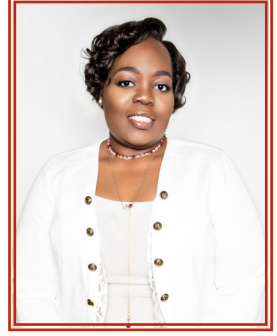


# THE BEACON

The Broad Street United Methodist Church Newsletter

## The Pastor's Corner

### Regroup and Renew: September's Spiritual Invitation



As we step into September, the ninth month of the year, we embrace a season marked by regrouping and renewal. For many, September heralds the return from summer break, the start of school, and the reestablishment of routines. This month offers a unique opportunity for both physical and spiritual regathering, setting the stage for reflection and growth.

In biblical terms, the number nine holds significant meaning, often associated with divine completeness and the fruits of God's Spirit. It reflects the full manifestation of spiritual fruits that God desires to develop in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Each of these attributes can guide us as we enter into the autumn months.

September, with its theme of regrouping, resonates deeply with the ideas presented in 2 Peter 3, where reflection and growth are key themes. This chapter encourages us to consider the Lord's patience as salvation and reminds us to live holy and godly lives as we anticipate His return. It's a call to not only reflect on our personal faith journey but also to actively cultivate our spiritual growth.

As we move through September, let us take this time to regroup, not just in our daily lives but also in our spiritual practices. Let it be a month where we reassess our paths, realign our actions with the fruits of the Spirit, and deepen our commitment to living out our faith authentically and fervently.

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This September, let's embrace the change of season as a divine opportunity to grow closer to God, letting His word in 2 Peter 3 guide our reflections and actions. May this month be a transformative period, filled with new learnings, spiritual deepening, and a refreshed commitment to walk in the ways of the Lord.

In Christ,  
Pastor Temaris

The graphic features a background of autumn leaves and an open Bible. At the top left is the Broad Street United Methodist Church logo. The main text reads: "JOIN US, EVERY Tuesday Beginning October 1st" and "BIBLE STUDY" in large, bold letters. Below this is the quote: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed". A circular portrait of Pastor Temaris is on the right. At the bottom, there are three boxes: "VENUE: Broad Street United Methodist Church", "DATE: EVERY Tuesday 6PM - 7PM", and "with Pastor TEMARIS".

There is so much happening at Broad Street as we enter this fall season!

We are excited to announce that Pastor Temaris will be leading a **Bible study every Tuesday evening from 6PM—7PM** starting **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**. Bring your Bible, bring your friends, bring your questions, thoughts and ideas and meet in Lucas Hall for an engaging study.

Everyone is welcome to join, even if you've never been to a Bible study before. Members and friends from other churches are welcome as well. Mark your calendars for Tuesday evenings starting October 1st.



Do you remember when the choir was this big?  
You can help us get back there.

## September is 'Try Out the Choir' Month

Do you like to sing? Have you always wondered what it would be like to be in the choir? Are you wondering whether or not you're good enough or if you'll like it? Here's your opportunity to find out!

For the month of September, we're inviting all of those interested in finding out what choir is all about to come to our practices on Thursday nights at 7:00. No pressure to sing on Sunday mornings if you don't feel comfortable and no pressure to join permanently - just come see if you like it. We have plenty of room in the choir loft for all voice parts. No try-outs or auditions. Everyone 9th grade and older is welcome. **Choir practice starts Thursday, September 12th** and we sing in worship starting Sunday, September 22nd.

If you determine that you enjoy being in the choir, become a choir member. If you find out that it really isn't for you, that's okay, too. That's what this month is for. Hope to see you on Thursday nights! Come in the back door by Lucas Hall where we practice from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Only want to join us for the Christmas Cantata? That's okay, too. Starting in October, we'll start practice with the cantata so that you can leave after that and not practice the Sunday morning worship songs.

“The only thing better than singing is more singing.”  
– Ella Fitzgerald

And did you know there are health benefits to joining a choir?

1. You feel better due to the release of endorphins and you have better circulation.
2. Enhances your immune system.
3. Reduces stress by reducing the stress hormone Cortisol.
4. Increases social fulfillment. Oxytocin, the hormone associated with love, trust and bonding is released during choral singing.
5. Combats loneliness.
6. Boosts your self-esteem.



**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad**  
**You Did!**

# Broad Street UMC Hoagie Sale

**\$10/hoagie \*includes a bag of chips and a bottle of water\***

Payment in advance is required.

Order deadline is Monday, September 16, 2024



Scan the QR code to order.



Our next **Girls of Grace Hoagie Sale** is **September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**. The deadline to order hoagies is Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. You can give your order forms to Laura Jaskot or Michele Hogan in church up through Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> or order online by scanning the QR code above or clicking [here](#) (you do not need to pay online even if you place your order online).

The Girls of Grace fundraisers support various projects around the church. Our profits from this hoagie sale will be put towards the heating bill for the winter months. We have a large facility and the heating bills in the coldest months of the year are over \$2,000/month! This hoagie sale and the February special offering for heat are important to help us cover those expenses, and we appreciate your support.



The Girls of Grace are currently collecting items for our annual yard sale. Please bring items to church the next few weeks. We are putting the items upstairs in our Sunday School wing in the last classroom on the left, but if you need assistance getting your items upstairs, please ask any member of the Girls of Grace and we will help you or find someone who can. **Please visit our yard sale on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. We start at 9:00AM and end at 2:00PM. You're sure to find some treasures you'll want to take home. Bring a friend, make a day of it and wander down East Union Street on the same day for their annual sale as well.

Join us for the Broad Street Olympics



Games for all ages

**Rally Day**  
**Sunday,**  
**September 8, 2024**  
**9:30AM**



## **RALLY DAY**

Here is something for your calendar!  
September 8, 2024 at 9:45 a.m.

Come and celebrate Rally Day with us at Broad Street! This is the Sunday when our summer hours officially end and fall hours are upon us.

**Sunday School returns at 9:45 and Worship at 11:00 a.m.**

Rally Day is a celebration for our Sunday School participants, children and adults. We will have some special events for all ages.....and let's not forget the refreshments!

In celebration of the recent Olympics in Paris, we will hold our own Olympic events at Broad Street. There will be events for everyone, not just the kids, and there will be prizes!

Put this date on your calendar and we will see you there! We hope to hold most of our events outside (at least those for the children) weather-permitting, but we will move inside if we need to.

Worship will be upstairs in the sanctuary unless it is too hot, in which case we will be in the chapel.



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 are available now. Get yours early! See any member of GOG for your tickets.

# Advent Devotional

By Rev. Dr. Helen Rainier



Are you counting the days until December 25, 2024? I am. It may seem early, but it really is not too early to begin planning, writing, thinking, scheduling, and printing our Advent Devotional Booklet written by the people of Broad Street United Methodist Church in Burlington, New Jersey. My job is to get twenty-five people to write a short devotional which we can make into a wonderful Advent booklet to be given to everyone on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 11:00 am so you can start reading it each day of December beginning on Sunday, December 1, 2024, our first Sunday of Advent.

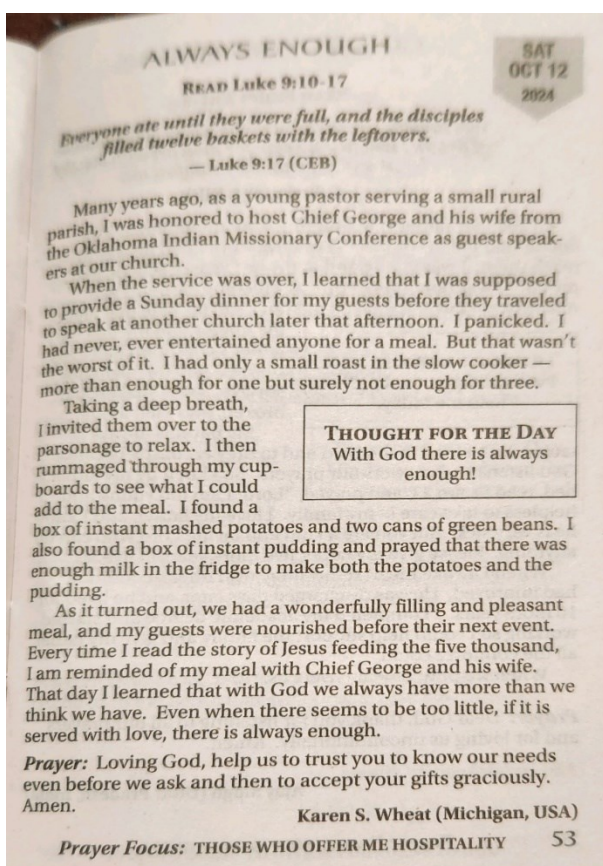
Let me try and make it very simple to do:

1. Think and pray about our theme for Advent 2024:

## Preparing for Christ!

How do you prepare for Christ each year during the Advent season? What are some of the things you do with family, friends, church, or in the community to get ready for Christmas and the coming of Christ?

Now, how are we going to create our booklet? Let's use page 53 from the September/October *Upper Room* as an example.



2. Like the *Upper Room* devotional: we need you to give a title to your devotional. The title in our example is *Always Enough*.

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## Advent Devotional, cont.

3. Choose a Scripture to be read that goes with your devotional. In our example, the scripture is Luke 9:10-17.
4. Then choose one verse of the scripture to sum up your devotional: Luke 9:17 and list your favorite Bible translation like CEB (Common English Bible).
5. Write or type out your devotional. Keep it to one page.
6. Write or type out a one sentence prayer for your devotional.
7. Sum up your devotional in a short “Thought for The Day” like in our example: “With God there is always enough!”
8. Sign it with your name and area in which you live. (Example: Dr. Helen L. Rainier, Columbus, NJ retired pastor) and send or give it to me: Helen L. Rainier [preachycat@aol.com](mailto:preachycat@aol.com) by Sunday, November 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. This will give us enough time to get this all together for Sunday, November 24 so you can start reading on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

I am counting on you - each of you - to make this Advent Booklet a keepsake and a witness of our faith and preparations for Christ this Advent season, so start preparing now and begin to write your Advent devotional. If I don't hear from you by September 30<sup>th</sup>, I will begin to call and send letters, e-mails and so on to remind you to get to it! We can do this, and what a wonderful Advent Season we will have together in 2024 as we read each of the 25 devotionals written by Broad Street United Methodist Church's family and friends.

Thank you so very much.

Dr. Helen L. Rainier  
Advent Devotional Booklet Coordinator

Ways to submit your devotional by Sunday, November 10, 2024:

- Hand it to me in church
- Mail to me: 60 Wagon Wheel Lane Columbus, NJ 08022
- Email me: [preachycat@aol.com](mailto:preachycat@aol.com)
- Email the church office: [office@broadstumc.org](mailto:office@broadstumc.org)





**Broad Street  
United Methodist Church**

*Presents:*

A Family Affair: Together We Serve!  
Joshua 24:15



**&**

# **FRIENDS DAY**

**October 20, 2024**

**TIME: 11:00AM**

**36 E. Broad Street, Burlington, NJ**



**@BroadStreetUMC-Burlington**



Guest Speaker:  
Rev. Ronell Howard  
District Superintendent



Rev. Temaris  
Pastor

Our annual Friends and Family Sunday is coming up soon. **Sunday, October 20th**, will be here before we know it and we have a very special guest preacher that day. We are very excited to share that our District Superintendent, Rev. Ronell Howard, will be here to share that word with us that morning. She is a powerful speaker and you won't want to miss it.

As always, we will follow our service with a free catered luncheon in Lucas Hall. As we get closer to the date, we will ask for a general RSVP so we have an idea of how many to plan for when we're making and ordering the food.

Please invite your friends and family to this special service. Let's fill the sanctuary!

## **ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE**

The date has been set for our annual Church Conference. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 12:00PM. This is the annual business meeting of the church where we elect our leaders for the next year as well as approve our budget.

In the past, when we had a Charge Conference, only elected members of the Administrative Council would attend and vote. Now we have a Church Conference and all members of the church are welcome and encouraged to come and participate in this important meeting. It generally lasts about an hour and is presided over by an elder from another church.

We hope you'll set aside some time to join us and help shape the future of Broad Street United Methodist Church.



# Gerald Dickens in *A Christmas Carol*

*Monday, October 21, 2024  
1:00PM and 7:00PM*

**It's going to be a very busy three days at BSUMC!!** Gerald Dickens is returning to Broad Street UMC on Monday, October 21, 2024, for two performances, 1PM and 7PM. Two days earlier on Saturday our annual Church Conference

is scheduled and the day before is our Friends and Family service so we're packing a lot into those three days, but boy, will we be ready for this tale of renewal and rebirth come Monday!

Tickets are [available](#). They are \$20/adults and \$18/students and seniors in advance. All tickets are \$20 at the door.

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! If you are bringing a dessert to Friends and Family, consider making extra for us to use at the reception.***

***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, 10/21, 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!

**We have exciting news as well!** A woman who has attended the show the last couple of years is a writer for *AARP Magazine* as well as *NJ Monthly*. Last year she mentioned our show in her *NJ Monthly* article on things to do in Burlington. This year she has approval to write an article about Gerald's tour for *AARP Magazine* (not sure if it's the print or the online version or both) but we will be mentioned in her article in the October edition of *AARP Magazine*, so be on the lookout for that!



# 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](#).

Sunday September 8, 2024	Sunday School Rally Day 9:45 AM Worship returns to 11:00 AM
Monday September 9, 2024	Administrative Council Meeting in the chapel 7:00PM
Tuesday September 10, 2024	United Women in Faith meeting in Lucas Hall 1:00PM
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
Tuesday September 17, 2024	Girls of Grace meeting in Lucas Hall 1:00PM
Friday & Saturday Sept. 20-21, 2024	Girls of Grace Hoagie Sale
Saturday September 28, 2024	Girls of Grace Annual Yard Sale
Tuesdays Starting October 1	Bible Study with Pastor Temaris in Lucas Hall 6:00PM
Saturday October 19, 2024	Set-up for Friends and Family luncheon 9:30AM
Saturday October 19, 2024	Annual Church Conference in Chapel 12:00PM
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](http://www.broadstumc.org)

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We're on Twitter:

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Broad Street United Methodist Church

# Blue Christmas

JOIN US THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FOR OUR BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
AT 7PM

A TIME FOR THOSE WHO SEEK A QUIETER, MORE REFLECTIVE CELEBRATION. GATHER WITH US IN A SERENE SPACE TO HONOR OUR MIXED EMOTIONS WITH PRAYER, MUSIC, AND COMFORTING WORDS, FINDING SUPPORT AND PEACE TOGETHER DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME OF YEAR.

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