



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m.

June 19, 2016

# *Trusting the Way*



# *A Retirement Celebration*





## Processional

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith” (by Carlton Pearson)

[Broadway Choir]

## Call to Welcome: Faith Reflection

[Rev. Vernice Thorn]

## Welcome Statement of Community and Connection

*(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.)*

[Co-Lay Leaders:] We are Broadway Church and we gather as a beloved community.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family.**

[Relationship Builders:] We are anti-racist, we are open and affirming, we are reconciling.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family.**

[Anti-Racist White Caucus:] We are black, brown, white...all the many colors of God’s rainbow.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family.**

[People of Color Discussion Group:] We are gay, straight, bisexual, asexual, queer and questioning.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family.**

[Money Ministry Team:] We are female, transgender, gender non-conforming, male, a-gender.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family.**

[Young Christians:] We are every age, every economic location, and every theological location.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family.**

[Property Caregivers:] We are many kinds of families – married, single, partnered, divorced, adopted and fostered.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family.**

[Congregational Care and Sowers:] We are living with mental illness, we are living with HIV/AIDS, we are living with differently abled bodies.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family.**

[Youth Lounge:] We are living with addiction and in recovery, we are living in joy, we are living wounded.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family.**

[Pastoral Staff:] We name who is in the room – not to label one another but to claim the wonderful gifts of identity that each of us brings. The most important identity of all is that we are God’s beloved. God’s Beloved, welcome to worship.

**In all our diversity we choose to be family. We are beloved! We are welcome!**

## Special Music

**“I Need You to Survive”** (by Hezekiah Walker)

[Broadway Choir]

## God’s Story in Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-3a

But now, Leah and Rachel and Jacob, hear the word of YHWH — the One who created you, the One who fashioned you, Israel: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the seas, I will be with you; when you pass over the rivers, you will not drown. Walk through fire, and you will not be singed; walk through flames and you will not be burned. I am YHWH, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your deliverer.

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word.

**Amen.**

## Special Music

**“Your Servant I Will Be”** (by Mark Patterson)

[Unique Spirit]

## 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** following the Time for Young Christians.]*

## 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**

#### **\*The Presentation of Offerings**

#### **\*Doxología**

(tune # 95)

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

#### **\*The Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray: **Most Holy One we offer these gifts with grateful hearts, may you bless them so that your kin-dom of love and justice may continue to expand in our communities and in the world. And loving Creator we give thanks for the gift of Vernice's inclusive ministry which gives us true cause to celebrate an abundant life. In the name of the living Christ we pray. Amen!**

### **God's Story in Scripture**

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the mountains — from where will my help come? My help comes from YHWH, who made heaven and earth! YHWH won't let our footsteps slip: our Guardian of Israel will never slumber, never sleep! YHWH is our Guardian; YHWH is our shade: with God by our side, the sun cannot overpower us by day, nor the moon at night. YHWH guards us from harm, guards our lives. YHWH guards our leaving and our coming back, now and forever.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Reflection**

**“Trusting the Way”**

[Rev. Vernice Thorn]

**Special Music**

**“In This Very Room”** (by Carol Water Harris)

[Broadway Choir and Praise Dancers]

**Words of Celebration**

*[Each one of these organizations represents an important part of Vernice’s journey. The AME Church represents the foundation of her call to ministry. The UMC, through Broadway, represents her present ministry. The CWACM represents her future.]*

African Methodist Episcopal Church.....Presiding Elder, Rev. Thomas Hughes

Chicago Northwestern District UMC.....Letter from Superintendent, Rev. Zaki Zaki

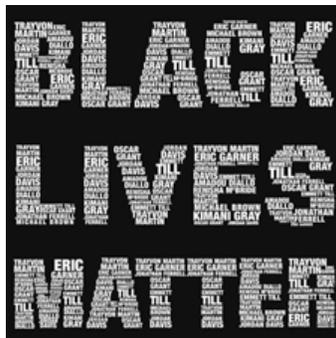
Church Within A Church Movement..... Executive Director, Cathy Knight

**Singing Together**

**“There’s a Spirit of Love”** (by Mark Miller)

**Prayer of Sending**

**\*Benediction**



**\*Hymn of Sending**

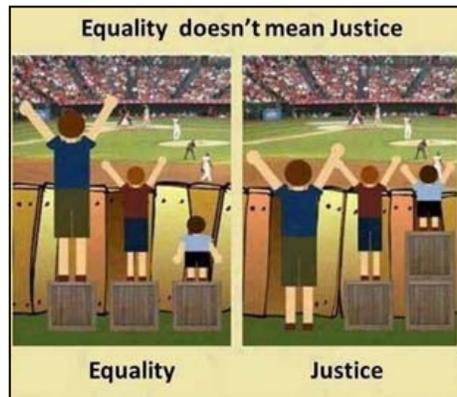
**“Draw the Circle Wide”** (by Mark Miller)

**Postlude**

**“Let There Be Peace on Earth”** (by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson)

[Tim Barnes, organ; Sean-Edward Hall, piano]

**Please join us downstairs in Area C for a time of celebration saying thank you,  
sharing stories and saying good-bye to Vernice!**



**LITURGICAL RESOURCES**

**Scripture** from *The Inclusive Bible*. Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2009.

**TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS**

**Ministers:** All the People

**Acolytes:** Camille Clark Spalek and Isa Echeverría

**Ushers:** Augusta Clusen Moses and Javarus Mack

**Words of Centering:** Charless Keenan

**First Scripture:** Sydney Pfeiffer

**Second Scripture:** Nina Pfeiffer

**Environment:** Scott McGowan

**Broadway Choir Director:** Jacqueline Boyd

**Unique Spirit Directors:** Emily McConnell, Jenn Peterson,  
and Ruthanne Swanson

**Pianists:** Sean-Edward Hall, Jenn Peterson, Mark Slima

**Organist:** Tim Barnes

My Broadway Family,

The reality of transition, however it happens, is never easy. In this instance of leaving, my heart aches as I say goodbye to you, my chosen family.

As I came to the decision that my time at Broadway was ending, I wondered and still wonder what life will be after Broadway. I wonder how I will continue without you. And then I realized, I will never be without you. You are a permanent part of me, so where I go, I take you with me. That is the wonderful thing about memories. I can reflect and process for many years to come. And it's not just memories; in fifteen years you have shaped and reshaped – defined and redefined who I am – both professionally and personally. I am a different person because of you, Broadway.

I believe that all parties involved in a mutual relationship learn and grow and that is what makes it good and meaningful. I am a different “me” than when I started at Broadway, a somewhat naïve and idealistic student. The “me” you helped create is passionate and committed and confident in who I am and the call on my life – a call to inclusive and welcoming communities; a call to justice and equity.

People are asking, “what will you do?” I love that question and my answer, “I will retire.” I love it because it challenges me to lean into the uncertainty of life as I search for my own take and meaning of the word “retire”. One of the important lessons I have learned at Broadway is that answers are not binary – this or that – they are on a continuum, a spectrum of possibilities. And that is the exciting part about retirement – the possibilities. As I think back to my life before Broadway, my options felt very limited. You taught me to look uncertainty in the eye and embrace it as valid and real. And to keep it moving, staying on the journey, stumbling and falling sometimes, but staying the course, nonetheless.

I've tried to prepare as much as possible for this time, realizing that we can never be totally prepared for any aspect of our journey. And thank God for that. When we live in certainty, we worry so much about what needs to happen, what we wish will happen in our lives. And often we miss the everyday opportunity to just be present to what is. We are anxious, and so the beautiful sunrise or sunset go unnoticed; we forget to smell the roses or fail to hear the morning call of the cardinal. We aren't aware of our fellow sojourners because we are apprehensive about tomorrow. I'm not saying, never think about tomorrow, I am saying don't let it overwhelm our living of today. Breathe and live! That is a part of my answer when I say I'm retiring. I'm going to breathe and live – defining each new day as an opportunity. That is only one of the many lessons that you, Broadway, have taught me.

I want to say a special thank you to the appointed pastors and the student pastors who have shared this journey, through the years, with me. I want to thank each parishioner who has trusted me to marry, baptize, eulogize, counsel, comfort and just be with you as pastor. I want to thank our young people, who have taught me how to be enthusiastic and in awe of the world. I want to thank the leadership and staff of Broadway for the ways in which you have shared your gifts. I want to thank each of you for the part you have played in my life. You can't begin to know your impact.



I wish you well both individually and collectively. Know that you will forever live in my heart. I love you and give thanks for the many years of love and support we have given to each other.

As we continue our journeys, I take you with me. My last thoughts to you are: “trust the way” – live each day in love with yourself and with the world – never let injustice have the last word – know that you are beloved, “fearfully and wonderfully made” – know that you are never alone – embrace the questions – and breathe!

See you on the justice trail!

Your friend and ally, Vernice, Retired Broadway Pastor

### **June Mission Minutes**

*Each month, your donation to the mission minutes will be split between the two monthly projects; at least one is a UMC Rainbow Covenant Advance. If you want your entire donation to go to a particular mission, just mark your check or envelope with the specific name of the mission or advance. In addition: each month we offer an action alert; another way to put your faith in action.*

**The Night Ministry** (Blue banner, Rainbow Covenant Giving): The Night Ministry was founded in 1976 through a collaboration of congregations to reach out at night to the homeless and vulnerable. Since The Night Ministry's start, the agency has grown to provide services throughout the city in street outreach and youth housing programs. That has included an overnight shelter, opened in January of 2011, for temporary housing for ages 18-24 in Lakeview.

**Rosecrance** (Green banner, Rainbow Covenant Giving): This fund provides support for adolescents (and families) who struggle with drug and/or alcohol addictions, but do not have the ability to pay for substance abuse treatment services. As partners in ministry, churches can help Rosecrance fulfill its mission to serve all young people, adults, and families who seek and need substance abuse treatment, regardless of ability to pay. Last year: Rosecrance won the battle to open a facility in Lakeview. They believed Lakeview is the next logical step in the evolution of meeting the needs of our community. There is an urgent need to provide treatment and support to help some young adults make it through the college years and gain traction toward a successful future. "We looked around at who was occupying the beds at our residential treatment facilities and looking back at us were the faces of our future: A young woman who lost her way on the road to college after her mom died of cancer and who began using pills to heal with the grief. An athlete who became dependent on prescription painkillers after a high school sports injury. A Purple Heart recipient who served our country in Afghanistan and relied on alcohol to control PTSD when he came home. All turned to Rosecrance, a leading provider of drug and alcohol addiction treatment services, to get their lives back on track and learn the tools to sustain recovery. Many young people from Chicagoland are in similar circumstances. We all know them. They are the ones who start college but who get swallowed up by temptations in the environment and who drop out without a Plan B. They are the ones who abuse drugs and alcohol along the road to adulthood to the point that they cannot make age-appropriate progress toward milestones — education, job, family, housing stability and productive citizenship." Visit [www.rosecrance.org](http://www.rosecrance.org) for more information.

**Action:** June is Gay Pride Month – and Chicago really knows how to celebrate. But if you look around, there are many GLTBQI folks who may be visiting, or already living in Chicago, looking for a place to worship where all are celebrated, not merely tolerated. Invite a friend – join us on Sunday and experience a reconciling congregation.

You can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate "June Mission Minute" (split between both) or "Night Ministry" or "Rosecrance." You can also donate [online](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY — JUNE 19, 2016

**Celebrating Rev. Vernice** Vernice is retiring, and she is Trusting the Way! 'Trusting the Way' are the words Vernice has chosen as her theme for 2016. The phrase comes from a Lenten theme selected by Broadway Church in 2007, and it embraces and celebrates the uncertain times in life. Vernice recognizes the uncertainty of retirement even as she celebrates its possibilities! And celebration is where YOU come in! Vernice would like for you to join her as we celebrate 15 years of her ministry at Broadway United Methodist Church, Chicago. Her ministry's passion has been and will continue to be Justice at the intersections: claiming God's radical welcome and celebration of all people.

**Vernice's last Sunday of active ministry is today, June 19, 2016**, and she would love to have you be a part of this momentous occasion. Worship service, where Vernice will preach her last sermon, begins **at 10:30am** followed by a brunch and program in the downstairs fellowship area.

Satia Orange is the coordinator for the retirement weekend. If there are questions, please email her at [satia.orange@gmail.com](mailto:satia.orange@gmail.com). If you would like to celebrate Vernice's ministry with a gift to her, a suggested gift idea is an Apple gift certificate. Hope to see you all there!

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### THIS WEEK — JUNE 20 TO 25, 2016

**Weekly 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 and Guided Meditation** 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! Movie Night** Wednesday Night Live! for Summer 2016 will feature MOVIES!!!! That are educational! Will challenge us! Will help us understand the intricacies of the different isms in our world! Of your choice!! Please join us on **Wednesdays at 6:00pm**, after the guided meditation that starts at 5:30pm. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

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### NEXT SUNDAY — JUNE 26, 2016: ONE SERVICE AT 10:00AM!

**Living Abundantly: Justice Forged**

**Preaching:** Rev. Alka Lyall

**Lectionary:** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

**Pride Sunday ONE SERVICE at 10am.**

**Pride Parade** The parade kicks off at noon **next Sunday, June 26**, near Montrose and Broadway (exact location is not known yet) immediately following the dedication worship. If you desire to march with the church, please let me know. If you have your Broadway T-shirts, I invite you to wear them. Other necessary instructions will be given to us as we get closer to the day but I trust we will all remember that we represent a faith community and will only extend love, love and more love to all the bystanders. ~ Rev. Alka

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**COMING SOON**

**Transition at Broadway** Please see the letter from Broadway’s leadership on page 14.

**Upcoming Service Times**

Summer services will remain at 9 and 11 am EXCEPT for those Sundays listed below.

**PRIDE Sunday, June 26:** ONE service at 10am

**Sunday, July 3:** ONE service at 10am

**Sunday, August 7:** ONE service at 10am

**Sunday, September 4:** ONE service at 10am

**CALENDAR NOTE**

**NEXT Sunday, June 26:** Student Pastor Tonks Lynch's last Sunday and farewell

**Celebrating Abundant Life: 2016 — Monthly Update**

	Income	Expenses	Difference
Quarter 1	\$44,580.97	\$70,120.72	-\$25,539.75
April 2016	\$13,228.31	\$23,142.04	-\$9,913.73
May 2016	\$14,891.84	\$20,647.17	-\$5,755.33
YTD TOTAL	\$72,701.12	\$113,909.93	-\$41,208.81

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## **Transition at Broadway**

*from Co-Lay-Leaders, Money Ministries, and Relationship Builders*

As most of us are aware, Broadway is about to enter a big time of transition. For the last year, we have had a powerful ministry team of 4 strong women. Both our student pastors will have left by the end of June, and Pastor Vernice will be retiring on Sunday June 19. This is an anxious time for all of us – Pastor Alka will have to adjust to pastoring our church solo for the time being, our student pastors will be entering new church environments they will have to become familiar with, and Pastor Vernice will enter a new and exciting phase of her life and work. And of course, we as the Broadway congregation are anxious about what comes next for us as well. In all of those situations, it is natural for us to be nervous about the possibilities and want definition and clarity about the path we are on as soon as possible.

The biggest question many people in the congregation have is “Will we fill the co-pastor position? How? When?” These are complicated questions, and they do not have a single answer that can be easily given. Here’s what we do know:

- Broadway has never filled this position by a search before – when it was created, Pastor Vernice was hired for it immediately, and it has evolved along with her ministry at Broadway.
- When churches do a search for a new pastor, this process is rarely if ever quick, and it involves first doing a re-definition of the job description and the current needs and mission of the congregation, as opposed to what they were when the job was first created/filled.
- We want to focus as much of our energy now on celebrating the vibrant and prophetic ministry of Pastor Vernice during her last weeks at Broadway.

With those things in mind, the Co-Lay Leaders, Relationship Builders and the Money Ministry teams have been meeting for a few months to envision the best way to move forward. We are working from two basic assumptions:

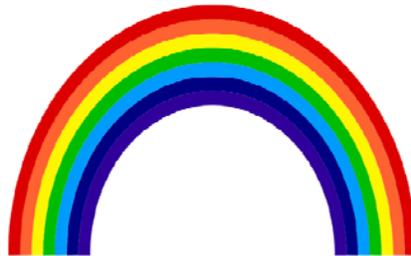
- For the support of the vibrant and varied ministry of Broadway UMC, **we plan to hire a new co-pastor.**
- For the emotional health of the co-pastor, and the financial health of Broadway UMC, **the co-pastor position needs to be sustainably funded.**

The next steps include but are not limited to: **Discernment by Teams** (CLL, RB and MM working to create a job description and ministry profile); **Discernment by Congregation** (full congregation working together to assess proposed job description and funding possibilities); **Finalizing of Job Description, Funding and Search Process; Search and Hire.**

These steps will take time, and our commitment to a complete and transparent process means that we will not be hiring someone right away. Our focus must be on finding the perfect fit for Broadway’s needs and mission. As we move forward, we will keep the congregation informed and engaged in key decision-making.

<b>Broadway UMC Calendar: Week of June 19, 2016</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m. <b>Unique Spirit</b> [Wesley Room]
<b>June 19</b>	10:30 a.m. <b>Festival Service</b> [Sanctuary] 12:00 p.m. <b>Potluck and Program Celebrating Rev. Vernice +</b> [Area C] 5:00 p.m. Dignity Mass* [Sanctuary and Friendship Hall] 6:00 p.m. CMA Group* [Area C] 7:00 p.m. 12 Step Meditation Meeting* [Room B]
<b>Monday</b>	7:30 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
<b>June 20</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m. J. Briglio Summer Camp [Nursery and Outside Patio]
<b>June 21</b>	7:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C] 7:00 p.m. NA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. J. Briglio Summer Camp [Nursery and Outside Patio]
<b>June 22</b>	12:15 p.m. AA Group* [Wesley Room] 5:30 p.m. <b>Sanctuary Prayer/Guided Meditation +</b> [Sanctuary] 6:00 p.m. <b>WNL! Movie Night +</b> [Sanctuary] 7:00 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B] 8:00 p.m. Candlelight AA Group* [Wesley Room]
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m. J. Briglio Summer Camp [Nursery and Outside Patio]
<b>June 23</b>	5:30 p.m. <b>Worship Planning Meeting</b> [Wesley Room] 7:00 p.m. <b>The Broadway Choir</b> [Sanctuary]
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
<b>June 24</b>	7:30 p.m. Alanon Group* [Room B]
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m. <b>Youth Lounge</b> [Area C]
<b>June 25</b>	5:00 p.m. Dignity Mass* [Sanctuary and Friendship Hall]



**Bold face indicates BUMC sponsored activities**

\*Community Group

+ see announcements

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### 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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