



Broadway
United Methodist Church



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The Broadway — December 2011



The Pastor's Paragraphs

*Come from your communities
Where talk is of Christmas shopping
And where our children are whipped up by advertising frenzy
Come share in a celebration
Where we have nothing to peddle
But our stories of hope.
~ Edward Cox*

When I say "it's Advent!" people tell me that what comes to mind is the wreath – the lighting of candles each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve, a wreath that gets brighter each week and that reminds us that we are waiting for something.

Waiting for the nativity story told once again: the familiar story that we already know, the one in which God comes to us as a vulnerable baby, child of a poor woman whose pregnancy is suspicious. We celebrate the story of the "infant lowly, infant holy," surrounded by straw in a feeding trough, cows and sheep looking on.

We celebrate something that's more mysterious – the story that an ineffable God who is impossible to fully know chooses to enter the world the same way we do: a fully human birth. That the Divine power we name "God" that knows no bounds chooses to enter the boundaried life of humankind. That – as fourth century theologian Athanasius wrote – the Word "was made [man] that we might be made Divine."

This thought isn't what comes to mind when we see Santa Claus or hear "Up on the housetop" at the mall. But it's the thought that we're invited to consider as people of faith who gather to proclaim the beloved community each week, whose lit candles are meant to prepare us.

And that's one reason I love Advent – it's a reminder to slow down, to give thought to why we celebrate Christmas at all and to see that the coming of Jesus, eventually claimed as Christ, did indeed change the world.

That change started with a little baby. It continues with us.

Because the baby grew up, showed people how to live and love. He reached out to those who had no hope, gave them life and purpose – and then they told stories of the hope they found because of him.

Advent: more than candles, more than wreath – beautiful as they are. The Advent season is a time for us to step slowly, to listen carefully, to gather as people who still cling to the possibility of hope for a new tomorrow.

Waiting, with you,

Lois

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr



Vernice's View

Welcoming the Stranger

Can you recall a time when you felt like a stranger? Can you name the emotions that saturated your spirit in that moment?

Those were the reflection questions asked as we began to center ourselves on Saturday, November 19, at our multicultural workshop. The People of Color Discussion Group and the Anti-Racist White Caucus are collaborating to bring a three series workshop to begin the dialogue around immigration. What we discovered that day is that we have more questions than answers. Some of the questions are steeped in fear, others in just a lack of knowledge. And so we embark on this journey with an internal focus of our own feelings. Here are some of the answers to the focus question: **unwanted, confused, spotlighted, isolated, unworthy, angry, misunderstood, unfamiliar, falsely challenged, lost, sad, disappointed, kindness from the host...**

With open ears and hearts we launched our discussion with what we know about immigration. **We know there is a need for reform. We know it is complicated by history. We know it is a conversation that involves ethnicity and race. We know it is about stereotyping, criminalizing, and a word coined by this group, "citizenship-ism".**

And so we crack open our resource for the series, *Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate*, by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Hwang. And in the forward here is what Lindy Scott, professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies, Whitworth University, has to say:

"Immigration is one of the most pressing issues facing our country today. Some twelve million undocumented immigrants live among us, but their lives are largely in the shadows. They are our neighbors and we are theirs. The ethical challenges that face us all are numerous in the legal, economic, educational and health areas. What would God have us do regarding these new neighbors? With great precision and fairness, the authors lead us through the difficult and thorny ethical issues of immigration. They provide personal stories and abundant statistics. Most of all, they bring God's Word to challenge us to obey God and welcome the strangers among us."

As we live into our inclusive statement and ministry, you won't want to miss this informative and insightful conversation. Pick up a book and join us on Feb 18 and May 19, 2012 from 10am – 1pm.

In Truth and Justice,

Vernice



Kevin's Korner

December 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;

We sure enjoyed our Sunday morning on Broadway with you November 13. It was wonderful to spend some time with pastors Lois and Vernice. It was a pleasure to meet Ben and share worship leadership with Broadway folks. The choir sounded great and all the music nurtured our souls. It was fun to go to the Global Village Bazaar and see excitement among the vendors and shoppers. The cat-themed Christmas tree ornament Mike bought will be a meaningful remainder of our Chicago 2011 trip.

With deep conviction we say **thank you** for your financial continued support of Bloom in the desert ministries – your mission to the West. Your Mission Minute faithfulness helps us continue Broadway's legacy. You taught us how to "welcome all who welcome all" and your ministry continues to inspire Bloom in the Desert's mission. Your guidance and participation are always welcome. We value all the ways we are together in ministry.

As mentioned in his comments on Sunday, Rev. Kev headed from Broadway to a professional conference that "might make some news." That Sunday night he left on "The City of New Orleans," traveling south by Amtrak to attend the first-ever national clergy conference of PICO – People Improve Communities through Organizing. The conference was a great diverse gathering of women and men from 26 states. Our focus was racial and economic justice. The speakers were top-of-their-fields. As participants, we went from wonky presentations to emotional preaching without batting an eye.

The news from PICO out of New Orleans was good and powerful. The Times-Picayune reported: "More than 500 clergy from dozens of denominations are in New Orleans this week, laying plans they hope will force next year's presidential candidates to talk about populist economic reforms. Their issues are raising the minimum wage, preserving and perfecting health care reform, and "holding Wall Street and the nation's largest banks accountable for nearly crashing the national economy" in 2008, said Gordon Whitman, the group's policy director. For example, PICO is urging congregations and businesses to remove deposits from Bank of America, the nation's largest bank, "because their foreclosure practices are among the worst," Whitman said. Another PICO target is the nation's high incarceration rate, and more recently the emergence of a private, for-profit prison management industry that PICO says puts lobbying muscle behind new laws that increase the use of prisons." For more information, visit www.piconetwork.com

Let's keep in touch. This winter, come visit us. 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

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE...

Friday, December 2	Dinner and Movie Night in observance of World AIDS Day at 6 pm
Saturday, December 3	Rich Rituals Meeting at 12:30 pm Hanging of the Greens at 2 pm
Sunday, December 4	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11	Third Sunday of Advent Mission Minute Sunday — Habitat for Humanity
Sunday, December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent Choir Advent/Christmas Concert at 2 pm
Wednesday, December 21	'Longest Night' Healing Service at 8 pm
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve services at 4:30, 7:00 and 11:00 pm
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day; ONE Sunday morning service at 12:00 pm (noon) Community Feast (including "our" youth) at 1:00 pm
Sunday, January 1	Kwanzaa Sunday; ONE Sunday morning service at 12:00 pm (noon)
Sunday, January 8	Epiphany Sunday; back to regular Sunday schedule



ADVENT 2011: WONDER

First Sunday of Advent: *Peace*
Second Sunday of Advent: *Hope*

Third Sunday of Advent: *Love*
Fourth Sunday of Advent: *Joy*

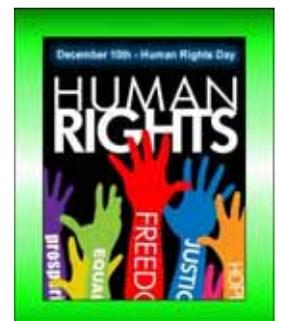
WORLD AIDS DAY AND HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



AIDS Day (Dec. 1) and Human Rights Day (Dec. 10)
Celebration at Broadway

Friday, December 2, at 6:30 pm

Please join us for a simple meal of beans and rice to be solidarity on this day with many around the world for whom this is a regular meal. Also we will be viewing "Aging POZitively" and Human Rights videos.



DECEMBER MISSION MINUTE

Our Mission Minute for December is Habitat for Humanity.

Who we are

We are a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. We build with people in need regardless of race or religion. We welcome volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds.

What we build

Our houses are simple, decent, and affordable to low-income families around the world. Whenever possible, we build sustainable, energy-efficient and healthy housing.

Why we build

Nearly 2 billion people around the world live in slum housing and over 100 million are homeless. Habitat for Humanity is needed to help eliminate poverty by providing simple, decent shelter to those in need. Families left homeless by natural disasters, war and civil unrest often face dire housing situations as they struggle to rebuild their lives. Habitat for Humanity's Disaster Response program provides shelter and housing solutions to help these families recover.

How it's possible

Homeowners and volunteers build under trained supervision. Individuals, corporations, faith groups and others provide vital financial support. In the U.S., Habitat for Humanity lends no-profit, no-interest mortgage loans to its beneficiary families. On a global scale, Habitat's traditional model is not always possible. Our international housing finance programs consist of innovative housing finance practices and/or partnerships with microfinance organizations.

More information can be found at: www.habitat.org.

Our Mission Minute Sunday is December 11, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope "Habitat for Humanity." You can also donate [online](#).

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.

You can also book your appointment online at: www.latoyathornphotography.com.

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Join in the festivities, fellowship and fun with the annual Hanging of the Greens for Advent'11 on

Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm

Help decorate Broadway Church for the joyous season of Advent and Christmas. Many hands make light work and we promise a great time. Come help us decorate, make new friends, rekindle old acquaintances and share in the spirit of the season that is *Advent At Broadway!*

Help will be needed with...

- ◆ Sanctuary Environment (Planters over windows)
- ◆ Sanctuary hanging of banners and advent flags HOPE, LOVE, JOY, PEACE
- ◆ Friendship Hall large tree
- ◆ Friendship Hall sanctuary entrance wreath around stained glass window and entrance table
- ◆ Broadway street entrance tree
- ◆ Friendship Hall ceiling snowflakes
- ◆ Ribbon and garland on outside fences

Bring a potluck dish to share and enjoy warm beverage refreshments of cookies, brownies, Christmas cookies and other potluck items.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us for the annual Broadway Christmas Concert at 2 pm on **Sunday, December 18.**

This year the adult choir will investigate Christmas musical traditions from around the world as well as our Advent theme of *Wonder*. We will be joined by special musical guests *Alioni*, Chicago's own Georgian choral ensemble directed by Clayton Parr, as well as our own Kaleidoscope Children's Choir.



SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

Adult Education I and II are currently taking a break.

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: An Advent Reflection, **Nov. 30-Dec. 21**. See "Worship Wonder" below.

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.

WORSHIP WONDER

An Advent Reflection, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., November 30th through December 21st

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*).

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*).

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

CELEBRATE, RE-DEDICATE: 2012

"...with the eyes of the heart enlightened, you know the hope to which Christ has called you."

~ Ephesians 1:18



Thanks so much to all who made Consecration Sunday (November 20) such an amazing day of Worship & Celebration! Thanks especially to Dr. Keith Hampton, our special musical guest; thanks to our dancers & musicians; thanks to Diana Davis (Co-Lay-Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, and Lay Speaker), who shared her story of finding a home at Broadway!

And: thanks to all who felt ready to make a pledge, committing to the regular financial support of Broadway's identity & mission for 2012. **As of November 20th**, we've received promises for 2012 from about half of our worshipping community, **totaling near \$120,000 -- getting us started** toward what we need to continue to do the amazing ministry to which we're committed.

If you weren't able to be with us Sunday, please find a [pledge card](#) online under "Resources" and then "Miscellaneous" (or stop by Broadway to pick one up), and return to the office as soon as you can so we can best predict how we'll put together a budget for 2012.

BECOME A MAGI!

Matthew 2:11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother: and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasures chest, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Well, I'm not sure where to find myrrh and frankincense gives me a headache, but please join in as we bring our gifts of Gold, Platinum & Silver to the baby Jesus!

As you may know, precious metals are at an all time high! So, I see this as a great opportunity to contribute to Broadway's missions! **Starting Sunday, November 27, until December 25**, we will be collecting all old jewelry, scrap gold, ex's wedding bands & etc. We have a reputable dealer who will give us top dollar! Become a Magi!!!



Any questions, contact mj grimshaw at mgrimshaw@sbcglobal.net or 773-680-0857.

RICH RITUALS

Liturgy is the work of the people. As such, our worship should spring from the gifts and passions in our community of faith. What is your gift? Your passion? Please join us on **Saturday, Dec. 3 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** to work on worship planning for January and forward. Then stick around for the Hanging of the Greens at 2:00 p.m. If you have questions or would like to participate but cannot attend either event, contact Carol McPherson at carol.mcpherson@garrett.edu.

CHOMP AND CHAT



We would like to extend an invitation to the next Chomp and Chat on **Sunday, December 11 after the 11:00 Service**. 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!

HEALING SERVICE

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.*

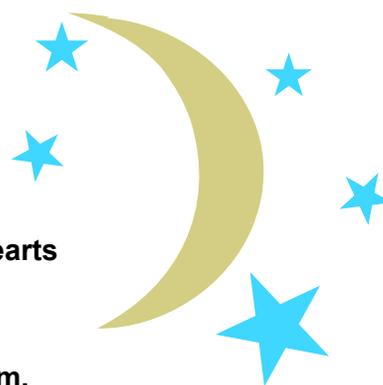
**The Longest Night
A Worship Service for those with Hurting Hearts
At the Winter Solstice**

Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

Come and gather with others who find it difficult to exchange the "Merry" in Christmas as they have experienced loss or sorrow in this season.

We'll gather to sing, pray, light candles, and share in the healing balm of our beloved community.

Childcare provided. Refreshments following.



WELCOMING STATEMENT

Worship Coming Out: The Power of Naming Identity in Christian Public Worship

My name is Carol McPherson and I am currently working on my dissertation for a PhD in liturgical studies at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary under the advising of Dr. Ruth Duck. One aspect of my work will be to explore the function and power of ritually naming identities in worship. Over the next several weeks I will be conducting a survey through bulletin inserts and the Broadway list-serve about Broadway's welcome statement.

Every Sunday this congregation issues the following welcome statement. "WE are gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight, queer, and questioning. WE are male, female, transgender, intersex, and asexual. WE are black, brown, white, yellow – the many hues of God's family. WE are many abilities, WE come from many economic situations, WE are many places on the faith journey." The specific wording of this statement may vary from week to week but the content remains the same.

What do you experience in this welcome statement? You are invited to respond directly to me via email (Carol.mcperson@garrett.edu) or to respond using the bulletin insert. If you are willing to speak with me further about your experience of the welcoming statement, please contact me, or include your name and contact information and I will contact you. Your names and responses will be kept confidential.

REGISTER NOW! WINTER WARMING



**A congress of Reconciling
United Methodists**

Sat, Jan. 14, 2012

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

Featuring Worship with **Mark Miller**

LOVE REJOICES!

We welcome singer/songwriter and gay United Methodist, Mark A. Miller as our guest preacher and music leader. Mark teaches sacred music and worship at Drew and Yale Universities, and serves as Minister of Music at Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey.

Please join us for:

WORKSHOPS — WORSHIP — DINNER

Registration: 1 pm; Workshop #1: 1:30 pm; Worship: 3 pm; Workshop #2: 4:30 pm; Dinner: 6 pm

Register at www.winterwarming.com

ADVENT POINSETTIAS

2011 ADVENT SEASON POINSETTIAS

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Broadway UMC invites you to join in decorating our Sanctuary with Poinsettias in celebration of Advent and Christmas. As in years past, the Environment team will handle acquiring the plants and decorating the sanctuary. All you have to do is sign up to donate one or more. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. This year we will decorate with the Poinsettias for the 4th Sunday in Advent (December 18th) and ask that they remain through Christmas Sunday (December 25th). You can pick up your plant after the service on Christmas Sunday. To order your plant, please complete the information on quantity, color, and dedication below along with your name, address and phone number.

PLEASE, place your donation by Sunday, December 11th, 2011 to ensure reserving a plant/color.

Submit with check payable to Broadway UMC with "Advent Flowers" in the memo. Mail to or bring to the church Attn: "Advent Season Flowers" or give to Scott McGowan, Demetrius Kelsaw or Jon Zilliox.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Each plant is branched with approximately 5-7 flowers.

Poinsettia Color choices: Red White

Quantity Each: _____ _____

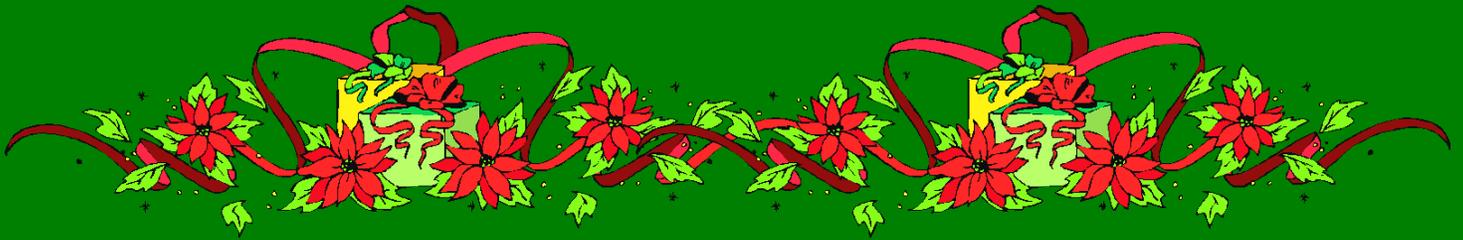
Quantity x \$12.00 Each \$ _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of: _____





YOUTH LOUNGE — DEC. UPDATE

The Youth Lounge has continued its twice a month schedule, opening up a space and gathering community with the young people on October 22, November 12, and November 26. On October 22, we served a great meal of chili mac and cheese, corn bread, and jello – all of which the young people loved! We had about 40-50 youth attend that evening. On November 12, we had a delicious “breakfast for dinner” meal complete with ice cream sundaes – another hit! – and 50-60 youth were in attendance.

We have also continued to grow our volunteer group, with our recent November information session bringing in a number of new volunteers who look to be a great fit for the Youth Lounge. We also had a volunteer first aid training, where many of our volunteers learned basics about how to better care for “our” youth in medical crisis and minor medical needs.



As the winter cold begins to settle into the city, we are particularly going to need more help with warm clothing items: coats, hats, gloves, socks, boots, and even good layering items. If you are able to donate any of these items, please consider doing so! The youth face some heavy challenges as the cold sets in and it becomes more dangerous to be on the streets because of the weather.

We continue to hear the joy and thanksgiving from the young people for this space that is truly their own. We’ve also heard from other youth service providers in Lakeview that the youth are talking about the Youth Lounge with them – and saying incredibly good things! At a recent meeting, I particularly heard one youth worker say: “The youth see the space as a youth-led space, and only have good things to say about it. We love what you all are doing there.” This is our goal – to be about the youth, to open up a space that is their own and to be in community with them. Thanks for your continued support in this love work!

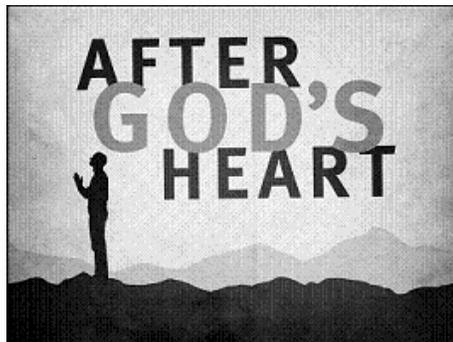
Donation Needs for the Youth Lounge

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, plus size clothing, 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!

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY



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 mid-point 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

Mondays, 10-11:30am

Wesley Room @ Broadway
3338 N. Broadway, Chicago

YOU'VE 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, 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.

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.onlineeducationsolutions.org/adultlearning.htm>. If you are interested in getting online support and lessons, please contact Vincent at vwiggins@OnlineEducationSolutions.org or call 773-450-6706.

KWANZAA CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Again this year we come together as community to celebrate Kwanzaa, a tribute rooted in the first harvest festival practiced in various cultures in Africa. Here at Broadway, Kwanzaa allows us to embrace our diversity as we live out our ministry of inclusivity. The seven principles of Kwanzaa are values and goals that affect all of us as we journey toward healing, justice and wholeness. Each principle affirms our awareness of God, strengthening our trust in our Creator and each other.

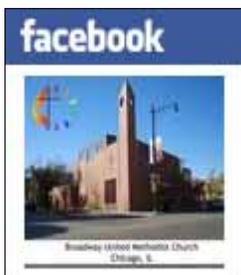
Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration which continues to evolve into an invitation to all people. As a faith community dedicated to welcoming and valuing all, we join together to rejoice in the beauty and the contributions of people of African descent.

The People of Color Discussion Group and the Anti-Racist White caucus invite the Broadway Family to share in ONE celebratory worship service commemorating all seven principles on **Sunday, January 1, at 12:00 noon**, followed by a community potluck meal and a sharing of homemade gifts. As you are comfortable, we invite you to come in African Attire as a symbol of solidarity and unity.



Look for additional information in the weekly bulletins!

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!

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

Twitter: @ChicagoBUMC

HISTORICAL NOTE

Some things haven't changed much

"Our Pastor's Personal Message" (excerpt) from *Broadway Methodist*, December 1929

"Some things haven't changed much" by Rev. J. Pierce Newell, pastor

Another Christmas is just around the corner and soon we will be greeting another New Year.

I have just returned from taking the children on a tour of the great State Street stores to see Santa Claus. What can be sweeter and more beautiful than a little child's faith in Santa Claus?

The stores it seemed were never more brilliantly decorated, nor the things displayed more luxurious and tempting. I was more impressed, however, by the people I saw than by the things I saw. I cannot forget the drooping fatigue of shop girls, the discontent written on many faces, the expressions of wistful longing for so many beautiful things beyond reach, the hard selfishness of some countenances, the equally bitter despair of others. A Salvation Army girl stood by her Christmas offering kettle tinkling her bell. She had a drawn, pinched face, sunken eyes, a tubercular appearance. Opposite her was one of State Street's most brilliant windows, filled with super-luxury goods.

What a Christmas we will have when the economic life of the world is organized on the principle of goodwill, brotherhood and cooperation. In the hope of the Christ-like Christmas that is to be, I extend the season's greetings and wish for all a New Year of plain living, rich in friendship and filled with the joy of useful service.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian



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