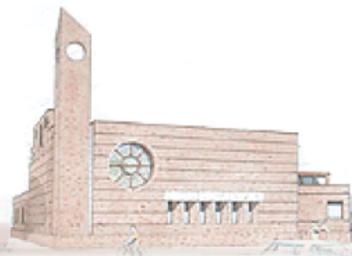




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The Broadway — November 2010

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The Pastor's Paragraphs

They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together. Everyone was amazed by the many miracles and wonders that the apostles worked. All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it. Day after day they met together in the temple. They broke bread together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, while praising God. Everyone liked them, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved.
~ Acts 2:42-47 (CEV)

When Vernice first called together a group of folks interested in education and spiritual formation at Broadway, she called the gathering "It Takes A Village," and that name stuck to us as we planned and celebrated – from VBS to "Village Daze" to our outline of the many opportunities available weekdays and Sundays in our life together as those who nurture one another in the faith.

"It takes a village to raise a child" comes from the Igbo and Yoruba people of Nigeria – the proverb that insists that bringing up a child is a community effort. The Igbo's word for child, *nwa ora*, means "child of the community" – children are regarded as God's blessing for everyone.

We saw that played out in Worship on October 24th as we celebrated baptism with two of "our" children. What a beautiful day of celebration for the Broadway family, as we surrounded Kaleb and Eleanor with love and the promise to help teach them about God.

We're playing that out in our Youth Lounge, as we gather with "our" kids to eat, talk, dance, play.

We're playing that out in our commitment to serve dinner at Lakeview Shelter and collect food for Lakeview Pantry; we'll celebrate it in our "Festival of the Global Village" this month.

We're talking about it in Bible Studies as we see what the Gospel writers have to say about the first community of believers, those who were drawn to "the Way" that Jesus showed. We see it lived out in our spirituality group, gay men's discussion group, choir, and movie nights.

Some of us called ourselves "Village People," with a smile on our faces, so it's great to see the Stewardship theme as we plan for our future – *Village People: Pledge 2011*. It's our reminder as we gather in Worship in November that it takes all of us, that no gift is too small.

Together we make Broadway's commitments real. Together, we can make them possible.

And the hard truth is: unless we are together in this, we can't. Each coin in the kids' Sunday School jar, each dollar in the plate, each check written, each EFT makes a difference. The Broadway Village needs each of us – and all of us – to keep the ministry going.



Celebrating the Village,

Lois ⁺

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

Vernice's View

Who says you can't go home again?

As I write this newsletter article I am on Amtrak, returning from a visit to my home church. I became a member of Quinn Chapel AME Church in 1978, the year before my daughter was born. My daughter was baptized in that church. That church is where I began asking the faith questions that led me into ministry. So much of my faith journey has its roots in that church.

I was contacted by the Pastor a few months ago questioning if I would be willing to preach for Women's day. Women's day in the black church is an important event. It is a fundraiser and a revival as well as a celebration of women.

Here is a part of my sermon that I shared, as guest preacher, with my Quinn family on their Women's Day 2010:

Women have always played a vital role throughout church history. I found a book gifted to me by very special people titled, "If it wasn't for the women" by Cheryl Townsend Gilkes. I want to share some of her research information. Rev. Gilkes was asked to describe and document the role of the black Christian women in the twentieth century and she gathered a lot of her data from women in the AME church and came to the conclusion that the role of black churchwomen could be described with a theme taken from Lucy Campbell's song. The words are: "Something within me that holdeth the reins, something within me that banishes pain, something within me I cannot explain, all that I know there is something within." And she continues with this statement: "In every aspect of African American life and history, black women have been a significant force, the 'something within.' In every organization where they are present, they have been the key actor responsible for the integrity and efficacy of the operations. According to civil rights movement folklore, one famous civil rights leader said that if the women ever left the movement, he was going with the women, because nothing was going to happen without the women."

It was a significant moment in my life to reconnect with such a vital part of my history. I am thankful to have been nurtured by such strong black women from that congregation. Many are still there; many have passed on, yet their spirits and the lessons they conveyed live on in my heart. I am thankful for that part of my journey because it continues to shape and inform my life.

My 98 year old mother, my daughter and granddaughter were there to share in the celebration of women. I acknowledged them as a part of my story that continues to uplift and undergird. I talked about the importance of recognizing the faith of our ancestors. Their faith and strength is what often inspires us through rough times.

Often going home can be difficult at best, yet in this instance I felt it was a place where I was truly welcomed and loved. I experienced that love and hospitality as my Quinn Family opened their arms to receive me, refuting the statement that you can never go home again.

It is because of you, my Broadway family, and our continued conversation around diversity that I was able to accept that invitation and bring all of who I am into the room, sharing what I have learned and become as a result of my time at Broadway. So, thank you for your spirit of inclusivity. Your witness truly goes beyond our walls, connecting in places we least expect it to.



In Truth and Justice,

Vernice

Kevin's Korner

November 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)



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These are important days for Bloom as "The Season" is gearing up. Our little church has a lot going on this fall.

Recently, Rev. Kev published another "Words of Faith" column in *The Desert Sun*. It got some comments. Rev. Kev was called a hypocrite by some detractors responding to the column and a blog written the day before in the same paper. You can read the 10/17/2010 column – "[Time to reteach the 'Golden Rule' – at this link](#)". The 10/16/2010 [blog is here](#).

On October 31, we celebrated our 5th anniversary as a United Church of Christ. The visit of three church executives and very special music, followed by a pot-luck brunch made the celebration so special. Besides being Halloween, it was All Saints' Day for us, so we remembered our loved ones who died and honored their gifts in our lives. The candle lighting time was moving and memorable.

The week before that, Bloom was invited to participate with St. Paul in the Desert Episcopal Church in "A Celebration Recognizing Gay and Lesbian Long Term Partnerships." Ranging from five to 50 years, the dozens of gay and lesbian couples were honored with a sung evensong service. Renewal of vows, choral music, hymns, readings and prayers were offered. Rev. Kev was welcomed to be the co-officiant and one Bloom couple – John and Jimmy – celebrated their 27 years together. [Here is a link to photos from the event, including John, Jimmy and Rev. Kev.](#)

November 7 is Pride Sunday in Palm Springs and Bloom will have to be in two places at once. Our regular worship service will feature Pastor Lois Parr as worship leader as she visits Bloom for the first time. YAY!! Bloomer-from-Hawaii, Rev. Woodley White will be in town to preach for the service and co-officiate with Lois for Communion. Rev. Kev and Mike Shear will be in the red convertible parade car that Bloom sponsors. Bloomers will be walking along side the car handing out candy and businesses cards to the cheering crowd. Then all are meeting up at the home of our treasurer, Woody, for a late brunch gathering. It's a blast. And, it's a huge day for the Bloom Community in the community. There are photos from last year on Bloom's website.

More plans include Woodley preaching a second Sunday on "What is God's Purpose for Humankind?" Then Thanksgiving weekend features the First Sunday of Advent with folk-singing trio, Ol' Doc Rickenbeck. We hope to receive more new members that weekend and in December. Oh, December.....more to come on that. See you 12/19!!

Please keep all of us in your prayers. Join the Bloom in the Desert Ministries Group on Facebook, friend Rev. Kev and sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter at www.bloominthedesert.org.

God bless you.

KAJ

(Editor's Note: Links can be accessed from the online version of the newsletter.)

VILLAGE PEOPLE: PLEDGE 2011

It's fun to pledge at the BUMC! It is time for our annual Stewardship campaign and you won't be able to wait to see what we have in store. **From November 7 – December 5**, come to worship or look to your mail or inbox to learn more about how pledging to BUMC in 2011 plays a vital role in the village people.

Mark your calendars to come to worship each Sunday, and especially on December 5, and help us show how we, the village people, can pledge 2011!

LAKEVIEW PANTRY FOOD DRIVE



On **Saturday, November 6**, Broadway is having a food drive to benefit the Lakeview Pantry. We will be at the Jewel Food Store on Broadway at Addison **from 9 am — 5 pm**, handing out shopping lists to customers going in and collecting their purchased items on their way out of the store. This is a great opportunity for Broadway to be more visible in our local community, to help out a great organization that serves our local community, and to serve with other Broadway members. The volunteer schedule is on the sign-up table outside the sanctuary. Lakeview Pantry distributes food, clothing and household goods at two sites in Lakeview 6 days a week, as well as providing home delivery and case management.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Multicultural Family Tree Continues to Grow

We couldn't get it all done in one month so the journey continues. Come create your family tree and hear the wonderful stories of other's family tree. 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 continue to 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 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 November 6, 13 and 20.**

MULTICULTURAL SEMINAR SERIES

At the **Saturday, November 13th, 10 am - 1 pm** Multicultural Series session titled "Similarities and Differences: a tug-of-war?" we will explore this theme from the perspective of the Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity. Come ready to have fun and fellowship as we learn from each other!

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 13, 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



Diversity, Multicultural and Anti-Racism Seminar Series
2010-2011

September 18 SATURDAY 10am-1pm
WELCOME TO THE SEMINAR SERIES: PETER GODARD & VINCENT WIGGINS
Introduction & overview of the seminar series

October 2 SATURDAY 10am-1pm
RESOURCES SEMINAR: LUIS RIVERA & ELINA RODRIGUEZ
Resources for Competent Ministry in a Diverse Changing World

November 13 SATURDAY 10am-1pm
MULTICULTURAL SEMINAR: ELINA RODRIGUEZ & LUIS RIVERA
Competent Ministry Begins with Knowing Yourself

January 15 SATURDAY 10am-1pm
ANTI-RACISM SEMINAR: CATHY KNIGHT & VERNICE THORN
The Intersections of Oppression

Sponsored by The People of Color and Anti-Racist White Caucus Discussion Groups of Broadway United Methodist Church
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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.

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.

- November 1** Lakeview Shelter Dinner
(November 8 No Bible Study; please join us at the Transitional Team Meeting at 7 pm at Broadway)
- November 15** Acts: the ends of the world

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

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

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Children's Sunday School

Huge kudos to Celeste, Camille, Breeze and Carla for their awesome energy for the Crop Walk. The girls walked (ok there was a stroller there, too!) the entire 10K!!! What a great job!

A special thank you to Carla who read the children's prayer for Children's Sabbath.

With much delight the children have been learning how to find the books of the Bible. As we continue with our learning and sharing this fall we will learn The Lord's Prayer in movement, continue to work on our Sunday school book of prayer and create items for the fall fair.

Our mission this Fall is also to expand our children's offering to support the children from Spirit Lake for Christmas. We will decorate shoe boxes, place toys, games, crafts, gloves and mittens in the boxes for Clayton Parr to deliver to the children. If you would like to donate gloves and mittens (ages infant to teens) please bring them to Sunday school. We will complete our project at the end of November.

~ Diana Davis

SUNDAY ADULT 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: Sundays at 10:00 am. Through November 14: Book study on *The Book of Ruth*, a novel by Jane Hamilton. A story that confronts real life issues of alienation and violence and creates a testament to the human capacity for mercy, compassion and love. Join this lively discussion of integrating real life situations to the Biblical story and the faith journey. To reserve your copy of the book, contact the office or see one of the pastors. (You needn't have read the novel to participate — it's a great discussion of life!)

Beginning on November 21: *While We Wait, Living the Questions of Advent* by Mary Lou Redding.

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 pm**. Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for 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

Our study of *Invitation to the New Testament* will finish up on **Wednesday, November 3rd at 7 pm**. Next up: *Yearning for God: Reflections of Faithful Lives*, by Margaret Ann Crain and Jack Seymour. A study looking at the faith journey of laity and the process of spiritual growth. Within these stories laity share about forgiveness, hope, grace, comfort and challenges as they progress in their spiritual journey. Discussion and reflections will take place during this 9 week session. We hope that you will come and share a light snack and open dialogue amongst our faith community. Join us **Wednesdays at 7 pm, November 10, 17, and 24**.

FESTIVAL IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE

Everybody's Invited! November 14 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Come, join us for this fun-filled day! It's a combination of a fair trade bazaar for local artisans and vendors in Broadway Church and our community, with a joyous festival in anticipation of Christmas! Be sure to invite your neighbors and other friends!

We expect a beehive of activity — vendors at tables, musicians and others taking a turn at a performance stage, people wandering among the vendor tables, making bids at the "Silent Auction," or taking a break in a snack area with coffee and hot drinks to feast on goodies they've purchased (a la *Taste of Chicago*), everybody just having a great time together.

But we need you to participate too — as a vendor, baker, cook, entertainer, or other volunteer — to make the Festival come alive! (Sign-Up Sheets available at church.)

Vendors: Do you make things that would be wonderful Christmas gifts? Baby booties, hot pan holders, jewelry, pictures, note cards, spice mixes, etc., etc.

Bakers and Cooks: People who bake cookies, muffins, bread, biscuits, cupcakes, cakes, pies... people who make delicious hors d'oeuvres, side dishes, deviled eggs, other snack or brunch type items (to entice those who normally go out for brunch.)

Musicians and other entertainers: Drummers, instrumentalists, vocalists, groups, dancers, clowns, jugglers, magicians, others.

Volunteers to help set up, clear up, and help as needed.

We'll provide tables, or half-tables for artisans, crafters, vendors, cooks, and bakers with items for sale. Also for others — possibly teachers who teach people how to make Christmas gifts (fold little boxes, make paper Christmas ornaments, etc. or provide other instruction).

For additional information, contact Paula Roderick, fairjust@sbcglobal.net, Bob Martinez, krowzy@gmail.com, Abigail Ozanne, abigail.ozanne@garrett.net, or Fran Markwardt, franmarkw@att.net.

GAY MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Our gay men's discussion group continues to be an open and affirming place for building community among the gay/queer men of the Broadway Congregation. We plan to continue our gatherings **at 7:30 pm on Tuesday nights: November 2, 9 and 30**. All gay/queer men are welcome to join us for our lively weekly discussion. During this next round of gatherings, we will have a different facilitator each week and each facilitator will choose his own topic. Past (hot) topics have included: getting to know you, sexuality and religion, coming out, vocations, and the intersection of race and sexuality.

NOVEMBER MISSION MINUTE

November's Mission Minute is **UMCOR Special Giving to Pakistan.**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is reaching out to its network of partners in Pakistan to respond to the most severe flooding ever to affect that country.

Heavier than usual monsoon rains have drenched the country and provoked flash floods that have chased millions from their homes and left thousands stranded and awaiting rescue. Government buildings, businesses, thousands of acres of crops, and nearly 90,000 homes so far have been completely destroyed by the floods that followed on the heels of extremely heavy monsoon rains in the provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Punjab, AJK, and Sindh. Floodwaters washed away roads and entire villages and destroyed bridges, made communication and rescue difficult, and provoked fears that their destructive reach may be extended through waterborne illnesses like cholera and malaria.

UMCOR is responding to the Pakistan floods by providing clean drinking water, food, temporary shelter, and medical aid to tens of thousands of people in collaboration with partner organizations such as the Church of Pakistan, and GlobalMedic. UMCOR's administrative costs are supported by the UMC One Great Hour of Sharing, so 100% of monies giving go directly to support the relief work in Pakistan.

For further information, please visit <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>.

November's Mission Minute Sunday is **November 14, 2010**. However, you can make donations to *UMCOR Special Giving to Pakistan* 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 *UMCOR* or November Mission Minute.)

THANKSGIVING FEAST



Please join us for the **2nd Annual Tony Vega Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner, November 25, 2010**. If you want to share your Thanksgiving Day dinner with Broadway, you are welcome! Dinner will be served **at 2 pm**. If you want to cook, help serve, set up, clean up, welcome guests, please sign up at the Sowers signup table on Sundays. For more information: contact our co-chairs, Jon Zilliox at 773-712-3396 or Holly Foltz at hmfoltz@yahoo.com.



PILGRIMAGE AND FAITH

You are invited to visit the Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA) to see the exhibition, Pilgrimage and Faith: Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam. It focuses on the history and continuing practice of pilgrimage in the three religions as embodied in striking works of art.

From the Rubin Museum of Art in New York City come intricately painted thangkas—illustrations of the life of Buddha and meditational aides—and sculptures from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Medieval and Renaissance Christian liturgical objects from LUMA's Martin D'Arcy Collection illustrate how art was employed to enhance the spiritual experience at pilgrimage sites. Thirteenth-century Iranian glazed tiles from the Newark Museum of Art testify to Islam's similar use of art.

Despite the theological and cultural differences between the three religions, common threads underlie their pilgrimage practices, such as the desire of the devout to establish a personal relationship with the divine by leaving the comfort of their personal environs to travel to a distant, holy place; the performance of special rites upon arrival; and the acquisition of mementos by which to sustain the special relationship with the divine afterwards. Thus, in the exhibition there are clay tablets from Tibetan monasteries and Shiite shrines, as well as lead badges from the shrine of Thomas Becket at Canterbury .

Pilgrimage and Faith runs **until November 14th**. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a general admission charge of \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors. On Tuesdays, the museum is open later (11 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and is FREE to all. Guided tours are conducted daily at 12 noon and 2 p.m. Group tours may be scheduled by contacting Ann Meehan at 312.915.7604 or ameeha1@luc.edu.

A [brochure](#) can be found on Broadway's website under "Miscellaneous Forms" under "Resources."

LOOKING AHEAD...

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| Saturday, December 4 | Hanging of the Greens at 2 pm |
| Sunday, December 5 | Second Sunday of Advent;
Consecration (Pledge) Sunday
<i>Special Guest: Mark Miller!</i> |
| Sunday, December 12 | Third Sunday of Advent;
Mission Minute Sunday |
| Sunday, December 19 | Fourth Sunday of Advent;
<i>Guest Preacher: Rev. Kevin Johnson</i>
Choir Advent/Christmas Concert at 2 pm |
| Tuesday, December 21 | 'Longest Night' Healing Service |
| Friday, December 24 | Christmas Eve services at 4:30, 7:00 and 11:00 pm |
| Sunday, December 26 | Christmas/Kwanzaa; One Sunday morning service at 11:00 am |



(Mark Miller)

STEPS FOR EQUALITY

Those who speak for Gay rights are often assumed to be Gay/Lesbian themselves. Perhaps this is a lack of empathy in our culture; perhaps a hatred that has been directed toward homosexual people for so long a time.

To disable privilege, heterosexuals need to use the terms SPOUSE OR PARTNER instead of wife or husband. (Use neutral terms for sexual orientation words.)

Source: *STRAIGHTFORWARD* by Ian Ayres & Jennifer Gerarda Brown, Princeton University Press, Copyright 2005

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The participation of children and young adults is so precious in our church life, then and now.

“A Beautiful Service” from *Church News*, May 1914

Sunday morning, May 17th*, will be remembered because of Dr. Lesemann's sermon, but most of all because of the beautiful baptismal service. Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Berg brought their three beautiful children and Dr. Lesemann assisted the pastor in dedicating them to the Lord and the church in Christian baptism. They were christened, beginning with the eldest, Charlotte Ruth, Laura Levanche and Joseph Martindale by the beautiful service of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Then two young ladies were also baptized, Miss Amy Powell and Miss Ruth Steffey. It was a tender service. Oh! if we could get young women, all of them just budding into womanhood, thus to give themselves to the church. The prayers of the church are for their great happiness and success.

*Note: This Sunday in 1914 was extra special for me, as the day on which my father, Samuel J. Van Hying, Jr., came into our world.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

December Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **December 2010** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, November 21st**. Articles in electronic format are preferred and should be sent to broadwayc@ameritech.net. Hard copies may also be submitted in the newsletter mailbox off Friendship Hall.



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