



BROADWAY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

March 6, 2016

Living Abundantly

Womyn's Herstory Month/Lent 4

Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us for worship as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion today. The United Methodist Church practices "open communion" which means that any and all who respond to the invitation are welcome to share in the Sacrament.

Visitors: Please record your **complete address**, as well as your name, on the registers. We'd like to send you a greeting! If you would like to take a short tour of the church building and grounds, meet one of our greeters at the Welcome Center after the service.

Inclusive Language Here at Broadway we have an inclusive language policy that recognizes and affirms the full range of diversity among persons engaged in the communication process. We are intentional that our imagery of God as well as our liturgy reflect that inclusiveness. *We use a variety of pronouns for God, just as our community uses a variety of pronouns as we grow and learn beyond the binary. In the spirit of hospitality, please ask others for their preferred pronoun.* The pastors are available to answer any questions you might have regarding the policy. The entire inclusive language policy can be found on the website. A further resource by Paul Smith, *Is it Okay to call God Mother?* is available through the church office.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Stewardship Cards: As you worship with the Broadway community today, you are invited to share in a personal way. The orange card that is in the pew pockets is for you to express how you are or might be in service to God and community this week. It is also a place for you to share prayer concerns. Use as much or as little of the card as you like. The cards will be viewed **ONLY** by the pastors. By placing this card in the offering plate you are symbolically acknowledging your gifts of time and talents to the glory of God.

Song numbers with the designation "FS" refer to selections from *The Faith We Sing* books. All other selections are from the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

Giving Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses — both are deserving of your support. Please be as generous as you can in the year ahead. To give online, visit us at broadwaychurchchicago.com/give or scan the QR code at right. Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!



Words of Centering

“Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.”

~ Robert Frost

Music of Gathering

Welcome Statement of Community and Connection

God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We are open and affirming, we are anti-racist, we are reconciling.

All are welcome here.

We are of all races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and physical or mental capacities.

All are welcome here.

We are black, brown, white — all the colors of God’s creative rainbow.

All are welcome here.

We are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, asexual, queer and questioning.

All are welcome here.

We are transgender, agender, gender non-conforming, female and male.

All are welcome here.

We are every age, every economic and theological location; we are living with mental illness, with HIV and AIDS; we are living with addiction and are in recovery.

All are welcome here.

We are from Chicago, from another state, from another country. We are many kinds of family: single, married, partnered, divorced, adopted, blended.

All are welcome here.

We name who is in the room not as a way to label one another but to claim the many gifts that each one of us brings. As we claim our identity the one that we all have in common is that we are God’s Beloved. God names us and claims us as God’s own.

(Please check in on Facebook and/or on Twitter @ChicagoBUMC, wifi password is 7733482679, and pass the friendship pads to register your attendance and any updated contact information.)

Welcome to worship, God’s beloved!

YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!

***Call to Worship**

We gather this day as people of God — waiting, praising, expecting...

We wait for the spirit to move; we praise God in the meantime and with open hearts we expect abundant life.

We gather in the name of God — claiming our belovedness, sharing our stories, speaking our truth.

During this time of Lent God calls us to walk together and find strength in each other.

You are our hiding place, oh God; you preserve us from trouble and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

We rejoice and give thanks to a God of love and abundance.

***Singing Together**

“Womb of Life” FS 2046

A Time for Young Christians

[During the Time for Young Christians, you are invited to use the Prayer Cards in the pew pockets to indicate prayer concerns you would like lifted up in prayer during this week. They can be placed in the offering plate or posted on the prayer wall. Children are invited to remain in the service today.]

***God’s Story in Scripture**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Meanwhile, the tax collectors and the “sinners” were all gathering around Jesus to listen to his teaching, at which the Pharisees and the religious scholars murmured, “This person welcomes sinners and eats with them!” Jesus then addressed a parable to them. He added, “A man had two sons. The younger of them said to their father, ‘Give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.’ So the father divided up the property between them. Some days later, the younger son gathered up his belongings and went off to a distant land. Here he squandered all his money on loose living. After everything was spent, a great famine broke out in the land, and the son was in great need. So he went to a landowner, who sent him to a farm to take care of the pigs. The son was so hungry that he could have eaten the husks that were fodder for the pigs, but no one made a move to give him anything. Coming to his senses at last, he said, ‘How many hired hands at my father’s house have more than enough to eat, while here I am starving! I’ll quit and go back home and say, “I’ve sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called one of you children. Treat me like one of your hired hands.”’” With that, the younger son set off for home. While still a long way off, the father caught sight of the returning child and was deeply moved. The father ran out to meet him,

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* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Bold type within liturgy indicates congregational response.

threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, 'I've sinned against God and against you; I no longer deserve to be called one of your children.' But his father said to one of the workers, 'Quick! Bring out the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Take the calf we've been fattening and butcher it. Let's eat and celebrate! This son of mine was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and now he's found!' And the celebration began. Meanwhile the elder son had been out in the field. As he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the workers and asked what was happening. The worker answered, 'Your brother is home, and the fattened calf has been killed because your father has him back safe and sound.' The son got angry at this and refused to go in to the party, but his father came out and pleaded with him. The older son replied, 'Look! For years now I've done every single thing you asked me to do. I never disobeyed even one of your orders, yet you never gave me so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends. But then this son of yours comes home after going through your money with prostitutes, and you kill the fattened calf for him!' 'But my child!' the father said. 'You're with me always, and everything I have is yours. But we have to celebrate and rejoice! This brother of yours was dead and has come back to life. He was lost and now he's found.'"

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Receiving God in Song

"Total Praise" (by Richard Smallwood)

[Broadway Choir]

Reflection

"Living Abundantly: Coming Home"

[Rev. Vernice Thorn]

2016 Stewardship: Celebrating Abundant Life

Call to Offering

The Offering of Gifts

[Broadway is committed to the financial support of its identity, vision, and ministry by tithing. Consider making an offering this morning of 10 percent of your income from this past week.]

The Offering Of Music

[Greg Harris, soloist]

***The Presentation of Offerings**

[The gifts of Bread and Wine ^ will be brought forward during the singing.]

***Doxología (tune # 95)**

**A Dios el Padre Celestial Al hijo nuestro Redentor
Y al eternal Consolador Unidos todos alabad.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

Invitation to the Table

Singing Together

“Taste and See”..... FS 2267

(Soloist will sing verses; congregation will join in the chorus.)

Words of Institution

When Jesus sat at tables and broke bread with tax collectors, lawyers, rich elites, and poor peasants, he proclaimed that God’s gracious love and abiding presence know no bounds. Through these occasions of sharing food, all people experienced God and shared in God’s Kin-dom. A Kin-dom where all are welcome, worthy, and invited. A Kin-dom where lives are transformed and empowered. A Kin-dom where the fruit of God’s gentle justice blooms throughout all Creation.

All people, including each of us, are invited to share in this sacred meal of celebration, and be strengthened by the presence of God in this place.

We remember that Jesus fed 5,000 hungry people with five loaves of bread and two fish. At this miraculous meal, there was such an abundance of food that everyone ate until they were full — and there were even twelve baskets of food left over.

Loving God, we celebrate Your abundant care and solidarity, revealed in this meal.

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[^] We use unfermented grape juice for the Sacrament.

We remember that Jesus joined a great banquet with Levi, the despised tax collector. And despite the complaints of some, Jesus welcomed Levi, and invited him to repent and enjoy a fresh beginning at life.

Gracious God, we celebrate Your transforming presence, revealed in this meal.

We remember that while sharing a meal with Pharisees, Jesus welcomed a woman viewed as an outsider. As the woman anointed his feet with oil, Jesus declared her dignity before everyone at the meal.

Mothering God, we celebrate Your gracious inclusiveness, revealed in this meal.

At these meals, Jesus and the disciples, both women and men, resisted the divisions, injustice, and violence of society. They lived out an alternative reality — the Kin-dom of God — a place of love, justice, and community. Today we celebrate these meals and ministries.

We do this in remembrance of You as we also remember those who have no food to eat, who have no place to call home and those who are not free to be who You created them to be.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup

Prayer of the Spirit

Generous God, bless each of us, and the meal we will share, so we may be opened to your abiding presence, nourished by your gracious love, and strengthened by your resurrection power. Amen.

Come taste the Kin-dom, and know God is present with us here.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

[You are invited to exit from one end of your pew and return by the other end of the pew at the direction of the ushers. You may bring your food offering⁺ to the Chancel as you come to receive the elements of Communion.]

Communion Hymns

“Here I Am, Lord” # 593

“Spirit of the Living God”..... # 393

⁺ As part of our celebration of Holy Communion, we will receive an offering of nonperishable food and other requested items. The local area food pantries and shelters then distribute items. Broadway has been asked to consider particularly gifts of Spam or canned meats; plastic and paper grocery bags; whole grain items such as whole wheat pasta, quinoa & other whole grains, brown rice; and pet food. “As we are fed, so we are called to feed.”

Announcements

***Benediction**

***Song of Sending**

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” FS 2241

***Greeting One Another**



LITURGICAL RESOURCES
Call to Worship written by Rev. Vernice Thorn.
Other liturgy adapted by Rev. Thorn from previous Broadway UMC Liturgy.
Scripture from *The Inclusive Bible*. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009.

TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: All the People	Broadway Choir Director: Jacqueline Boyd
Acolyte: Camille Clark Spalek	Pianist: Mark Slima
Liturgists and Communion Stewards: Augusta Clusen Moses and Camille Clark Spalek	Environment: Scott McGowan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY — MARCH 6, 2016

Sunday Morning Adult Education: A Season of Becoming: Restoring and being restored for the transformation of the church and world. As the season of Lent begins, we are invited into a period of self-reflection, preparation, and spiritual growth as we engage in the holy work of becoming. The Spirit moves through this season to free us from that which binds our growth as we are drawn more deeply into the truth of who we are, into the possibilities of who we can become, and of the justice we are called to seek together. Please join us **Sunday mornings during Lent, at 10:15am** in the pillow room for a lively time of discussion and reflection. Readings available www.rmnetwork.org/lent or hard copies at church.

THIS WEEK — MARCH 7 TO 12, 2016

Alka's Angle and Vernice's View Revs. Alka and Vernice share thoughts each alternating week through the **weekly Monday e-news**. If you aren't already subscribed to our e-news, click the mailing list link either on our website or on our facebook page, or contact the office.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Sanctuary Prayer is open to the church and community **each Wednesday at 5:30pm**. Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for prayer and consultation. **WNL! Guided Meditation** in the Sanctuary at **6pm on Wednesdays**. If you're interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation. **WNL! Bible Study** We have started our New Testament Disciple Bible Study. There are still study manuals and room if you care to join us. All are invited and welcome!

Women's Retreat 2016: Living Abundantly

"Walking the labyrinth, thinking of the frustrating turns in women's lives How empowering to find Christ at the center where Mother Spirit leads us. As we yield to the path, the mind slows and quiets, the voice of the heart can be heard Telling us how to be prophetic change makers. If we keep on walking through confusion, speaking our truth, we enter the dwelling place of peace." ~ Rev Diane Brelford

We invite you again this year to Retreat. Our guiding words from Rev. Brelford encourage us to "yield to the path...to find peace as we walk the labyrinth...speaking truth as the Spirit leads." We are called to this time and place to find strength in each other as we continue our justice journeys and as we answer the calls on our individual as well as our communal lives. We invite you to this retreat on **March 12, 2016, between 10am and 3pm** at the home of Tami and Brian Marron. The address is 655 W Buckingham Pl, right down the street from Broadway. Space will be limited so reserve your space now. RSVP's accepted by any of the pastoral staff. **(When you rsvp, please include your name, preferred pronoun, cell phone number, and email. We would appreciate your response by Monday, March 7.)** Please bring your favorite snack and beverage.

Living abundantly is an important part of our journey here at Broadway as we live authentically and justly. This womyn's retreat is an invitation to those who identify as trans*, female, queer, gender non conforming, and a-gender. Come and share story and a meal as we learn together what it means to live abundantly. Suggested donation to defray cost is \$10. Hope to see YOU there!

NEXT SUNDAY — MARCH 13, 2016

Living Abundantly/Lent 5

Preaching: Rev. Alka Lyall

Lectionary: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Spring Forward Don't Forget!! Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 2:00am and ends Sunday, November 6, 2016, at 2:00am. **Move your clocks ahead one hour in spring (this year on the evening of Saturday, March 12th)** and back one hour in fall ("Spring forward, fall back").

COMING SOON

Multicultural Series Movie Night Monday, March 14 at 7pm. See flyer on page 10.

Easter Flowers Please complete and return the insert – along with cash or a check payable to Broadway UMC (please specify "EASTER FLOWERS" on the memo) – to the church office or an environment team member **by Sunday, March 20.**

Sunday Brunch at Charolette's Sign up for **March 20th** (the February date is full) for brunch at Charolette's; donations will be taken for Broadway. Charolette's home is across the street from church. Questions? Contact Charolette at lill621@aol.com.

Save the Date: The Night Ministry is celebrating its 40 year anniversary with "Lighting Up the Night" on **Wednesday, June 1, from 5:30-9pm** at the Lowes Hotel Chicago. Cocktails, dinner, silent and live auction celebrating forty years of housing, health care and human connection.

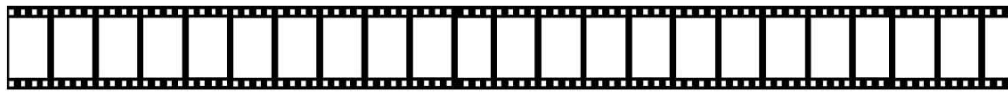
March Mission Minutes:

About Step Up Women's Network: Founded in 1998, Step Up is a nonprofit organization that inspires women to inspire girls, believing that all girls should have the opportunity to fulfill their potential. Step Up offers after-school programs and mentorship events to 13 to 18-year-old girls at five high schools throughout Chicago. **Mission:** Step Up empowers girls from under-resourced communities to become confident, college-bound, career-focused, and ready to join the next generation of professional women. **Impact:** For five straight years, 100% of Step Up seniors have graduated high school and been accepted into college. **Girls' Profile:** Step Up reaches 800 high school girls, many of whom often live below the poverty line. They often face difficult family situations like violence, abuse, addiction, illness, unemployment or homelessness. Most of these students will be the first in their family to attend college. **Programs:** The 9th and 10th grade curriculum focuses on building confidence while the 11th and 12th graders focus on preparing for college and career exploration. This includes securing professional internships, researching potential colleges, and securing funding for higher education. Your generous donations will support the success of Step Up teens. Visit <https://www.suwn.org> for more information.

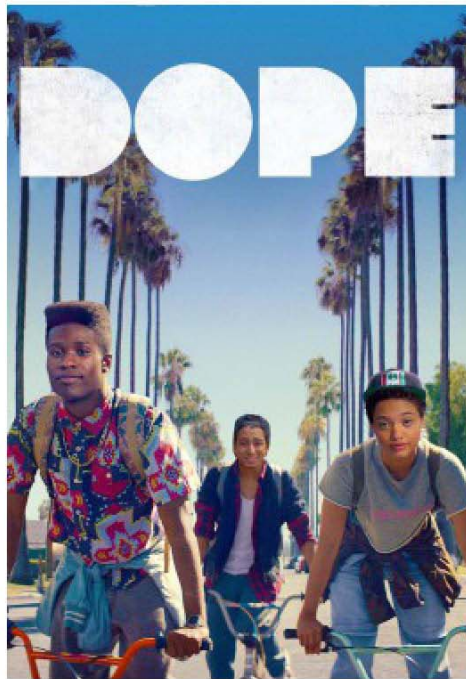
About Lee Memorial Girls' High School: Lee Memorial Mission was founded more than a century ago, with the goal to spread the word of God in the city of Calcutta. Children brought into the home are provided a secure life. All round education is provided to the children with an endeavor to teach the children simple hygienic living for a healthy body and mind. The lives that are saved and nurtured continue to grow and serve as a witness to others. The school is growing and serves as a beacon of light to hundreds of underprivileged students. Today, Lee Memorial Girls' High School is one of the oldest and most prestigious Bengali medium schools in Calcutta. umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/00679B.

You can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate "March Mission Minute" (split between both) or "Step Up" or "Lee Memorial." You can also donate [online](#).

**Broadway United Methodist Church
Multicultural Series**



MOVIE NIGHT



Monday

March 14

7 p.m.

**Broadway United
Methodist Church
Sanctuary**

3338 N Broadway

? call 773 529-4740



Broadway UMC Calendar: Week of March 6, 2016

Sunday	9:00 a.m. Meditation and Reflection Service: Holy Communion [Sanctuary]
March 6	10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time [Friendship Hall] 10:15 a.m. Sunday Adult Education Hour: A Season of Becoming + [Pillow Room] 10:15 a.m. Kaleidoscope Choir and Unique Spirit [Wesley Room and Music Office] 11:00 a.m. Festival Service: Holy Communion [Sanctuary] 11:15 a.m. Children's Education Time [Wesley Room] 12:30 p.m. Money Ministry meeting [Room B] 5:00 p.m. Dignity Mass* [Sanctuary and Friendship Hall] 6:00 p.m. Dignity Lent Dinner and Discussion [Wesley Room] 6:00 p.m. CMA Group* [Area C] 7:00 p.m. 12 Step Meditation Meeting* [Room B] Overnight Ohio Wesleyan Chicago Spectrum Mission Program (March 5-12)
Monday	6:00 p.m. Worship Planning meeting [Wesley Room]
March 7	7:30 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
March 8	7:00 p.m. NA Group* [Wesley Room]
Wednesday	12:15 p.m. AA Group* [Wesley Room]
March 9	5:30 p.m. Open Sanctuary + [Sanctuary] 6:00 p.m. Guided Meditation + [Sanctuary] 7:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study (New Testament) + [Sanctuary] 7:00 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B] 8:00 p.m. Candlelight AA Group* [Wesley Room]
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Broadway Choir rehearsal [Sanctuary]
March 10	
Friday	6:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
March 11	7:30 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]
Saturday	10:00 a.m. Womyn's Retreat + [Tami Marron's house]
March 12	4:00 p.m. Youth Lounge [Area C]

Bold face indicates BUMC sponsored activities

*Community Group

+ see announcements

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BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”



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