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The Broadway — April 2012

Letter from Lois

...a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand. ~ Isaiah 53:3

Jesus is there, saying "me, too." ~ Annie Lamott

What power in the story of Jesus as we come into the journey of Holy Week – from Palm Sunday, to Jesus' last days, to the first light of Resurrection. Jesus, who becomes vulnerable. Jesus, the fully-human one who, in the flesh, suffers and dies. Then Jesus, the fully-divine one who, in the mystery of the Spirit, overcomes death.

As we finalize our plans for Holy Week, I'm thinking about our 2012 theme to "Make It Real" at Broadway. Jesus "makes it real" all the time in his ministry. A real, messy birth in a barn. A rugged life along the Galilee, fishing and sharing food. A temple life of turning tables upside-down in anger. A regular habit of touching those considered untouchable, healing bleeding women and those who were rejected. Tortured by a guard's whip and a crucifying death.

When we gather Sunday to Sunday, we don't generally focus on the events of Jesus' death, on the suffering he did "for us" as many of our old hymns might sing. We don't like to talk about blood "shed for me." But the significance of the fullness of the Jesus story is that God, in Jesus, knows suffering first-hand. Knows what it's like to be "real."

I know that when I suffer from depression or in times when I've been undone by loss and grief, it's hard to find the presence and hope of God that comforts or gives me courage. But: in those times, finding the God who comes to me in Jesus, who has known pain, is how I understand what "salvation" means. Vulnerability researcher Brené Brown says that the two most powerful words when we're in the struggle are "me, too."

This "me, too" God is the one I come home to, the one who beckons me when I don't think I can get up on my own, who is present to me in the community of faith. When I look up and pay attention to this "real" one, I see the whole story of how death is defeated, how new life is possible. And I am grateful.



Join us for the "real" walk,

Lois

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

Vernice's View

As I write this newsletter we are still on our Lenten Journey, anticipating Holy Week and Resurrection Day. Our Lenten journey, for me, has been an exciting and often uncertain time of searching and discovering new ways to understand faith and being in ministry. As Lent began we were in the midst of Black History Month and exploring what "Ministers – all the people" means. I feel that we are yet unpacking that phrase, even as we celebrate and acknowledge the positive impact this time has had on our congregation.

During Lent, I also attended a Just Church meeting sponsored by Church Within A Church (CWAC), hosted in Lawrence, Kansas. This gathering was also a time of questioning and digging deeper into who we are as a progressive, ecumenical faith movement. Telling our stories, making connections across cultural and spiritual differences, we discovered just how connected we are. At that point we were able to embrace and value our differences, understanding that it is those very qualities which make our movement so vital and vibrant.

With the spirit speaking to me through the work of Broadway and CWAC, I am discovering God in a new way. I am discovering a new way of being and that excites and energizes me. Here at Broadway as we open ourselves to the spirit, we are hearing new voices, people who have much to tell us and teach us, but before now did not have a venue in which to speak. In CWAC we are connecting with people who have been excluded from the traditional church and are finding that CWAC is a place they can call home. Finding voice, finding home should be a top priority of faith communities. As we find refuge, acceptance and love we empower one another to live, TO REALLY LIVE – and with that confidence we are able to spread the good news of God's love more effectively – because we know God's love at our very core.

As I reflect on the transformations I have observed in these two communities I am aware of the Resurrection message being lived out. Resurrection declares that LIFE will successfully poke its head above all the death-dealing aspects of our existence, often in unexpected ways and when we least expect it. For me, the resurrection event is grounded in hope. That hope helps me to lean into life – the good, the bad and the ugly – with an expectation that there is something life-giving within reach. Isn't that exciting? Can you feel the energy and the hope in that statement?

I pray that awareness will be with each of us as we move into Holy Week. I would encourage us to claim HOME and know that life not death has the final say. Let's give thanks to a loving God and wrap our arms around LIFE.



In Peace and Justice,

Vernice

Kevin's Korner

April 2012

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;

March was a very full month for Bloom and April looks like a hum-dinger, too. But, of course – it's the height of "the season."

A quick report on our 3rd Annual Spring Fling Cabaret and Silent Auction on March 2, is that it was indeed a stellar success!! We achieved our goals for attendance, the site was beautiful and the show was wonderful. I posted some photos on Facebook, so find me there – Kevin A Johnson –and have a look. Plan now to be with us at the 4th Annual Spring Fling next year on March 1, 2013, as we kick off National Cabaret Month and Bloom's 10th anniversary celebrations.

Just like you, we are looking forward to Holy Week's Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday Seder and Easter. This year we are going to invite Bloom folks to join a neighborly Religious Science congregation for a Noon-time Good Friday service. A couple Bloom musicians who have been involved in the service for a couple years have invited us to join them. This kind of community collaboration is a healthy spiritual interaction for us.

We continue looking for office/meeting space in order to move the Bloom office out of our home before Rev. Kev's summer sabbatical. After 10 years as your "missionary to the west" and 10 years of office in the "parsonage," it's time to get moving on both. The office space would become Bloom's operations center for meetings, studies, rehearsals and small social gatherings. We would stay at the Demuth Center for Sunday worship. We are trying to get a 5-year plan in place on these matters. Then we will start planning years six through 100.

Speaking of sabbatical, this is the year that Rev. Kev is eligible for sabbatical based on a Bloom Pastor Parish Team plan put into place about three years ago. The away dates are June 15 though September 15. That means that there will be a summer hiatus for many Rev. Kev activities, including "Kevin's Korner." This is going to be a challenge that will strengthen Bloom as more responsibilities are shared among the congregation. It will be a time of renewal, research, writing and Amtrak travel for Rev. Kev. Now, if only we could get a sabbatical for Mike – for sure there will be some vacation time for him.

Let's stay in touch. Please "Like" us on Facebook and go to [Bloom's Web site](#) to sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter, "**BloomNotes.**" And do keep all of us in your prayers. We do you.

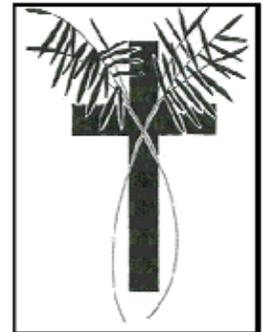
Peace be with you,

Rev. Kev and Mike Shear

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2012

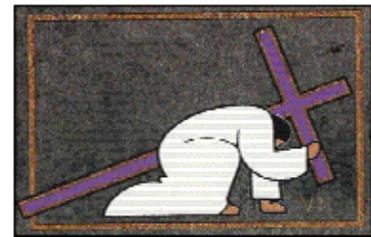
Monday-Friday, April 2-6

The Congregational Care Team will be available **each evening during Holy Week from 6 – 7pm** for Holy Listening and Prayer. If there are special prayer needs or concerns that you would like to share, a member of the Care Team will be available to listen and to pray with you.



Maundy Thursday, April 5

Worship with Holy Communion, 7 pm
 Followed by All-Night Vigil, 8:30 pm
 (More information on pages 5-7)



Good Friday, April 6

Service of Tenebrae/Shadows, 7 pm

Easter Sunday, April 8

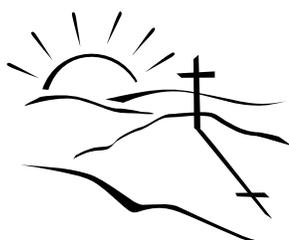
Sunrise Service with Out of the Box Ministry, 5:30 am
 Meet at the Clock Tower and walk the path to the Lake to enjoy an Easter Sunrise. More information below.
 Worship, 8:45 am
 Easter Celebration Brunch, 9:30 am — all are invited!
 Worship, 11:00 am



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

This year, we welcome as part of our Worship leadership Rev. Jesus Molina and members of Out of the Box Ministry (Stone Park Mission in Melrose Park), with the musical leadership of Sasha Molina.

Meet at 5:30 am at the Clock Tower and walk the path to the Lake to enjoy an Easter Sunrise.



Here's information on how to join us:

- Take Recreation Drive to the Totem Pole at Belmont & Lakeshore Dr.
- Follow the signs north to the Marovitz Golf Course.
- Ample parking in area; bike and walker-friendly. Accessible pathway from parking to Clock Tower to Sea Wall.
- Find a place to sit on the Sea Wall. You may want to bring a blanket to sit on!

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

Broadway Holy Week Vigil A Moving Experience...

By Scott McGowan

I didn't know what to expect because I had not participated in the Easter Vigil before. I just heard friends say it was moving, spiritual, fun and very memorable. That was back in 2002 before I gave it a try. What's more, only 15 to 25 people experience it each year yet it's open to all who wish to participate. What might you ask is this moving experience? It's the vigil during Lent Holy week at Broadway. Now you may say "oh I know all about that" but do you really? Have you experienced it? Have you participated in a vigil?

Following the Maundy Thursday Worship, a complete night of events, silent meditations, scripture readings and "vigil keeping" occur. BUMC members, constituents, friends and guests spend the evening at the church from 8:30 pm until 6 am. The purpose of the vigil is symbolic representation of the time Christ spent in the garden of Gethsemane the night before the crucifixion.



What is a Vigil? A **vigil** (from the Latin *vigilia*, meaning wakefulness) is a period of purposeful sleeplessness, an occasion for devotional watching, or an observance. A **Vigil** can also be a night spent in prayer.

This year's Vigil will be Thursday, April 5th, 2012. During the Vigil, every hour from 9 pm until 6 am all those who stay, gather together by the ringing of a bell. They enter the sanctuary in complete silence for a scripture reading that tells the story of the last supper, the betrayal, the arrest, the denial, the trial and the crucifixion of Christ. Readings are done by the light of a single candle. Following each reading one, or more, individual(s) sign up to stay in the sanctuary for the hour in darkness and silent prayer and meditation keeping "vigil" like Christ did in the garden of Gethsemane the night before being crucified. All time spent in the sanctuary is in complete silence besides for the scripture reading.

In between the sanctuary readings, those who do not stay in the sanctuary for the hour vigil can participate in one of the many group or individual self reflection activities planned from quarter past each hour until the bell rings at the top of the next hour. Activities can include...

Japanese Tea Ceremony
Prayers for UMC General Conference
Meditation Room
Yoga or other exercise
Photography and Spirituality

Painting or drawing
Season reflective readings and activities
Snacks and beverages
Stringed instruments and djembe lessons

Each year that I participate I have brought with me the prayer service cards from close friends and family who have passed in the past year. As I keep my vigil in the sanctuary by the light of the sole candle, and with the fading sounds of the outside street life, I reflect on this time of year, the reason for being at Broadway, the Easter message, our Lenten theme and I remember those who have passed on. As dawn begins to break and the first morning light of Good Friday fills the stained glass and sanctuary windows, each reading leads the group up to the story of the crucifixion. After the 6am reading those who have spent a night in moving vigil experiences together can join for breakfast at the local diner down the street and reflect on their night spent together.

For those who have participated in a Vigil before and have an idea for a devotional subject or activity that might be a good activity for this year's vigil please contact Diana Davis.

~ photo of Broadway Sanctuary during Vigil, courtesy of Scott McGowan.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

**Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” ~ John 13:34**

Join us this year on Maundy Thursday as we begin our all-night Vigil with Sanctuary Worship built on the “Maundy” tradition. Also called “Holy Thursday,” this evening’s name comes from the new commandment Jesus gives in John 13:34 – “Mandatum novum” is Latin for “new commandment.” By Christian tradition, the Maundy Thursday liturgy is one of endings and beginnings: what we began on Ash Wednesday comes to a close on this night, and what begins on this night – “the Three Sacred Days” (Triduum) – leads us through the Vigil, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday to Easter’s Resurrection.

Our evening Worship will be meditative in nature, and you’ll be invited to one of three stations where we will wash one another’s face, hands, or feet (following the example of Jesus in John 13). We’ll also give and receive the bread & cup in an intimate Communion sharing around the Altar Table.

Following Worship, our all-night Vigil will begin (see page 5).

ARTS AND COMPUTERS

Join us for a fun time in creating some great art projects while at the same time learning more about technology. If you have wanted to complete some great family projects or learn more about computers, join us for the following event. **Each session will be the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of the month from 2:00-3:30pm.**

April – Favorite Food – Create a cookbook or apron with your favorite recipes. **(April 7, 21, 28)**

Contact Latoya Thorn at (312) 543-2029, latoya@latoyathornphotography.com or Vincent Wiggins at (773) 450-6706, vwiggins@OnlineEducationSolutions.org to sign up.

FOOD DRIVE

On **Saturday, April 21**, Broadway is having a food drive to benefit the Lakeview Pantry. Volunteer with other Broadwayites or bring a friend! We’ll be at the Broadway/Addison Jewel **from 9 am to 5 pm**, handing out shopping lists to customers going in and collecting their donated items when they exit the store.

We hold several food drives a year to benefit the Pantry. It is a great opportunity for Broadway to be more visible in our local community and to support an important organization that serves our community. The volunteer sign-up sheet is on the 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. More information about Lakeview Pantry at www.lakeviewpantry.org. Questions? Contact Susan at sarmstrong400@yahoo.com.

CELEBRATING WITH KRISTA

We celebrate Broadway's congregational affirmation of Krista Paradiso's continued candidacy toward ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. Krista met with Relationship Builders, and then was recommended by them to the congregation at our Church/Charge Conference on March 18. Krista shared her story of call, responded to questions from those gathered, and was affirmed in a balloted vote so that she continues on her path, meeting with the District Committee on Ordination, and eventually the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Krista continues her field education this year at Berry Memorial UMC, and her seminary studies; and she and her family will be back at Broadway as their schedule allows. Let's keep Krista in our prayers as she depends on her home congregation's support!

COUNTDOWN TO TAMPA

Relationship Builders has approved a request for Lois to take a month away from Broadway (half as leave time; half as an unpaid furlough) **from April 11-May 7, 2012** – for the purpose of serving as part of the message and witness team for the Common Coalition (RMN, MFSA, & Affirmation – see <http://gc12.org/about/coalition/>) at the General Conference of the UMC.

Lois will miss four Sundays: April 15, 22, 29, & May 6, but those of us at General Conference will be keeping in touch via facebook and twitter to let folks know what's happening there. Others from Broadway who plan to attend are MJ Grimshaw, Carol McPherson, and Jenn Peterson.

Vernice will be working full-time during Lois' absence – all pastoral care needs will go to her during the time that Lois is away.

Please keep the UMC and the Common Coalition in prayer as we believe that THIS IS THE YEAR for change in the UMC!

CENTER ON HALSTED Q & A

Center on Halsted is currently reaching out to condo associations in Lakeview to keep residents informed on the Center's community programs and how to get involved with the Center's mission and its ongoing work on neighborhood safety. Center on Halsted representatives can meet residents during an association meeting or at a more convenient time. Depending on the association's needs and questions, the Center's presentation and Q&A can be anywhere between 10 minutes and a full hour. Tours of the Center are also available upon request for residents who are interested in the events and programs happening at the Center. Creating opportunities for open conversation between condo residents and Center on Halsted's senior team is critical to the Center's presence as a good resource and neighbor. If you belong to a condo association that may be interested in making this happen, please contact Sitraka, Director of Community Relations, at sitraka@centeronhalsted.org or at 773.472.6469, ext. 477.

APRIL MISSION MINUTE

The Mission Minute for April is the Spirit Lake Ministry Center, Spirit Lake Nation, North Dakota. The ministry center works with tribal leadership and the people of the Mni Wakan Oyate (Sisseton Wahpeton bands of the Dakota) tribe on projects to improve life on the reservation. The tribe has about 6,000 members, a third of whom are children. While farming and tribal businesses, including a casino, provide some economic activity, unemployment in the Spirit Lake Nation is over 55%. As in many Native American communities, the Spirit Lake Nation strives to maintain Native identity and tribal community while its confront serious social, economic and health challenges.

The Spirit Lake Ministry Center operates under the Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Church, and is housed on a converted youth camp within the boundaries of the reservation. Missionaries Mike and Libby Flowers live at the center year round, and host teams of workers, including a team from Broadway, in the summer months. Mike and Libby develop lists of projects in consultation with tribal leadership. Teams work on a variety of construction or renovation projects, including wheelchair ramps. Some team members work with children on the reservation, primarily through the Sidewalk Sunday School program, traveling to the various small housing developments on the reservation and organizing activities for the kids. Teams work closely with children and adults on the reservation and have an opportunity to participate in Native American cultural activities.

The ministry center runs a food pantry and clothing closet to support families in need, and assists in a number of other ways. Currently, there is a serious need for heating fuel (propane) on the reservation. While spring is coming in North Dakota, the heating season is not yet over, and these families need your help.

Our Mission Minute Sunday is April 15, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope “Spirit Lake.” You can also donate online.

IF YOU WANT A CHALLENGE —

IF YOU WANT TO BE SURROUNDED BY NATURE'S BEAUTY — SEE BISON, HORSES, SPECTACULAR SUNRISES —

IF YOU WANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH NATIVE AMERICANS FROM THE DAKOTA NATION — THEN PLAN ON THIS SUMMER'S MISSION TRIP.

YOU WON'T REGRET IT PLUS YOU'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER IT!

Equality In Jesus, Helen M. Nagel

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Mission Trip to Spirit Lake, **July 29-August 3**: Team members invited. We are assembling a team for a mission trip to Spirit Lake, North Dakota once again this year. We'll depart after worship on July 29, work for the week of July 30-Aug. 3, and return to Chicago on the 3rd or 4th. We're looking for team members willing to work hard, though specific expertise is not required. Team members are asked to support their own room and board costs, some scholarship funds may be available to support those in financial straits who are willing to go. Please contact Clayton Parr at claytonparr@mac.com for more information or to sign up to come with us!

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

“Exploring the Gospels” Bible Study — Sundays at 10 am

Come in early for the 11 o'clock service, or stay late after the 8:45 service for our relaxed and informal look at the Gospels! We will gather together to read and discuss the Gospels to discover what makes each one unique. Each Gospel contains a different perspective on the life and ministry of Jesus, which helps to shape our understanding of who Jesus is. We'll be looking at the birth stories, the miracles, parables, death, resurrection, and more!

Come join us in the Pillow Room **Sundays at 10 am.**

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

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

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. Supplies needed: a Bible (if you need one, please ask!).

Led by Student Pastor Ben Bower. **Mondays, 10:30 am—12:00 noon in the Wesley Room @ Broadway.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Sanctuary Prayer is open to the church and community **each Wednesday from 5:30-6:00 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 Sanctuary 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.

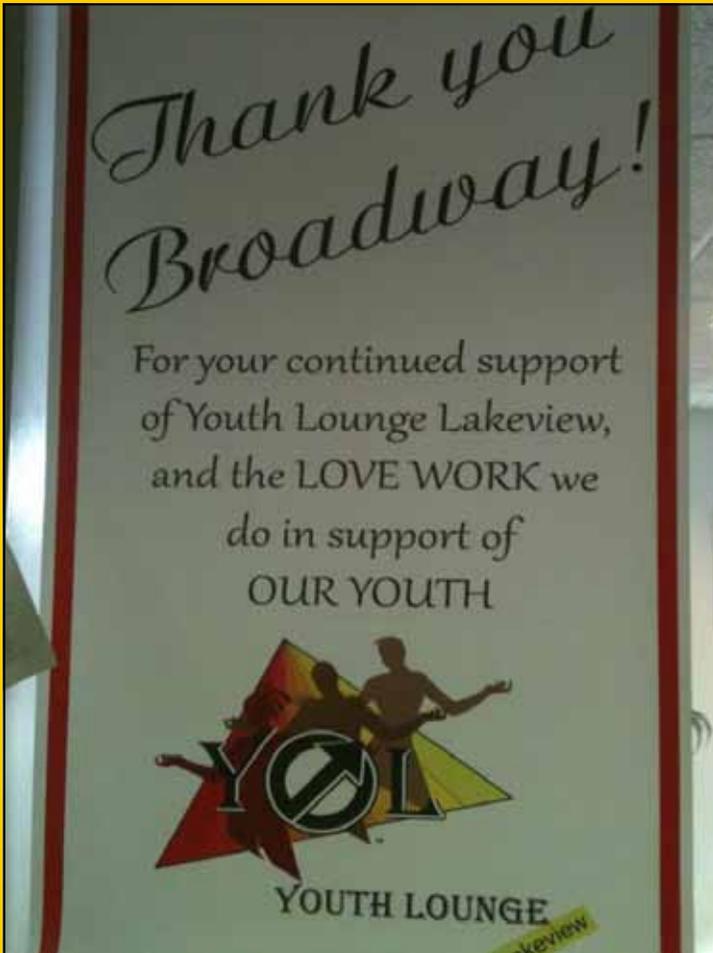
Education Hour: *A Wing and a Prayer: A Message of Faith and Hope* by Katherine Schori,

“Katherine Schori reflects on our complex world through the lens of scripture and the church's vocation to serve both its members and those considered ‘outsiders’ by our church and world.” -Jude Siciliano.
 “Schori reminds us to ‘fear not’ and to live our faith daily in dramatic acts that proclaim the Good News of life abundant for all God's people.” – Margaret Rose, Director of Women's Ministries, Episcopal Church USA. Come and share in this exciting book study led by Diana Davis. Books may be purchased on amazon.com. For more information contact Pastor Thorn.

Wednesdays, April 11, 18, 25 at 7 pm.

Happy Second Anniversary Youth Lounge!

[pics from church celebration on March 25, 2012]



DEPAUL HUMANITIES CENTER

Closing the Humanities Center's year-long series on Literature and Music, Francesca Royster, Associate Professor of English and Chair of African and Black Diaspora Studies at DePaul, will present:

"Michael Jackson, Queer World Making and the Trans Erotics of Voice, Gender and Age"

Monday, April 23rd, 2012. 6:00 p.m. (reception preceding at 5:30 pm)

DePaul Student Center, room 314 (2250 N Sheffield Ave.)

This event is free and open to the public. For more info, contact: DePaul Humanities Center at 773-325-4580 or aperson@depaul.edu. Also see www.las.depaul.edu/humanitiescenter.

Youth Lounge – April Update!

Entering our third year and going strong! Thanks for your continued support!

Youth Lounge continues to host growing groups of young people...

The Youth Lounge continues to grow, hosting on average 70 young people each evening; we started with just 17 at our very first Youth Lounge! The Youth Lounge hosted young people for a delicious meal of egg casseroles and “breakfast for dinner” on March 10th, and on March 24th we hosted our youth for a tasty mostaccioli and salad dinner with a special anniversary celebration cake. We look forward to our April dates as the weather gets nicer and our youth continue to make the Youth Lounge “home.”

Youth Lounge holds volunteer information session...

On March 11th, the Youth Lounge held a new volunteer information session and met with five new potential volunteers. As we continue to grow with more youth, we also need more helping hands and volunteers to meet our growing needs. It is encouraging and always inspiring to hear all of our volunteers’ reasons for getting involved! We continue to look for more interested volunteers – and particularly cooks! – for the Youth Lounge. If you are interested, please contact Tracy at theresanolan@gmail.com.

Youth Lounge dates in April...

The upcoming Youth Lounge dates for April 2012 are April 14th and April 28th. Please be on the look-out for food donation sheets for these upcoming meals at Broadway on Sundays!

Current Donations Needed for Youth Lounge

New or gently used clothing
Socks and undergarments
Boots and shoes

Non-perishable snack foods
Sturdy paper plates and napkins
Foods as requested for meals

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!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Are you interested in joining Broadway's family? Would you just like to know more about the congregation? If either is the case, "Covenant Exploration" may be the experience for you. Everyone is welcome as we hold a **one-day class on Saturday, May 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. New covenants will be received in Worship on the day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 27, at the 11 am service. Covenant Exploration has been designed for people who are interested in entering into covenant with Broadway and the United Methodist denomination or only with Broadway. The class is a prerequisite for taking the vows of connection. So if you're thinking of "joining the family," think about this opportunity to learn more!

Interested persons need to meet with one of the pastors **prior to May 19**. Also, feel free to contact one of the pastors with any questions or concerns.

IT TAKES A WHOLE VILLAGE

Think for a moment about education at Broadway Church.

What do we value?

What do we believe is important?

What money is spent on education?

What space(s) is/are allocated for education?

What rituals "belong" to education — and what do our rituals teach us?

It takes a whole village to raise one child
In love and beauty undefiled
To grow in wisdom or to run wild
It takes a whole village to raise one child
~ African proverb, adapted by Jim Strathdee

I'm organizing a discussion about these and other questions surrounding Education at Broadway Church. I invite you to meditate on the questions above, and see where they lead you. Bring your thoughts to the church on **Monday, May 7 at 7 pm** so we can pool our wisdom and share our questions.

We will call our meeting "The Village People Rally" based on the idea that it takes a village to raise a child — but also consider that Broadway does not stop educating when a child reaches adulthood! Education is lifelong, just as our faith journey is lifelong. Opportunities for learning and faith development abound at Broadway. Please come be a part of this important discussion as we consider what's most important to us.

For more information or to say that you'll be there, please contact me anytime. I hope to see you there!

Peace, Jenn Peterson

(jpbarnidgrl@gmail.com, 773-255-1044)

SAVE THE DATE

LAC Action Assembly! **Sunday, May 6, 2012**

2:00-3:30pm
(Doors open at 1:30pm)

St. Paul's UCC
2335 N. Orchard (@ Fullerton)

LAC will be gathering to advance our issues of Economic Justice, Affordable Housing, Health Care, and Homeless Youth. Only with YOUR presence will we be able to act powerfully for our rights and the rights of the people in our community!



LAC Lakeview Action Coalition
Developing Leaders • Fostering Diversity • Acting Together for Justice

For more information, please contact LAC at 773-549-1947

FINANCE UPDATE

Update on apportionments: In February, Lois and I met with NIC treasurer, Lonnie Chafin. At that meeting we reviewed Broadway's statistical report which the Northern Illinois Conference uses to determine our church's apportionment. This report categorizes our budget lines so that the conference can understand what our spending is supporting. What Lois and I learned at this meeting is that some of our spending had been categorized incorrectly for the year 2012. When the Conference made the adjustments to the 2012 statistical report, they also adjusted our apportionment. It is with great pleasure that I announce that we received a letter earlier this month from the Northern Illinois Conference stating that our apportionment for 2012 has been reduced by a little over \$9,000! This is good news! With this reduction, it is more possible for us to pay 100% of our apportionment this year!

Katy Clusen, Money Ministry Chair

DONATE

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

THANKS FROM LAKEVIEW PANTRY

From Lothar Greski, Community Outreach Coordinator, about our food drive in front of Treasure Island in November:

"We'd like to thank all the members of your community for their efforts on behalf of Lakeview Pantry. We know that these are difficult economic times for faith organizations as well as for individuals, and we are grateful to you for helping us respond to the needs of our citizens with 1.4 million pounds of food each year to hungry people."

SOCIAL MEDIA

facebook



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

STEPS FOR EQUALITY

Myth #8: Accepting homosexuals will ruin the church.

In fact, we often find just the opposite to be true. Many faith communities have experienced significant revitalization after they've genuinely welcomed LGBT Christians and their families into their shared lives and ministries. The re-energizing Spirit of God blows mightily when we embrace the inclusive nature of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our churches will not be ruined...they will be raised to new life.

Myth # 9: I did something wrong.

This is often the initial response of parents who learn that their child is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. It is untrue. Your child's sexual orientation is natural and innate, not learned. Now that you know the truth about your child, the most loving and life-saving thing you can do is accept him/her, surround yourself with other loving parents of LGBT people, find a supportive faith community, and learn all you can.

Source: The Parents Reconciling Network, rmnetwork.org

Contributed by: Dee, Helen, & Emily who are Allies For Change

HISTORICAL NOTE

Some things haven't changed much over the generations

"Easter Day" (excerpt) from *Church News*, April 1919

The services of Easter Sunday were very beautiful and impressive. The singing was one of the interesting features, and everybody rendered their part feelingly. I heard one lady say, "It is easier to sing to a good sized audience," and they surely had one that morning.

The sermon was very helpful and comforting, and made clear in our pastor's effective way of rendering it. This combined with the beautiful bank of flowers to make one feel there should not be so much sorrow when our loved ones go to the home prepared by our loving Saviour.

The flowers for Sunday were given by Mr. and Mrs. Oetting in memory of dear ones gone home. The palms were kindly loaned by the florist Wittbold. Last, but not least, the programs were printed by Freddy H. Janicken and were works of art as usual.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

May Newsletter Deadline

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