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THE BEACON

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

We are back!

The Beacon took a two-month hiatus, but we're back and there's a lot to look forward to in the next few months at Broad Street!

Read through this edition and see what's coming up. Have your calendars handy to add entries for our upcoming events.

Summer Hours Coming to an End



The last Sunday in August marks the last Sunday of our summer hours. August 31st worship will be at 10:00 as it has been all summer, with a hymn sing starting shortly before the worship service. September 7th we will return to our “fall” or “school year” hours, and worship will be held at 11:00AM. Depending on the temperature, we may choose to have the service in the chapel and not the sanctuary, but the starting time will change back to 11:00.



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



A note from the Education Department:

Rally Day 2025 - September 7

We look forward to seeing everyone back in Sunday School for Rally Day! Yes, everyone! Children and Adults!

Our theme this year is *Journeys with Jesus* and we are basing this on Acts 1:8, The Great Commission. As Christians we are all tasked with spreading the word of Jesus.

For Rally Day there will be a treasure hunt, a time to set up intergenerational prayer partners, and of course.....refreshments!

We encourage everyone to attend and bring a few friends!

Here's hoping the weather is nice enough to do our activities outside. Chairs will be set up to accommodate those who need them.

See you on September 7 at 9:45 a.m.

- Cindy Borgstrom and Marsha Danser

Gerald Dickens in *Nicholas Nickleby* and *A Christmas Carol*

*Monday, September 15, 2025
1:00PM and 7:00PM*



We're going to start celebrating Christmas early at BSUMC this year!! Gerald Dickens is returning to Broad Street UMC on Monday, September 15, 2025, for two performances, 1PM and 7PM. We are going to do something a little bit different this year. As you may know, we don't get a choice of dates when Gerald comes. His performances are managed by Byers Choice and they have the difficult job of setting up his schedule in a way that makes sense with travel times and distances. They offer each venue every year a date and we can either accept or not host that year. Many other venues hosting him this early are not having him perform *A Christmas Carol*, but our audience really likes that show, so we decided to ask Gerald to perform another one of his shows, *Nicholas Nickleby*, in the afternoon and then perform *A Christmas Carol* in the evening.

Tickets are [available](#). They are \$20/adults and \$18/students and seniors in advance. All tickets are \$20 at the door. We are also offering a special if someone wants to see both shows. The price is \$30 for a ticket to each show.

We are looking for people to help with the shows including setting up the sanctuary before the program, selling tickets, taking tickets at the door, running the elevator, directing people through the building, handing out programs, baking for our reception, setting up and cleaning up the receptions and putting the sanctuary back in order after the evening performance.

If you are willing to bring baked goods for our reception following each performance, it would be greatly appreciated! 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, 9/15, 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!

Our performances will be featured in another *NJ Monthly* magazine article this year as well—third year in a row!



A Note from the Finance Committee:

Our general worship schedule, while subject to occasional change, has communion on the first Sunday of each month. We have a special second offering on communion Sundays and that collection is designated for a different purpose each month. Our Finance committee votes each year on what those special offerings will support for the upcoming year. Our current schedule for the remaining months of the year is:

August 3rd – Lawn maintenance Expenses

September 7th – Electricity expenses

October 5th – World Communion Sunday

November 2nd – Church World Service

December 7th – Office Expenses

We also have a special offering on the third Sunday of each month. Our youth pass metal plates and we have a ‘noisy coin’ collection (coins dropped in the metal plates ring as they hit the bottom). The money from this monthly collection supports our Sunday School program and because of your generosity each month, the noisy coins (and paper currency) we collect provide all of the funding needed to run those programs.

Noisy Coin Collection benefitting our Sunday School Third Sunday of each month





Annual Church Yard Sale

Every year the Girls of Grace hold a church yard sale to raise money for various projects around the church. The date is set to coincide with the East Union Street Yard Sale so that we can potentially get more foot traffic since people are in town for their yard sale already.

This year's date for the yard sale will be **Saturday, October 4th, from 8:00AM—2:00PM**. Many people have already started bringing in donations, and we thank you for that. Donations are being collected in the old 'Toddler' Sunday School room (last room on the left upstairs). If you need help getting items upstairs, please just ask and we'll help.

Members of the Girls of Grace—please set aside some time that week prior to the yard sale to help price items and then on Friday morning, October 3rd, to help set up the yard sale. We generally have the majority of our items set up in Lucas Hall with some being outside, weather-permitting, on Saturday morning.



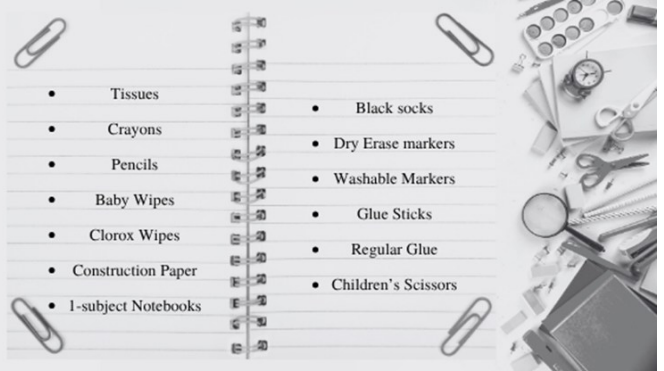
Again this year the Girls of Grace are selling Bosco's Friends Helping Friends discount cards that can be used on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 for a 25% discount on many items (some have a 15% discount and some a 10% discount—see card for details). The cards are available for a \$5 donation and all proceeds benefit Broad Street UMC. There is even a chance to win a \$100 Bosco's gift card. The discount can be used in store, on line or with phone orders. See Laura Jaskot to get yours. You can also call the church office or send an email if you can't get to church to get your card and we'll arrange a visit to get it to you.

Annual Christmas Tea

Start planning now and invite your friends to our annual Christmas Tea. This event is well-attended every year and you won't want to miss it. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 6, 2025. Tickets will be available in September.

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.



School Supply Collection

Last year our school supply mission project was a success and the teachers at the Captain James Lawrence were very appreciative of the donations. Many students come to school without the necessary supplies, and providing the teachers with age-appropriate supplies helps them help their students succeed. We can be a big part of that student success by contributing again this year. The list is in the graphic above, and there are back-to-school sales going on at many local stores right now. While you're shopping for yourself, please throw something in your cart for our collection and bring it to church by **Sunday, September 14th**. Boxes will be packed up by grade level and delivered to the school that week. Thank you!

THE BURLINGTON ENTERTAINERS
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Fabulous Fifties

Saturday, August 2nd 2:00pm
Burlington County Library Auditorium
5 Pioneer Blvd.
Westampton, NJ 08060
Free admission

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	Bible Study in the chapel 1:00PM—2:15PM
Thursdays Starting September 4, 2025	Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00PM Lucas Hall
Sunday September 7, 2025	Sunday School Rally Day 9:45AM
Sunday September 7, 2025	Worship schedule changes—11:00 Worship
Sundays	Sunday School 9:45AM Worship 11:00AM
Monday September 15, 2025	Gerald Dickens in <i>Nicholas Nickleby</i> 1:00PM
Monday September 15, 2025	Gerald Dickens in <i>A Christmas Carol</i> 7:00PM
Friday October 3, 2025	Girls of Grace meeting to price for yard sale 9:00AM Lucas Hall
Saturday October 4, 2025	Girls of Grace Church Yard Sale 9:00AM—2:00PM
Saturday October 18, 2025	Set up for Friends and Family Luncheon 9:30AM Lucas Hall/Kitchen
Sunday, October 19, 2025	Friends and Family Luncheon following worship 12:00PM Lucas Hall
Saturday November 22, 2025	Decorate the church for Christmas 9:30AM (meet in sanctuary)
Wednesday November 26, 2025	Set-up for Thanksgiving Breakfast; time TBD
Thursday November 28, 2025	Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast in Lucas Hall 8:00AM
Friday December 5, 2025	Set-up for Annual Christmas Tea
Saturday December 6, 2025	Annual Christmas Tea Noon-3:00PM (set-up 8:00AM)
Sunday December 14, 2025	Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata during worship 11:00AM
Sunday December 14, 2025	Advent Covered Dish Dinner Lucas Hall 4:00PM
Sunday December 21, 2025	Blue Christmas Service 7:00PM
Wednesday December 24, 2025	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00PM

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](#).

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