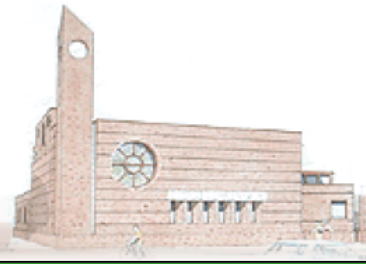




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Vernice's View

I can't believe that it is September already. As I walked to the church today, the air was cool and I realized that this is really my favorite time of year. Fall is full of the colors I love as leaves change to gold and rust and red and with the cooler temperatures I can open my windows and enjoy the soft breezes that come off the lake. It is also a time when I catch my breath and slow down my pace in preparation for the busy months of November and

December. Part of that time I give to reflecting and remembering; reminding myself of people, places and things that have influenced and continue to impact my life. One of those is Church Within A Church (CWAC).

There is a lot of history between CWAC and Broadway. We are preparing for our second Extraordinary Ordination of two gifted and faithful women; one who has been blocked by the UMC because of sexual orientation, the other whose gifts and theology has not been affirmed by the UMC. So, as I am reflecting I wanted to share some of CWAC's story.

The history begins in 1996 with an organization "In All Things Charity" (IATC) — a movement created, under the umbrella of Broadway Church, as a result of the 1996 General Conference where the "statement of Conscience" declaring that "Homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teachings" was passed. At that time IATC gained over 1200 UMC clergypersons signatures in support of an inclusive church. In 1999 IATC hired Rev. Gregory Dell (former pastor of BUMC) as the Executive Director, after he was suspended for a year following a church trial for officiating a holy union.

As a result of the continued exclusionary language of the UMC, at the General Conference of 2000, the Clergy Alliance was formed at the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) Convocation and began to form networks to address issues of justice and healing around sexual orientation. They presented four working pods – Reform (working within the denomination to change policy), Radical Obedience (commitment to radical obedience to the gospel's mandate for full inclusion), Remodeling (the professing church, a model of practicing inclusion outside of the denominational restraint), and Theology (examining scripture and hearing God's word). Revs. Susan J. Morrison and Gregory Dell were chosen as the coordinators of the "Professing Church" and in February 2002 the founding meeting met in Atlanta, Georgia.

In the CWAC Historical Timeline it states, "We have been called by God to do justice." The invitation RMN sent to the founding meeting indicated some of the distinction of this new church movement from both the Clergy Alliance and the Reconciling Congregation Program. In part it stated, "The newly formed Clergy Alliance of the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) has asked RMN to initiate a call to activate this idea as a lay/clergy movement under the title, A Church Within A Church." There were about 40 people who attended that meeting, both laity and clergy from across the USA. A coordinating team was elected, lead by co-conveners Mark Miller and Greg Dell.

I am now one of the co-conveners of CWAC. With the rich history of this great movement, forged out of bigotry and oppression, we continue to live out the call to "do justice."

The CWAC Movement meets this October, in Tucson, Arizona, to continue our work. Our theme is "Living Justice in the Wilderness." Our prayer and mission remain the same — to BE the inclusive church; to model by example what we believe Jesus taught, lived and died for.

Broadway is a member church of CWAC and so the connection continues. I invite you to visit our website at <http://www.cwac.us/>. We are always seeking ways to connect our national community. In Tucson, we are "Being" the church by ordaining people who have been unjustly excluded from mainstream denominations; we are discussing topics of oppression – racism and immigration – looking closely at how they are connected. We are live streaming this conversation, so if you can't be there in person, join us on the web cast. There is also a service project that weekend with [TIHAN: Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network](#).

There are many ways for you to support CWAC: in prayer, in person, on the web, and with financial resources. We invite you to join us as we continue pursuing justice and healing in the world.

In Truth and Justice, Vernice

Kevin's Korner

September 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 following Saturday column by Rev. Kev motivated one traveling Kansas couple to seek out Bloom for Sunday worship. They appreciated us and we sent them on their way with our friendship and blessings. Media presence is another aspect of Bloom's ministry in the desert. Because it was helpful to some, here is the column you can read for yourselves:

"Words of Faith" July 16, 2011

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for," says the writer to early Hebrew-Christians. This advisory reassured the 80-year-old church that, despite the troubles of the time, the promises of faith were being kept. Plus, they would continue. Don't get discouraged.

History teaches how human progress comes in fits and starts. Church abuses bring the Reformation. The Age of Enlightenment follows the Dark Ages. World Wars produce temporary peace and prosperity. Minorities get some equality, then get backlash. Reality's fits and starts make faith in God's eternal good a challenge, even while that faith is comforting.

News reports inform us that there are business and political leaders selling short the future of our country by acting to profit from our economy's down turns. Such craven strategies are not thought treasonous by co-travelers on our trek to a more perfect union. That's because unabated seeds of greed sprout in the fertile soil of self-interest. Our garden of national progress, once cultivated by faith and community values, is overrun with weeds.

The prophet says God loves justice, hates robbery and wrongdoing. The psalmist sings that God banished the other gods for not taking good care of the poor. The apostle teaches the measure of eternal success is the status of widows and orphans at any given time. So, how are we doing on that?

Despite more religiosity among us, the historical values of social justice and work ethics are trodden under boots of selfishness in finance and power circles.

Such good values have not always been thwarted. Thinking historically, one speculates that knowing the Christian call to forgive 70 times seven influenced Gerald Ford as he pardoned Richard Nixon on a Sunday morning after church. Knowing the repeated Jewish prophetic calls to turn swords into plow blades gave Dwight Eisenhower the fortitude to warn against war machine powers and profits as global citizens continue starving, dying of preventable disease, and living in squalor. Interfaith calls to raise human conditions helped LBJ and Sergeant Shriver advance the War on Poverty. But today such grand and public integrity is seldom seen.

Faith is "the evidence of things unseen." I hope more leaders in business and politics will see the good to be done by tossing short-term, self-interested thinking. Then do it.

I hope the calls of living faith will motivate people to hold business and political leaders to value what eternity values. And I hope to see this soon as evidence of turning from unfaithful actions. That would be encouraging.

Please go to [Bloom's website](http://www.bloominthedesert.org) and sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter, "BloomNotes." And do keep all of us in your prayers. We do you.

Peace be with you, Rev. Kev and Mike Shear

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 10, 2011 from 10 am – 4 pm

AT THE CLOCK TOWER (between Addison and Waveland – near the golf course)

Fun for all ages — softball (sign-up to play on either The Broadway Bedazzlers or the Broadway SWAT team) volleyball, playground area for the children. Pack a picnic lunch (enough to share). All are invited. Bring a friend. See Irene Bourgeois or Vernice Thorn for questions or suggestions.

HOPEFEST 2011

Sunday, September 11: HopeFest 2011

The weekend of September 10-11 continues Broadway’s custom of celebrating a back-to-school time as we hold an all-church picnic on Saturday (see above) and welcome our choirs and fall schedule on Sunday.

This year, Broadway will experience a **world premiere of a new choral work to commemorate 9/11, commissioned of composer Taylor Martin** (picture on right) **by Broadway.**



As part of the “HopeFest 2011” movement, we’ll be remembering 9/11 in Worship to reclaim the date as a day of hope. Other churches and community organizations are also planning on making that day one of “remembering with gratitude.”

Help make September 11th a day of HOPE! Whether it’s just one hour or the whole day, it’s your chance to embody HOPE.

A reminder: September 10-11 is also the weekend of the East LakeView Arts Fair (see page 8), so it is best to get to Broadway by public transportation, on bike, or on foot.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Are you a **Facebook** Fanatic? Are you a **Twitter** Ambassador? Are you the Mayor of Starbucks on the corner of Broadway and Roscoe? If so, Broadway needs your help! We want to get the word out about all that is happening at Broadway, and we can strengthen our network and communications through social media tools! Many of you already have a strong online presence, so you can help us make Broadway to viral! Please Tweet about upcoming events. Or post a message to your Facebook wall about the Youth Lounge. When you’re here, check in on **Foursquare**! Let your friends know what is going on here! If you have questions, see Sarah Conner-Smith, email her at sarahconner@gmail.com or tweet at her @sarahconner.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ChicagoBUMC>

Twitter: @ChicagoBUMC

NEWS !!!

Broadway's Youth Lounge receives \$15,000 Grant!

On **Sunday, September 18**, Broadway will receive Rev. Will Green in 11:00 Worship as Z Williams and the Youth Lounge Team accept the official notification that we have received a \$15,000 grant for 2012 from the Grants for Ministries with Young People program of the General Board of Discipleship of the global denomination of The United Methodist Church! You won't want to miss this exciting presentation!

SEPTEMBER MISSION MINUTE

Our September Mission Minute is Arise Chicago. (<http://arisechicago.org>)

We are grateful to Lin Boyle for her witness with us on Labor Day Weekend! An excerpt of what Lin said:

"In remembering our history and struggle, we are resolute and recommit to the continuing struggle to provide and advocate for our students and for our work, rights and lives as workers. We look to our common struggles and work to keep keepin' on...Our work is more than a job; it is an avocation. It goes beyond an 8-hour day. It has meaning. Our stories cannot be measured on a chart nor can our time, energy and commitment be validated through merit pay, another certification or an evaluation. As the demands on all workers increase and our benefits, job security, pensions and livelihood are more and more threatened, the voices of those who work in public education are being suppressed by a system driven by data about standardized tests, and the business interests who seek to privatize education and if successful, erode the largest union in the state, the Chicago Teachers' Union, giving way to busting other unions."

Our Mission Minute Sunday was September 4, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope "Arise Chicago." You can also donate [online](#).

BROADWAY COOKBOOK

We're collecting recipes for **The Broadway Cookbook** and we're still waiting to hear from you! Help us create a wonderful recipe/story book jam packed with Broadway recipes, stories and pictures of Broadway! Choose one or more of the following categories and send us your recipes for dishes you usually bring, or are appropriate for: (In the final version of the cookbook, some categories may be combined or changed, such as "Pot Luck and Chomp 'n Chat")

- 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

Type if possible or neatly print in ink. One recipe per page. Send or give your recipes to Fran Markwardt, franmarkw@att.net, or Dee Dorsey, missdeecj@sbcglobal.net. Include: Category, Recipe Title, Your Name. If there is something special about your recipe -- for example, who gave it to you, it was your mother's favorite, etc., include that too. Use abbreviations: pt. qt. pkg. env. c. tsp. T. oz. lb. gal. doz. sm. med. lg. Show number of servings.

EDUCATION RALLY

Monday, September 12 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. We are meeting to discuss the coming months' adult and children education events. All who are interested are invited to come and bring your ideas for book studies, special topics, children's activities, intergenerational events, Bible studies. If you are unable to attend but have some ideas you would like to share, please email Rev. Vernice at akatinyt@hotmail.com. If you need childcare for the evening, please let Vernice know as soon as possible.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Join Online Education Solutions at Broadway United Methodist Church for three week computer workshop sessions. The Computer Café is open the following **Saturdays from 2:30-3:30 pm**:

- * **September 10, 17, 24 — Excel**
- * **October 8, 15, 22 — Social Media and Marketing Online**

All software used in the workshop is free and available online.

To register for workshops, please email Vincent at viggins@OnlineEducationSolutions.org or call 773-450-6706. More information is available on Broadway's website under "resources" then "misc."

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, September 13 and 27, 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

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 7:00 pm on Tuesday nights: September 13 and 27**. All gay/queer men are welcome to join us for our lively weekly discussion. Questions? Contact Victor Poncé at mag32nus@gmail.com.

CHOMP AND CHAT

We would like to extend an invitation to the next Chomp and Chat on **Sunday, September 11 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. Any questions contact Fran Markwardt at frankmarkw@att.net or Diana Davis at 773-960-9142. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

The Adult Ed I hour will be discussing September 11, 2001, and the response, on the **11th of September (Sunday) at 9:55 am**. Texts will be: Joshua 11.11-20 and 1 Samuel 15. (You are invited to read these passages prior.) Please come and join us; we may continue the discussion to the following week, but that has not been determined. (This class is led by Christopher W. Gaul.)



Adult Education II: ***Life is a Verb: 37 Days to Wake Up, Be Mindful, and Live Intentionally*** by Patti Digh. In October 2003, Patti Digh's stepfather was diagnosed with lung cancer. He died 37 days later. The timeframe made an impression on her. What emerged was a commitment to ask herself every morning: What would I be doing today if I had only 37 days left to live? The answers changed her life and led to this new kind of book. Part meditation, part how-to guide, part memoir, *Life is a Verb* is all heart. **Sundays at 10:00 am**. You can order your book on [Amazon](#).

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: We will meet throughout the month of September using the Disciple Bible Study, *Invitation to Psalms*, to guide our study. Here is an outline of the Psalms for the month:

Sept 7th - Psalm 1, 2, 13 and 23

Sept 21 - Psalm 121, 29, and 76

Sept 14th - Psalm 15, 136 and 44

Sept 28 - Psalm 147, 124, and 107

Each week we study the assigned Psalms and relate them to personal or current events in the world. If you have a special reading that the Psalm of the week connects to please bring it to share. Hope to see you there. **Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Pillow Room.**

Holding Onto Hope — A Confidential Support Group Meeting weekly on **Wednesdays at 7 pm** in Room B. A ministry with persons living with mental health struggles, facilitated by Curt Bewley's colleague, Hope Sanchez of The New Center – see www.thenewcenterchicago.com/home. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Hope at hopeasanchez@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in volunteering for one of several four (4) hour shifts, please call the Office Manager at 773-348-8608 or email:

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LAKEVIEW EAST FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Saturday, September 10 from 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, September 11 from 10 am to 5 pm

Volunteers on **Saturday and Sunday** can be greeters, pass out flyers and festival brochures, or booth sitters who provide information. Volunteers on **Friday** will help the artists unloading their items and setting up.

The Festival will be held on Broadway between Roscoe and Belmont. Festival T-Shirt provided!

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, October 8 — Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 9 — Celebrating Coming Out

We welcome special guest preacher Rev. David Weekley (David & Deborah will be in Chicago Friday to Sunday – stay tuned for details!) Rev. David Weekley is an ordained United Methodist pastor in Portland, Oregon. He received his BA in Psychology from Cleveland State University in 1976 and entered seminary at Boston University School of Theology, where he earned an MDiv in 1982. He has served churches in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference for nearly thirty years. David has recently published his story in his book *In From the Wilderness*, in which he tells his journey as a transgender person. He writes: “I am very positive about sharing my story, because I believe it is the best way to help educate our society about transgender persons; there is so much misinformation out there, and fear, that it seems imperative to become active. Because some segments of the Church are responsible for a portion of this misinformation and fear, it seems even more critical for others to hear a positive and personal faith story from a transgender person.”

Sunday, October 9 — Special “Chomp & Chat” / all-congregational meeting will include discussion and vote on a Marriage Equality statement from the congregation (see page 9).

Friday-Sunday, October 21-23 in Arizona — Church Within A Church ExtraOrdinary Ordination

See www.cwac.us or speak with Vernice or Cathy for details.

Sunday, October 30 — Hispanic Heritage Sunday

Sunday, November 13 — ONE morning Worship service at 10:00 am

Special guest preacher Rev. Kevin Johnson from Bloom in the Desert!

Fair Trade and Local Market from 11 am to 7 pm. So, if you are an artist, craftsperson, entrepreneur, plan on securing a table at this lively event. Are you a musician? Sign up for one of our performance slots. Love to bake and want to share your goods? Sign up for the bake sale table. Just want to get a start on your holiday shopping? Plan on coming to BUMC's **Festival in the Global Village**. For more information or to secure a table, contact Paula Roderick, fairjust@sbcglobal.net.



HOLY UNIONS AT BROADWAY

Dear Beloved Broadway,

On October 9th, the entire congregation is invited and encouraged to participate in a meeting to discuss and vote whether to adopt the following proposed statement on marriage equality. The meeting will begin promptly after the 11:00 service that morning. This will be an opportunity for all to participate in a productive dialog about this statement and what it means for the Broadway community. Please contact members of the Co-Lay Leaders Team (below) with any questions.

• Laurie Lee Moses • Demetrius Kelsaw • Victor Poncé (Sowers advocate) • Vincent Wiggins • Armand Fields • Reed Melton • Teresa Seliga (Relationship Builders advocate) • Elina Rodriguez • Sheila Ashby Schultz • MJ Grimshaw (Property Caregivers advocate) • Cathy Knight • Diana Davis • Sarah Conner-Smith

DRAFT – September 5, 2011

Broadway United Methodist Church -Commitment to Marriage Equality

Each Sunday, worship at Broadway United Methodist Church is opened with a message of welcome and celebration of our community's diversity, expressing God's love for us because of who we are: black, white, female, male, intersex, gender-fluid, lesbian, gay, straight, asexual, bisexual, queer, and questioning. At Broadway, all are welcome.

While we strive to extend the radical hospitality that God asks of us, we acknowledge that we have often failed to do so. We lament that many state and religious institutions, including the United Methodist Church, deny LGBTQI-identified couples equal access to marriage and all of its blessings, rights, and responsibilities. Currently, it is violation of UMC law for an ordained minister to marry two people of the same sex or gender. Additionally, it is a violation of church law for us to allow two people of the same sex or gender to exchange marriage vows in our sanctuary.

At Broadway, we believe that this current UMC law is unjust and inconsistent with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and God's abundant love, which is our true authority. In order to stand in fairness and in solidarity with LGBTQI members of the community, Broadway's policy on holy unions and marriage has been that no couple may marry in the church sanctuary. Rather, couples exchange vows off-site, and following that, couples may celebrate with the community in worship in the sanctuary. This policy was adopted in 2001 by congregational vote.

We rejoice that at this point in history, the arc of justice now bends toward marriage equality for all couples. As of June 1, 2011, the State of Illinois legally recognizes civil unions for LGBTQI-identified couples, giving them access to state rights and obligations of civil marriage. This important law creates an opportunity for Broadway to open the doors of our sanctuary to all couples who wish to share their vows and seek the blessing of the church for their marriages.

We believe as an inclusive faith community and as ordained clergy we are called to minister to all. It is appropriate, indeed a privilege to celebrate all covenantal relationships between two persons who wish to marry each other. Our faith community affirms the sacred truth that the vows couples make are the heart of the union – both pastors and the congregation are witnesses to the power of a couple to name the promises they make to one another.

Today we, the congregation of Broadway United Methodist Church, affirm that God's grace is open to all, and we witness to that grace through our commitment to justice and equality in our congregation, the State of Illinois, the United Methodist Church, and the world. We will honor any couple who seeks to commit their lives to one another in marriage.

Congregational vote to approve this draft will be held October 9, 2011 (see above).

SING A NEW SONG TWITTER FEED...

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers, united in love! We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God! ~ David Haas, from Micah 6:8

The last weekend of August, I joined about 700 folks in Ohio for the combined meeting of the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) and Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) for Convocation to lead us to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Tampa in the spring of 2012.

Once again, we hope to change the discriminatory language in the *Book of Discipline*, the guidebook for order and polity of our global denomination. **I have hope.**

Here's what happens to me when I gather with folks in a setting like this, singing "Welcome to this Place" and "Draw the Circle Wide" with Mark Miller – people all around me are weeping.

The tears come for many reasons, but I'm aware that many, many, *many* tears come from people who do not experience welcome and a wide circle each Sunday the way we do here at Broadway: United Methodists who live in parts of the world where hostility and hatred toward GLBTQ folks is felt most severely *inside the church walls*.

I was inspired at *Sing A New Song*, and re-connected to my first call to ministry, in which I heard the *Shekinah* (the feminine spirit of God) say, "heal homophobia."

I was inspired and motivated by anger at *Sing A New Song*, torn apart by the tears and pain of my sisters and brothers who did not want to go home to face the closet.

I was inspired by prophets who are unafraid to name the intersections of oppression at *Sing A New Song*, hearing Mark Miller, Yvette Flunders, Bishop Joe Sprague, Rev. Amy DeLong, Garlinda Burton.

I was inspired by action at *Sing A New Song*, dialing General Conference delegates in an organized phonebank Plenary session.

I was inspired for the future at *Sing A New Song*, and I know I need to be in Tampa in Spring, 2012.

The clarity of my own call, and the witness of this beloved community I have the privilege of serving... well, that's what *Sing A New Song* convicted me to re-claim.

Here are a couple of the tweets [#sans2011](#) from the week:

- * "We know God loves us, no 'but'" ~ Rev. Amy DL
- * "Why sing a new song? The present song the UMC is singing is off-key...and justice notes muted." ~ Bishop Joe Sprague
- * "The UMC treatment of some of God's precious children makes impotent our claim that we follow Jesus." ~ Bishop Joe Sprague
- * "May Your blazing phoenix spirit raise the church again." ~ Sean Delmore preaching
- * "not whether the Bible approves or disapproves of us but whether we find ourselves and we can claim the Bible" ~ Althea Spencer-Miller
- * "queer is an ANCIENT story!" ~ Althea Spencer-Miller in Bible study
- * "I love my church too much to let it off the hook." ~ Alex (*this is a life and death issue! — Lois*)
- * "I realized it wasn't enough for me to have a safe space...everyone needed one." ~ Michael Adee
- * "it's not just about changing policy – it's about changing the face of Christianity" ~ Michael Adee
- * "Homophobia and heterosexism = incompatible with Christian teaching" ~ Garlinda Burton
- * *Sidebar: I love that Garlinda is using female pronouns for God. hallelujah!* ~ Lois
- * "Transform systems that transgress!" ~ Garlinda Burton
- * "Sanctified sassiness!" ~ Garlinda Burton



Still singing,

Lois+

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

STEPS FOR EQUALITY

We're not finished with the Myths about Homosexuality but for September, we're suggesting that Broadway's allies and family of GBLT people attend PFLAGG meetings. There is a meeting every third Sunday at 2:00 pm at The Center on Halsted. It's a great meeting, with guest speakers, slide presentations and small group discussions. The next meeting is **September 18, 2011 at 2:00 pm** at The Center On Halsted.

Blessings, Helen, Dee, Emily

HISTORICAL NOTE

Let's keep up this tradition

"Church Improvements" (excerpt) from *Broadway Methodist*, August 1924

We asked Mr. Stedman to submit a report on the improvements accomplished on the church property from August 1923 to August 1924. The report is voluminous. We wish we had room for it. But if you are interested and look around as we will suggest below you may get some idea for yourself.

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH — Grass plots and fences, rain spouts, basement window pits cleaned out and covered.

IN BASEMENT OF CHURCH — Furnace doors, windows, coal bin, floorings, organ blower, work bench, cleaned gymnasium, doors hung, partitions repaired.

ON FIRST FLOOR OF CHURCH — Steps from choir room cut down, platform extension, seats and hymn books repaired, locks and fasteners on doors, 12 pictures hung, radiator valves, shelves, scarf covers, 25 chairs repaired, mouldings on wall, choir and secretary's room beautified.

ON SECOND FLOOR — Kitchen accessories, water pipe and radiator repairs, rehung doors for exits, pictures, clock, window shades, 25 pictures hung, blackboards repaired and many other items.

His cash outlay for materials was about \$115.00.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

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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.

October Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **October 2011** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, September 25th**. 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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