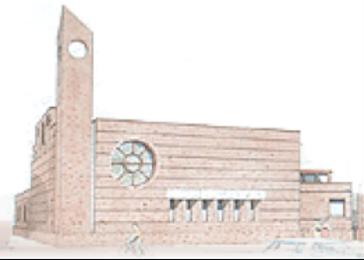




Broadway
United Methodist Church



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The Broadway — June 2011

The Pastor's Paragraphs

Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." ~ John 20:22

We have been called, as disciples, to be fishers of men and women. Unlike other fishermen, we are not instructed (in God's church) to weigh, measure, and record our catches. We are simply to present them to Jesus to do with as he pleases. After all, the church belongs to God. ~ Dick Wills, in Waking to God's Dream

Watching the children's clothing store open across the street from Broadway, it seems that the "winds of change" are bringing a new sense of the neighborhood to East Lakeview. When I think about the neighborhood those years ago when the congregation re-built after the fire, twenty years ago, ten years ago, even five years ago...change is something you can count on.

So I am wondering, as we enter this month with the celebration June 1 of the Civil Union and Religious Freedom Act* and a full schedule for PRIDE Month...what will the next ten years bring for us at 3338 N. Broadway?

Will we continue to fill the building with over 300 people weekly who come for ministry and community meetings and Toddlers' Playhouse? Will we grow the Youth Lounge as we dream, expanding to a second or even third site? Will the United Methodist denomination finally really open its minds, hearts, and doors in 2012, freeing GLBTQ clergy to serve openly? What will we see as our children – who last Sunday made \$93 for Broadway with a lemonade stand out front – grow into teenagers who will need their faith community more than ever in this changing world?

I wonder; and I get excited. I get excited thinking about what we might dream together as we look into the future God imagines for us. What we might identify as our particular niche in "transforming the world." How we might use the commitments we have here – to our anti-racism declaration, to our reconciling work, to the truly radical inclusion of Jesus – to help heal a world that is struggling, hurting, searching for meaning.

When I think of the five-hour parade that will march by our front door on June 26, I wonder about how many people in the parade or the crowd will be people who have given up on "Church" or who have already decided that they won't be welcomed if they come through a Church door. I wonder how many of those people, if invited by us, would come see that Broadway redefines what "Church" means. That Broadway is a place where the "winds of change" are bringing about a new sense of what it means to be God's beloved community, a people inspired by and led by the Spirit that still blows into our lives and into the world.

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(*not there yet...true marriage equality is the goal...but *it is worth celebrating...*!)

Vernice's View

Is it Okay to call God "Mother?", Multicultural workshops, *Love Wins*, *The Gospel of Mary*, Walking with Scripture, *Simple Abundance*, Holding on to Hope, People of Color, Anti-Racist White Caucus, Gay Men's Discussion Group, Spiritually Positive, Spirituality and prayer groups, Guided Meditation, Kaleidoscope Choir, Youth Lounge, Chomp and Chat, PRIDE month events, Children's Sabbath, Acolyte training, Inter-generational Vacation Bible School, *Life is a Verb*, *Scarred by Struggle*, *Transformed by Hope*, Sunday School, Children's Church, Spirit Lake Mission, Computer Class, Church-wide picnic...

The previous list of educational and spiritual offerings and outreach are an indication of a vitally energized church. They offer our community a place to nurture itself through education and healing and comfort. With these opportunities we widen our understanding of ourselves and of the world. We study God's word, we pray, we share our stories, we expand our insight and awareness. With this deepening knowledge we are sent forth to stimulate justice, healing, harmony and wholeness in the world.

A few months ago we issued an invitation for all to be in ministry. That invitation is one of "doing" but it is also one of "being." The energy needed "to do" comes from times of just being together, being community, learning and sharing.

I can't tell you how much I've grown from the studies I have facilitated and or participated in. I extend that same invitation to each of us today, with a challenge. I challenge us in the next 6 months to choose at least two of the above activities to be a part of. One should be an educational opportunity and the other an outreach. I further challenge us to lead or co-lead an activity. If you have a suggestion of a book study or activity come and see me. Let's talk about the unique and numerous ways to offer our gifts.

Sunday morning is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and renew our spiritual energy and we need that time together. Educational and spiritual events beyond Sunday give us the foundation and strength for Sunday morning worship and the energy and passion for the rest of the week.

It Takes a Village thanks all that are involved already and invite everyone into ministry. We welcome your gifts, your talents and your questions. The journey continues...



In Truth and Justice
Vernice

The Pastor's Paragraphs [continued from page 1...]

Can you think of at least one person you know who needs to hear that the Spirit's healing is within easy reach? Why not invite that person to come with you to one of our events this month? Who knows what kind of change that could mean – for your friend, and for us?!



Listening to the "wind,"
Lois +
Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

Kevin's Korner

June 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)



Dear Broadway friends;

The Palm Springs City Council vote on the first reading of the marriage equality resolution noted last month was 3-1-1. As I stood before the Palm Springs City Council on May 4, testifying a second time at the final reading/vote, I followed several other speakers who expressed dismay at the previous outcome. Persons directly affected by injustices perpetrated by marriage inequality in the United States spoke pointedly to the two dissenting council members. They urged them to change their votes to support their community. This is the resolution:

Whereas American society uses the term "marriage" to give social standing morally and legally to certain intimate relationships;

Whereas in our democratic republic, all citizens are to be treated equally with the same civil rights;

Whereas the United States Supreme Court has declared marriage to be a civil right;

Be it resolved that the Palm Springs City Council go on record as supporting the right to full civil marriage equality for all residents of Palm Springs who wish to be married regardless of gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

My testimony: I am Rev. Kevin A. Johnson, the United Church of Christ (and Reconciling Methodist) pastor in Palm Springs. I decided to speak again on this resolution because of comments I read in (*The Desert Sun*) relating to the 3-1-1 vote result after the first reading of the resolution a couple weeks ago.

We who support marriage equality are often stymied by rigid stances of traditional thinkers. For anyone interested in learning the truth about the beginnings and development of the many marriage traditions, I recommend the book entitled *Marriage, A History: How Love Conquered Marriage*, by Stephanie Coontz.

As same-gender couples across our nation strive to "walk down the aisle" toward family commitments and equal treatment, it is difficult to understand why other people continue to rush down "the aisle of denial" arm in arm with false equivalencies, weak logic and outright lies while opposing the marriage equality movement.

I think that one of our nation's brightest founders had faith that local, state and federal governments and institutions would not remain so stuck in by-gone eras.

Thomas Jefferson's words remind "We the People" that traditions must always be ready to adapt. He said:

I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions. But laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors.

With those words in mind, I encourage you to all support the marriage equality resolution you have before you as you have it.

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WELCOME BENJAMIN BOWER!

Broadway's New Student Pastor, Benjamin Bower, begins June 5th. Here's a little introduction from him:



I am currently a Masters of Divinity student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in my second year. I am a graduate of Albion College in Michigan and I am in pursuit of ordination as elder in the United Methodist Church. At Albion I was actively involved in building up the Christian community on campus, leading bible studies, small group discussions, our Christian Living Community, Service Project Appalachia, and Wesley Fellowship. I graduated from Albion with a B.A. in Religious Studies and Philosophy. For the past several years I have been actively involved in ministry with various organizations in the city of Detroit, working to change the discrepancies between suburban and urban, rich and poor, white and everyone else. My involvement has

been a tremendous blessing in my life, giving me the opportunity to meet, work with, and live with some of the most incredible people in ministry to the world.

This summer (2011) I will be entering into a new chapter in my life as my best friend, my greatest challenger, the love of my life, and I will be married. Mallory and I share passions for ministry to/with a hurting world and we look forward to continuing our service to God together.

I have an affinity for playing games, drinking coffee, and sharing in deep conversations. What my life experience has taught me so far is that it is more than possible to do all three at the same time. I like to think of myself as a fairly creative person, so when I have some down time I write, I design houses, and I play around with photoshop. Mallory and I currently own a horse named Blue and are soon to welcome a cat named Fiske into our lives.

There is so much more to my life that I would love to share with you and so I look forward to serving the Broadway community and growing closer with you all in relationship to God. In Peace, Ben

Kevin's Korner [continued from page 3...]

The good news is that the two hold-out votes changed their minds and voted AYE. Because positions were changed that night, the final tally was 5-0. The self-styled conservative council members said they were moved that night and decided to show unity in supporting positive futures for their constituents.

I was happy to represent Bloomers and friends as part of the Coachella Valley Marriage Equality Committee's faith outreach group. Yet, I was sad that I was the only clergy person in town publicly supporting marriage equality this way. I pray for change in that reality of our Coachella Valley faith landscape. That's what we are working for.

Hey, maybe you want to be friends with me on Facebook – look me up. Please go to [Bloom's Web site](#) and sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter, "BloomNotes." [Editor's Note: You'll be able to see a weekly 'Bloom Tube' like the one in Worship last Sunday at Broadway.] And do keep all of us in your prayers. We do you.

Peace be with you, Rev. Kev and Mike Shear

CHURCH WORK DAY



Church Work Day; **Saturday, June 4th, starting at 9 am.**

On the agenda: sanctuary light bulb replacement, looking at roof drains, and some closet cleaning.

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Kathy Wurster at kathwurst1@sbcglobal.net so that the Property Caregivers can plan accordingly.

Thanks!

RICH RITUALS

Please join us on **Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm** to plan our summer worship services. We need your passion and creativity!

- * Writing prayers
- * Reading through collections of prayers and liturgies to find and adapt prayers for our worship here at Broadway
- * Designing worship space
- * Art – bulletin covers, worship space
- * Liturgical Dance
- * Music
- * Technology/Media
- * Other??

If you are interested in worship planning and design but unable to attend the meeting, please contact Carol McPherson at carol.mcpherson@garrett.edu.

CHOMP AND CHAT

We would like to extend an invitation to the next Chomp and Chat on **June 12 after the 11:00 service** in Friendship Hall.

Please bring your choice of one of the following to share with our community of friends:

- * side dish,
- * veggie tray,
- * chips,
- * beverage or
- * dessert.



We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions contact Fran Markwardt at frankmarkw@att.net or Diana Davis at 773-960-9142. All are welcome!

PRIDE MONTH 2011 — “ALL THE BELOVED”

Pride Wednesday Events

every Wednesday in June at 6:00 pm

- June 1st** Open House / Meet & Greet (to invite people in and show them what BUMC is all about)
- June 8th** Celebratory/Reception Service (for Civil Unions following the June 1st Enactment)
- June 15th** Healing Service
- June 22nd** “ALL The Beloved” Open Mic Night (poetry, music, dancing, etc.)
(co-sponsored by the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches)
- June 29th** Finale Open House

Friday Night Film Series



The movie nights will be **every Friday in June at 7 pm, except for June 24th which will be at 6 pm** due to a double feature.

- June 3rd** *Big Eden*
- June 10th** *Before Night Falls*
- June 17th** *Brother Outsider*
- June 24th** Double Feature — *Holiday Heart & The Kids Are All Right*

This is a great opportunity to invite people to Broadway from around Lakeview and the surrounding communities, so invite your friends and help us get the word out about this series!

Pride Picnic and Parade

Directly following our single 10:00 am worship service on **Pride Sunday, June 26th**, join in our annual Pride Picnic on the parsonage lawn. We'll provide the hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. Then stick around to share in the celebration of the Chicago Pride Parade.

Or, join fellow Broadway members and friends as they march in the parade! Volunteers needed for picnic set-up and clean-up, and marching! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tim Barnes (bombardetim@att.net) or Richard Holley (holleyrichard@att.net).



Guest Preachers

June 12: Greg Harris

June 26: District Superintendent Rev. James Preston

DARKEST BEFORE DAWN



Darkest Before Dawn: A Gay Cabaret

Following its sold-out premiere in Oak Park, Passion Theater's "Darkest Before Dawn: A Gay Cabaret" transfers to Center on Halsted this June for a limited engagement in honor of Pride Month. Eighteen LGBT and gay friendly straight performers, including accomplished actors and a former American Idol contestant, take you on a journey through contemporary songs and monologues celebrating the struggles and triumphs of the LGBT journey. Featured in the Chicago Tribune, "Darkest Before Dawn" is a powerful performance that will entertain and inspire.

Broadway's Carol McPherson is in this production!

Event Dates: **Thursday June 16, Friday June 17 and Saturday June 18 at 7:30 pm**

Price: Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Click [here](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/178171) to purchase tickets online. (Or visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/178171>.)

GAY SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

Dear Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches:

My name is John Keathley and I am writing on behalf of the Gay Softball World Series (GSWS) 2011. Working in coordination with the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA), this year Chicago plays Host to the 35th Annual Gay Softball World Series this summer **August 29 – September 3**. The World Series will bring more than 4000 participants and fans to Chicago from nearly 40 cities across North America.

In support of the community, we are asking for your assistance. Currently we are seeking volunteers for various fundraising events leading up to and during the World Series. Your support, in any capacity, would be greatly appreciated. If any one is able to give us a few hours of their time, please sign up in our volunteer database (Click on the volunteer tab on our website) and register for one or more of our events. We'll keep volunteers apprised as new activities are posted.

I, the Gay Softball World Series (GSWS) 2011 and North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) would be greatly honored to have your support.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance, I look forward to hearing from you.

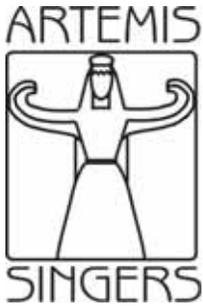
For more information please visit our website: [GSWS 2011](http://www.gsws2011.com)

Like us on Facebook: [Facebook GSWS 2011](https://www.facebook.com/GSWS2011)

Sincerely,

John D. Keathley

“SHALL WE DANCE”



Artemis Singers 2011 Pride Concert and Community Dance

Saturday, June 11, at 7:30 pm

Artemis Singers (www.artemissingers.org), invites you to a Concert and Dance! Saturday, June 11 from 7:30 until 10:30 pm. Tickets: \$15 suggested donation. Come to listen — stay to dance! For the this concert, Artemis Singers will perform songs by artists ranging from the Pointer Sisters to Shania Twain, plus two jazz numbers. Spinning the tunes for the June 11 dance will be Jacqueline Boyd, Artemis Singers member, who regularly DJs at clubs around Chicago. Email info@artemissingers.org to request tickets be held at the door. For more information, call (773) 764-4465. To see the full press release, please visit <http://triblocal.com/skokie/calendar/2011/06/11/artemis-singers-2011-pride-concert-and-community-dance>.

Broadway's Katy Clusen and Lois Parr are in Artemis Singers!

JUNE MISSION MINUTE



Our June Mission Minute is Vital Bridges. Vital Bridges' mission is to help people throughout metropolitan Chicago impacted by HIV and AIDS to improve their health and build self-sufficiency by providing food, nutrition, housing, case management and prevention services. **Agency Overview:** Twenty years ago, volunteers mobilized across metropolitan Chicago to help their friends, family members and colleagues who were battling HIV/AIDS. Their efforts and dedication to provide food, shelter, care

and education about HIV grew and expanded, becoming Vital Bridges. Today, the organization serves nearly 2,000 people impacted by the epidemic annually. We begin by providing the most basic needs – nutritious food and safe housing. We then work to stabilize our clients' lives and guide them on a path to improve their health. Our clients receive assistance toward greater independence through case management, counseling, prevention services and education. The vast majority of people living with HIV and AIDS live at or below the poverty line, struggling to meet their daily needs while dealing with a complex, debilitating and incurable disease. Vital Bridges strives to serve every man, woman and child impacted by HIV who needs our services. More information can be found at www.vitalbridges.com.

Our Mission Minute Sunday is June 12, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope “Vital Bridges.” You can also donate [online](#).

PRIDE ON THE ROAD...SPIRIT LAKE NEWS

Please keep in your prayers our Team that heads to the United Methodist Volunteers in Ministry Center at Spirit Lake Dakotah Nation, North Dakota, **June 12-18!**

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

Adult Education I: ***Ephesians*** Adult Ed I is studying the letter to the Ephesians. This letter sets out the privileges of being called as Christians, and the tools God has provided to allow us to prosper as Christians in a sometimes hostile secular world. **Join us at 9:50 am each Sunday.**

Adult Education II: ***Walking With Scripture - Embracing Mind, Body and Spirit.*** The first three Sundays in June we will **meet at the church at 10 am**, pick a scripture to meditate on, walk to the lake, have a moment of prayer and walk back to the church. This is an opportunity to enjoy nature and exercise as we meditate on God's word. Hope you can join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

We will not have Sanctuary Prayer or Guided Meditation during the month of June. Instead, please join our PRIDE Wednesday events at **6 pm each Wednesday in June** (see page 6).

Education Hour: Inclusive Language Study – Is it Okay to Call God “Mother?”

Broadway currently has an inclusive language policy; one that calls each of us to be mindful of the importance of language. Under the statement of purpose it says: “At Broadway UMC, we define inclusive language as terms and imagery that recognize and affirm the full range of diversity among persons engaged in the communication process.” On Wednesday evenings in the month of June we will discuss this policy along with a book by Paul R. Smith titled, *Is it okay to call God “Mother.”* Paul Smith is a Southern Baptist minister who pastors a church in Kansas City. As part of a progressive congregation, you will not want to miss this conversation. If you are curious about sexism or patriarchy in the church, join us **Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, June 1 — June 29th.**

2011 SPRING STORMS

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) underscores its “absolute commitment” to communities that have been impacted by this year’s historic spring storm season, even though the organization’s US Disaster Response funds are extraordinarily tight. UMCOR is appealing to United Methodists and other people of goodwill, who are the source of these funds, to help replenish them and ensure UMCOR’s ability to continue to respond to the spring storms emergency. One hundred percent of your gift to 2011 Spring Storms, UMCOR Emergency Advance #3021326, brings hope to survivors of these devastating storms. To give online, please click [here](http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/) or visit <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>. You may also make a check out to UMCOR (memo line “Spring Storms”) and mail it to UMCOR (PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087) or put a check (“Spring Storms”) in the offering plate at Broadway.



ALDRSGATE BANQUET 2011

Broadway received the Peace & Justice Award for Youth Lounge at this year's Chicago Northwestern District Annual Aldersgate Banquet. Congratulations Youth Lounge!!



SPIRITUALLY POSITIVE

A Confidential HIV/AIDS Support Group. Living with HIV/AIDS can be a tough life to lead, especially if you are doing it alone. So at Broadway United Methodist Church we would like to help by providing spiritually based support. Our vision is to offer a safe and confidential place for those in our faith community to share struggles, seek support and prayer. Also to de-stigmatize HIV/AIDS and to reach out to others in the community at large to offer God's peace, hope, joy and love in this struggle!

The next two meetings are set for **Tuesdays, June 14 and 28, from 6 to 7 pm.** For more information or to participate in the planning you can contact Victor Poncé at: spirituallypositive@gmail.com.

GAY MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

The Gay Men's Discussion Group will resume: **June 7, 14 and 28 at 7:00 pm** in the Pillow Room. We will be discussing the book *Scarred By Struggle, Transformed By Hope* by Joan D. Chittister. Questions? Contact Victor Poncé at mag32nus@gmail.com.

NORTHERN IL ANNUAL CONFERENCE



172nd Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Pheasant Run in St. Charles

Wednesday June 8 to Saturday June 11

Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:4-5

“Together We Serve; United By Love” is the theme of this year’s Annual Conference – which is an open event. Come as you can to observe legislative & plenary sessions (including the election of delegates to General Conference 2012) throughout the four days, learn more about the UMC, and/or join in Worship & Bible Study.

Broadway is represented by Lay Members to Annual Conference Diana Davis and MJ Grimshaw; and Appointed Pastor, Rev. Lois McCullen Parr. Events take place at the MegaCenter at Pheasant Run in St. Charles; for information about Annual Conference: www.umcnic.org/annual_conference_2011.php.

Most days have morning and afternoon plenary sessions that can be observed – schedule highlights:

Wednesday, June 8

10:00 AM Opening Worship

Thursday, June 9

10:45 AM Bible Study #1 (Ray Buckley)

1:30 PM Retirement Worship Service

Friday, June 10

10:45 AM Bible Study #2 (Ray Buckley)

7:30 PM Ordination Worship Service (Bishop Krammerer)

Saturday, June 11

10:45 AM Bible Study #3 (Ray Buckley)

3:45 PM Delegation Votes - Budget- Appointments

5:30 PM Worship Service of Sending Forth

WTTW AND BROADWAY

We are set to handle the phones on **June 5th from 6 to 10:30 pm**. There will be a studio guest and the program will be “Priest in Concert at Armagh Cathedral.” Channel 11 will provide dinner and they usually have a dessert. They generally provide a tour of the studios. It a nice way to spend an evening. Please contact Steve Betzner for more information at sbetzner@yahoo.com.

LOVE ON TRIAL: UPDATE



[Rev. Amy DeLong]

Lois and I will be attending the trial of Rev. Amy DeLong (see information from her website below). Amy's trial dates are **June 21-23, 2011** at Peace United Methodist Church in Kaukauna, WI. Right now we're not sure of the exact dates we'll be there but we do want to be there on Wednesday the 22nd and Thursday the 23rd.

If you would like to attend the trial please let me know. I will be driving and have room for two more people in my car (three if we squeeze and bring no more than a small overnight bag). If you have a car and would be willing to drive up for all or part of the trial, please let me know so we can coordinate transportation.

If you cannot attend the trial please support Amy with your prayers.

Peace – Carol McPherson

From LoveOnTrial.org

As is its pattern in matters regarding human sexuality, The United Methodist Church has once again chosen legalism over love and punishment over partnership. Rev. Amy DeLong, an effective preacher and pastor, finds herself on the wrong side of church law because of:

- *Pastoral Care* (she gracefully cared for a loving lesbian couple by officiating at their Holy Union) and
- *Love* (she and Val, her partner of 15 years, share a life-affirming, deeply loving relationship).

Both of these affirmations of love are prohibited by the United Methodist Church and are considered "chargeable offenses." Conviction of a chargeable offense can lead to the removal of clergy credentials and all ministerial privileges.

TIME FOR THE COOKBOOK!

Time to pull out your recipe books, and all those hand-written pieces of paper you've been collecting for **The Cookbook!** Yes, the **Broadway Cookbook!!** Choose one or more of the following categories. Submit recipes for dishes you usually bring, or are appropriate for:

- * Coffee Hour (cookies, muffins, breads)
- * Bible Study Snacks (appetizers, desserts, beverages)
- * Martin Luther King Jr. Day (soups, chili, corn bread, desserts)
- * Pot Luck Dishes (salads, casseroles, side dishes, desserts)
- * Vegetarian and Vegan Dishes
- * Casseroles for the Homebound
- * Garden Recipes (using products from the garden)
- * Youth Lounge

Send or give your recipes to Fran Markwardt, franmarkw@att.net, or Dee Dorsey missdeecj@sbcglobal.net.

Type if possible or neatly print in ink. One recipe per page. Include: Category, Recipe Title, Your Name. Show number of servings.

Use abbreviations: pt. qt. pkg. env. c. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg.

WISDOM FLAME

Wisdom Flame will present information for caregivers during our June Ministry Fair, **June 19th following the 11am worship service.**

THE WISDOM FLAME

Burning Bright with Care™

WE CARE FOR CAREGIVERS

We build bridges between caregivers and care receivers.

We envision caregivers finding balance in their lives and elders living wise legacies.

OVERVIEW

The Wisdom Flame educates and enables both informal and professional caregivers. We collaborate with you to restore balance and perspective to your life through our Wisdom Flame Programs. We provide group workshops, seminars and on-going support through articles, forums and webinars.

OUR FAMILY OF PROFESSIONALS

Our family of professionals is comprised of individuals with extensive experience working with caregivers. Their expertise helps caregivers navigate the complex maze of emotional, legal, financial and medical challenges that can overwhelm a caregiver and cause serious burn-out.

OUR OFFERING

Our education programs help create clarity of purpose, practical plans for addressing the difficult challenges of caregiving and provides a roadmap for helping caregivers and care receivers bridge the difficulties of old age and the stress of caregiving. We are non-denominational. We provide a safe, secure and open environment.

BUMC PARKING LOT SALE



LOOKING AHEAD...

IT'S COMING! Broadways "2nd Annual Parking Lot Garage Sale!"
Saturday, July 30!

Last year's was a smashing success which made over \$1000. Let's double that this year! How you can help? Rummage through those closets! Volunteer to sort & price items! Have a car, help in picking up items from those who do not! Pass out flyers! And the day of: set up, sales, and tear down! Join in on the fun!

For questions contact MJ Grimshaw at mgrimshaw@sbcglobal.net or 773-680-0857.

(due to lack of space, we are unable to accept any items for storage at Broadway before July 16, please; otherwise a rental space fee will be imposed!)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter

Greetings, Beloved Broadway! I have offered to create and maintain a Twitter account for BUMC. I will use the handle of **@ChicagoBUMC**. This is a responsibility that I can easily and happily do myself, but I would also welcome the opportunity to share the responsibility if there is someone else who has interest. Just let me know. If you happen to be on Twitter, let me know who you are and I'll start following you. You can follow my personal account at @SarahConner.

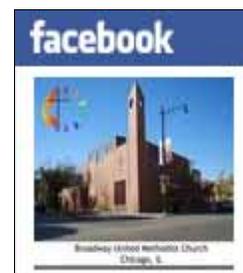
For those who don't know what the heck I'm talking about, if you're interested to know more about Twitter, I'll be happy to give my little Twitter spiel.

Peace and blessings, Sarah Connor-Smith (sarahkconner@gmail.com)

Facebook

Broadway is also on facebook! Click the picture to get to our page.

Or visit: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Broadway-United-Methodist-Church-ChicagoIL/348714665336>. **"Like Us" while you're there!**



DONATE

You can now donate online! Simply go to our website and click on the "Donate" button on the home page. Please contact the office with any questions.

MAY FOOD DRIVE

To All Food Drive Volunteers,

Thanks so much to all of you for volunteering at Saturday's food drive for the Lakeview Pantry. You made it happen!

Tom Hope

Irene Bourgeois

Richard Johnson

Charolette Lill

Mel Bose

Erica Prescott and Danny

Debbie Wasemann

(and her friend Karen)

Armand Fields

Z Williams

Lois McCullen Parr

Clayton Parr

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We had four barrels to collect the food, which were emptied 3 times throughout the day. That adds up to approximately 10-12 barrels of food. As always, the shoppers' generosity reaffirms our belief in how much people are willing to give when asked. And there are many more who will help without being asked! Almost as we were closing up on Sat, a man came out of the store and put a \$50 bill in the donation can. I would estimate we collected around \$150 - \$200 in cash. Thanks again for being part of the food drive.

~ Susan Armstrong (Editor's note: And thanks to Susan, who organized and was there all day!)

STEPS FOR EQUALITY

Myths About Homosexuality — Myth #4: Homosexuality can be “cured.”

Homosexuality is not an illness. It does not require treatment and is not “changeable” (American Psychological Association). Be leery of therapies which claim to be able to change lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons into heterosexuals. “Conversion” and “Reparative” therapy models have been repeatedly discredited by the American Psychological Association and the American Medical Association. In fact, they have proven to be unsuccessful, disastrously destructive, and can even lead to suicidal thoughts and actions. These “cures” are often not guided by scientific or psychiatric research, but sometimes by religious & political forces opposed to full civil rights for homosexuals.

Source: American Psychiatric Association, 2000. ~ Contributed by Dee, Emily, Helen

HISTORICAL NOTE

What kind of social event could we organize today with help from the “juniors”?

“Ice Cream Social” (excerpt) from *Church News*, June 1918

Were you at the ice cream social Saturday, June 15, given by the Junior League? If you weren't, you missed the time of your life. The weather was ideal: not hot enough to attract mosquitoes and not too cool to enjoy eating a dish of ice cream and a piece of cake.

Our president, Edson Farrar, did the wiring for the event and the lawn looked very attractive indeed with the electric lighted Japanese lanterns, the tables with their white cloths, yellow crepe paper decorations and bouquets of green leaves, and the little waitresses in white aprons and yellow crepe paper caps. Everyone did his bit and did it well, from the ticket sellers, to the good ladies who generously furnished us cakes.

Deducting our expense for ice cream and decorations, we have a neat little sum left, part of which will go to the Red Cross, part to the church and part we will use for the upkeep of our Junior League.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

July Newsletter Deadline

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