

# Broad Street United Methodist Church

August 17, 2025  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to the Broad Street United Methodist Church.  
We are happy you are here today. The order of worship is found in this bulletin.

\*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

HYMN SING

Marsha Danser/Judy Schetler

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Helen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Pastor Helen

Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

**We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.**

For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

**We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self, neighbor, and all creation.**

For the sake of the joy, we respond...

**We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God's already-and-not-yet kingdom.**

For the sake of the joy, God sends us...

**God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.**

Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

**Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, February 2024

\*HYMN

*Faith of Our Fathers*

UMH 710

OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

Jean Tomer

**Glorious God, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses, the multitude of the faithful of all ages, who surround us. Considering their example, and looking to Jesus, may we run the race of life faithfully. Encourage us, that we may not grow weary or fainthearted. Help us accept your gentle discipline, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Written by Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship*, ed. Ruth C. Duck (Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2009), 50.

HYMN

*We Walk by Faith*

TFWS 2196

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## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Jean Tomer

**O God, the Three in One, you draw us into your community of love  
with people across the ages and around the world.**

**By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we  
read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you;  
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

~ from a collection of prayers posted on the **Worship@North** website. <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>

\*PSALTER

**Psalm 80**

UMH 801-802

Jean Tomer

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

Marsha Danser

THE MESSAGE

***For the Sake of Joy!***

Rev. Dr. Helen Rainier

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Marsha Danser

God we are surrounded by a cloud of faithful witnesses who have gone before:

those who have loved

**where we would have hated,**

those who have healed

**where we would have hurt,**

those who have spoken out

**when we would have remained silent.**

God may we walk in their footsteps,

**learning courage from their sacrifice.**

May we learn to give so that others may receive.

**May we learn to love so that others may be set free.**

May we learn to die so that others might live.

**God may we join that cloud of faithful witnesses,**

**treading paths of loving obedience,**

leaving footprints that others desire to walk in.

**God may we, too, lead kingdom lives. Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer written by Christine Sine, posted on her Godspace website

Now let us pray for our own needs and those of others dear to our hearts.

We pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Pastor Helen

OFFERTORY HYMN      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* v.1

UMH 206

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Helen

## WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

\*HYMN      *For All the Saints*

TFWS 2283

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor Helen

CLOSING CHORUS      *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

TFWS 2281

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Please remember our families and friends in prayer

Evelyn Kraft, Carolyn Shinn, Bobbie Kroh, Joe Jaskot, Travis Montone,  
Zachary Montone, Dana Painter, Sue Graves, Jim Graves, Donna Walsh, Tootsie Wooters,  
Linda Slater Meyer, Terry Ansel, Tony Hoffman, Linda Hoffman, Robert LaPaugh, Frank Becker

Requests for inclusion on the prayer list, removal from the list, or to have a name  
remain on the list longer than two weeks can be emailed to:

[office@broadstumc.org](mailto:office@broadstumc.org) or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.

## Bulletin Dedication

Today's bulletin is lovingly dedicated to Doris Waitz  
who will be celebrating her 59th(?) birthday on August 19!

## Planning ahead... mark your calendars

Thursday, September 4, 2025 – Sanctuary Choir practice resumes; 7:00PM Lucas Hall

Sunday, September 7, 2025 – Rally Day; Fall Worship Hours begin (11:00AM Worship)

Monday, September 15, 2025 – Dickens: *Nicholas Nickleby* 1:00PM

*A Christmas Carol* 7:00PM

### BSUMC Service Project

Please help us collect items needed by the teachers at the Captain James Lawrence Elementary School. We want to put together 21 boxes for the teachers of the kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms at this local school. Back-to-school sales are on now and filling boxes for the teachers will help them ensure that their students have what they need to succeed as the school year starts. The item list is to the right. Please bring your items by **September 14th** and put them in the box in the library.



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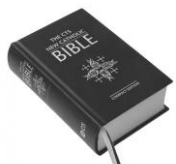
## Bible Study at Broad Street Resumes September 2nd!

All are welcome to attend a weekly Bible Study in the **chapel** on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Currently on a break, the Bible study resumes on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Pastor Helen is our leader and we are studying the book of Psalms.

It is not a problem to "jump into" the Bible Study at any time.

We welcome you! Bring your friends.



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## Boscov's Friends Helping Friends

GOG has Friends Helping Friends coupons. They are \$5 each and you get 25% off many items at Boscov's (see coupons for exclusions). All proceeds from the sale of the coupons remains with Broad Street UMC so this is a great fundraiser.

Friends Helping Friends Day is Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8AM – 11PM. See Marsha Danser or Jean Tomer for coupons. They make great gifts for your friends and you can have a shopping day together as a fun outing.

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VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AIDES are needed throughout the Virtua Health System in Burlington and Camden Counties. There are openings for trained lay visitors every day of the week. Following a training and orientation process, an Aide may donate two to four hours each week to visit patients, offering them compassion and spiritual comfort.

To find out if volunteering is for you, please call or email for information from one of our chaplains at the hospital location you are interested in volunteering. An information packet with details of the training will be given to you at an in-person meeting with a chaplain.



For more information about volunteering at Virtua Mt. Holly and Willingboro contact Chaplain Vernon Nyanglu at 609-914-6365 [vnyanglu@virtua.org](mailto:vnyanglu@virtua.org) and Virtua Voorhees and Virtua Marlton, please contact Chaplain Janet Doyle or email [jdoyle3@virtua.org](mailto:jdoyle3@virtua.org)

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## **Gerald Dickens is returning to Broad Street!**

On Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Gerald will be back at Broad Street performing two different shows, *Nicholas Nickleby* at 1PM and *A Christmas Carol* at 7PM.

Tickets are available now. See Laura Jaskot for tickets.

\$18/show for seniors, \$20 for non-seniors.

There is a savings if you want to see both shows:

\$30 for a ticket to both shows.

This is another event that is great for gifting your friends. We will need volunteers to help with the shows and volunteers to bring in dessert items for our receptions following each show.



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## **Girls of Grace Annual Yard Sale**

The Girls of Grace will hold their annual church yard sale on Saturday, October 4, 2025. We are already collecting items for the sale. If you have anything you'd like to donate, please bring it in and put it in the Sunday School room at the left end of the hallway upstairs in our Sunday School building. If you need help getting your items up the stairs, please see any member of the Girls of Grace for assistance.