



The Broad View

February 2025



A note from the Pastor

In October 1915 "Scientific American" magazine published a piece which told about an employee at the Patent Office in Washington DC who wrote the following in a letter. The year was 1833... *"Dear Sir, Because everything that can be invented has already been invented, it is inevitable that this office should go out of business. In as much as I shall soon lose my position, I hereby resign to look for work elsewhere. Sincerely,"*

At that time there was no telephone or telegraph; no automobile or bicycle, or airplane or wireless, and people walked miles and miles to get sight of a railroad. Today there are millions of patents. Whoever wrote that letter clearly lacked vision.

Vision is more than a buzzword; it has become a necessary tool of every church. Vision is not what we dream about during a Sunday afternoon nap or after eating spicy chili after 10 PM. It is rarely a "burning bush" experience like Moses'. Vision, as modeled in scripture and throughout church history, came as God's people saw the needs around them and sought God for God's guidance for what he wanted them to do. Moses leading the people of Israel out of Egypt, David's fighting Goliath, Nehemiah's rebuilding the temple wall, Jesus' calling His disciples, Paul's writing to the church in Corinth— these and other stories in scripture indicate the vision of these leaders. They saw in their mind a future that was preferred more than the present. And their vision propelled them forward to do courageous things.

We are in a new season at Broad Street and to help us cast a vision, the staff and I chose a theme for us to guide us this year: **"G.R.O.W. Forward Together."** "G.R.O.W." stands for: **G**od- our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer who is first in our lives and brings us together; **R**elationships- with God, each other, and the community; **O**pportunities- there are plenty of ways to use our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in the community and church; and **W**orship- we humbly give ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. These 4 words, I believe are essential to who we are at Broad Street while we look to the future together. Yes, we are in a new year and new season at Broad Street, but I firmly believe that God is actively using us to build His Kingdom here! So let us **G.R.O.W. Forward Together!** Love you all!

Rev. Justin Ritter



From the Trustees Committee:

- 1- At this time, Broad Street UMC will not host any same gender weddings on church grounds.
- 2- There shall be no food or drink taken into the Sanctuary except for water and communion supplies.

 **Confirmation**
 Class will begin February 2



WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US FOR TACO WEDNESDAY!



FEBRUARY 5TH - 6PM **CIRCLE #2**

HOCKEY GAME

SWAMP RABBITS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

GAME STARTS @ 3:00 PM
 BON SECOURS WELLNESS ARENA



TACO THURSDAY

EL POBLANO



FEBRUARY 20 @ 6 PM

BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 6 Joe Nelson
- Feb 7 Joe Fuller
- Feb 14 Katherine Reid
- Feb 15 Doug Terry
- Feb 17 Ashley Tate
- Feb 19 Billy Ballard
- Feb 20 Tim Wesson
- Feb 20 Jo Shouse
- Feb 21 Brian Wessinger
- Feb 26 Ben McElrath
- Feb 26 Bob Smith
- Feb 26 Joseph Milner

Join us for a

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



9 AM **8 MARCH**

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**BROAD STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 CUNNINGHAM CENTER**

ADULTS \$10 KIDS \$5

Weekly Children's ministries

- *Sunday School @ 9:30am Classes all ages, Hodges Hall Wing
 - *Children's Church Weekly 2k-5th Grade - following children's moments, except Communion Sundays
 - *Sunday/Wednesday Nursery is available weekly for NB-5k
 - *Wednesday Evening Fellowship - Children's Community Choir - Dinner and practice weekly @ 6pm with Mrs. Ruth
- All are welcome!

For Info: Charis Sloan at nicesk8ing@gmail.com

*Wednesday Bible Study
 @ 6:00 PM*

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Beth Copeland

Budget: Russ & Barbara Emerson, Ann P. Martin, Tim & Barbara Bedenbaugh

Capital Maintenance: Jane Rainwater; Tyler & Melinda Darden, Lois Ann, Layton and Michael Porter; Ed & Heather Gore, Jane Ames, Jeff Duncan, The Brazill Family, Bee Young, Mary Bryson Lee, Greg, Sara & Liz Fairey, Mary Bruce Bagwell Estate. Shirley McLean, Walter & Patsy Hughes, Amy Alexander, Lisa Keen, Suzie & Jim Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Copeland

Children's Dept.: James & Margie Martin

Handbells: Joe & Sue Fuller, Leanne Fuller & Sara Beth Gilbert

WARM: Bob & Leigh Smith, Warren & Lucy Finney, Jim & Anna Barton, Betty Copeland

The Kitchen Fund: Avie Phillips Family

Mary Jean Timmerman

WARM: Jim & Anna Barton

Marion Simmons

WARM: Charles & Mary Buice, Bob & Leigh Smith, David & Sara Ramage, Betty Copeland, Warren & Lucy Finney, Mary Frances Creighton

Capital Maintenance: Nancy Simmons, Joyce S. Farmer, Jean S. Putnam, Walter & Patsy Sadler Hughes, Mr. Mrs. Thomas L. Copeland

Budget: Tim & Barbara Bedenbaugh

GIFTS IN HONOR OF:

Walter Hughes' Birthday

WARM: Caroline Hughes

David & Sara Ramage have given the Following Honorariums to WARM:

Broad St. Staff, Elizabeth Copeland, George Stewart, Gus & Suzanne Ramage. Don & Susan Adams, Jay & Donna Peay, G & Boo Ramage and Laurie & Joseph Dyches

James & Margie Martin

Landscape Maintenance: Billy Ballard

David & Sara Ramage

WARM: G & Boo Ramage

Counting Our Blessings through 1/26/2025

Total Budget for 2024	\$395,839
YTD Budget Needs	\$30,449
YTD Budget Received	\$21,095
YTD Budget Over/(Deficit)	(\$9,354)

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*Questions about EGiving? Ask our staff, visit our website, or call the church office.*

### *Flower Calendar*

*The flower calendar for 2025 is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.*

*If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, sign up on the calendar or call the church office.*

Charles Buice wishes to thank the congregation and others for their cards, food, phone calls, and prayers as far away as Romania during his bout with high blood sugar.

At age 97 1/2, he spent his first night in our local hospital where he received excellent treatment! A special thanks, also, to Russ Emerson for the part he played in building and equipping the hospital years ago.

May God bless all of you!

Charles Buice

*Thank you*

*A calendar for February can be found on the church website: [www.broadstreet-umc.org](http://www.broadstreet-umc.org)*