this year's concerts which are going to feature the Fabulous Fifties!

The Burlington Entertainers started as a vaudeville group and has evolved into a community choir over the years. Started in 1906, the Burlington Entertainers have always raised money for charity, and since the 1960s, all the money raised from the concerts is donated to Deborah Heart and Lung Center so you get to hear some terrific music and support a good cause at the same time.

Susan, Laura and Helen each have tickets. They're \$10 and are good for any one of the three concerts which will be held at the Wilbur Watts School again this year.

- ◆ Friday, April 11th (7:30PM)
- ◆ Saturday, April 12th (7:30PM)
- ◆ Sunday, April 13th (2:00PM)

Hope to see you there!



THE BURLINGTON ENTERTAINERS
PRESENT

Fabulous Fifties

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

Friday, April 11 @ 7:30 pm
Saturday, April 12 @ 7:30 pm
Sunday, April 13 @ 2:00 pm

TICKETS
\$10 each
Available at the door!

Active Military
and Children 10 &
under Free

Benefiting
Deborah
Heart and Lung Center

For more information about any of these stories or upcoming church activities, please visit our website:

www.broadstumc.org

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We're on Twitter:

<https://www.twitter.com/BSUMCBurlington>

and on Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/bsumc_burlington/



Music at BSUMC

Sanctuary Choir Praise Band

**PRACTICES THURSDAY NIGHTS
IN LUCAS HALL**

6:00PM - Praise Band

7:00PM - Sanctuary Choir

Everyone is welcome to join.

Do you play an instrument?

Join the Praise Band!

Do you like to sing?

Join the Sanctuary Choir

No auditions!



The Beacon on Broad Street



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