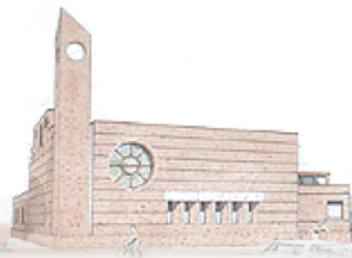




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# The Broadway — January 2011

## The Pastor's Paragraphs

The church calendar does not help us remember our meetings, but it aims at nothing less than changing the way we experience time and perceive reality...it is about the movement of history toward a glorious goal – God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

~ *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*

While the *church* new year began on November 28 (the first Sunday of Advent), flipping to the next *calendar* year always brings two things for me – gratitude for the year coming to an end, and anticipation for what's ahead.

It's that *now and not yet* that gives the church year meaning also: the *now* that we participate in the kin-dom that Jesus ushered in; the *not yet* that acknowledges that God's justice still doesn't cover the earth.

So we live into that possibility as we continue the mission and ministry of Broadway in 2011, claiming our witness to the wide welcome of inclusion, confirming again our identity as an anti-racist institution and a reconciling congregation. How will the new calendar year invite us to take the church year and its re-telling of God's story more deeply into our hearts, and more fully into the world?

Consider all that we've celebrated in 2010; take a look at the events that already appear on the calendar for 2011. I am so grateful for the commitment Broadway people make to keeping alive the beloved community, acknowledging that we are called to continue to listen for God's voice urging us into the realm of justice and peace that requires our attention.

Thanks, Broadway, for 2010. Let's see where 2011 takes us...



With you, on the road...

*Lois* +

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

### **Our home is your home (literally)!**

#### Christmas Open House at the Parsonage

**Saturday, January 1, 1-5 pm**

Please come enjoy finger foods and beverages (non-alcoholic) at the Parsonage (the house right next door to Broadway) as we celebrate our community in this season of wonder.



## Vernice's View

### **Practicing God's Presence in the New Year**

Happy 2011! I have to be honest that each New Year, though I know it's coming, almost always catches me by surprise, and this year is no different. I feel that if I ignore its coming, maybe time will slow down. Of course that never happens. So here we are, once again, in a new year, wondering what the year will bring. We pray for peace, for healing, for jobs, for justice, for financial security...and the list goes on. As we start this year, my prayer is that we begin by recognizing, in a new way, God's presence in us and in all that happens around us. That's not always easy in our over-tasked and over-extended lives. Yet, I know that I cannot survive without this practice. So, I want to share with you ways to practice God's presence in this New Year.

Being in the presence of God could arguably be considered the single most important part of our lives. While in a sense it is always with us and we cannot live without it, we find ourselves hungering for it more and more and struggling to find the time to be with God.

When we talk about experiencing the presence of God, we are talking about the realization, the recognition, the awareness of God's nearness, in all aspects of our lives. Sunday morning worship is one of the most valuable ways where this can happen. God has promised that as we draw near to God, God will draw near to us.

Yet, there are many opportunities beyond worship that help us experience the presence of God. There are numerous Bible and book studies of which we might meet God. On Wednesday evening at Broadway the sanctuary is open for prayer, followed by guided meditation and study. From 5:30 to 9 pm we practice, mind body and spirit, being in the presence of God. As a result of these practices our relationships with God, with ourselves, and with each other find new expression. They are fuller and deeper, more expansive as we participate together, with God.

I believe that God is in all that we do and all that we are. Our challenge is to identify and practice that awareness of God's presence. It's not always easy, but as we practice God's presence in places we don't normally think of as spiritual, it will change our understanding and our faith journey. For example, if you've not been to a church meeting lately, I encourage you to be present in 2011. It is our intention that the business of the church be God's business. Even as we discuss the challenges of budget and finances, we frame it in scripture and community and ministry, acknowledging the sacred in all of the work we do.

So, as we begin this New Year, I invite and encourage us to be attentive to the many ways we might practice the presence of God. It is essential to our physical, emotional and spiritual lives that we find the time to experience the peace and healing that comes with communing with the Holy.

Blessings as we begin 2011.



In Truth and Justice,

Vernice



# Kevin's Korner

January 2011



**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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Wunnerful. Wunnerful. Wunnerful!! That's how I felt while walking away from Broadway UMC on Sunday afternoon, December 19th. The Broadway Choir concert, Readers' Theatre presentations, jazz numbers and Kaleidoscope Choir were all wonderful. The quality was inspiring and the feeling in that very room was edifying. It was good to be at Broadway on that day.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!! That's what comes from my heart for the loving reception I felt on that Sunday morning. Worshipping and talking with your Broadway community was so meaningful. And Bloomers are so grateful for the financial support of the Mission Minute giving and matching grant. You are a generous people in many ways. We know together that these are challenging financial times, so Bloom's gratitude is magnified by knowing that your gifts are certainly extra. So here's an extra "thank you."

It was great to see familiar faces and be introduced to new folks who are now giving so much of themselves. As we look to 2011 together, I hope we can collaborate in a few more ways. Maybe we can share some ideas for Readers' Theatre in Palm Springs or for the BloomVoices choir we keep dreaming about here. Just know that you continue to inspire us to grow in ministry.

One more thing to say is that we hope you consider visiting Bloom whenever you are in the Palm Springs area. Specifically, it would be great to have some folks from Broadway be at Bloom for our eighth anniversary weekend March 4-6, 2011. Join us for our "Spring Fling Cabaret 2 and Silent Auction" fundraiser on Friday evening, March 4, and for celebration church on that Sunday morning. It will a great time. Thanks again, Broadway friends.

God bless you. God bless you. God bless you!!

KAJ

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](http://www.bloominthedesert.org). God bless you.

## VILLAGE PEOPLE: PLEDGE 2011



Thank you Village People! You pledged \$195,000 so far for 2011. That is over \$25,000 more than we had pledged last year. As many of you know, we are in the midst of our budget process for 2011. I cannot wait to see how that \$195,000 in pledges helps us to fulfill our mission next year. For those of you who want a sneak peak, come to the **Transition Team Meeting on January 10** to view and vote on our budget. Thank you all again. It really is fun to pledge at the BUMC!

Happy New Year from your Finance Team!

# EMPOWERING ALL IN MINISTRY

Your voice is needed in the next step towards organizing Broadway to fully embody our mission and empower all in ministry. For several months, many members of the Broadway congregation have met to envision how this might work — how our groups and committees can reflect and support all of the fantastic gifts for ministry throughout this congregation. But this work has to include everybody. The ultimate decision for how Broadway reorganizes will be made by the congregation at a Church Conference in January, (see below) so your voice is needed now, while the different organizational models are being developed. Join us on **Sunday, January 9th after the 11:00 service**. We will share and describe the organizational models that are being developed, and we will ask for your comments and thoughts and questions. This is absolutely essential to the final phase of this work.



**We want all of you there!**

## CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE

Church/Charge Conference for Broadway on **Sunday, January 30, 2011, at 12:30 pm**, following our 11:00 Worship Service. The purpose of the Conference is to take care of the unfinished business from our October Church/Charge Conference – namely, consideration of a new leadership organization (see above) and election of congregational leaders.

## ENVIRONMENT ROOM CLEAN-UP

CALLING ALL OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVES!!!!

For all of you that have a strong need to clean and organize, we have a wonderful opportunity for you. On **Saturday, January 8 from 10am - 2pm** there will be an Environment Room cleanup day. All year long, Scott McGowan, Demetrius Kelsaw, Rich Ramos, Jeffery Morris and Jon Zilliox do such a great job at keeping the altar, sanctuary and Friendship Hall nicely adorned. Their hard work and creativity every week is much appreciated. And we now have a chance to help them by washing vases, removing wax from items, washing cloths, etc. and just generally organizing the Environment storeroom downstairs. So please join us that day and put your cleaning and organizational skills to a great purpose. Coffee and snacks will be served but BYO iron if you can for wax removal. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that we have an idea of how many are coming.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Wurster at [kathwurst1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathwurst1@sbcglobal.net) or Scott McGowan at [smcgowanchicago@aol.com](mailto:smcgowanchicago@aol.com).

## 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: January 3, 10, 25 and February 1, 8 and 22**. 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.

## HAITI MEMORIAL SERVICE



On January 12, 2010, a devastating earthquake occurred in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, killing over 300,000 persons and displacing millions of Haitians. One year later, the need to rebuild Haiti and provide for its people still remains. On January 12, 2011, an ecumenical service will be held to remember the Haitian victims as well as to raise funds for the people of Haiti. This service will include prayer, music, and dance. Haitian food will be provided by Chez Violette. All are welcome!

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary — *Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful*

**Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.**

## MULTICULTURAL SEMINAR SERIES

Multicultural Series continues – “Who is my Neighbor?”

In our last workshop we explored similarities and differences; discovering that even in our differences our stories connect. We continue our multi-cultural series and take a deeper look at the intersections of our stories, naming and valuing our diversity. One of the resources we will use for this workshop is Audre Lorde and she states in “Sister Outsider”: *Too often, we pour the energy needed for recognizing and exploring difference into pretending those differences are insurmountable barriers, or that they do not exist at all. This results in a voluntary isolation, or false and treacherous connections.*

As a community of faith committed to following the Gospel message to love our neighbor, we are invited to gather more tools for the justice journey. Please join us on **January 15, 2011 from 10 am to 1 pm**. Facilitators: Vernice Thorn and Cathy Knight.

# NEW OVERNIGHT YOUTH PROGRAM

Exciting details below from the Night Ministry about upcoming volunteer training as they are moving forward with a new youth overnight program, which will be hosted at Lakeview Lutheran on Addison. Some of our youth are sure to be served by this new program for the winter months.

**Volunteer Trainings: Sunday January 9th, 12:30 – 2:30pm OR Wednesday January 19th, 6-8pm**

Both will be held at Lakeview Lutheran Church (835 W Addison ) – the site of the new overnight space!

At that training, we will do a combination of basic training for volunteering with specific training for this new site. Other requirements include a background check and fingerprinting (we'll give you all the materials at the training – it sounds more complicated than it is). We're looking for a minimum of a twice a month commitment (so folks really have a chance to build relationships with young people, get to know the space and staff, etc), with priority in scheduling for folks who want to come once a week. There will be lots of room though – both morning and evening, weekends and weekdays.

Please RSVP to Jen Rude at [jennette@thenightministry.org](mailto:jennette@thenightministry.org)!

Thanks for your interest and passion!

Peace,  
Rev. Jen Rude  
Youth Outreach Minister, The Night Ministry



## WINTER WARMING

**A congress of Reconciling United Methodists: Sat, Jan. 15, 2011, 4 to 7 pm**

Euclid Avenue UMC (405 S. Euclid Avenue, Oak Park)

You are needed if change is going to happen. Gather with others who are committed to a fully inclusive church for workshops, strategic mapping, legislative action, a community meal and worship led by Bishop Sharon Rader.

Also, there are two more significant ways you can help!

1. Join the event choir — Clayton will conduct! Rehearsal will start promptly at 6 pm. Choir members who want to participate in the pasta dinner can be served first and quickly.
2. Form a group to create 6 to 8 ice lanterns (instructions on our website [here](#) or look under “miscellaneous forms”); A) claiming one color (red, green, blue, yellow, orange or purple) and emailing that choice to Bonnie at [bbeckonchrist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbeckonchrist@sbcglobal.net) or B) creating the full spectrum.

It promises to be an inspiring afternoon and evening — hope to see you there!

*“This hour in history needs a dedicated circle of transformed nonconformists.”  
~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# YOUTH LOUNGE

Youth Lounge receives a Grant!!

From its very inception, the primary focus of the Youth Lounge has been steeped in the Gospel message of "Radical Hospitality" aimed primarily at disenfranchised LGBTQQ youth who migrate to the Lakeview area seeking acceptance and safety.

Over the years Vernice and I have often talked of introducing such a mission to Broadway. We waited until the time felt right. We've traveled through several transitions and have finally arrived at a place where the congregation is open to fresh new ways of how to do ministry. This new spirit is reflected in the success of the Flower Groups and in our current restructuring process. It's very exciting!

Then again, this is not new. Broadway has a rich history of justice ministry and we are faithfully following that tradition with the Youth Lounge.

The success of the Youth Lounge is primarily due to our super dedicated team of volunteers who have been willing to go the extra mile to reach out to "our" youth with the intent of making real connections with them. It is our goal to make them feel valued and loved and to make a difference in their lives. We believe they deserve the best.

The Youth Lounge has become a multifaceted mission and the support we have received from within as well as outside the Broadway family has been amazing. We are on track and have been blessed.

One such blessing came to us earlier this month (December). We were awarded a United Methodist Foundation grant (our first grant!) in the amount of \$1500, for which we are extremely thankful. This grant tells us that we are on the right path, that the work we are doing is important and needed. We are dreaming big for the future of the Youth Lounge. So, thank you all for your continued love and support for this mission. The best is yet to come and I'm glad it is happening at Broadway.

The Youth Lounge Cheerleader,

~ Z

# LAKEVIEW SHELTER

It saddens me to report that the Lakeview Shelter closed its doors permanently on December 3, 2010.

The shelter, operated by North Side Housing, was located in the basement of the Lakeview Lutheran Church. The church did not renew their lease with North Side Housing, and although they have been searching for suitable space to re-locate to, they have not found any to date.

I would like to thank all that have supported our mission with the shelter and hope that we can count on that continued support as we go out in to the community to secure other needs which we can support.

~ Craig Fitzgerald

# SENSORY-RICH WORSHIP WORKSHOP

## Worship Alive!

The Art & Technique of Sensory-Rich Worship  
(Without Burning Out!)

**Sunday, January 16, 2011**

**2:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Rogers Park, Chicago**

The next Workshop Alive! workshop is coming up **January 16th**. This workshop is with Marcia McFee — one of our most popular workshop leaders in the past and one of the most creative & inspiring worship designers and leaders of our day. I can promise you that folks who get to this workshop will come back enlivened and enriched with new possibilities for worship. Here's a little preview:

What can we learn from filmmakers that can inform our work in offering the greatest Story ever told in sensory-rich ways? Why do we need sensory-rich worship and how can we do this in large and small churches? This interactive workshop will help us stretch our creativity by providing concrete tools and resources for worship that engages all of our senses.

We will also explore how to plan substantive and vital worship without getting burned out! Marcia will share her process of “planning together and planning ahead” that can move us from “plug-and-play” worship planning to “intentional design.” With solid processes in place (whether based on the lectionary or not), we can embrace “ritual artistry” and get excited once again about creating meaningful and memorable worship year-round.

**Dr. Marcia McFee** is a worship consultant, professor, designer and leader known across the country for her interactive and inspirational workshops. Additionally, over the last three years over 250 leaders have attended her continuing education retreats in her home town of Lake Tahoe and she has started an online subscription worship planning resource, The Worship Design Studio. Marcia combines her background and experience in professional companies of music, theater and dance with a variety of worship and preaching styles in order to bring a fresh experience of the Gospel to each worship setting. Dr. McFee received a Master's of Theological Studies degree at Saint Paul School of Theology with a concentration in Preaching and Worship, where she recently received the Outstanding Graduate Award from the Alumni Association. She has a Ph.D. in liturgical studies from the Graduate Theological Union and has been an adjunct and guest lecturer at 10 seminaries. She is the Director of Worship and Music for the United Methodist General Conference in 2012. For more information, check out Marcia's web site: <http://www.marciamcfee.com/>



Remember that, as a Co-Sponsoring Congregation, we can send any number of persons to the workshop. No need to pre-register any of these persons.

If you have any questions, contact me at [worshipalive@comcast.net](mailto:worshipalive@comcast.net).

Blessings to you in this holy season and I look forward to seeing you at the workshop in January.

~ Mark Bowman, coordinator Worship Alive!

# VOLUNTEERING AT BROADWAY

Many hands & hearts keep our community going...thank you!

Thanks to all those who are on board or have stepped up to the plate so willingly to take on the routine tasks that need to be done at Broadway. There are volunteer liturgists and gospel readers, those who prepare the Chancel each week, those who help with Sunday School (children and adults) and Children's Church, weekly ushers, our media team, those who work hard to provide a safe program for the youth in the neighborhood, those who do the extra music – early services and children's choir, all of you who bring goodies for the coffee hour and those who come early to set-up and those who stay after to clean up, those who are watchful about what needs to be done around the building, and then those who stay and count the Sunday offerings. It takes all of these every-week-volunteers for Broadway to continue its ministry. We are **grateful** for you!



As we think about a new year and the many places where people can plug in...please prayerfully consider what your part will be for 2011 in this wonderful mosaic. We need everyone in the village to help. There is a spot waiting for you.

## WEEK OF PRAYER



**January 18-25** is "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity"! This is a week where our whole community, throughout the world, will join to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus, "that they all may be one" (John 17:21). To celebrate this week of prayer, our Sanctuary will be open **from 5:30-6:30 pm** for prayer and meditation on January 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and again on the 24th and 25th. **On Wednesday, January 19, we will offer a special Prayer Service and Vigil at 6:30 pm.**

**During our Sunday morning services on January 23rd**, we will begin a new covenant with each other called "Prayer Partner Fellowship." This is a special anonymous program where you will have the opportunity to commit to praying for someone throughout 2011. Participants will fill out a slip of paper including their name, address and birth date or special anniversary dates or dates of importance.

Then the slips will be collected and exchanged and you will pray for the person whose name you draw. Throughout the year you may, if you so choose, contact this person to remind them that they're being prayed for and send them greetings on holidays or on the special days they listed. This is not a requirement of the program, however. The only requirement to be involved is to keep your covenant to pray daily for your prayer partner. At the end of the year, you may choose to reveal your identity or you may wish to remain anonymous, the choice is yours.

# SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

**Sunday mornings at 10:00 am**

**January 2 and 9:** *A Place to Pray: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer* by Roberta C. Bondi

**January 16, 23 and 30:** *What Does a Progressive Christian Believe?: A Guide for the Searching, the Open, and the Curious* by Delwin Brown – led by Amy Daigler and Aaron Anderson

*Sneak Preview for February – we are all invited to a discussion of New York Best Seller The Help by Kathryn Stockett – start reading today so that you can be a part of this exciting and educational study.*

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

**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 the Pillow Room at **6:00 pm. on Wednesdays**. If you're interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation. If you have questions, please see Vernice or Lois.

**Education Hour** — *Yearning for God: Reflections of Faithful Lives*, by Margaret Ann Crain and Jack Seymour. Due to interest, we are expanding the discussion of the book into January **with authors Jack Seymour and Margaret Ann Crain joining us on January 5th**. What are you yearning for? Assurance, vocation, justice, acceptance, meaning and healing? All are welcome to join in the discussions **Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 pm**.

# EDUCATION RALLY

Calling all Village People!!! Mark your calendars for our next Education Rally!

We've had a remarkable year of education and spiritual formation activities. Join us again as we plan exciting and meaningful studies and activities for 2011. We rally on **January 29, 2011, 10am to 1 pm**. Bring your ideas and let's get creative as we plan events to move us to the next level of our faith journey.



# JANUARY MISSION MINUTE

January's Mission Minute is **Church of the Reconciler**.

Church of the Reconciler ([www.churchofthereconciler.com](http://www.churchofthereconciler.com)) is a multicultural, multiracial, mission church, serving over 900 homeless people in Birmingham, Alabama. We have offered our financial support to Rev. Kevin Higgs and our sister church that boldly proclaims itself to be "A Church in Mission to Homeless," in Birmingham over the past several years. This year, they also have offered another way to partner with them, making praying for the homeless in our community our prayer mission this year.

January's Mission Minute Sunday is **January 9**. However, you can make donations to *Church of the Reconciler* throughout the month. To donate, mark your envelope or check with the Mission Minute. (Make checks out to Broadway Church but be sure to note *Church of the Reconciler* or January Mission Minute.)

## SOWERS...LOOKING AHEAD (SOWERS UPDATE ON PG.12-13)



Of course, Broadway will host our annual **Martin Luther King Jr., COMMUNITY Dinner** on **January 17, 2011**. Love our community dinner — great food, chili contest, open mic, awards? Want to take part in planning this year's event? Join us for our **planning meeting, January 2, 2011, after the 11:00 am service**, as we talk about how to make this dinner more open, inclusive, and a joyful celebration of Dr. King's birthday. Can't attend, still want to be included in the plans - contact Paula Roderick, [fairjust@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fairjust@sbcglobal.net).

**Sowers retreat** **January 29, 2011 — 1:00 to 5:00 or so**, lunch included. This year, 2011, before we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of mission, we decided to start with a heart/soul retreat, taking time out to do some serious visioning — who we are as community, what we want to be as "doers" of the Word. So, if you want to be a part of this work, plan on coming and sharing your ideas, hopes, dreams, and experiences: mission work, mission minutes, shelter nights, food drives, fair and local trade festivals, Thanksgiving dinner, perhaps other community dinners, peace and justice education [book clubs, movie nights, field trips?], church garden, maybe a "green team," Spiritually Positive support group (watch for more about this new mission in the weeks ahead). Experienced Sowers — welcome. Workers (you've never come to a Sowers meeting, but are always there to help support our work) — welcome. Curious but maybe not committed to service work yet, not sure where you fit in our mission work and just want to listen in — you are welcome too; feel free to come and participate.

# SOWERS...AN UPDATE

**Food Pantry Drive** Jesus asks us to feed my sheep! And we did. November was a busy and fulfilling time for Broadway's Sowers. Led by Susan Armstrong, on November 6, 2010, Broadway held a wonderful food drive for Lakeview Pantry at Jewel. The Pantry estimated that we helped provide almost 2000 lbs of food for their pantry shelves.

**Broadway's Second Annual Tony Vega Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner** It was a wonderful feast. Many hands, guided by Jon Zilliox and Holly Foltz, helped make it an open and inclusive Thanksgiving feast indeed. About 100 guests, including many of our youth and neighborhood friends, joined us. We couldn't have made this feast happen without the donations from our own Broadway family, the Vega family who continue to support us in honor of Tony Vega, and our local business community.

We had an amazing spread of food and were able to not only feed all who came, but to reserve some Thanksgiving dinner for the next Youth Lounge, deliver a turkey and side dishes to the REST shelter in Uptown for their 8pm Thanksgiving dinner, and deliver Ann Sather's cinnamon rolls and other treats to our local police station.

And, we were able to do a mostly Green Thanksgiving! Much thanks to Holly Foltz for the recyclable and compostable plates, dinnerware, napkins, to ensure that we also took care to thank our Mother Earth! Watch out for 2011 — with the promise of more Green events and the start of a Green Team to continue these efforts.

Of course, we were able to provide for such an abundant Thanksgiving feast only through the amazing contributions of our Broadway family, gifts of money and food items from several local businesses, and some of the proceeds from our silent auction! Big thanks to Jon Zilliox who spent so much time walking up and down Broadway and neighboring streets, asking for donations, and being such a warm and personable face of Broadway to our local business community. And many thanks to our co-organizer, Holly, whose family provided the beautiful flowers for our table decorations.

On November 28th, a small group of BUMC members gathered for **an afternoon of theatre**, and education, to see *Memory* at Backstage Theatre, 3111 N. Western Ave. *Memory*, written by Welsh playwright Jonathan Lichtenstein, [www.jonathan-lichtenstein.co.uk](http://www.jonathan-lichtenstein.co.uk), directed by Matthew Reeder, is a compelling drama about two separate and connected stories about family, one set in holocaust era Berlin and the other in modern-day Israel and Palestine. Much thanks to Aaron Anderson who is a board member of Backstage Theater, for organizing our theater trip. We hope to visit Backstage Theater again in the New Year.

December opened with a celebration of **World AIDS Day on December 1st**. Broadway celebrated with a special viewing of the award winning documentary, *Miss HIV*, by director Jim Hanon and producer Mart Green. The film showcases women in Botswana participating in a stigma-free beauty pageant, college students in Uganda fighting the stigma of their choice to remain abstinent, and gay rights activists at the International AIDS Conference in Toronto combating stigmatization. For those of us who viewed *Miss HIV*, the film sparked an emotional and spirited dialogue about the realities of living with HIV/AIDS on individuals, family members, and the harm that stigmatizing this disease causes. If you weren't able to attend this viewing, the DVD is available for short-term loan in BUMC's library.

## **Broadway's Festival in the Global Village – A SUCCESS!!!**

BUMC held our first Fair Trade/Local Trade market day — Festival in the Global Village — on November 14, 2010. Co-chaired by Abigail Ozanne and Fran Markwardt, we welcomed nine Local artisans or Fair Trade vendors, sold baked goods for BUMC, held a tremendous silent auction, and were treated to musical presentations throughout the day.

Our vendors included Mark Aymar, [doginyard.wordpress.com](http://doginyard.wordpress.com), offering wonderful wooden portraits of “Bully” dogs; Latoya Thorn, [www.latoyathornphotography.com](http://www.latoyathornphotography.com), selling terrific scene photography and art cards; Sheila Ashby-Schultz, Fun Fuzzy Flip flops, [www.funfuzzyflipflops.com](http://www.funfuzzyflipflops.com), with her delightful casual slippers; Vincent Wiggins, Small Bytes, [www.smallbytesinc.com](http://www.smallbytesinc.com), computer training, web design, and consulting for individuals and small businesses; Mata Traders, [www.matatraders.com](http://www.matatraders.com), fair trade jewelry and clothes items; Cathy Knight, Church Within a Church, [www.cwac.org](http://www.cwac.org), provided information including books, calendars and CDs; music CDs from BUMC's own choir and Osvaldo Vena, [www.stilladream.org](http://www.stilladream.org); handmade bracelets from M.J. Grimshaw; Lynn Pollack, with fair trade olive oil, and other items from Palestine; [DanceAcademyOfSalsa.com](http://DanceAcademyOfSalsa.com), offering dance demonstrations and salsa music. Of course, if you couldn't attend our festival, you can visit our artisans throughout the year to show your support.

The silent auction table was organized by Jon Zilliox and Charolette Lill and was the centerpiece of the Festival. All proceeds benefited Broadway or our Broadway Thanksgiving Dinner and youth mission. It was a huge success thanks to Jon Zilliox who was very ambitious in contacting local businesses on Broadway and Halsted St. and asking for donations of products or gift certificates. He emphasized to the businesses that the proceeds would be used for our annual Community Thanksgiving dinner and youth mission. Of course, our auction also showcased many of our own Broadway members who donated goods and services for the auction, such as preparing a dinner party in your home, violin dinner music, making a special cake, and taking someone out to lunch. There were over 40 items donated for our auction.

Blessings for our awesome Broadway donors:

Aaron Andersen — personal budget help

Tim Barnes — organ lessons

Curt Bewley — Christmas caroling

Amy Daigler — child's jumper

Peter Godard — homemade dinner

Chris Graul — knit a hat

Sean-Edward Hall — pies, cinnamon rolls, cake

Charolette Lill — banner

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Fran Markwardt — lunch with Fran

Reed Montague — decorate tree

Tracy Nolan — pet-sitting

Sarah Connor-Smith — knit a hat

Rich Ramos — two hours of gift wrapping

Vernice Thorn — Spiritual Direction session

Amy Wells — violin music

Jon Zilliox — homemade dinner

And blessings on our neighborhood donors:

Adesso's Restaurant

Ann Sather's

Brown Elephant

Colors Hair Studio

Cram

Equinox

Goorin Bros. Hat Salon

Hawthorne House

House of Fine Chocolates

Jewel

Melanthios Restaurant

Melrose Restaurant

Orange Restaurant

Phoebe's Cupcakes

Pie Hole Pizza

Ping Pong Restaurant

Robert Jeffrey Salon

Specialty Video

Tanning Salon

Tech Shield

VP Hair Salon

Walgreens

Windy City Fruit and Nuts

In keeping with our festival spirit, we also had “goodwill” musical performances throughout the day, thanks to Abigail Ozanne, harp music; Mark Aymar, folk guitar; Tom Hope, jazz piano; and dance lessons with the Salsa Dance studio.

It was a successful and fun first venture in doing a fair trade festival **ourselves**, and we made over \$1,000, for which half was designated for the Thanksgiving dinner and youth mission. We encourage you to start thinking about what you can do to participate in next year's fair.

# LOOKING AHEAD...

## Theology Course at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

This spring, Garrett-Evangelical is offering a Theology course (**on Tuesday evenings, February through May**) at the Chicago Temple that will explore faithful Christian responses to the economic and ecological crises impacting individuals and societies around the world. Though the class is open to Garrett-ETS students as a regular course offering, we expect that an equal number of area clergy and laity will want to enroll.

What are pastors to preach and teach about the global economic downturn impacting parishioners' livelihoods, civic budgets, and weekly tithes and offerings? How are lay members to be faithful stewards of God's creation amidst their everyday lives at home and work? What is the hopeful witness of the Church in an age of climate change, energy challenges, and financial instability?

These are the type of questions we invite you – along with members of your finance, trustee, and 'green team' committees – to engage and help answer in a collaborative learning environment.

For more information, visit us online at [www.garrett.edu/oikos](http://www.garrett.edu/oikos).

Grace and peace, Philip A. Amerson,  
President, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

## Introducing Broadway's Inaugural Performing Arts Series

Announcing 4 great performances in 2011 —

**Fridays: February 11, March 4, April 29 and May 6 at 7:30 pm.** More details soon!

# STEPS FOR EQUALITY

Invite 4 friends to watch a LGBT video. Have a post-video discussion. (What you liked about the video, and what made you feel out of your "comfort zone".) Here are a list of videos to look for:

- ◆ *Desert Hearts* — Finding love and one's self in middle age.
- ◆ *Beautiful Things* — A love story set in a London housing project-tackles class issues, coming out, & fear of violence.
- ◆ *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit* — Jeanette Winterson's semi biographical novel; a young girl discovering her sexuality amid hyper-religious fanaticism of her community.
- ◆ *Longtime Companion* — This movie helps audiences grasp the sheer horror of seeing a loved one or all your loved ones, die an early death.
- ◆ *Love! Valor! Compassion!* — Eight gay men spend a summer together in this charming Big-Chill-style dramedy.

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

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# MEET BISHOP SCHNASE!

**Coming in February...meet Bishop Schnase!** Many of us at Broadway found our 2010 study of Bishop Schnase's "fruitful practices" both enriching and challenging.

**Laity Convocation is set for February 5, 2011 in Sycamore.**

Bishop Robert Schnase, author of *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, will be the keynote speaker at the annual Laity Convocation, on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Sycamore UMC in Sycamore, IL.

Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

### A tradition worth reviving?

"Watchnight by telephone" (excerpt) from *Church News*, January 1913

Ding-a-ling-a-ling. Hello, who is it? "Hello there," said that melodious voice at the other end of the wire. "We'll have watchnight services tonight and you must be there." Such was the eleventh hour invitation to force good, old 1912 into oblivion, and usher little 1913 into presence. After singing hymns, everybody repaired to the parlors upstairs where "Farewell 1912 sandwiches and London coffee" were indulged in.

The chorus "Let the lower lights be burning," sung by the entire audience, was befitting to enter into another happy and divinely-guided year with light. Rev. Edmondson spoke of the many good things which befell the members of Evanston Avenue, that conditions in the church are excellent, that prosperity is with all members, that Providence has prevented sickness with few exceptions, that new members are constantly filling the church roster, that removals are few.

Thanks to the Lord for His mercies shown us in 1912!

After that talk, all present came forward to the chancel rail and knelt in prayer while the old year silently and reverently crept into made history.

Editor's Notes: At that time our official name was Evanston Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. It was changed to Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church later that year. Also, membership peaked during this decade, at some point surpassing 500.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

### February Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **February 2011** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, January 23rd**. 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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