

# THE BEACON

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

## *He is risen! He is risen indeed!!*

Not just words for Easter Sunday morning, but words we should remember and repeat every morning to remind ourselves of the amazing gift of life that God has given us and the incredible demonstration of love shown to us by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Holy Week at Broad Street UMC this year was both incredibly busy and incredibly inspiring. Hopefully you were able to attend one or more events. The week kicked off on Palm Sunday with our choir's Easter cantata, *Come, Touch the Robe* by Pepper Choplin. Our youth participated with a dramatic presentation of the songs as the choir sang. It was moving to watch as Jesus (Cyrrus) came in with the cross. If you missed it, you can see it on our YouTube channel [here](#).

On Thursday evening we had a Maundy Thursday service with a dramatic presentation directed by Helen Rainier of *The Other 12 Disciples*. This was the story of twelve women who followed Jesus. Communion was served in tables of twelve following the presentation. All who attended found the service very meaningful.



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Let your light so shine... Matthew 5:16

On Good Friday morning, Broad Street hosted the annual Community Good Friday Women's Breakfast. The breakfast is attended by women from many surrounding churches and everyone looks forward to it each year. Hot casseroles are provided by Marsha Rodin (formerly of First Baptist across the street, but now attending Masonville Rancocas UMC) and her daughters. We had bagels and doughnuts and fresh fruit and we received a lot of compliments on the food from those in attendance. Following breakfast, our program this year was presented by the sanctuary choir from the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverton. They sang almost 10 songs and the breakfast felt like worship. Each choir member introduced a song and gave some information about it before they sang and they did a wonderful job. We appreciate what they did to make our Good Friday breakfast special.

On Saturday morning we had a crew in to make casseroles for the Easter morning breakfast. Many hands make light work and our team got everything put together efficiently. Thanks to Jeena Sheppard for coordinating the fridge clean-out so that we could fit everything in there.

Easter Sunday morning started with a community Sunrise Service at the Burlington City Riverfront. It was a beautiful morning and we had a good crowd turn out for the service. Pastor Temaris preached and she had participation from at least four other churches. Atalia performed a liturgical dance and it was beautiful.

Following the sunrise service, all were invited to return to Broad Street UMC for our annual breakfast and we had a good crowd that once again enjoyed our hospitality and food in this annual tradition. A big thank you to all who were able to help with setting up, making casseroles, cooking (which started around 6:15AM Sunday morning!), serving and cleaning up!

We had Sunday School and our 11:00 worship service following Easter breakfast. Atalia repeated her liturgical dance for those unable to make the sunrise service. If you missed Easter service, you can watch it [here](#).

It was a busy week, and we were tired at the end of it, but it is so uplifting to be able to reach so many people both inside and beyond the walls of our building and help bring the message of God's love for us.

## Easter Sunrise Service Pictures

Taken by Melissa Kulynych





# The United Methodist Church Unveils New Guiding Vision Statement

The following article is from the UMC website, found [here](#).

CHICAGO, IL – The Council of Bishops, in conjunction with the Connectional Table, is pleased to announce the unveiling of a [new vision](#) statement for The United Methodist Church. This vision reflects the Church's deep commitment to embodying God's dream for the world.

The vision states:

*The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

*This vision statement complements the Church's longstanding mission statement, inspired by Matthew 28:18-20: "The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

The vision encourages United Methodists to embody the following principles:

- **Love Boldly:** Passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life.  
*Inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35*
- **Serve Joyfully:** With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy.  
*Inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15 and 1 Peter 4:10*
- **Lead Courageously:** Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation.  
*Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10*

*"This is a Kairos moment in the life of The United Methodist Church. This new vision is not simply a statement or a plan, it is a catalyst for transformation," said Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, President of the Council of Bishops. "It is a vision that will help the Church embrace the divine opportunities before us, to follow where God is leading us, and to more fully engage in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

*The Council of Bishops and the Connectional Table will work with our United Methodist General Agencies to create resources that inspire and equip disciples, leaders, and congregations to live into this vision. Resources will be shared at Annual Conference sessions and with leaders within local churches this summer, with lay member resources anticipated to follow in late 2025/early 2026.*

Learn more about the vision, access the [informational video](#) and get resources as they become available at [ResourceUMC.org/vision](https://ResourceUMC.org/vision).



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- Cindy Borgstrom

All women of the church are invited to join the Girls of Grace for their last meeting before the summer hiatus. The **meeting** will be held in Lucas Hall on **Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00PM**.

The annual **Broad Street UMC Ladies' Picnic** will be held at the Borgstrom home (1104 Columbus Road) on **Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM**. Please make a note that the picnic is one week later than usual to enable us to get over our jet lag from our trip to Italy.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary to sign up for the picnic and indicate what side dish or dessert you will bring. Members over the age of 90 do not need to bring a covered dish but should sign up so we have a correct count of participants. Dennis and Cindy will provide hamburgers, cheeseburgers and barbeque chicken.

### **Reminder: Gift Card Fundraiser**

Cindy will be ordering gift cards once a month. There are order forms at the back of the sanctuary or you can download one [here](#). Please be sure to include a completed order form with your cash or check (made out to Broad Street UMC) when you order your gift cards. You can give your order to Cindy or place it in the offering plate.

Some of the available gift cards are Acme, Boscov's, Burlington Stores, Cracker Barrel, Dunkin Donuts, Home Depot, IHOP, Kohl's, Panera, Shop Rite, Starbucks, Target and Walmart. A complete list is on the order form. If you shop at any of these stores, please consider getting gift cards through this program and help support the church.

### **Heritage Sunday**

Please mark your calendars now to be sure to attend Heritage Sunday in two weeks on **Sunday, May 18, 2025**. Our 11:00 worship service will honor those in our congregation who have been members for 50 or more years. It will be a special service and we will follow the worship service with coffee hour where we'll celebrate with cake and coffee. Please help us make this day extra special by attending and honoring our long-time members!

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

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