

THE BEACON

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

The Pastor's Corner

Editor's note: This month's "Pastor's Corner" is an edited version of the announcement that was made on Sunday, May 12th, at the end of the worship service.



"I'm just going to start by saying I love you all. I am not taking another appointment. I am stepping down. And some of you know why – personal matters.

I am going through my own stuff and it is making it hard to be a pastor, and it's hard to be a pastor that you all deserve.

I need a new start. I need a new, fresh start.

So, I want to thank you all for being so kind to me this year. It's my first time serving as a lead pastor.

If you're interested at all in what I plan on doing when I mean a fresh start, I'm hoping to be an English High School teacher.

Thank you. I will do my best in the transition process. I will transition the next pastor in so that's it's as smooth as possible and they're set up for success.

I'm open to questions."

In Christ,
Pastor James



We are continuing to move towards our goal in our Breath of God Capital Campaign which is raising money to pay for the air conditioning in the gym and in Lucas Hall. For anyone who came to the community dinner, you probably noticed

how comfortable it was in the room despite the temperature outside. The Bridge Players paid half of the cost of air conditioning both rooms and Broad Street UMC is paying the other half. Our capital campaign has a goal of \$36,000 and to date we have raised 36% of our goal, with donations of over \$13,000. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.



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Midge Smith

November 10, 1942 — May 18, 2024

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Midge Smith who passed away on Saturday, May 18th. Midge was a very active member of our congregation, vice-president and past president of the United Women in Faith as well as a member of the counting committee. Visitation will be held at Broad Street on Monday, June 3rd, from 10 – 11AM with a service at 11AM. Here is her obituary, as printed on the Page Funeral Home website:

Mildred F. “Midge” Smith of Burlington Twp., passed away Saturday May 18, 2024 at Virtua Lourdes Hospital in Camden at the age of 81.

Born in Burlington, Midge remained a lifelong resident. She worked for over 39 years at the Masonic Village in Burlington Twp. in various positions until retiring as an Administrative Assistant in the medical records department. After retirement she worked for a few years in the companion care field.

She was a longtime member of the Broad Street United Methodist Church in Burlington, where she remained a very active member. She was a member of the United Methodist Women, the Burlington Twp. Senior Citizen’s Club and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 147 in Mt. Holly.

Midge was predeceased by her husband Ed Smith, her parents William and Olive (nee Grimwood) Michael and her sister Geri Turpyn. She is survived by her children Larry (Barbara) Smith, Donna (Tim) Stout and Bruce (Coreen) Smith; her grandchildren Melissa (Matthew) Inzerillo, Brian (Kayleigh) Stout, Connor (Charline) Stout, Lauren Smith and Lindsey Smith; and her great grandchildren Bailey and Payton Inzerillo. She is also survived by her siblings; Nonny (Frank) Hewes, William (Patricia) Michael, Peggy (Dave) Welch, Ollie (Doug) Leshner and Bob (Pam) Michael and sister-in-law Gladys Smith along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

A visitation for Midge will be held from 10-11am, Monday June 3rd at the Broad St. United Methodist Church of Burlington, 36 E. Broad St., Burlington. Services will begin at 11am in the church. Interment will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions made to the Broad St United Methodist Church, 36 E. Broad St., Burlington, NJ 08016 would be appreciated by her family.

Concert This Wednesday, June 5th

Share the word—bring a friend!

Roundtable Productions- Delaware Valley Presents **Sondheim Remembered**



Performed by
Rachel Cetel
Piano accompaniment
by
Joseph Krupa



Join us at Broad Street United Methodist Church for an unforgettable evening celebrating the legendary composer, Stephen Sondheim and the songs he created.

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 5 · 7 - 9 pm

Admission: Preorder tickets for \$20 or \$25 at the door.

Children and students with ID-\$10.00

Email concerts@broadstumc.org to reserve tickets and pay cash

Location: Broad Street United Methodist Church

36 East Broad Street Burlington, NJ

Free parking is available in the municipal lot on Stacy Street

Direct inquiries to:

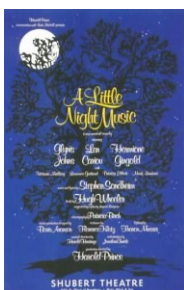
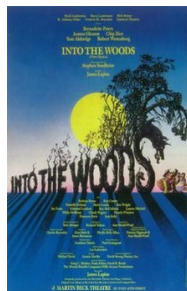
Bill Holt at wlh7@comcast.net

Michele Hogan at concerts@broadstumc.org

Zoom Link available upon request.



Please help us share the word about this concert. It is exciting to have a musical performance with these well-known artists at Broad Street and we'd like to have a large audience come to hear them. Most people are familiar with the work of Stephen Sondheim. You can read more about him [here](#). Do you know someone who enjoys musical theater? Invite them to join you and attend the concert together. Some of Sondheim's work includes:





Updates from the United Women in Faith

- Betsy Grover

The United Women of Faith (UWF) will be wrapping up our 2023-2024 year with a combined picnic with the Girls of Grace (GOG) on Tuesday, June 11th, at Cindy Borgstrom's house at 5:00PM. If you plan to attend and have not signed up, please contact me or Cindy Borgstrom so we know how to plan.

I would like to thank all of those who provided so much help to me and our UWF group this past year. I especially want to thank Cindy Borgstrom for the tremendous support she has given to me and our entire group. Also, thanks to Laura Jaskot who I could count on when I had any questions, or who would remind me of things I had forgotten. And of course, I want to thank our officers for all of their help and support; Faye Habingreither, our Treasurer, and Margie Hoffman, our Secretary.

We are all saddened by the death of our long-time member, Midge Smith. Midge held the office of President for quite a few years, and with poor health in more recent years, she chose to take the position of Vice President. She will definitely be missed by all of us

Betsy Grover, Pres. 2023-24
BSUMC - United Women of Faith



Believe it or not, the members of the Girls of Grace are already planning for their annual Christmas Tea which will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024. Tickets will be available soon so keep an eye out for them.

We are also collecting items for our annual yard sale which will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2024, which is the same weekend as the annual East Union Street Yard Sale. If you have items you would like to donate, please feel free to bring them to the church where we are collecting them upstairs in the last Sunday School room on the left at the end of the hall.

Community Spaghetti Supper

Friday, May 31, 2024



Yesterday's Community Spaghetti Supper was a success! We had 80 people in attendance and they enjoyed a supper of spaghetti and meatballs with salad and desserts.

We had a large crew of people show up at 3:00 PM to help with the set-up, and they were so efficient we were done in about an hour. It was too early to start cooking the pasta so we had plenty of time to chat with each other and fellowship in advance of the dinner. Thanks so much to everyone who came for the set-up.

At about 5:45 our guests started arriving and we filled the tables we had set up. Members of our congregation and their families as well as local community residents came in, sat down and waited while we finished the preparations and got the food into the warmers. Our youth helped some of our more experienced members serve the dinner as everyone went through the buffet line. Thanks so much to everyone who came for dinner and thanks to those who brought desserts to share as well.

The hour went quickly and soon it was time to clean up. Our clean-up crew was incredible and as always, many hands made light work. We were done with the clean-up about 8:00. In addition to the people there, we had take-out meals, several quarts of spaghetti sauce and a few containers of meatballs as well as bread, salad and desserts were taken, too. It was a long day, but very successful, thanks to everyone who participated in any way.

Thanks to Pastor James for facilitating the grant we received from the Mosaic Program of the GNJUMC to support the event.

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Hoagie Sale

Our next sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 21st and 22nd. The funds raised by that sale will go towards the Breath of God Capital Campaign which is paying for the air conditioning in the gym and Lucas Hall. The third hoagie sale of 2024 will be in September, the 20th and 21st, and the proceeds from that will be designated for the heating bill as we head into the winter.

As we did last summer, the June hoagie sale will be a 'buy one (for \$10), give one (for \$5)' sale. If you'd like to donate a hoagie to a local first responder you can add \$5 to your order for each



hoagie you purchase for yourself and a second hoagie will be made and donated. Last year we donated to the Burlington City Police, the Endeavor Emergency Squad

and the Burlington Township Fire Department on the Bypass. All were very appreciative and it's a wonderful way to do some community outreach to those who are serving the community themselves.

Order forms are available in the back of the sanctuary now and online orders are available through the QR code below. Please share and help us make this an impactful annual event.

Orders must be received by Monday, June 17th. Hoagies should be paid for when the order is placed. Please see Michele Hogan or Laura Jaskot if you have any questions.



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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.

Monday June 3, 2024	Funeral services for Midge Smith at the church 10—11AM Visitation; Service 11AM
Wednesday June 5, 2024	<i>Sondheim Remembered</i> Concert 7:00PM (see article)
Sunday June 9, 2024	Music Appreciation Sunday Reception/lunch following worship for Pastor James
Tuesday June 11, 2024	United Women in Faith Picnic 5:00 PM
Sunday June 16, 2024	Summer hours begin. Worship at 10:00AM through September 1st.
Friday & Saturday June 21 –22, 2024	Girls of Grace Hoagie Sale
Wednesday July 17, 2024	<i>Jazz Sanctuary</i> Concert 7:00PM
Wednesday August 14, 2024	<i>Sirens, Songbirds & Showgirls</i> Concert 7:00PM
Sunday September 8, 2024	Sunday School Rally Day 9:45 AM Worship returns to 11:00 AM
Friday & Saturday Sept. 20-21, 2024	Girls of Grace Hoagie Sale
Saturday September 28, 2024	Girls of Grace Annual Yard Sale
Sunday October 20, 2024	Friends and Family Sunday (lunch following worship)
Monday October 21, 2024	Gerald Dickens returns with <i>A Christmas Carol</i>

A Note from the Worship Committee Concerning Flower/Bulletin Dedications

Flower and bulletin dedications have been a staple at BSUMC over the years. The \$10 donation for the bulletin dedication helps pay for the paper and copies of the bulletin. The cost of the flowers has gone up over the years and is directly tied to the cost we are charged by the florist (the current price is \$40) .

At our last Worship Committee meeting, we decided that at least for the foreseeable future starting in July of this year, we will use bouquets of artificial flowers on the altar which will be changed monthly with the season. We will still have live flowers at Christmas and Easter. We will reevaluate at the end of the year and see if there is renewed interest in weekly live bouquets. Bulletin dedications will continue to be available for \$10/week and Jean Tomer will coordinate those. Please consider sponsoring the bulletin if you would like to honor or remember someone.

A Note from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee

We would like to introduce our newly appointed pastor to the congregation. Pastor Temaris will join us effective July 1st. We are sure everyone will make her feel welcome as she adjusts to BSUMC. Here is her official bio:

Rev. Temaris L. Moore, an ordained minister, bi-vocational leader, author, and devoted mother, has over two decades in ministry and twenty-three years teaching inner-city youth. Her career exemplifies significant church leadership, particularly in preaching, teaching, and developing programs, with a deep commitment to community engagement and spiritual education. Dr. Moore's work in youth discipleship and church revitalization showcases her profound grasp of ministry dynamics. With a Doctor of Ministry, she masterfully combines scholarly insights with real-world experience, nurturing vibrant, faith-based communities. Her strategic acumen fosters congregational growth through innovative and inclusive methods, all while balancing her maternal responsibilities with professional dedication.



Important notes for the next few weeks:

Sunday, June 9th, is our last day upstairs in the sanctuary with **11:00AM worship**. It will be our Music Appreciation Sunday (when the choir gets to sing *two* songs, and the praise band will play as well). Following worship, we will meet in Lucas Hall for a coffee hour/lunch to say thanks and goodbye to Pastor James. Pastor James' last Sunday with us is June 16th, but that is Father's Day and we know that some people may have plans. We hope everyone can attend to wish Pastor James well in his new endeavors.

On **Sunday, June 16th** we move our worship downstairs to the air-conditioned chapel and our worship time moves to **10:00AM**. We will have the presentation of scholarships to our college students and the liturgy will include a 'farewell to a pastor.'



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