



**Broadway**  
United Methodist Church



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# The Broadway — November 2011



## The Pastor's Paragraphs

### Annual Church/Charge Conference Opportunity!

*If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care – then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. ~ Philippians 2:1-2*

In the fall, United Methodists all over get reminded of their heritage as the “Charge Conference” season is underway.

Ours is **Tuesday, November 15, 7pm.**

Everyone is invited. Everyone.

It's the Annual Report – the “state of the church” – with our District Superintendent Rev. James Preston. We Worship together and hear from James, who speaks on behalf of the Northern Illinois Conference of which we are a part. We are required to approve the appointed pastor's compensation and, if possible, set a budget for next year. We talk about our ministries and our property. We present persons who feel called to various ministries – the ordination path; outreach (like Youth Lounge); administration (like money ministry); spiritual formation (like Children's Church); etc.

This event at Broadway doesn't look like it does at other United Methodist Churches – because Broadway is unique (but you knew that, right?). This year, when we're asked to fill out some new forms that reveal statistics of our “vitality,” our numbers on the page aren't going the right direction – we've gone down in worship attendance, membership, and finances.

But I'm reminded daily of our vitality! I'm reminded through the stories of persons whose lives have been changed by Broadway. I'm reminded by a weekly Worship where God's presence is tangible in tears and in shouts of joy. I'm reminded by the growing number of young people who enter the open door of Youth Lounge. I'm reminded by our congregational commitment to marriage equality. I'm reminded by the number of people who depend on the recovery ministries hosted in our building; by the toddlers and their caregivers who turn our basement into an imaginative play wonderland on weekday mornings.

I'd like to collect some of our stories of spiritual vitality, the qualitative narrative measures that reach deeper than the quantitative chart, and I'm hoping you'll help. Would you send me a couple sentences or a paragraph about how you sense Broadway's vitality? If you email me ([gizhilois@yahoo.com](mailto:gizhilois@yahoo.com)) **by November 7**, we'll be able to include your reflection in our Church/Charge Conference celebration on November 15 – *thanks!*



## Vernice's View

### **National Family Caregiver Month**

As November begins, I can't believe that as I awake in the morning, it is dark outside. Our days are shorter and I find myself also returning home in the dark. Yet, fall is my favorite time of year. I love the colors and the cooler air and the anticipation of Advent and the holiday season.

I was talking to someone recently and found out that November is also National Caregivers Month. I did not know that. Did you? Anyway...as I was thinking about how caregiving has impacted many of our sisters and brothers at Broadway as we care for family, partners and friends, I thought this might be an appropriate time to gather information and raise awareness about this topic.

Many of you know that my mother, in Michigan, is 99 years old. She will turn 100 in January. She lives with my eldest sister and her husband all week and then my brother and another sister care for her on the weekend. Mother is still getting around very well, but she needs care as dementia sets in. She's forgetful and her hearing is almost gone, yet she still desires to be independent. She cooks and washes her clothes and does other small household tasks. Even as well as she is doing, she needs constant care to make sure she remembers to turn off the stove, to remind her to take her medicine, to take her to doctor appointments, to care for her bills and other responsibilities. And we her family, with my sister having most of the responsibility, care for her. It is challenging even on the best of days.

And there are others of us with sick partners or partners recovering from illness; there are those of us who have family in nursing homes that we are caring for in the midst of maintaining a home and job responsibilities. As a community we care for each other when sudden illnesses come up. As we do that what are some resources at our disposal? Where do we find answers to legal, emotional, even spiritual questions? How do we care for ourselves as we care for others? I believe these to be important questions and so during the month of November we will discover the answers together.

In each worship service we will draw attention to a resource, either oral or written, that will sharpen our awareness and answer some of our questions. On November 20<sup>th</sup> following the 11 am worship service, Wisdom Flame, an organization whose main focus is resourcing caregivers, will come and share a presentation with us. We encourage you to attend, because each of us will be challenged with caregiving at some point in our lives. Invite family and friends to join us for this time and be listening for information throughout November. If you have specific questions or needs let me know and I will make sure that Wisdom Flame address them on November 20<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime here are two links about National Family Caregiver Month:

[http://www.nfcacares.org/national\\_family\\_caregiver\\_month/](http://www.nfcacares.org/national_family_caregiver_month/)

<http://www.strengthforcaring.com/manual/national-family-caregivers-month/national-family-caregivers-month/>

And the website for Wisdom Flame is <http://wisdomflame.com/blog/>

In Truth and Justice,

Vernice

# Kevin's Korner

November 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;

We are very excited and looking forward to being in Chicago soon!! On Sunday morning, November 13, we'll visit for Bloom's Mission Minute with Broadway. Being Broadway members, it's always restorative to return as your commissioned "missionaries to the West." Please come be with us. Your presence and financial support will enable us to return refreshed to building God's inclusive church. From time to time, we share Rev. Kev's columns recently submitted for publication. Here is the most recent:

## **"Words of Faith" for The Desert Sun**

After I publish something sounding political, repliers typically quote Jesus back to me: "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

Preachers aren't supposed to talk politics, they say. 2000 years ago, collaborators trying to trap Jesus with gotcha questions offered the same baloney. But Jesus did not bite.

The ancient Jerusalem scene depicts Pharisee disciples and sympathizers of Herod patronizing Jesus. They ask if faithful people should pay taxes to the clearly corrupt, decadent, and oppressive regime. Bible scholars agree Jesus' oft-quoted response is one of his most reputable sayings. Listeners then were amazed; but now it is poorly applied.

Misunderstandings of the separation between church and state cloud the minds of faithful Americans. People say religion and politics don't mix. However, faithful reality dovetails the two. Faith informs and shapes ethical and moral actions.

Hopefully, political action is ethical and moral; though trusting that hope is risky. Our national founders knew that risk. They foresaw damage resulting from mixing religious and government practice. They dealt with some of the hazard and left the rest to future generations, including us.

The Jeffersonian "wall of separation" idea did not keep church-nurtured thinking out of government. It prescribed keeping religious institutions free of government meddling and dependency. It meant no state church for America because government money and power typically corrupt church folks. Today's ill-advised faith-based, government funded programs violate the historical separation more than preachers talking politics.

The developing trend I see hides God in details where the devil normally lives. Efforts to drive orthodox wedges between people gain momentum while caring community development programs are hobbled. Liberty, they say, requires entitlement cuts. But the truth that sets us free says compassion and justice for widows and orphans are the true measures of authentic society. God emerges on the side of the just.

Today, talking heads and political activists disguise religious discrimination with PAC-funded social platforms. They stifle social justice messages while unlimited political action monies talk trash. The result is general distrust for God and government both.

The wisdom of Jesus cuts through that claptrap. Jesus answers that living faithfully is not about doing either/or. We do both. People of faith live in responsible relationship with Caesar and God, supporting the common good. We give what's rightly due in the best way we know how. It's amazing how well that can work.

Let's keep in touch. Please go to [Bloom's Web site](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

# REFLECTIONS ON TUCSON

*Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been reared. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written, "God's Spirit is on me; God's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, 'This is God's year to act!'" Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."*

*~ Luke 4:16-21, Gospel Lesson in the Church Within A Church Extraordinary Ordination*

When I was living in Tbilisi, Georgia, my friend Manana would say about someone who was indecisive, "she is sitting on two chairs."

I don't feel indecisive, but the image is one I'm holding onto as I return to Chicago from Tucson, where Church Within A Church ([www.cwac.us](http://www.cwac.us)) has held our second "Extraordinary Ordination." It was joy, to be sure, to celebrate the Ordination of Delyn and Robyn – both of whom have been rejected by the United Methodist Church. And it was a painful reminder of the 39 years of bigotry in United Methodism that continues to do harm and prevent LGBTQ persons from fully participating in the church.

I cried a lot.

But grief and anger are motivators.

So I come home from sunny Tucson recommitted to working both within (Broadway co-sponsored the Northern Illinois Conference legislation for inclusion that will be considered at General Conference in Tampa in 2012) and beyond (CWAC's bold witness for what the church can *be*; Broadway's commitment to marriage equality) for change.

Our Ordination preacher Rev. Malik Saafir said, "We must show up and say 'I am justice' and 'I am change'" – and I'm trying to "show up" in a variety of ways. Beyond serving Broadway Church, I'm part of the NIC RMN Task Force; I've just joined the messaging team for General Conference and will be in Tampa post-Easter.

And mostly, frankly, I show up in prayer. In prayer for this sacred community that bears witness to the radical hospitality of Christ Jesus. That bears the scars of religious wounding. That lives into its call to be prophetic about how the Gospel summons us to justice and love.

"The UMC nurtured and educated me," said CWAC Ordinand Delyn Celec, whose theological location was of no interest to a United Methodist ordination committee when they learned that she and Sarah were married. That's true for me, too: it's from the community of the UMC that I first learned a language for the holy mystery that is the Divine. It's from the UMC that I discovered how to be present to others in the name of Christ. It was a UM Bishop (Joe Sprague, who was arrested with Greg Dell and other BUMC folks at GC in Cleveland in 2000) who lay hands on my head, and said "take thou authority" to preach, teach, serve, witness, order, and celebrate with a faith community connected by understanding itself as the United Methodist Church.

Everyone has a unique call: mine is not to leave this church that I love and over which I grieve; I am not able to leave it to people who would continue to do harm. I am called to say "here is where I show up: I show up for change."

In Christ, for the sake of the world, on two chairs,

*Lois+*

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

# NOVEMBER MISSION MINUTE

**Our Mission Minute for November is Bloom in the Desert.** Bloom in the Desert Ministries United Church of Christ and Reconciling Methodist congregation is an interdenominational, inclusive, progressive-Christian, traditional mainline, liberal protestant church.

**Mission Statement:** Guided by teaching of Jesus Christ, Bloom is a community of believers who strive to uplift and heal one another. We gather to worship God, witness our faith in the living of our lives and uphold one another in Christian living. United in our diversity we are inclusive and embracing. We agitate for God's peace and justice in our community and around the world. **Core Values:** We are a people of God's extravagant welcome. We are a people of Covenant. We work toward a just and loving world through service and generosity. We listen for the still-speaking God. We encourage a life of inquisitive and thoughtful searching. We are grounded by Christian faithfulness. We celebrate the joy in life. **Rev. Kevin A. Johnson**, pastor of Bloom in the Desert, and his partner, Mike Shear, are members of Broadway, who moved to Palm Springs, California, in 2002 to begin a new inclusive church. News from Bloom in the Desert appears in "Kevin's Korner" which you'll find in every issue of the Newsletter. **Rev. Kev will visit Broadway and preach on November 13.**

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

**Our Mission Minute Sunday is November 13**, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope "Bloom in the Desert." You can also donate [online](#).

## YOU'RE HEARD THIS BEFORE — PLEASE DON'T KEEP YOUR RECIPES SECRET!

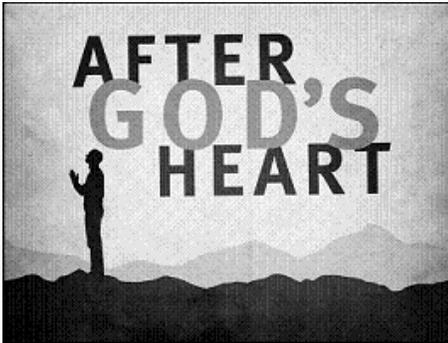
We know you have them! How would you make all those wonderful casseroles, cakes, cookies, and salads for Broadway occasions? Please don't keep your recipes secret! We've been collecting recipes for **The Broadway Recipe Book** for quite a while and we still haven't heard from YOU! Send us your recipe 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 meeting is set for **Tuesday, November 8, 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: November 1 and 8**. 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 are currently taking a break.

## MULTICULTURAL SERIES CONTINUES

The People of Color Discussion Group and Anti-Racist White Caucus present a three workshop series on Welcoming the Stranger: The Immigration Story. We will discuss at length the history and complexity of the immigration debate. What are the ethical, spiritual and social implications? Using the book *Welcoming the Stranger* by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Hwang to set the context, we begin the dialogue on **November 19, 2011** and continue the conversation on February 18, 2012 and May 19, 2012. All workshop will meet **from 10 am to 1 pm** in the Wesley Room. Hope to see you there.

## 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: A Womanist Vision of Women's Relationships in the Bible**, using the book *Just a Sister Away* by Renita Weems. She says: *Just a Sister Away* attempts to combine the best of the fruits of feminist biblical criticism with its passion for reclaiming and reconstructing the stories of biblical women, along with the best of the African American oral tradition, with its gift for story-telling and its love of drama. For this reason, the novelist Alice Walker's term "womanist" – referring to a black feminist; a courageous woman who is committed to whole people, both men and women – best describes the critical perspective taken here. ...*Just a Sister Away* is an attempt to probe beneath the surface of biblical texts to discover a place for everyone in the Kin-dom. The intent is to explore the uncharted territory of stories that could give us clues as to what biblical women felt about their lives."

You are invited to read this empowering book and join us in the study and dialogue on **Wednesdays, November 2, 9, 16 and 23rd at 7pm** in the Pillow Room. Books may be ordered from amazon.com.

COMING SOON: An Advent Reflection, **Nov. 30-Dec. 21**. See "Worship Wonder" on pg. 13.

**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).

# LAKEVIEW PANTRY FOOD DRIVE



On **Saturday Nov 5**, Broadway is having a food drive to benefit the Lakeview Pantry. Volunteer with other Broadwayites! We'll be at Treasure Island on Broadway from 9 am — 5 pm, handing out shopping lists to customers going in, and collecting their items when they exit the store. This is a great opportunity for Broadway to be more visible in our local community, to help out a great organization that serves our community, and to serve with other Broadway members. The volunteer sign-up is on the sign-up table outside the sanctuary. Lakeview Pantry distributes food, clothing and household goods at two sites in Lakeview, 6 days a week, as well as providing home delivery and case management.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

**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).

## HOLIDAY PORTRAITS

### **Holiday Portraits By Latoya Thorn Photography**

Latoya is now offering Holiday Portrait Sessions here at the church.

For on location options, please talk with Latoya.

- Family photos • Pet photos • Photos with friends •

To book your session today and for more information, contact Latoya by phone: 312-543-2029 or by email: [latoya@latoyathornphotography.com](mailto:latoya@latoyathornphotography.com).

You can also book your appointment online at :[www.latoyathornphotography.com](http://www.latoyathornphotography.com).

\*A percentage of the proceeds will go to Broadway UMC to support its ministries.





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**BAZAAR**  
**2011**

**November 13**  
**11am-7pm**

**local artists, Fair Trade vendors,  
music, food, and a silent auction**

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773.348.2679  
[www.broadwaychurchchicago.org](http://www.broadwaychurchchicago.org)

# YOUTH LOUNGE NOVEMBER UPDATE!

The Youth Lounge has been continuing twice each month – this past October we served a warm meal to the youth on October 8th and October 22nd, and we look toward November when we will be hosting the youth on November 12th and for a Thanksgiving week-end meal on November 26th. The youth continue to enjoy the safe space, hospitality, and community. Thank you for all of your support, especially with food donations!

As you may know, the Youth Lounge recently received a \$15,000 grant from United Methodist Church’s Ministries with Young People division. Praise be to God! This grant is focused on training for our volunteers, better preparing them to be present with the youth through skills such as listening, harm reduction, conflict management, and anti-racism work. The grant also funds a part-time position for Training Coordinator (that’s me, Tracy) to develop this training.

What this means is that we still need your support! The majority of our grant funding will go towards training, so we need support in donations of food, clothing, and other requested items regularly. Your support is still vital to the Youth Lounge and “our” youth.

## Donation Needs for the Youth Lounge

We are always looking for help with food donations for the meals we serve and share with the youth. Announcements are made on Sundays prior to meals with the specifics – so please keep an eye and ear out and heart open for these requests!

Additionally, we are currently in need of: winter clothing in good condition, DVD movies, and games

Please bring any donations to the church office during office hours or to church on Sunday and make sure to let one of the pastors, Z, or Tracy know!

## Volunteer Information Session for the Youth Lounge

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – immediately following the 11am worship service

*Please RSVP to Tracy at [theresanolan@gmail.com](mailto:theresanolan@gmail.com) if you plan to attend!*

If you would like to get involved in another way – volunteering! – we are also looking for more people to help with preparing meals, as well as people who are interested in engaging with the youth. If you are interested, please attend our upcoming volunteer information session on Sunday, November 6th, immediately following the 11am worship service.

Thanks for your support! If you have any questions please feel free to contact either of the pastors, Z Williams, any volunteer, or myself – Tracy Nolan ([theresanolan@gmail.com](mailto:theresanolan@gmail.com)).

# NEWS FROM LAC

**Nov. 14, 7-9 pm** LAC presents HELLO -- an art show from Lakeview Youth @ Anshe Emet

**Nov. 28, 7-9 pm** Economic Justice House Meeting @ Broadway

FLYERS IN FRIENDSHIP HALL FOR BOTH EVENTS

# FALL ATTENTION TO BROADWAY UMC PROPERTY

Your Property Caregivers/Trustees scheduled an October Saturday Workday and want to thank all those who came out to help. Many things got accomplished and to avoid missing the names of some we just want each to know their help was appreciated. Thank you!

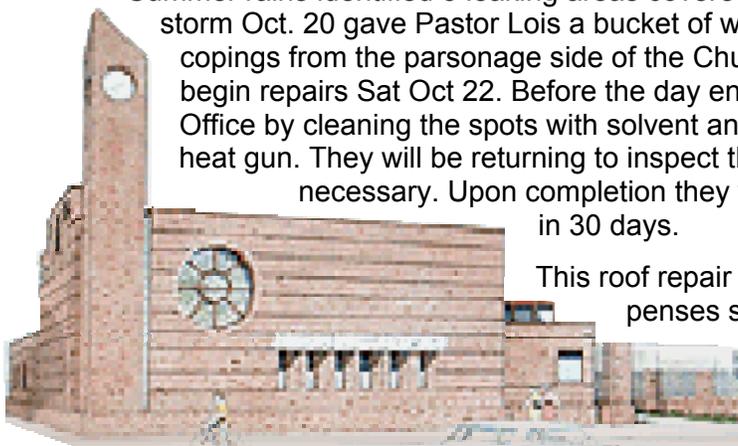
A Loyola Student broke the key in his lock that fastened his bike to a Buckingham Parkway PAY TO PARK sign. The location interfered with lawn mowing and the Student could not afford paying to have the lock cut. The sign was removed, the bike and lock lifted over the sign post and returned to the student. A Traffic Agent saw people working on the City's Sign but was satisfied when told the sign was being reattached after the bike was removed.

The risers on the basement stairs were beginning to rust and have now been given a coat of grey paint. The pew cushions got a good vacuuming with a shop vac to especially remove accumulation between the back cushion and the seat. The Fellowship Hall Kitchen was cleaned and included removal of accumulations inside, under and behind the Refrigerator and organization of the counter cabinets. The Men's Room toilet had a seat that was a manly nuisance as it became poorly attached. It is now firmly reattached and the nuisance eliminated.

As the leaves begin to fall they accumulate in unwanted areas, namely the outside basement stairs where leaves plug the floor drain and rainwater begins to enter the basement, roof drains plugged with leaves cause water ponds on the roof and the various yards and parking lot. The problem leaves were relocated to the garbage cans but attention to this need will continue thru Autumn.

In September the grease trap under the basement kitchen sink was leaking and filling the cabinet below with smelly drain waste. No sooner did Mike Monk the plumber replace it with a new grease trap when the following week end the basement bathroom floor drains were backing up when the toilets were flushed. Plumber Mike responded Monday and determined the Ejector Pump was jammed with paper towels and the motor burned out. Many using the basement were inconvenienced while fixture water was turned off and instructions were to use first floor facilities. Fortunately he could get a new pump, and install it the same day.

The Roof needed Professional attention. The Caregivers hired Showalter Roofing of Naperville to inspect the roof and make repairs. The Sanctuary Roof had several holes requiring Silicone caulk. Spring and Summer rains identified 5 leaking areas covered by the lower roof. A Thursday wind and rain-storm Oct. 20 gave Pastor Lois a bucket of water in her Office by nightfall. It also blew two roof copings from the parsonage side of the Church. Roofers Roger and Kevin were scheduled to begin repairs Sat Oct 22. Before the day ended they repaired 5 areas, 3 above the Pastor's Office by cleaning the spots with solvent and applying PVC/Rubber patches with an electric heat gun. They will be returning to inspect the other areas of leaks and apply patches where necessary. Upon completion they will be submitting an Invoice for over \$2000.00 due in 30 days.



This roof repair bill and the plumbing work impact November's expenses significantly so the need is to help with your prayers, presence, service, and gifts. Charity begins at the pocket book but true giving begins with the heart.

~ from Mel Bose

# CONSECRATION SUNDAY

## 2012 marks 111 years of Broadway on this corner...

God says to Ezekiel (Chapter 34): "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice."

When Jesus gets on the scene, he moves from that known text when he tells those who follow him that God will judge those who aren't just: by how those who are hungry are fed, those who are thirsty are given something to drink, those who are naked are clothed, those who are strangers are welcomed, those who are sick are taken care of, those who are in prison are visited (Matthew 25).

## How will Broadway keep faithful doing this justice?

***Your commitment to giving makes it possible.***

**On November 20**, we'll celebrate Consecration Sunday in Worship at 8:45 & 11, when we make our annual financial pledges in our Stewardship commitments for the upcoming year. This year, our special musical guest is Dr. Keith Hampton, and our choir will share several of Doc's most well-known choir pieces: "True Light," "Give Me Jesus," "All That I Have," and "Praise His Holy Name."



**Dr. Keith Hampton** is a conductor, composer, educator, church musician, organ performer, adjudicator, and workshop clinician. In addition to serving as the Artistic Director/Founder of the Chicago Community Chorus (CCC), he is the Director of Music Ministries and Organist/Choirmaster at Park Manor Christian Church and president of Dr. KT Productions, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

Classically trained as an organist and as a conductor, Dr. Hampton has taught students from nursery through college levels, served as Director of Music at churches of various denominations and is often sought after as a guest conductor and workshop clinician throughout the US, Germany, Trinidad, and Africa. In October of 2010, the North Central American Choral Directors Association selected Dr. Hampton as one of the top 25 Contemporary Composers "whose composition, Praise His Holy Name, should be standard repertoire for choirs today and for the next 25 years."

**Come: celebrate, re-dedicate.**

***God needs all of us to keep Broadway's corner ministry alive!***

# THANKSGIVING FEAST



**Please join us for the 3rd Annual Tony Vega Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner, November 24, 2010.** If you want to share your Thanksgiving Day dinner with Broadway, you are welcome! Dinner will be served **at 4 pm.** If you want to cook, help serve, set up, clean up, welcome guests, please sign up at the Sowers signup table on Sundays. For more information: contact Jon Zilliox. Cell phone: 773-747-9426 (anytime); Home phone: 773-360-1019 (evenings); Jon.Zilliox@yahoo.com.

# WORSHIP WONDER

## An Advent Reflection

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>

Facilitated by Carol McPherson

Worship invites us to dwell in its rhythms and patterns...to pay attention to and experience deep meanings that reside in bread, wine and water, in eating, drinking, and bathing...to immerse ourselves in sights, smells, sounds and actions that, considered in the light of the Gospel, create a world of theological meaning within lived human experiences that are at the same time beautiful and terrible. Worship cultivates within us the capacity to make sense of our lives and worlds (Jill Y. Crainshaw in *Wisdom's Dwelling Place*. 54).

Join me during this Advent season, this time of waiting and wonder, to reflect on the wonder of worship. The focus of this study is not to learn ABOUT worship, but to reflect on the experience of worship and how that experience intersects with our everyday lives.

"Worship is...home, which, as the saying goes, is the place where they have to take you in. There is no one who is not welcome in God's house, and no amount of human pettiness or pompous religiosity can alter the fact...When people come together to worship, they come as God knows them, with their differences, their wildly various experiences and perspectives. And by some miracle, they sing, and listen, and pray as one...Recklessly, we let loose with music, and the words of hymns, the psalms, canticles, and prayers. We cast the Word of God out into the world, into each human heart, where...it needs to go to fulfill God's purpose.." (Kathleen Norris in *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* 246).

If you have questions please contact Carol McPherson – carol.mcpherson@garrett.edu



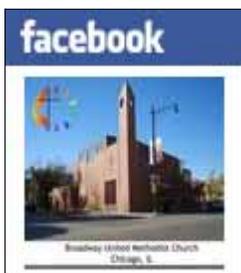
# COMPUTER CLASSES

There will be break for the physical class during November and December. Vincent will offer online computer classes during the months based on requests. The site to get online support is <http://www.onlineeducationolutions.org/adultlearning.htm>. If you are interested in getting online support and lessons, please contact Vincent at [vwiggins@OnlineEducationSolutions.org](mailto:vwiggins@OnlineEducationSolutions.org) or call 773-450-6706.

# LOOKING AHEAD...

<b>Saturday, December 3</b>	Hanging of the Greens <b>at 2 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday, December 4</b>	Second Sunday of Advent;	
<b>Sunday, December 11</b>	Third Sunday of Advent; Mission Minute Sunday—Habitat for Humanity	
<b>Sunday, December 18</b>	Fourth Sunday of Advent; Choir Advent/Christmas Concert <b>at 2 pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday, December 21</b>	'Longest Night' Healing Service	
<b>Saturday, December 24</b>	Christmas Eve services <b>at 4:30, 7:00 and 11:00 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday, December 25</b>	Christmas Day; <b>ONE</b> Sunday morning service <b>at 12:00 pm (noon)</b> Community Feast (including "our youth") <b>at 1:00 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday, January 1</b>	Kwanzaa Sunday; <b>ONE</b> Sunday morning service <b>at 12:00 pm (noon)</b>	
<b>Sunday, January 8</b>	Epiphany Sunday; back to regular Sunday schedule	

# SOCIAL MEDIA



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# STEPS FOR EQUALITY

Greetings: This month we recommend a new book on the market: *The Gay Gospels* by Keith Sharpe. Just go on line to get the details at [www.thegaygospels.com](http://www.thegaygospels.com).

Also we recommend that Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays, transgender, bisexual & queers & Questioning attend this support group. It supports, educates, advocates and is a Gay-Straight Alliance. PFLAG: National website: [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org); Local website: [www.pflagillinois.org](http://www.pflagillinois.org). In the Lakeview area, the PFLAG meeting is held every third Sunday at 2:00 pm at the Center On Halsted (3656 N Halsted)

~ Contributed by Emily, Helen, and Dee

## HISTORICAL NOTE

### Our wonderful pastors, past and present

“Another Year” from *Broadway Methodist*, August 1923

The pastor was informed on his return from his vacation that at the regular meeting of the Official Board, August 6th, action was taken unanimously inviting his return for a second year as pastor of Broadway. The pastor hereby voices his acceptance of this kind invitation so far as he is concerned. There is no church in the Rock River Conference to which he would rather be assigned than Broadway. He likes the people, he likes the neighborhood, he likes the parsonage, he likes the work, and he likes the prospect of another year. He returns his gratitude for the invitation as expressing a sympathetic relationship, and if he should be so fortunate as to be returned for a second year to Broadway he will do his best to merit the esteem of a large hearted and heroic people.

Editor's Note: Rev. Nelson J. Brown was the pastor at that time. The church administrative year was from October 1 to September 30.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

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### November Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **December 2011** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, November 20**. Articles in electronic format are preferred and should be sent to [broadwayc@ameritech.net](mailto:broadwayc@ameritech.net). Hard copies may also be submitted in the newsletter mailbox off Friendship Hall.



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**November 2011**

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