



**Broadway**  
United Methodist Church



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# The Broadway — October 2011

*I am only one, but still I am one. I can't do everything, but still I can do something. And because I can't do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.*  
~ Helen Keller

*Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.* ~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu

A little bit of bread and a shared cup can change the world.

It may not seem possible, but witnesses will tell you that a little bit of bread and a shared cup has transformed *them*...and those individuals do, indeed, change the world. Because what we pray for, when we share that bread and cup, is that we will go from the Table strengthened by our Communion to give ourselves to the world.

Liturgical scholars call this Table action the "four-fold formula" – take, bless, break, give. It's what Jesus did, as reported in scripture about the miracle feedings and his "last supper" with friends. It's what Henri Nouwen claims is true for each of us, too, as God's children: God "*takes*" us (chooses us); *blesses* us (in original blessing, we are called "good"); we are *broken* (by the world, by our own choice); we are *given* (our brokenness changes us forever, and our compassion is enlarged and our capacity to give ourselves to others is increased).

On Sunday, October 2nd, we share in that four-fold formula with Christians the earth-over, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. I'm thinking differently about that solidarity this year as I consider Broadway and our community of progressive Christians. Many of us come to the Table having been told in an earlier time that we weren't welcome. Many of us come as those who still identify as on the margins – sometimes feeling that we are at the edge of grace. That "margin" location, I believe, is a powerful one as we witness to the world of Christians. When we tell our story, as Broadway – and we share our stories as the individuals who make up Broadway – our stories enlarge God's story for others.

I often feel like the task to "transform the world" (this phrase is part of the United Methodist mission statement) is just too big, but then I see the tiny but significant ways in which one person can make a difference in one other person's life, and I know that Helen Keller's saying is true: I can do *something*.

Broadway's got a busy couple months – even as our ongoing schedule of events continues (and our new schedule for Education and Spiritual Formation is set; new studies begin this week), we have three congregational meetings coming up (see page 4 for information about Hannah's candidacy for Ordination; page 10 about Marriage Equality; and page 14 for our Annual Church/Charge Conference date). In these pages you'll see other events: we bless the animals; we welcome Rev. David Weekley; we celebrate Extraordinary Ordination with Church Within A Church; we'll end October with Hispanic Heritage Sunday on the 30<sup>th</sup>. November brings our Festival of the Global Village, we'll welcome Rev. Kev, we'll hold our Thanksgiving Feast, and we'll begin Advent.

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## Vernice's View

Walter Brueggemann reminds us that, "Every community that wants to last beyond a single generation must concern itself with education. Education has to do with the maintenance of a community through the generations. This maintenance must assure enough continuity of vision, value and perception so that the community sustains its self-identity. At the same time, such maintenance must assure enough freedom and novelty so that the community can survive in and be pertinent to new circumstances."

Broadway's Education Team is working hard at doing just that; using vision and freedom to learn and grow as people of faith in a challenging world. So, we are excited to present these educational opportunities for October and beyond. Mark your calendars and plan to share in these events.

### October

**Sunday Mornings at 10 am:** The Book of Proverbs Study

**Weekday Bible Study Mondays at 10 am:** 1 & 11 Samuel

**Wednesday Evenings at 7pm:** Sports and Spirituality – using the book *Quiet Strength* by Tony Dungy.  
(Learn more about this author and book on page 7)

In November, look for our Advent Study on the Book Of Isaiah and a Womanist study on the women of the Bible. Just to whet your appetite further – *Life of the Beloved*, Henry Nouwen; Anne Lamont's *Traveling Mercies*; Essays of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr; *The Good Book* by Peter Gomes, an online Bible study and much more! Look for dates and times in your bulletins and newsletter.

We continue our journey, equipping ourselves for our own personal growth as well as outreach. I hope that each of us will take the time to share in the educational events planned for our community. If there are questions or suggestions of a study you would like to lead or participate in, please let me know. One of my professors from Garrett says, "Faith communities are called upon to confront the challenge to become more purposeful about who and whose they are so that they can find ways to share their story, vision, values and ways of being and doing with others." That is our calling and our challenge.

Make a commitment to join in the journey of learning and sharing.

In Truth and Justice,  
Vernice

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Looking ahead at the calendar is both exciting and challenging – and a reminder that each of us can choose to find that "something" that we can do that will make a difference in the world. Each of us can be reminded that God *takes* and *blesses* us, promises to walk with us when we feel *broken*, and empowers us to *give* ourselves for others.



Grateful to be on the journey with you,

*Lois+*

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

## Kevin's Korner

October 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))



Dear Broadway friends;

As we enter October, the temperature finally gets down into the 90s and the seasonal folks start trickling in. Traffic picks up and parking lots fill up. We begin looking forward to the return of Bloom snow birds and the energy they bring. These are refreshing days.

World Communion Sunday signals the start of our church season cycle. From now until next Memorial Day, we will be doing our best to uplift and heal one another with worship, service and learning. We will continue a community welcome that is wide and deep. We will agitate for God's peace and justice. We hope to get a choir started. We will do our best to learn to be generous in financial support of our ministry. That's a lot.

You may remember that Bloom is both Broadway's off-spring and the first new church start of the [Church Within A Church Movement](#). Mike and Rev. Kev were among the founders of CWAC in 2002 and continue to be nurtured and taught in important ways by CWAC involvement. Travel to meetings elsewhere and CWAC's support here keep Bloom going with moral support and motivational memories.

This month, for the first time, Bloom will have more than only Rev. Kev and Mike representing Bloom outside Palm Springs at a [Church Within A Church Movement](#) event— "[Living Justice in the Wilderness.](#)" Dedicated Bloomers Ron and Linda Lang will travel along to Tucson, Arizona, for the CWAC meetings and [second Extraordinary Ordination](#) Service on October 23. Ron and Linda come from Methodist backgrounds. Ron is a retired UM minister who, as he says, "had the door shut" on him. They came to Bloom looking for a "Reconciling" church. They are great blessings to us.

Like many clergy and lay people from the United Methodist Church, this extraordinary ordination ceremony must live outside of a United Methodist Church in order to have life with integrity. For "some reason," no UMC buildings were able to welcome this event – the door was shut. That's why the meetings and the ordination are taking place in a Presbyterian church.

Even with the lockout, I am glad to know that many United Methodists from Tucson and elsewhere are working hard to support this action where it's at. Furthermore, meeting in a Presbyterian church gives CWAC an opportunity to celebrate that denomination's decision last summer to enact restorative justice and support the ordination of LGBT people. This strengthens CWAC's ecumenical connection. The collaborative experience will provide memories and commentary for us all.

Back home on October 30, Bloom will gather for our Fall Congregation Meeting. At this time we will tend to organizational matters and celebrate the continuation of our ministry together. This will also be the kick-off of our 2012 stewardship campaign. Bloom faces challenges just like many churches.

Please go to [Bloom's Web site](#) 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 / CHARGE CONFERENCE



Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 12:30 pm

**Church/Charge Conference** – official gathering of the congregation for United Methodist business...this is not our Annual meeting with the District Superintendent (that will be later this fall — Tuesday, November 15 at 7 pm); rather, it is our opportunity to receive the recommendation from our Relationship Builders to support **Hannah McConaughay Kardon** as a candidate for ordained ministry. This step – with a written ballot of members – is required for Hannah to continue, as she meets in November with the District Committee on Ordination.

As many will recall, we affirmed the beginning candidacy of Hannah last year when she left to begin Harvard Divinity School. She will be here with us on that Sunday to help lead Worship – and then to present her statement of call to her home congregation.

This item is the only agenda item as we gather, and the meeting will last no more than one hour. Please plan to come!

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

You and your pets are invited to

## Blessing of the Animals



Saturday, October 8, 2011  
10:00am-2:00pm



Refreshments for animals and humans.

# OCTOBER MISSION MINUTE



**lakeview pantry**  
community • purpose • health • stability

## Our October Mission Minute is Lakeview Pantry.

Founded in 1970, Lakeview Pantry is a non-profit organization with the mission of eliminating hunger in Lakeview. LVP provides food to hungry people and strives to increase the independence of clients through self help initiatives. They focus on specific client issues that lead to food insecurity such as unemployment and housing instability, while striving to raise community awareness of poverty and its solutions. From two locations six days a week, LVP distributes over one million pounds of **food, personal hygiene products, and pet food** each year to individuals in need in the Lakeview community. They have weekend and evening hours to accommodate working families, as well as a home delivery program serving homebound elderly and disabled people. LVP's mission could not be accomplished without the work of their 400 volunteers. Less than 5% of their funding comes from government sources, 60% comes from individuals. The rest comes from local businesses, philanthropic organizations, and religious communities like us. Let's give to this worthy organization.

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

**Our Mission Minute Sunday is October 9**, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope "Lakeview Pantry." You can also donate [online](#).

## PLEASE DON'T KEEP YOUR RECIPES SECRET!

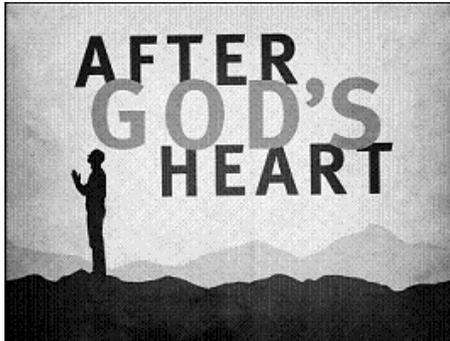
We know you have them! How would you make all those wonderful casseroles, cakes, cookies, and salads for Broadway occasions? Please don't keep your recipes secret! We've been collecting recipes for The Broadway Recipe Book for quite a while and we still haven't heard from you! Send us your recipe today! 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](mailto:franmarkw@att.net), or Dee Dorsey, [missdeecj@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

# WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY



*Fall, 2011*

## *Monday Morning Bible Study* *I & II Samuel*

Come for a relaxed, informal Bible study – no homework required! We read together and discuss what we're learning about God and God's people. This fall, we take a look at the two-volume narrative of the lives of Hannah, Samuel, Saul, and David – these stories are a midpoint between the call of Abraham and the birth of Jesus, and they help us understand what it means to be human, says Eugene Peterson. For these characters, "God is the country in which they live."

Supplies needed: a Bible (if you need one, please ask!)  
Led by Student Pastor Ben Bower

**October 3, 10, 17, 24:** I Samuel

**October 31, Nov 7, 14, 21:** II Samuel

*Mondays, 10-11:30am*

Wesley Room @ Broadway  
3338 N. Broadway, Chicago

# 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, October 11 and 25, from 6 to 7 pm.** For more information or to participate in the planning you can contact Victor Poncé at: [spirituallypositive@gmail.com](mailto: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: October 4, 11 and 25.** All gay/queer men are welcome to join us for our lively weekly discussion. Questions? Contact Victor Poncé at [mag32nus@gmail.com](mailto:mag32nus@gmail.com).

# SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

Adult Education I and II will be taking a break in October and will resume meeting in November.

## 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: *Sports and Spirituality*** using the book *Quiet Strength* by Tony Dungy.

**Wednesdays at 7 pm.** *Quiet Strength* addresses issues of faith against all odds. Written by Tony Dungy, a former professional American football player and coach in the National Football League. Dungy was head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1996 to 2001, and head coach of the Indianapolis Colts from 2002 to 2008. He became the first black American head coach to win the Super Bowl when his Colts defeated the Chicago Bears on February 4, 2007. The forward written by Paulette and Denzel Washington says this: "To follow Coach Dungy's life from his beginnings to the present is most inspiring. For him to have been rejected, ignored, praised and denied yet still maintain dignity, strength and hope is a testament of his unwavering faith..." Order your book today from Amazon.com and join in the conversation.

**COMING IN NOVEMBER:** A Womanist Vision of women's relationships in the Bible, using the book *Just a Sister Away* by Renita Weems.

**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](http://www.thenewcenterchicago.com/home). For more information or if you have questions, please contact Hope at [hopeasanchez@gmail.com](mailto:hopeasanchez@gmail.com).

## 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**:

**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 [vwiggins@OnlineEducationSolutions.org](mailto:vwiggins@OnlineEducationSolutions.org) or call 773-450-6706. More information is available on Broadway's website under "resources" then "misc."

# CELEBRATING COMING OUT

## Sunday, October 9 — Celebrating Coming Out

We welcome special guest preacher Rev. David Weekley (David & Deborah will be in Chicago Oct. 7-9 – see page 9 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."

# CHOMP AND CHAT

We would like to extend an invitation to the next Chomp and Chat on **Sunday, October 9 after the Congregational Meeting**. Please bring your choice of one of the following to share with our community of friends: side dish, veggie tray, chips, beverage or dessert.

**Rev. David Weekley will also be present to sign copies of his book, *In from the Wilderness* (see page 9).**

Any questions contact Fran Markwardt at [frankmarkw@att.net](mailto:frankmarkw@att.net) or Diana Davis at 773-960-9142. We look forward to seeing you there!



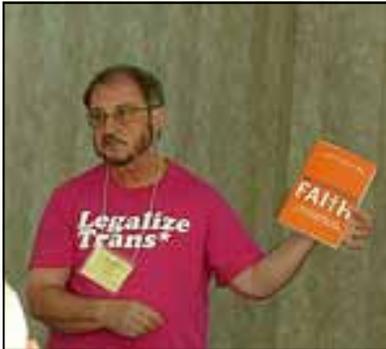
# CHICAGO MARATHON



The Chicago Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, **October 9th**. Broadway Street will be closed from Addison to Diversey from approximately 7 am until approximately 10:15 am. However, traffic may be delayed for the entire morning.

If you drive to Broadway, please plan appropriately!

# REV. DAVID WEEKLEY



## Broadway United Methodist Church and Church Within A Church welcome Rev. David Weekley to Chicago, October 7-9, 2011.

David is author of *In from the Wilderness*, (see below) the story of a Transgender man of faith who bears witness to the truth of gender identity and sexual orientation as God-given gifts.

### Friday, October 7

6:30 pm — Center on Halsted (3656 N Halsted St)

*In from the Wilderness*; a conversation with the GLBTQIA community

### Saturday, October 8

10 am to 12 noon — Broadway United Methodist Church (3338 N Broadway St)

*Trans: A Conversation on Gender Identity and Faith*

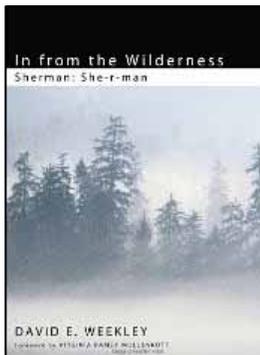
Children's book author Jennifer Carr will also join us. Her children's book, *Be Who You Are*, was written to open minds and hearts to the concept of children who do not identify with their birth gender. ([www.jennifercarrbooks.com](http://www.jennifercarrbooks.com))

### Sunday, October 9

8:45 and 11:00 am — Guest Preacher in morning Worship at Broadway UMC

12:30 pm — Chomp & Chat Potluck; bring a dish to share

*In from the Wilderness* book signing



*In from the Wilderness*

*Sherman: She-r-man*

by David E. Weekley

This is the story of a Transgender man, a Christian, an ordained minister, a loving husband and father -- a human being. It is his challenge to his denomination and to all Christians and spiritual seekers to consider the truth of gender identity and sexual orientation as God given gifts, to be celebrated and embraced among all other gifts.



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# 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) or one of the pastors 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

## **Broadway United Methodist Church -Commitment to Marriage Equality**

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).***

# FALL WORK DAY

**Fall Work Day is Oct. 15, 9am-2:30pm.**

There is much to do, both inside and outside, for folks of all mobilities and abilities.  
Please come and join us! (Snacks available, as always.)

# PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

**Crop Walk (Hunger Walk) is October 16,2011.**

Join us in this year's Hunger Walk. There are two ways to join us — you can walk or sponsor us. The Sunday school kids did a fabulous job last year and plan to do it again this year.

We will have lunch at the church and travel to UIC 750 S. Halsted Street to begin the walk.

If you would like to join us please contact Diana Davis at [davis.diana72@gmail.com](mailto:davis.diana72@gmail.com).

If you would like to sponsor our kids/adult team, donations can be placed in the offering plate each Sunday. Please indicate Crop Walk donation on your envelope and in the memo section of your check.

For additional information about the walk check out the website [www.chicagocropwalk.org](http://www.chicagocropwalk.org).

# SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING

## Safe Sanctuaries Training in Elgin Proves Very Informative

On Saturday, September 17, 2011, a training in safe sanctuaries was held for the Northern Illinois churches. The highlights were: How to keep children and the elderly safe, building safety, nursery checklist for safety, obtaining emergency information for children and the elderly, risk management, cybersafe environments, and the Northern Illinois policy for safety in our churches. There were 90 people present from various churches. I look forward to sharing this information with you in the coming months. ~ Diana Davis

# OUR CHILDREN IN MINISTRY

## Children to Share with Local Nursing Home

During the month of October the children's Sunday school will host an arts and crafts event at the local Sunrise nursing home.



## Church Within A Church Movement

"A progressive Methodist-related Movement dedicated to BEing the fully inclusive church"

Broadway United Methodist Church  
Rev. Lois McCullen Parr + Rev. Vernice Thorn  
3338 N. Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60657

Dear Broadway Community,

September 20, 2011

On behalf of the national Coordinating Team of the Church Within A Church Movement, I want to thank you for your generosity of spirit and substance. CWAC received a check a couple of weeks ago indicating Broadway's support when CWAC was the mission organization for March 2011. Thank you for supporting the work of the Movement in such a significant and tangible manner.

As you may know, CWAC is planning for its second "Ecumenical Ordination in a Methodist Tradition Minus the Closet!" We will be in Tucson the weekend of October 21-23, 2011 for a weekend titled, "Living Justice in the Wilderness." We are very excited to be ordaining two amazing women, Robyn Morrison and DeLyn Celec.

Your contributions help us make this happen!

We work toward the day when we have hundreds of member communities like Broadway.

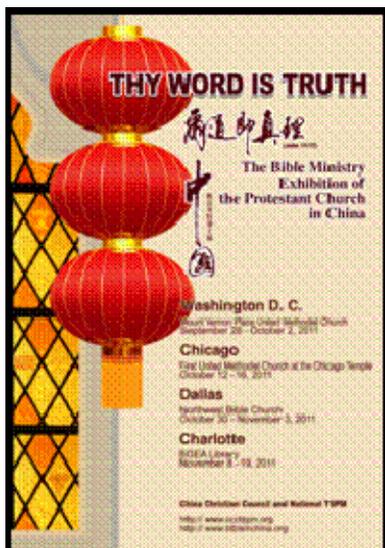
Please keep the Movement in your thoughts and prayers as we move down the path of living justice.

In peace and justice,

cathy knight  
Executive director  
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# “THY WORD IS TRUTH”



## From the Bishop's Office

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

From **Wednesday, October 12, through Sunday, October 16**, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference will partner with other denominations and organizations in hosting the China Bible Exhibition entitled “Thy Word is Truth,” at the Chicago Temple. This is an extraordinary opportunity to learn more about the changing landscape of Christian faith in China. The exhibition will be open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm daily. Admission is free. You can find more information at the conference website at: [www.umcnic.org/chinabible](http://www.umcnic.org/chinabible) or the China Christian Council website at: [www.bibleinchina.org](http://www.bibleinchina.org).

To enrich the experience, indigenous artisans from Yunnan Province will perform with singing and dancing three times daily during the exhibition (10:00 am, 12:15 pm, and 5:00 pm).

In addition to the Exhibition there will be three Seminars (see below) offered before, during and after the exhibition. Focused on **The Church and**

**Social Services, Church Life, and Theological Education**, these seminars are open to the public and we would encourage you to participate as you are able.

We can learn much about the Chinese culture, history and current day life through our engagement with this event.

In Christ's Service, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

## Social Services — Monday, October 10th

Bethany Home and Methodist Hospital of Chicago (5025 N. Paulina St., Chicago)

**Gathering at 9:30 am; Seminar at 10:00 am**

Hosted by: Rev. Stephen Dahl

Presenters: Mr. Wang Baocheng — Social Service Ministry of CCC/TSPM  
Rev. Yuan Shi Guo — Social Service Ministry of Sichuan Province

## Church Life — Thursday, October 13th

Chicago Bible Society; Cornerstone Center (Leslie Auditorium, 1111 N. Wells, Chicago)

**Gathering at 9:30 am; Seminar at 10:00 am**

Hosted by: Ken Oliver, Executive Director

Presenters: Rev. An Xinyi — Church in China and churches in Jiangsu as a model  
Rev. Yuan Shi Guo — Church life in rural areas and ethnic prefectures

## Theological Education — Wednesday, October 19th

Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary (2121 N. Sheridan, Evanston)

**Gathering at 9:30 am; Seminar at 10:00 am**

Hosted by: Rev. Jim Noseworthy, Senior Assistant to the President

Presenters: Rev. Gao Yin — Theological seminaries in China, Yanjing Theological Seminary as a model

# SAVE THE DATES!

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

See [www.cwac.us](http://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](mailto:fairjust@sbcglobal.net).

**Tuesday, November 15 at 7 pm — Annual Church / Charge Conference**

# THANK YOU TO DODO RESTAURANT

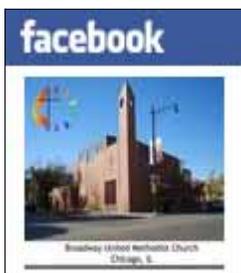
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# STEPS FOR EQUALITY

Nine Myths About Gay and Lesbian People

OPPOSING HOMOSEXUALITY IS “CHRISTIAN”

As United Methodists, we have a long, cherished tradition of honoring a variety of beliefs, expressions of faith & biblical interpretations. As followers of Jesus & recipients of God’s expansive grace, we know that our primary role as disciples is to extend God’s love to others. Using God & faith to disguise our own fear, discomfort or narrowness is never “Christian.” People of good faith can, and do, embrace Gay and Lesbian, Bisexual, Transsexual, & Questioning people as the beloved people of God, as they are a creation of God. What God creates is GOOD — IT IS VERY good!

~ Contributed by Emily, Helen, and Dee

## HISTORICAL NOTE

### There’s a goal for all summer seasons.

“Pastor’s personal message” (excerpt) from *Broadway Methodist*, June 1929

We have already begun to feel the effects of another vacation season. Many familiar faces were missing as I looked out over the audiences last Sunday. The church will adapt itself to vacation condition by suspending the Sunday evening service during July and August.

What shall be our attitude towards this vacation period of decreased or changed religious activity? Shall we allow our spirits to go into a tailspin or a nosedive because of it? Shall we succumb to the ravages of ecclesiastical blues because the usual numbers are not on hand for worship? Will we count the summer months a total loss from the standpoint of church work?

It may be a very religious thing to take a vacation. I am persuaded that Jesus, tired in His work, but never tired of His work, enjoyed frequent periods of rest and recreation. He is Lord even of the vacation season. The ideal vacation then will be one with proportionate provision for the recreation of body, mind and spirit.

Because increasing numbers of people are taking this kind of vacation, the summer period is becoming one of the most spiritually fruitful seasons of the year.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

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