



**Broadway**  
United Methodist Church



## The Broadway — August 2010

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### The Pastor's Paragraphs

*What you are, the world is.  
And without your transformation,  
there can be no transformation of the world.*  
~ j. krishnamurti

*So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for God. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.*  
~ Romans 12 (The Message)

A year ago as I was in Spirit Lake at the **Volunteers in Mission United Methodist Ministry Center** in North Dakota, I wrote to you for the first time, anticipating our meeting mid-August. It's hard to believe that nearly a year has passed and that I am headed to Spirit Lake this very night with a team from Broadway.

What a year's journey this has been for us as pastor and people, as we have learned to know one another and build our trust with each other.

You may not know that about twenty months ago, as I faced a spiritual crisis, I returned again to the first profound sense of call I had that led me into the path to ordination. It was a call to *heal homophobia* — sounds huge, doesn't it? It felt that way to me then and it still feels like an enormous undertaking...and yet, here at Broadway, I experience the fullness of God's inclusive love in the way that I believe the Gospel calls us to live it. On my first Sunday here, I expressed to many of you that I felt I had come "home" — back in the city, back in a reconciling congregation, back in a multi-cultural setting.

Thanks for this first year together.

I am filled with gratitude at the way our lives have touched one another and the ways that we are listening for God's leading into the future. I am deeply moved when I see how you place your lives before God, and I am grateful that we are seeking to transform the world together — a little bit at a time, beginning in the neighborhood, moving out to a Reservation in North Dakota, and...who knows what God will lead us to next?



On the journey with you,

*Lois* +

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

## Vernice's View

### Ministry Beyond Broadway

So many folks ask about mission opportunities and I have to be honest, I have some anxiety when I hear that question because of the history of mission work. If we are truthful we will admit that some real damage has been done to “others” in the name of charity and Christian works. Yet there is so much need in our world and we are called, as people of faith, to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

What I am celebrating is the intentional study of how and why to do outreach. In one of our recent classes facilitated by Amy Daigler and Aaron Anderson, we studied the book *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles. It challenged us to ask questions like: what is our real motivation for mission? Are we doing the work to check something off our list of good deeds or to make a difference in the world? What gifts are we bringing? Are we equipped to be with the people we are serving? Is it advantageous to go to their space or for them to come to ours? And why? It was a powerful study, often uncomfortable as we talked about our own prejudices and blind spots, and how to be aware of them as we reach out beyond our immediate community. As a result of that study I believe many of us can now do outreach with different eyes, ears and hearts.

Recently, I was a part of a group that went to Lakeview Shelter to cook and serve food for the residents. This was my second time serving in this way. The first was a few months ago with the confirmation class. Both experiences were inspirational. It was amazing to process the experience through the eyes of two teenagers, same age, different gender and ethnicity. Though they came with different perspectives, some of their conclusions were the same. They both recognized it was about the people they were serving, not about themselves. They took the time to engage and interact. Without judgment, we sat and ate with the residents and had conversation. Just like we do at our own dinner tables, imagine that.

We have an opportunity to extend our ministry of radical hospitality in this way, on the first and third Mondays of each month (see article on page 5). We are responsible to bring food, cook, and serve and to just be with the residents — offering our resources but offering ourselves as well. I find that to be the simplest and yet the most difficult part of outreach. Can we treat the people we serve like family, like they are an essential part of our life journey? We give, but are we open to receive? Are we able to believe that everyone has something to offer which can inform and shape our understanding as we move together through life? Those questions and answers are critical to the work of mission.

For more information about the shelter you can go to their website at [www.northsidehousing.org](http://www.northsidehousing.org). If you are willing to serve and be served in this amazing outreach, contact Craig Fitzgerald, who is dedicated and passionate about this mission. His email address is [craig\\_m\\_fitzgerald@yahoo.com](mailto:craig_m_fitzgerald@yahoo.com).

Let us continue to reach up and reach out, with a consciousness that the reach begins within.



In truth and Justice,

Vernice

# Kevin's Korner

August 2010

**Background note:** Rev. Kevin A. Johnson and Mike Shear are BUMC members who moved to Palm Springs, California, in July 2002, to begin Bloom in the Desert Ministries, which is an interdenominational, inclusive Christian ministry including the Methodist (Broadway style) tradition. "Kevin's Korner" is a monthly column reporting on their progress so Broadway and Bloom stay well connected in ministry together. ([www.bloominthedesert.org](http://www.bloominthedesert.org))



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In the midst of summer, the group is smaller yet the spirit of Bloom stays high. We are enjoying keeping our ministry engaged even as travels take folks away here and there. As always, wherever we gather as "two or more," Christ is in our midst and we are in the midst of Christ.

Here are some pictures worth a thousand words each...



June 24, 2010 — Bloomers at the Pride Interfaith panel discussion at the Tolerance Education Center in nearby Rancho Mirage



June 27, 2010 — Rev. Kev and Moderator Richard welcoming new member Amy



July 11, 2010 — Mer, Joyce and Rob sharing hospitality on "Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday



July 17, 2010 — Penny, Vicki and Mike waving to the 150,000 people along the route of the San Diego Pride Parade

Just a little look into our world. Come join us when you can.

Please keep all of us in your prayers. Join the Bloom in the Desert Ministries Group on Facebook and sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter at [www.bloominthedesert.org](http://www.bloominthedesert.org).

God bless you.

KAJ

# GAY MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Join us Tuesday nights in August for discussion with the gay men of the Broadway community. This is a great opportunity to get to know some folks you don't know or to get to know some you do know better. From our many different viewpoints, we'll have a chance to talk about the issues, joys, sorrows and hopes we share in common as gay men. All gay men are welcome.

This is a great opportunity to invite new people to experience our community. Invite a friend!

**Tuesdays, August 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 7:30 pm in the Pillow Room.**

## AUGUST MISSION MINUTE

### Spirit Lake Dakota Nation

Last month, BUMC sent our stalwart mission workers to Spirit Lake to do service. This month is our opportunity to give Spirit Lake our financial support.

The peoples of the Spirit Lake Nation are of the Dakota Tribe and have been in their area since 1867. The reservation is located in one of the most beautiful parts of the Dakotas just 8 miles south of Devils Lake, North Dakota. The reservation consists of four districts on one half million acres spread across rolling prairie and wooded hills. The Spirit Lake Ministry Center is located on 80 acres in the Wood Lake District just 3 miles from Tokio, North Dakota. The Ministry Center has 3 dormitories, an up-to-date shower/toilet facility, a work shop, a kitchen/dining facility and a Chapel. There are 3 separate devotional areas and a large fire pit available for the use of our teams.

The Spirit Lake Ministry Center hosts volunteer teams from all over the country. These Volunteer in Mission (VIM) Teams will be asked to perform light construction and maintenance on homes, Tribal buildings and grounds on the reservation and to provide team members for children's activities. All activities are very hands on and involve close interaction with the elders and children of the reservation. Each VIM team will also be provided opportunities for work projects on the Ministry Center. Opportunities for participation in Native American cultural activities are provided. Teams may include adult and youth members 13 and older. Younger children may be accepted if accompanied by a parent and approved by the Ministry Center staff prior to the mission dates.



More information can be found at: <http://www.spiritlekeministrycenter.org>.

August's Mission Minute Sunday is **August 8, 2010**. However, you can make donations to *Spirit Lake* throughout the month. To donate, mark your envelope or check with the Mission Minute. (Make check out to Broadway Church but be sure to mark your donation for *Spirit Lake* or August Mission Minute.)



## MOVIE TRIP

Join us on **Sunday, August 1, 2010**, for the opening of *Countdown to Zero*. This stunning documentary was produced by Academy Award winner Lawrence Bender (*An Inconvenient Truth*, *Inglorious Bastards*) and written and directed by Lucy Walker (*The Devil's Playground*, *Blind Sight*) and focuses on the escalating global nuclear arms crisis. The film recently premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and the Cannes Film Festival and was shown at the United Nations Conference on nuclear weapons. The film is premiering in Chicago at the Landmark Century Theatre (2828 N. Clark) on July 30, 31 and Aug. 1, 2010.

We've been asked by North Suburban Peace Initiative and Physicians for Social Responsibility to come out and support this premiere to help ensure that the Landmark Century Theater is filled for each of the weekend showings. Our hope is that when people learn the truth and begin talking about it, telling their friends, writing letters to their newspapers, calling on President Obama and their elected officials to take action to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons, we will begin to see progress on this very important issue.

The regular price for a ticket is \$11.00 for adults and \$8.50 for seniors and students. **BUMC purchased a block of ten tickets for the Sunday 4:10 show**, for discount price of \$6.00/per ticket. Please contact Paula Roderick, cell 312-342-0575 for further information. We're hoping to have a light lunch before the movie.

Can't make it that Sunday? You can also order tickets for the premiere showing from the NSPI website [www.nspipeace.org](http://www.nspipeace.org).

## LAKEVIEW SHELTER NIGHT

Our first Lakeview shelter night in August is **Monday August 2, 2010**. If you would like to volunteer to help provide food, donate cash, or serve (we need 2-3 preparer/servers), please contact Paula Roderick, cell: 312-342-0575 or e-mail: [fairjust@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairjust@sbcglobal.net). Tentative meal: salmon patties, broiled white fish, fruit salad (melon, strawberries, kiwi), green veggie salad (lettuce, cucumbers, radishes, red onion, carrots, tomatoes), salad dressing (oil and vinegar/ ranch), and fresh bread (Italian or French rolls). Hoping to make this meal a summer fresh and light one! We're never sure how many will be at the shelter but we need to plan enough to feed as many as 30 people.

## STEPS FOR EQUALITY

If you're a straight ally, come out about your LGBT friends and loved ones. Whether you are challenging a stereotype, correcting a misrepresentation, or merely voicing your support for a LGBT friend, relative, or colleague, you can make change happen. Read more tips on "Coming Out as a Straight Ally" at [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org).

Source: *50 Ways to Support Lesbian and Gay Equality: The Complete Guide to Supporting Family, Friends, Neighbors or Yourself*, Meredith Maran (Editor), Angela Watrous (Contributor).

Contributed by Emily & Dee & Helen

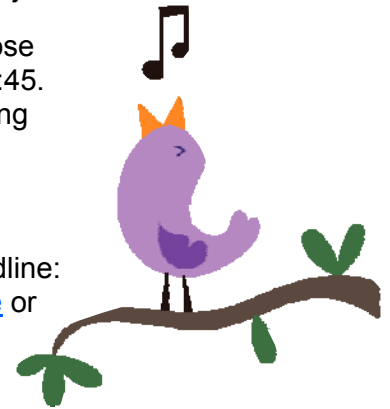
# TIME TO SING!

Kaleidoscope Choir, Broadway's own kids' choir, will gather for our annual day of singing, drumming, music games, and other creativity on **Saturday, August 28 from 10 am — 3 pm**. All children who will be at least four years old at some point during the coming academic year are welcome to join us!

The day begins with drumming in Broadway's Sanctuary at 10 am. We will close the day in the same location by leading a brief worship service beginning at 2:45. Families of retreat participants are invited and encouraged to attend this closing worship.

If you are already a choir member, be sure to wear your Kaleidoscope t-shirt!

Snacks and lunch will be provided. Please register your child(ren) by the deadline: **Monday, August 23**, by filling out a registration form available on the [website](#) or from Jenn Peterson at [jpbnrnidgrl@gmail.com](mailto:jpbnrnidgrl@gmail.com) or 773-856-0308.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Kaleidoscope Choir Needs Your Help!

Kaleidoscope kids' choir will have its annual day-long retreat on **Saturday, August 28 from 10 am to 3 pm**. You can support Broadway's youngest worship leaders in one of many ways. You do not have to be musical to pitch in!

Here are the areas in which you could help:

1. Provide food for one of our two snack times (11 am and 2 pm) or lunch at 12:15 pm. Goldfish crackers, cheese and crackers, fruit, are some favorite snacks. PB&J, hot dogs, pizza are some favorites at lunchtime.
2. Set up/serve/take down a snack time or lunch.
3. Be an extra adult in the room for two hours in the morning or afternoon. You don't have to be musical, but it would be a plus if you're willing to try the music games/vocal exercises/songs with the kids as Emily and I teach and conduct.
4. Plan and supervise our half hour of recreation after lunch.
5. Plan and lead our half hour of yoga after 'recess'.
6. Hang out with us for all/any part of the day and take photos.

Please respond to Jenn Peterson at [jpbnrnidgrl@gmail.com](mailto:jpbnrnidgrl@gmail.com) or 773-856-0308 if you're willing to help. Please note in what area you have interest. Thank you!

# YOUTH LOUNGE

## Youth Lounge Information and Opportunities

By Erica Chu

I've been working with the Youth Lounge for four months. It's just a once-a-month gathering at this point, but it's been enough to challenge me to change the way I look at the neighborhood that surrounds Broadway. At first I hesitated to tell Z I was interested in volunteering because I wasn't sure I wanted to commit to an ongoing project, but I'm certainly glad I did. Participating in the Youth Lounge has shown me how little I knew before and how much more I want to learn about people, communities, and just what a difference respect and trust can make.

It takes a special kind of attitude, vulnerability, and openness to work directly with the youth we're serving, and as I've worked with Z, Vernice, and the other volunteers in our training sessions, I'm learning how important it is not to lose sight of that. I'm so thankful for Z's many years of experience and for the vision and passion of our leadership.

Almost all the youth that walk through our doors every fourth Saturday are LGBTQA. Many are homeless, many participate in other youth programs in the area, and all seem relieved to walk through doors where no one searches their bags, no one demands to see ID, and no one tells them what they'll be doing for the next three and a half hours. We provide snacks and sometimes meals, and the youth are free to sit around and talk, play cards, listen to music, sing, dance, or play video games. We offer them space where they can feel welcomed and affirmed; this is a beautiful extension of Broadway's mission.

The volunteers who interact with the youth need to have received special training, and in the fall there will be another open conversation for prospective volunteers to learn about the different opportunities for service. In the meantime, we are looking for help from the larger church body with donations, set-up, and take-down.

We are always in need of items like soda, juice, chips, cookies, and candy for the youth to enjoy while in the building, and we also like to provide more substantial food options from time to time: for example chicken wings have been a popular item. We would like to have individual-size food and drink items folks can take with them when they leave as well. Ideas are sodas, bottles of water, cereal, chips, and apple-sauce. If you are interested in donating food or beverages or if you want to help set-up or take-down, please contact Z Williams at [jzw1953@hotmail.com](mailto:jzw1953@hotmail.com).

In addition, we're also looking to put together some toiletry kits that would include new and clean washcloths, toothbrushes, soap, feminine hygiene products, and travel-size toothpaste, shampoo, and conditioner. If you are able to help with donating any of these items, please contact Dee Dorsey at [missdeecj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:missdeecj@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you for your continued support and belief in this project! We are setting up a blog to keep you updated about the Youth Lounge, its vision, and needs. Though we're just beginning to put it together, be sure to check us out from time to time at [www.broadwayyouthlounge.wordpress.com](http://www.broadwayyouthlounge.wordpress.com).



# IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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# IT TAKES A VILLAGE UPDATE

## Fall Education Programming Continues

For those who attended the "It Takes a Village" Educational Rally — you are invited to come back again along with all others interested in planning and implementing our fall schedule which includes:

Children's Church, Quarterly Youth Sunday, Acolyting, Praise Band, Readers' Theatre, drumming circle, Youth worship leaders and much more. We are meeting on **Monday, August 23rd 7pm** at church. Put it on your calendar now, but we'll keep reminding you!

# BROADWAY'S MEDIA MINISTRY

Our Media Ministry has become a unique and important part of our worship experience. The people who volunteer to do this ministry, though often behind the scenes, put in a lot of time to prepare and think through the flow of worship. We salute and support your gifts and time dedicated to this ministry. Thank You. Meet our Media Team:

### **Richard Holley**

My name is Richard Holley. I program the media for Sunday Service and work with Pastors Lois and Vernice for any special media that they have in mind. When possible, I help record the services and train people on media usage. I plan to continue using my talents with computers and graphics for further services. I've been a member of Broadway UMC since July 2005.

### **Cullen Parr**

My name is Cullen Parr. I graduated high school last month and have been spending my summer street-performing, biking along the lakefront, sleeping, and doing media for Sunday services at Broadway. This fall I will start classes at Occidental College in California. I am Rev. Parr's son and arrived at BUMC with her a year ago. Doing media both trains my artistic eye (finding pleasing images/font styles) and gives me a chance to use the computer.

### **Latoya Thorn**

My name is Latoya Thorn. I am a stay-at-home mom/computer lab assistant at Harold Washington College. My plans are to have a career in the media field; photography is my passion. I've been at Broadway for 6 years. What I enjoy most about doing media is looking for media elements such as pictures and videos that enhance the worship experience. I also enjoy taking the sermon or scripture and tying things into a theme as much as possible to help the message of the day.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, which also includes sound, contact Richard Holley at [richardholley@att.net](mailto:richardholley@att.net).

# SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR

**Adult Education I:** Don't be LEFT BEHIND. Come be enRAPTURED by a lively discussion of John's REVELATION. We are in the midst of an in-depth study **Sundays at 9:50 am** (between services) and will meet each week (almost). All are welcome! This class is being led by Christopher Gaul.

**Adult Education II:** Following up our Garden Party: Grow Your Dream! theme, we will put our faith into practice as we study *Cultivating Fruitfulness*, a congregational resource that inspires participants through 6 weeks of prayer and devotion. Each day includes a Scripture, a short story or concept from the book, a personal question and a prayer. Based on the book, *Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation* by Bishop Robert Schnase. Books are available from the church office for \$6 each or pay-what-you-can. We hope you will join us on **Sundays, July 4-August 8, at 10 am** in the Pillow Room.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

### Sanctuary Prayer

Need some meditation time after a stressful day? Need strength and encouragement to complete the week? Need quiet time to reflect on transitions going on in your life? Need special prayer to help you through a particularly challenging time? If you answered yes to any of these questions, there is a special place to have those needs addressed. Sanctuary Prayer is open to the church and community **each Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for special prayer and consultation.



### Guided Meditation

In addition to Sanctuary Prayer, Vernice and Lois are offering Guided Meditation in the Pillow Room at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays**. If you're interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation. If you have questions about guided meditation, please see Vernice or Lois.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

**June 30 — August 18:** Invitation to the Old Testament, an eight week in-depth *Disciple* Bible Study. This is an opportunity to read the Bible with curiosity; to ask the questions: who? what? where? when? how? and why? This study allows scripture to speak even if the meaning is troubling or unclear. We will use the Bible and various study tools to seek answers to questions that arise. **We meet each Wednesday at 7 pm in the pillow room.** Please contact the office to reserve your spot. Books for the class will be ordered; the cost is \$11 or pay-as-you-can (please see Vernice). Hope to see you there.

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP

**Coming in September:** So You Want to Be an Entrepreneur!

Entrepreneurship workshop will bring you the Basics of Business:

- Hundreds of Business Ideas
- How to Get your Business off the Ground
- Actualizing your Business
- How to Really Make Money
- How to Get the Start Up Cash
- Why Business — Now?

Attend the September workshop delivered by Kandi Conda, author of 6 books including “Make a 1000 in 35 Days” for entrepreneurs. Kandi will conduct a 2.5 hour workshop and book signing in September.

We need at least 10 participants to have the workshop at Broadway United Methodist Church.

**Please contact Vincent Wiggins by August 15** if you are interested in attending the September workshop: [vwiggins@OnlineEducationSolutions.org](mailto:vwiggins@OnlineEducationSolutions.org); [wiggins\\_vincent@yahoo.com](mailto:wiggins_vincent@yahoo.com), (773) 450-6706

**Watch out for more details in the September Newsletter.**

## HISTORICAL NOTE

### An unorthodox motivation for church attendance?

“Passing of the Crisis” from *Church News*, July 1917 (excerpt)

The voice of Broadway is not hushed. It speaks! The crisis has passed, the people saved the day, and Broadway is on the map again. The turning point will not be forgotten; mark it down indelibly: “Sunday, January 14, 1917.” For on this day the people, strongly united, have candidly expressed themselves by untying their purse strings and opening up. Never before have the echoes resounded more vigorously than on that Sunday morn. Young men and young women, who formerly did not know of the wisdom and sweetness of giving to the Lord’s work, doubled their weekly gifts. Others, who never gave at all, took the initiative and subscribed their first gift. Let us be glad, genuinely glad, that the Lord has prospered us to maintain the church so that its power may be felt. Let us turn to Him and give thanks for what He has done.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

### September Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **September 2010** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, August 22nd**. Articles in electronic format are preferred and should be sent to [broadwayc@ameritech.net](mailto:broadwayc@ameritech.net). Hard copies may also be submitted in the newsletter mailbox off Friendship Hall.



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