

THE BEACON

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

The Pastor's Corner

Embracing this Season of Fullness

As the newly appointed pastor of Broad Street UMC, I am filled with an invigorating sense of excitement and purpose in this vibrant season of our community. My commitment to the Great Commission to Go, Reach, & Grow captures not only my immediate goals but also the profound spiritual journey we are destined to embark on together.



The Significance of "Go, Reach, & Grow"

Through the Great Commission, Jesus commands us to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This directive compels us to extend beyond the walls of our church, reaching into the hearts of our community and beyond, fostering growth both spiritually and communally. Our focus is not merely on expansion but on meaningful engagement and nurturing.

The Biblical Number 7: A Symbol of Completeness and Fullness

It is no coincidence that our journey begins in July, the seventh month of the year. This season, I find myself deeply connected to the biblical significance of the number 7, symbolizing completeness and fullness. This number resonates throughout the Scriptures—from the seven days of Creation to the seven seals in Revelation—each occurrence underscoring a cycle of completion and the entirety of God's design.

The concepts of going, reaching, and growing resonate with this divine sense of completeness. As we venture out to evangelize, extend compassion, and expand in both faith and community, we embrace the fullness of our calling in Christ. This journey transcends mere mission fulfillment; it's about attaining spiritual completeness, where every action and

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outreach effort reflects the integrity and fullness of God's plans for us.

Scriptural Connection: The Walls of Jericho

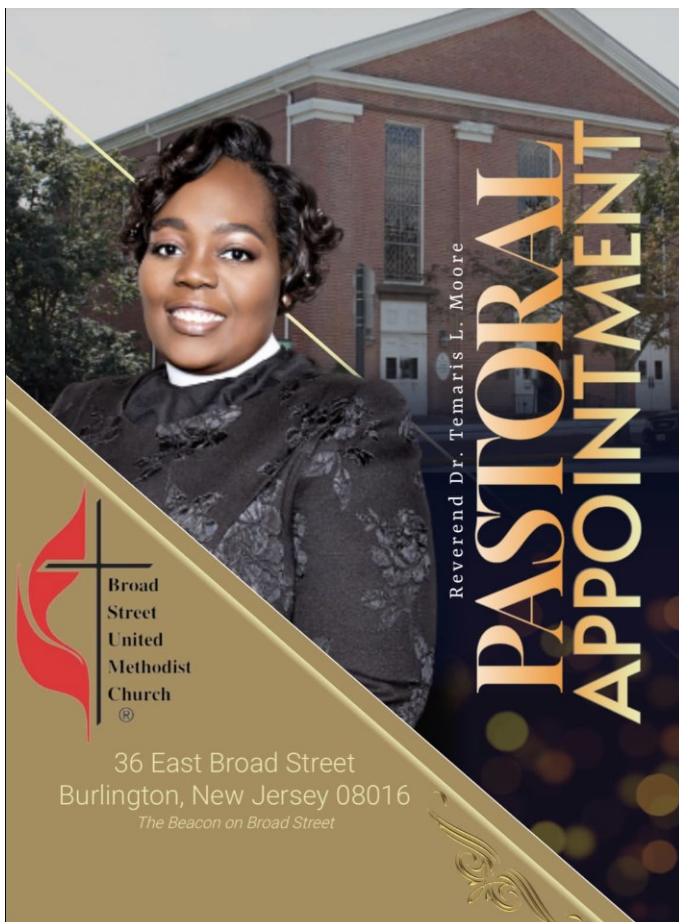
I am reminded of the story of the walls of Jericho (Joshua 6). Here, the number 7 plays a crucial role—seven priests with seven trumpets circle the city for seven days, and on the seventh day, they circle Jericho seven times. This act of faith and obedience resulted in the miraculous falling of the city's walls, illustrating that completeness in God's work often requires persistent faith and action.

In our context, the walls represent barriers to faith and community, barriers that, with persistent effort and God's guidance, we are called to overcome. Each step we take in our mission is a lap around these modern-day Jericho walls, and each outreach is a trumpet call for unity and spiritual awakening.

Moving Forward in Faith

As I lead Broad Street in this season, I remain acutely aware of the completeness we strive to attain: a reflection of the wholeness that God promises. Each initiative, service, and community outreach will mark a step toward reaching the spiritual fullness that defines our shared journey of faith.

I warmly invite each of you to join me in this exhilarating season. Whether by taking part in our missions, getting involved in community services, or simply joining in our worship, your participation is crucial to this journey towards completeness. Together, let's Go, Reach, and Grow, achieving the divine promise of fullness in both our lives and our community.



Concert Wednesday, July 17th

Share the word—bring a friend!

**Roundtable Productions - Delaware Valley
presents**

The Jazz Sanctuary



Join us for a session of jazz standards played in the traditional jazz style

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

7:00 - 9:00PM

at the

Broad Street United Methodist Church

36 E. Broad Street

Burlington, NJ 08016

Tickets: Pre-ordered (pay at the door) - \$20

At the door (not pre-ordered) - \$25

Children and students with ID - \$10

Email concerts@broadstumc.org to reserve your tickets or use the QR code below.

All tickets are paid for at the door

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. Invite a friend to join you and attend the concert together. Pre-order your tickets to save.

You can read more about The Jazz Sanctuary on their website [here](#). They are celebrating their 13th year of creating music together.



Fourth of July Trivia



If you attended church on Sunday, June 30, you were able to participate in our 4th of July Trivia quiz! If not, here are the questions! Answers appear at the bottom! Enjoy and Happy 4th of July!

1. Where and when was the first celebration of Independence Day held?
2. The 4th of July commemorates which document?
3. What is the proper way to fold an American flag?
4. How many stars and stripes does the U.S. flag have?
5. Every July 4th, what food is commonly consumed?
6. Where is the Liberty Bell currently located?
7. On the Declaration of Independence, who had the largest signature?
8. On July 4, 2024 how old will our country be?
9. On December 14, 2024 how old will our church be?



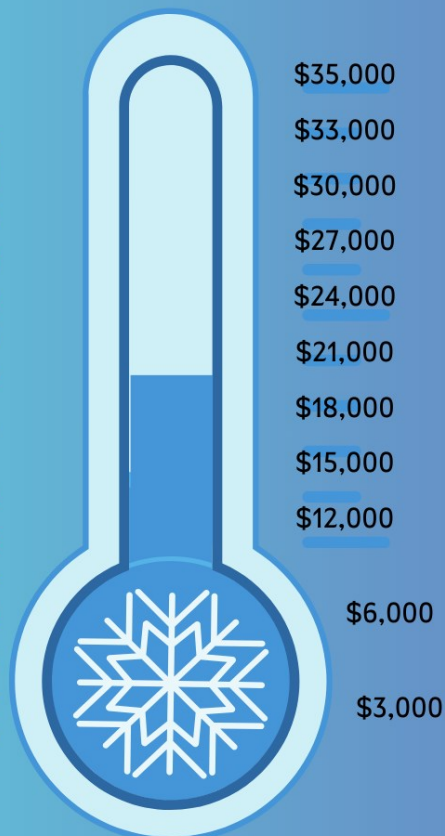


Breath of God Capital Campaign

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. If you have been in Lucas Hall this summer, 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 received donations totaling **\$19,893** so we're 55.3% of the way there. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help.



How are we doing?



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 starting July 14th. Get yours early!

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.

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. Additions (such as meetings) will be added to the calendar as they are scheduled. You can find all of these and other activities at the church on the church calendar on the [website](#).

Sunday July 7, 2024	Celebration of an Appointment of a New Pastor during the 10:00 AM Worship Service
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
Thursday September 12, 2024	Sanctuary Choir practice resumes in Lucas Hall 7:00PM
Monday September 16, 2024	Deadline to order hoagies for the September sale
Friday & Saturday Sept. 20-21, 2024	Girls of Grace Hoagie Sale
Saturday September 28, 2024	Girls of Grace Annual Yard Sale
Saturday October 19, 2024	Set-up for Friends and Family luncheon 9:30AM
Sunday October 20, 2024	Friends and Family Sunday (lunch following worship)
Monday October 21, 2024	Gerald Dickens returns with <i>A Christmas Carol</i>
Saturday November 23, 2024	Decorate the church for Christmas 9:30AM (meet in sanctuary)
Sunday November 24, 2024	Community Thanksgiving Service; time TBD
Wednesday November 27, 2024	Set-up for Thanksgiving Breakfast; time TBD
Thursday November 28, 2024	Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast in Lucas Hall 8:00AM
Friday December 6, 2024	Set-up for Annual Christmas Tea
Saturday December 7, 2024	Annual Christmas Tea Noon-3:00PM (set-up 8:00AM)
Sunday December 15, 2024	Sanctuary Choir Christmas Cantata during worship 11:00AM
Sunday December 15, 2024	Advent Covered Dish Dinner Lucas Hall 4:00PM
Sunday December 22, 2024	Blue Christmas Service 7:00PM
Tuesday December 24, 2024	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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and on Instagram:

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

4th of July Trivia Answers

1. Philadelphia, 1777
2. Declaration of Independence
3. In the shape of a triangle
4. 50 stars, 13 stripes
5. Hot Dogs
6. Philadelphia, PA
7. John Hancock
8. 248 years old
9. 254 years old



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