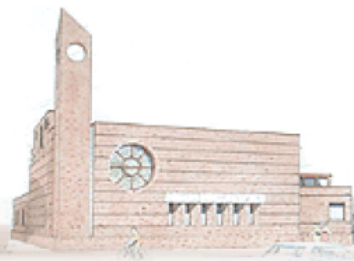




**Broadway**  
United Methodist Church



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## The Broadway — September 2010

### The Pastor's Paragraphs

*In the circle of life we each have a special gift, a special function. In the Native worldview there is no in or out; everyone in the circle is necessary...It is this wisdom of compassion, seeing things in their balance, that is so significant in turning aside illusions of scarcity and bringing peace to our own hearts.*  
~ Dhyani Ywahoo

*Jesus replied, "Come and see!" ~ John 1:39*

What an exciting time to be part of Broadway! August has been humming with gatherings for planning and dreaming, and you'll see the fruit of much of that in these pages as September is upon us.

One particular joy for me is the creativity and energy in our conversations hosted by the Committee on Nominations & Leadership Development – gatherings where we've tried to take all that we're learning in this year of transition and put it into a form for congregational organization, that we might live into that vision in 2011.

Last Saturday that meant trying to make a Möbius strip, trying to draw a circle that might reflect a shared leadership where every single person and gift is valued; it also meant trying to draw an open circle so that there were no lines, no way to indicate that *anyone* is left out...

Tough work! But exciting work that is at the heart of our identity at Broadway, a community that seeks to be radically inclusive. United Methodist elder Dr. Pamela Lightsey (who serves at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and makes her Conference connection to Broadway) writes, "When asked by critics of my theological ethics, 'Where do you draw the line?' I have responded, 'I don't draw lines. I connect them.'" Pamela says this lesson of "sharing" is one of the first we ever learn, and one that is "testament to the visionary ministry of the One who bid unto all, 'Come.'"

"Come."

Yes, that's the invitation from Jesus – and it's an invitation we try to live at Broadway.

See all that's going on? *You* are invited. *You* are *in the circle*.

Come.



Looking forward to sharing what's new,

*Lois* +

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

## Vernice's View

September continues to have a sense of newness with a bit of excitement and anticipation as we come back from summer vacations and start fresh a new school year. Even for those of us who aren't in school, September still marks a time of new beginnings.

Fresh starts, exciting and inspirational, have been planned for Broadway as we move into the fall. The Village People have done a remarkable job designing educational events for children and adults to help us grow — spiritually, communally and globally (see page 4). We commence with our "Village Daze" weekend (formerly known as Family Day). Two days of community fun — Saturday, September 11th and Sunday, September 12th — an outdoor fair, a walking meditation and poetry writing, a drum circle, with the choir reconvening on Sunday under the direction of our new music arts director, Sam Duplessis. We complete that weekend with a community wide potluck and open mic. You won't want to miss "Village Daze." Look for upcoming educational events in the newsletter and bulletin throughout September and beyond.

As we begin September, I want to say thank you to this amazing community called Broadway UMC. I am so very proud of who we are and who we continue striving to become. You are extraordinary and we are truly blessed. It is never easy to be community, but doubly difficult as we name ourselves open and affirming, and as we declare ourselves an anti-racist institution. For many, that naming and declaration is provocative and way too difficult to manage. But, for just as many, that naming and declaration is a matter of justice, and through the pain and struggle we press on knowing that God has called us to this mission.

As we claim this mission, as we with curiosity and imagination live that out as individuals and as community, let us be aware that God is present with us through good times and tough times — affirming us, loving us, challenging us. As we continue to "build community" by pursuing justice, by speaking truth to power and by keeping our eyes on the prize, let us remain connected through prayer and conversation, knowing that though the journey is never finished, we are never left to walk it alone. God is good, sisters and brothers. Life is given to us to live and cherish with each other and with the world. My prayer is that we embrace that life, as we seek healing and transformation for ourselves, for each other and for the world. Blessings as we begin this new month. Look for opportunities and look for God in all that we do!



In peace and justice,

Vernice

# ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

### Save the Date!

Our annual all-congregational meeting with District Superintendent Rev. James Preston will be on **Sunday, October 3rd at 7 pm.**

More details coming soon!!!



## Kevin's Korner

September 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))



It was great to spend vacation time with our dear Broadway congregation friends over the Northalsted Market Days weekend! Mike and I enjoyed very being with you for the visioning meeting on Saturday morning and worship on Sunday morning. Thank you for making us feel at home at our home church.

The night before we headed to Chicago was the night when Day of Decision rallies were held all over California. These rallies turned into celebrations as the Prop 8 denial of equal marriage in California was declared unconstitutional by Judge Warner. Woo Hoo!!

By now you know that there is legal wrangling going on and, despite the California Supreme Court victory, same-sex marriages are not yet happening here. Argh!

But still, I want to share something with you. For the rally in Palm Springs, the faith committee subset of the marriage equality committee in the Coachella Valley asked me to speak at the rally representing a faith perspective. I was honored to do so.

If you go to [www.bloominthedesert.org](http://www.bloominthedesert.org) and click on the Marriage tab on the left, you will see the 6-minute video of my speech. I was delighted to learn that it was recorded in full by one of our Bloom officers, Russ Bertlow, Bloom's clerk. For those who are interested, I want to share one excerpt with you.

*I think Harvey Milk would be over the moon tonight with joy. And in honor of him I say to you: "My name is Rev. Kev and I'm here to marry you!!!"*

*This is a great day. This is what justice really looks like.*

*Social justice thinking preachers tell us: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." Those were the words of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1961, 1965 and 1968 and the words of a Unitarian Pastor 110 years before that. Today, August 4, 2010, we celebrate that the arc of the moral universe has just bent even more toward justice.*

*But the news also tells us that our struggle for Marriage Equality is not over. The people who worship the "golden calf" named "traditional marriage" say they will appeal.*

*The people who worship at the altar of denying civil rights to us want to join hands and keep walking down that aisle of denial. Well, if they say I DO to that, I pronounce them married to a travesty. And that travesty of a marriage will not last.*

*In a different era fighting a different struggle, the Rev. Dr. King stood on the Deep South steps of the Alabama State Capitol Building after yet another civil rights march and said:*

*"I know you are asking today, 'How long will it take?... It will not be long, because truth crushed to earth will rise again. How long? Not long, because no lie can live forever. How long? Not long, because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.'"*

We won't stop believing this. So we keep hoping and working and praying.

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

# IT TAKES A VILLAGE UPDATE

It Takes a Village has planned exciting spiritual, educational and communal fun days throughout the year. Below you will find our schedule for September.

- Wednesday, Sept. 8th** Invitation to the New Testament — 8 week Disciple Bible Study  
**Wednesdays at 7 pm** (see page 14)
- Sunday, Sept. 12th** 4 week poetry writing instruction led by Fran Markwardt  
**Sundays at 10 am** (see page 13)
- Village Daze (see page 5)
- Saturday, Sept. 11th** Outside fair, walking meditation, writing exercise, drum circle
- Sunday, Sept. 12th** Choir returns in worship, potluck, talent showcase and open mic
- Tuesday, Sept. 14th** Gay Men's discussion group, **Tuesdays at 7:30 pm** (see page 5)  
New Spirituality group, **Tuesdays at 7 pm**
- Saturday, Sept. 18th** Multicultural Seminar series – introduction and overview (see page 9)
- Monday, Sept. 20th** Weekday Bible Study “Seven Weeks with Luke and Acts” begins again  
**Mondays at 10 am** at the church **and 7 pm** off site (see page 8)

This is only the beginning. We are so excited to have so many educational opportunities to share with you. If you have questions or suggestions or if you would like to participate in or lead any of the events please contact Pastor Thorn ([akatinyt@hotmail.com](mailto:akatinyt@hotmail.com)) or Diana Davis ([davidav22@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidav22@sbcglobal.net)).

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Beginning on **Sunday, September 19**, children who leave the sanctuary after the Time for Young Christians will have something new! — “Children's Church” will begin that day!

Children's Church is an opportunity for Broadway's children ages 3 and up to play games, hear stories, do crafts, and sing songs that all relate to a Biblical lesson or theme for the day. Leaders are volunteers from the congregation who have an interest in sharing God's word with our kids.

Jenn Peterson is the coordinator of this program. For more information, or to sign up to be a volunteer (you only have to lead about one Sunday every three months) please contact her at [jpbrnidgrl@gmail.com](mailto:jpbrnidgrl@gmail.com) or 773.255.1044.

# VILLAGE DAZE

Come and celebrate Broadway's Village Daze! Come feast, play and rejoice in our community! Below are just a few things that you will find happening during Village Daze:

**Saturday, September 11 from 9 am to 3 pm** — Light Breakfast, games and fun for the kids, a leisurely meditative walk to the lake (transportation available), drum circle, lunch, inter-generational activities, creative writing, fellowship, worship and more!

**Sunday, September 12th** — Worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 am. Our adult choir returns this day and Kaleidoscope will also be singing! Immediately following the service will be our Village Potluck where you get to show us how well you cook, bake or shop! Also, during the potluck we will have an open mic talent showcase.

**Please note that the Lakeview Fine Arts Fair is also occurring this weekend so plan accordingly when you travel.**

Can't wait to see you here!



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world:  
Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."*

~ Margaret Mead

## GAY MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

The Gay Men's Discussion Group got off to a great start in August. We met for four weeks of conversation with topics including coming out, family and spirituality. For many who attended, this was a wonderful opportunity to build community with one another and to come to understand common life experiences through the eyes of others on the journey. It was also a great chance to laugh together and come to know one another better.

Don't miss a chance to get in on this experience when the discussion group continues on **September 14th and 28th and then in October on the 5th and the 12th**. We will meet at 7:30 pm in the Pillow Room. For more information, contact Herbert Henderson ([ma4herbert@yahoo.com](mailto:ma4herbert@yahoo.com) or 773.330.6706) or Peter Godard ([pgodard@gmail.com](mailto:pgodard@gmail.com) or 312.259.6879). All gay men are welcome to join the conversation.

# WELCOME SAM!

## An Introduction from Broadway's new Director of Music and Worship Arts, Sam Duplessis

I am thrilled to be joining the community at Broadway United Methodist Church. As I transition into my role as Music Director, I thought that I would share a little about my background and what brought me to Broadway.

I have been a church musician since age six when I began playing piano for special music at the Unitarian Universalist Church in my hometown of Waterville, Maine. Throughout high school I served as the Music Director for a small Methodist church before beginning my Bachelors of Music at Ohio Wesleyan University. Throughout college I worked as youth choir director at Asbury UMC in Delaware, Ohio as well as an accompanist at the Delaware Church of Christian Science. After completing my Masters in Choral Conducting at the New England Conservatory in Boston, I moved to Chicago with my partner of 2 years, Nathan, who started medical school at the University of Chicago this fall.

It gives me great joy to be a part of such a radically inclusive and welcoming church and it bewilders me that there are still churches that do not operate this way. My goals this year are to include all members of the congregation in the music making experience, continue to improve and expand current musical standards and provide new opportunities for members to have meaningful musical experiences as an expression of faith.

And please, don't be shy about introducing yourself and offering to share your musical gifts!

In Peace,

Sam Duplessis



# THE BROADWAY CHOIR



Mark your calendars! The Return of BUMC Choir moves to **Thursday night!** Get your voices warmed up and your music-reading glasses ready for the first rehearsal of the BUMC choir on **Thursday, September 9th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.** Any persons who have even the slightest interest in joining the choir should attend this first meeting. You do not need to be a polished singer or even have strong music reading skills! We will discuss plans for the year, repertoire, choir social events and expectations, as well as have some fun and make some great music. Please contact Sam Duplessis with any questions at [Duplessis.Sam@gmail.com](mailto:Duplessis.Sam@gmail.com).

# FIELD EDUCATION STUDENTS

## Meet Broadway's New Field Education Students

### Tracy Nolan

I am currently a student at McCormick Theological Seminary, in my second year in the Master's of Divinity program. I will be seeking ordination in the future, but am still discerning my denomination. Before coming to McCormick, I lived in Madison, WI, where I worked in campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin. I led small groups, worship, and other programming there, as well as visited individually with students. I attended St. Olaf College in Minnesota for undergraduate school and double-majored in Religion and Exercise Science, and also played varsity ice hockey and club lacrosse there. Despite now calling the Midwest my home, I'm originally from a small town in Northwestern Pennsylvania, and feel most at home when I'm in the middle of the forest or cornfields.

There's one sure way to my heart: dogs! I grew up with dogs, cats, and chickens – and so love being around animals and in nature. I also love biking in the country and being active in general, and I could admittedly spend hours watching sports or political commentary. As a queer woman, I'm passionate about the reconciliation of sexuality and faith and walking with folks on that journey. Having traveled that road myself, I know it is both difficult and blessed. I love one-on-one conversations and hearing folks' stories, and I look forward to getting to know everyone at Broadway! Thanks for welcoming me into your community!



### Abigail Ozanne

I am currently a second year Masters of Divinity student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston. For me, church is home, the place I worshiped, learned, enjoyed fellowship, served and even just hung out for as long as I can remember. I plan to be ordained in the United Methodist Church as an elder and to serve as a pastor of a church. I earned my B.A. in elementary education from Cornell College in Iowa and have taught 4th grade as well as 7th and 8th grade math and science. I spent a year working with Christian Peacemaker Teams, serving 6 months in Israel and Palestine doing peace work. This summer I acted at the Dean of Servant Heart Ministries, a service oriented program at a Methodist Church camp in my home state of Minnesota. All of these experiences have given me valuable resources on which to draw in my ministry.

In my free time, I participate in a variety of activities. I enjoy working for social justice and am active on campus in Beatitudes Society. I like to fence and enjoy being able to do so with the Northwestern University team. Long walks and fiction reading also provide a welcome break from my studies. When I have time, I also do knitting and cross-stitch projects.

I am looking forward to my studies this year and to working at Broadway UMC.

# WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY



## *Seven Weeks with Luke and Acts*

Come for a relaxed, informal Bible study – we'll take off from our earlier study of Luke, beginning with a closer look at the parables of Luke's Jesus; we'll move on to the second story Luke writes, the Acts of the Apostles.

Supplies needed: a Bible (if you need one, please ask!)  
Snacks and beverages provided.

- September 20** Jesus' parables in Luke, part I
- September 27** Jesus' parables in Luke, part II
- October 4** Luke's continuing story – Acts of the Apostles
- October 11** Acts: Jerusalem
- October 18** Acts: Judea & Samaria
- October 25** Acts: the ends of the world
- November 1** Lakeview Shelter Dinner

*Mondays, 10-11:30am*

Wesley Room @ Broadway  
3338 N Broadway, Chicago

*Mondays, 7-8:30pm*

@ the home of Bob Gorman  
3410 Lake Shore Drive #8F, Chicago

For more information, please call the Broadway Church office at 773.348.2679

# OUTREACH

Dear Friends, Bob Martinez and I are the outreach workers on the transition team. In this time of gathering, we're looking for folks that are willing to meet and work on mission projects at BUMC, while the church decides how it wants to direct our mission work. You're invited to our next meeting: **Wednesday, Sept. 8, 6:00-7:30 pm**. Some agenda items:

- growing mission worker spirit
- mission minutes for the last quarter of the year
- Thanksgiving dinner, Tony Vega's 2nd memorial...
- Christmas market day/fair trade
- education hour/ possibly co-sponsoring a one book/one church thing
- other?

This is a time to work together to shape the future direction of BUMC mission work. In faith, Paula Roderick



# MULTICULTURAL SEMINAR SERIES

**Multicultural Seminar Series 2010-11**

**Presented by "It Takes A Village"**

**Sponsored by The People of Color (POC) Discussion Group  
and the Anti-Racist White Caucus (ARWC)**

As an open and affirming, reconciling, anti-racist institution we believe that all God's people are valued and should have equal access and voice at the table of life. To accomplish this it takes the whole village learning and living together. We invite everyone to participate in a series of seminars which address issues that so often surface in multicultural congregations.

**When: September 18, October 2, November 6, January 15 and every Saturday in February 2011, from 10 am to 1 pm.**

The dialogue will address some of these topics and more:

- Diversity: what is it and how can we get there?
- Defining multiculturalism
- Living inclusivity and radical hospitality
- Anti-racism: keeping everyone at the table
- White privilege: Is it real?
- "isms" — breaking down walls — moving beyond oppressive barriers
- Understanding systemic racism: Who benefits? Who is harmed?
- Confronting racism, sexism, heterosexism and other oppressions

This journey is not an easy one, but it is a faithful one, supported by the Gospel message. This educational series is designed to move us further down the road of justice. Look for additional information in the weekly e-news and in Sunday bulletins. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us on this journey.

## YOUTH LOUNGE

Interested in the Youth Lounge? Join the pastors and Z Williams in conversation as we help "equip the saints" for ministry and look toward the future on **Sunday, September 19 from 1-2 pm** in the Wesley Room. Lunch will be provided. If you can't make it but are interested, please let Z, Vernice, or Lois know — thanks!

Also, don't forget to check out the Youth Lounge blog at [www.broadwayyouthlounge.wordpress.com](http://www.broadwayyouthlounge.wordpress.com).

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP

**September 18 from 1 to 4 pm:** 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?

The workshop will be delivered by Kandi Conda, author of 6 books for entrepreneurs including *Make a 1000 in 35 Days*. Kandi will also be book signing on her day with Broadway.

**Please contact Vincent Wiggins** if you are interested in attending the workshop at (773) 450-6706 or [wiggins\\_vincent@yahoo.com](mailto:wiggins_vincent@yahoo.com).

## COMPUTER CLASSES

### Multicultural Family Tree...

How does a computer have anything to do with diversity? As we celebrate the diversity at Broadway United Methodist Church, come join us for the four-week computer training workshop. The workshop will teach you how to use the internet, word processing, presentation software, and other technology to learn more about you, your family tree, and the BUMC community.

In addition, you can bring your own questions to class so that you can finally complete those projects that have been on your to-do list. Can't make it to the classes? You can also get online support by contacting Vincent Wiggins at [vwiggins@onlineeducationsolutions.org](mailto:vwiggins@onlineeducationsolutions.org) or call 773.450.6706 to set up a time.

Please let Vincent know if you would like to join the Computer workshop on **Saturdays from 2:30-3:30 pm on September 25, October 2, October 16, and October 23.**

## MASS APPEAL, A PLAY BY BILL C. DAVIS

Passion Theatre at Euclid Ave Methodist Church (405 S. Euclid Ave). Admission \$20 Adults, \$15 Students and Seniors. (Not Suitable for children under 12.) Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm. Sundays at 3:00 pm. **September 3-19.** Call 773.426.1168 for Reservations.

# SEPTEMBER MISSION MINUTE

September's Mission Minute is **Arise Chicago**.

Who They Are: Arise Chicago, formerly Chicago Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues, was founded by Monsignor Jack Egan, Rabbi Robert Marx, and United Methodist Bishop Jesse De Witt in 1991 under the guidance of Ms. Kim Bobo who went on to found the national group, Interfaith Worker Justice.

With knowledge that the basic tenets of all faith traditions support the rights of workers, Arise Chicago organizes the religious community to bring about just resolutions to workplace injustice.

When workers wish to form a union, they are often met with intimidation and harassment. Arise Chicago organizes religious leaders through its Faith and Labor Solidarity program to support workers seeking unionization.

Arise Chicago's Building Bridges Program, begun in 2000, prepares women and people of color for the building trades' (carpenters, electricians, plumbers, etc.) entrance exams into apprenticeship programs. About one-third of our graduates are ex-offenders.

Launched in 2002, Arise Chicago's Workers' Center partners with workers who have not received proper payment for work performed. In just six years, Arise Chicago has helped workers recover \$4,600,000 in wage theft.

The Board of Directors consists of representatives from all three programs, with an Advisory Board of prominent religious leaders in the Chicago area.

More information can be found at: [www.arisechicago.org](http://www.arisechicago.org).

September's Mission Minute Sunday is **September 5, 2010**. However, you can make donations to *Arise Chicago* 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 *Arise Chicago* or September Mission Minute.)

## STEPS FOR EQUALITY

Here is a little info to support lesbian & gay equality:

Tip #2: If you're heterosexual: Question your own conditioning; open you mind to the possibility that the way you experience the world isn't the only way to experience it. If you feel uncomfortable or nervous around gay people, it's better to be honest with yourself about that than to cite a bunch of bogus science-cum-religion in a desperate attempt to prove that homosexuality is wrong and to alleviate your uncomfortable feelings.

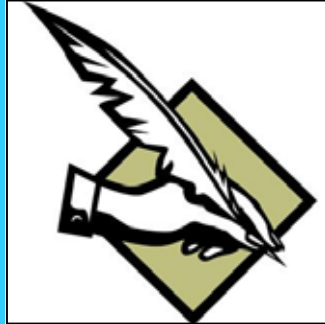
Source: *50 Ways to Support Lesbian and Gay Equality: The Complete Guide to Supporting Family, Friends, Neighbors or Yourself*, Meredith Maran (Editor), Angela Watrous (Contributor).

Contributed by Emily & Dee & Helen

# BROADWAY POETS

Broadway means  
An open invitation  
To heal the pain  
To laugh the joy  
To grow in God  
Broadway – An  
Open Invitation!

--By Bob Martinez



Broadway means a place to be...  
Invited, safe, affirmed, challenged  
Broadway means inclusive, all are welcome  
Broadway means community, justice, responsibility  
accountability...  
Broadway means try.  
Broadway means try again.  
Broadway means try harder.

--By Vernice Thorn

Two men walking  
A summer night  
Shy smile exchanged  
The moving forward  
mindless chatter  
and patter, patter  
of feet  
and voice

Leaving what's behind, behind  
to be surprised by  
what's on the next block  
the clasp of hands  
around the corner  
an unexpected laugh

Two streets on  
the clandestine sweetness  
of midnight sky  
and a kiss goodnight

--By Peter Godard

Pink, white, purple roses  
your beauty is so striking  
your smell, heavenly

--By Vernice Thorn

Light streaming down in  
my head flower blooming up  
heart loving open out

--By Carol Aymar

Vernice looks around  
tries to find nature subjects  
in sanctuary

--By Fran Markwardt

Rolling thunder cloud  
sticky summer humid air  
wash away the heat

--By Peter Godard

Broadway means to me  
days long past  
my wedding, my husband  
love and romance  
changes, changes

little kids grown  
dear friends gone  
dead or moved on  
fire and sparks  
happiness, picnics  
money aplenty  
no money at all  
changes, changes

everything comes back  
new friends move in  
old friends return  
little kids born  
happiness, picnics  
changes, changes

---By Fran Markwardt

Two men walking  
no destination in mind  
exploring their surroundings  
exploring each other  
exploring their present, their future  
two men walking  
no destination in mind

--By Bob Martinez

People move with strength  
Moving from Present to Past  
Life moves in all speeds

--By Bob Martinez

Cicadas cry out  
Summer breezes kiss the grass  
and I draw new breath

--By Peter Godard

Broadway means  
 Broaden the way  
 Broaden the "they"  
 Welcome today!

The "meanies" out there  
 may have hurt you,  
 despised you, rejected your gift

Broadway says "Welcome"  
 What is your gift? Are you adrift?  
 Welcome today! You are welcome to stay!

--By Carol Aymar

The sun shines brightly  
 The trees move with graceful ease  
 The wind connects both

--By Bob Martinez

Listen! Children drumming  
 Jayla cooing  
 pencils scratching, erasing, writing  
 Jayla cooing peace

--By Carol Aymar

Two men walking on a bight day  
 Each one thinking on the way  
 I would like a job today  
 I won't care how much it paid  
 If only promised  
 It won't go away

--By Dee Dorsey

Two men walking  
 Old friends – or did they meet  
 Just yesterday?

--By Fran Markwardt

Two men walking, talking  
 Bell bottoms, platforms, suede galore  
 (Is it 1984?)  
 Feet hurting, humid, dripping wet  
 They can't go home yet  
 Quiet inside, heart side  
 Sunshine outside, bright beside  
 Tree of life, writing, soil and sky  
 You and I, walking, talking.

--By Carol Aymar

Two men walking,  
 Smiling, listening, talking,  
 Looking on, what fun to see the sharing

Brings back memories of long ago  
 Memories of 1974  
 Where did the bell bottoms go?  
 The platform shoes?

Clothes are different  
 Hair is different  
 Smiles, laughter, friendship, the same  
 Two men walking.

--By Vernice Thorn

## POETRY WRITERS' GROUP

We had so much fun writing poetry at Vacation Bible School we're going to have four Sunday morning sessions! **Beginning September 19, for four Sundays**, Fran Markwardt will lead a poetry writing group at **10:00 am** (between the services). We'll write poems and short stories, some especially for our new Cookbook (see page 15) — Imagine a juicy red tomato or the smell of an apple pie!

Everybody's invited  
 Because everybody's a poet  
 Whether you know it  
 Or not!

# 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 Graul.

**Adult Education II:** Poetry Writing, **Sundays at 10:00 am, beginning September 19th.** (for more information, please see page 13).

# 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

*Invitation to the New Testament — A short term Disciple Bible Study.* This is an in depth study of the New Testament designed for those who are hungry for God's word, for fellowship, for study and for prayer. This study presents the Bible as primary text, calls for daily preparation on the part of the participants and includes a video component that adds biblical insights from scholars around context and discipleship. This study begins on **September 8th at 7 pm** and continues for 8 weeks. Books are being ordered — to reserve your copy, contact the office or either of the pastors.

# COOKBOOK



Do you remember *The Joy of Sharing*, our last cookbook, printed in 2002? It's time to do another one! We have so many cooks among us and so many new healthy recipes!

Dee and Fran (who both have lots of experience with recipes and food) have agreed to put the new cookbook together. We plan to have a special cookbook that will include our stories and poems, as well as our recipes. We'll need lots of helpers!

We're still getting organized, but we'll have a meeting and instructions for submission soon. Stand by!

# HISTORICAL NOTE

## Are there some Ruths among our young Christians?

"Wonderful Dedication" from *Church News*, April 1917 (excerpt)

A few weeks ago little Ruth Leffingwell, not quite 6 years of age, put her tiny arms around her papa's neck and said, "Papa, I would like to join church. I think I know what it means to belong to a church." Mrs. Leffingwell took the matter up with Rev. Nyman, who in turn thought it advisable to ask Ruth a few questions touching on such an important declaration. Ruth answered the questions to the satisfaction of all, and on Easter Sunday, Ruth was baptized and taken up as a member of Broadway. We have been attending the Methodist church for 29 years and in that time have never witnessed such a spectacle.

May the blessings of the good Savior be with Ruth throughout her useful life and may she become an ardent worker for Jesus Christ.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

## September Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **October 2010** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, September 26th**. 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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