



**Broadway**  
United Methodist Church



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# The Broadway — June 2012

## Letter from Lois

*As Jesus was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the rocks would cry out." ~ Luke 19:37-40*

I spent Memorial Day weekend at the beach home of a friend, where the shore boasts an amazing collection of little stones, pebbles, big rocks. Even though I have too-many-to-count in this kind of collection...I couldn't help myself, and I picked up more.

And I kept hearing in my head "no! no! no! no-rocks-a-cryin'...no rocks cryin' out for me," the sound of Broadway's Choir on that great Rollo Dillworth Gospel tune.

It's a praise song, of course – that we can tell from the way the song moves us and gets us up on our feet. But I wonder how much we think about what the text actually says. It begins with words from Psalm 47: "Clap your hands, all you lands! Shout unto God with cries of joy, praise the Lord! For our God is worthy, worthy of the praise." And it concludes with the idea from Luke 19, when Jesus is entering Jerusalem (the parade we celebrate on Palm Sunday): Jesus is chastised because his followers make so much noise, and he replies: "if these were silent, the rocks would cry out."

Dillworth's fabulous turn of this idea – that "I don't want the rocks cryin' out for me" – is such an affirmation of praise, our need to praise God, and – most of all: our unwillingness to be silent.

As I turned stones over in my hands on the shoreline this weekend, singing in my head and heart, I thought of our PRIDE month here at Broadway and *our* Parade that this year brings us a new opportunity (a new route) to witness our praise for the God who calls us "beloved." *All* of our PRIDE activities give us an opportunity to sing praise to God (**sing praise!**), to let those who come to Lakeview for PRIDE know that we are LGBTQ folks *and* we are Christian. People of faith will begin the Parade this year as we walk together with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches and other Lakeview faith communities that testify to God's love and justice in our neighborhood.

So as I place those new stones on my bookshelf with others, I'll keep singing, I'll keep praising, I'll keep giving glory to God.



Because I won't be silent,

*Lois*

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

## Vernice's View

I have to continually remind myself that our theology of inclusive ministry and the way in which we have chosen to practice it is not how everyone thinks. In our ritual of membership the congregation reminds new members that “to some we look like hypocrites, to others like saints.”

I write this article as I am reflecting and wrestling with some recent events. One, of course is the General Conference decision to continue the oppressive language, excluding the LGBT community from full welcome in the UM church. I am stunned that everyone is not appalled at legislation, be it church or government, which would build walls rather than bridges. But it is true and exclusionary practices continue. And the second event that remains on my mind is a recent email I received from someone who has not been a part of Broadway for some years. This email was in reply to an email I sent out on Broadway Connect inviting people to share in the multicultural workshop on immigration. These workshops have been sponsored by our Anti-racist White Caucus and our People of Color discussion groups. The response email sent only to me called us “racist”. I’m not sure if this reaction was because of our caucus groups that have worked so very hard to address racism and all oppression in Broadway Church, or because of the specific work around immigration. But it made me stop and remember who we are as a faith community and the way in which we are moving, with intentionality, from theory to practice. And I do recognize that it is often in the practice that people see us as hypocrites or renegades. I am also aware that that is the condemnation Jesus received as he practiced inclusive ministry. Practicing anti-racism, practicing anti-heterosexism, practicing anti-bullying makes people, especially those in power, extremely nervous. Challenging oppressive systems, speaking truth to power, ignites fear and when people are fearful, they spew hate, they threaten, they even kill.

This month is Pride Month and I am so thankful that we are a community where we are intentional to practice love and inclusion, despite the fear of many people and institutions who would be more comfortable if we did not. This month lends many opportunities to practice what we preach; to extend the idea of home and welcome; to be in solidarity with one another; to celebrate the gift of diversity.

It’s really so sad that we live in a world that spends so much time building walls and telling people that they are nobody, that it becomes necessary to have special occasions, like Pride Month, to contradict that lie. Pride Month is that time where we affirm and celebrate that you, all God’s people, are of sacred worth, you are somebody. So, as a straight ally, Pride Month carries both a joy and some sadness; joy because we are on the journey together, fighting injustice every step of the way – sadness because in God’s world everyone should be seen as valuable and treated as such. Because that is not true, we continue the justice journey, together gay and straight and we CELEBRATE!

The Pride team has done a phenomenal job of putting programs and events together. Thank you for your hard work and your ministry to justice and equality. We look forward to this time of celebrating and witnessing to the power of God’s love in each of us and in the world.



In Peace and Justice,

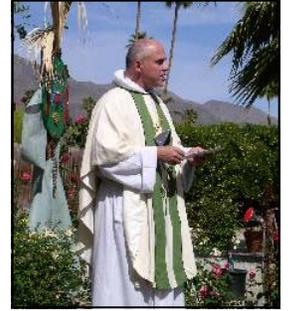
*Vernice*

Rev. Vernice L. Thorn

# Kevin's Korner

June 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](http://www.bloominthedesert.org))



The news of the summer is that "Kevin's Korner" will be "offline" for three months. Also, I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

Off-line status begins June 16 when I will be starting a long-planned sabbatical through September 15. From June 18 through July 3, I will be in Chicago for some sabbatical time and Mike and I will attend a UCC "Open and Affirming" national Gathering at Elmhurst College. My looking forward to seeing you is because Mike and I will be worshipping with you on Chicago's Pride Sunday in June this year.

This June will be 10 years since the Broadway UMC congregation commissioned Mike and me to be your "missionaries to the West." 10 years later, Bloom in the Desert Ministries is a vital little church with dreams and responsibilities that are Broadway inspired. Mike and I always look to Broadway as our source and thank God for the love you helped us learn to share.

While on Sabbatical, in addition to renewal time, I will be traveling to visit seminaries that might be a place for me to pursue a Doctor of Ministry degree. I will also be visiting friends and a few Bloomer snowbirds in their natural summer habitats. So far, my preferred mode of transportation is Amtrak. But some planes and automobiles will be in the picture, too. The main states of travel are Illinois, Oregon, Washington, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Maine.

While I'm on the road, the Bloom Sabbatical Team will be making Bloom things happen. It is with huge gratitude that I say the sabbatical team is a wonderful set of seasoned Bloomers who love our church. They are fully trusted by the rest of our congregation. Seeing them assemble, make plans and work together has been great. 10 years ago, this was not even imagined.

As a ministry we now have an office as a base of operations. But, as the saying goes, the church is the people. We are blessed to be at this point in our lives together. Gatherings at the new office have been exciting and energizing. We are looking forward to growing from here into an even more engaged spiritual community.

Being away from Bloom for three months will be a challenge. I tell folks and myself often, if Bloom is going to be in ministry on the 100-year plan, we have to be able to do well for three months. I have lots of confidence that Bloom will do better than well. We will keep doing good.

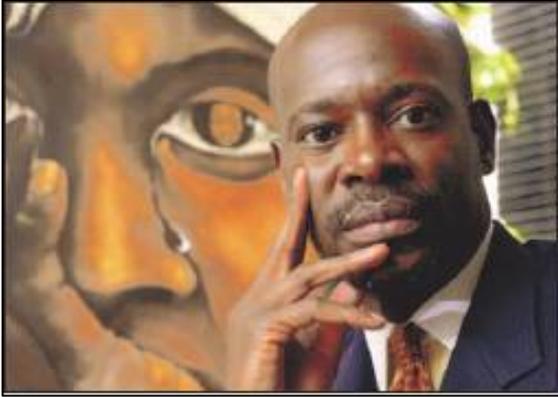
Please go to [Bloom's Web site](#) and sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter, "**BloomNotes.**" And do keep all of us in your prayers. We do you.

Peace be with you,

Rev. Kev (and Mike Shear)

# 2012 PRIDE MONTH SPEAKERS

## Preaching June 3, 2012: The Reverend Benjamin Ledell Reynolds



With over 36 years of preaching experience, Benjamin Ledell Reynolds has been called by the Colorado Springs' Gazette "The People's Preacher." A native of Colorado, Benjamin Reynolds' accomplishments are many, having been in the pastoral role within the Baptist church of his upbringing in Colorado Springs for nearly 16-years, resigning and "coming out" to the congregation about his sexual orientation in 2006. He has successfully completed two interim positions within the United Church of Christ—Community UCC, Boulder, Colorado, and Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Oak Park, Illinois. He is seeking Privilege of Call within this denomination. Most recently he has been called to serve as Interim Pastor for the First Church of the Brethren, Chicago.

With a Bachelor of Art in Communications from the University of Denver, and a Master of Divinity from the Iliff School of Theology, Benjamin is currently a Ph.D. student in the area of Theology, Ethics and Human Science, and up until August 2011, worked for three years as the Director of the LGBTQ Religious Studies Center at the Chicago Theological Seminary. He was presented the Gilberto Castañeda Award 2008-2009, an honor given in support of gay and lesbian seminarians, because CTS believes that by honoring the least of these, the Lord also receives honor. Benjamin says of his education and work, "I am better preparing for ministry, even as I do it!"

Benjamin takes the position that "race and sexuality (and gender and class) are co-constitutive in our life; however, over and over again we find members of the community placing anti-racist work in conflict with the struggle for LGBTQ inclusion." His academic interest includes the intersection of masculinity, spirituality, and sexuality; and he further intends to analyze rituals and liturgies performed by members of select fraternal organizations that contribute to the institution of brotherhood. These rites are of interest because they both promote homo-erotic behaviors and condemn those same behaviors outside of the ritual.

## Preaching June 10, 2012: Jenn Peterson



Jenn Peterson is a 15-year member of Broadway UMC. As an out lesbian whose experience with United Methodist policies led her to leave seminary, she remains active in United Methodism at the General Conference level to bring about change.

Jenn volunteers here at Broadway as a co-director of Kaleidoscope Choir and the coordinator of the children's church program.

Within her volunteer work at Broadway and the larger United Methodist church, she strives to promote values of justice and inclusiveness, both in her contemporaries and the next generation.

# AT BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST

## Preaching June 17, 2012: Tess Kush

My name is Tess, and my long time friend Dominic introduced me to Broadway Methodist last January. Since then I have attended off and on until now and becoming a little more involved as time has gone by.

Here is an excerpt from Tess's sermon:

*From the earliest of memories I knew that I was different. Different drives, desires, and dreams.*

*There has been a lifetime of struggle*

*A lifetime of self-hatred*

*A lifetime of not understanding oneself*

*A lifetime of trying to be someone that I am not...*

## Preaching Pride Sunday, June 24, 2012: Tracy Nolan



Tracy Nolan graduated in May 2012 with a Master's of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. She hails from Pennsylvania originally, but has called the Midwest home (Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois) for the past 10 years. She currently works as the Training Coordinator at the Youth Lounge at Broadway UMC, and has served Broadway as a student pastor in the past. At McCormick, Tracy served as co-moderator of the student LGBTQ group, Acts 10:15, for three years and focused much her studies on queer theology and queer biblical interpretation. She has experience working in urban ministry, chaplaincy, and college ministry. She is currently seeking ordination in the United Church of Christ. In September 2012, Tracy will begin a chaplaincy residency at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL.

Tracy self-identifies as a queer woman and (growing) anti-racist white ally. Her passions include wrestling with these identities — as well as dogs, hockey, theology, politics, and biking. Her story includes multiple denominations, evangelical communities, and learning to accept herself and her own identities as loved by God.

**A Reminder: There will be only ONE service on Sunday, June 24th at 10 am.**

**On June 3rd, 10th, and 17th, there will be the usual two services at 8:45 and 11 am.**

# PRIDE MONTH 2012

## Friday Night Movie Festival & Community Discussions

Fridays, June 1, 8, 15 at 7 pm

**June 1st**            *To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything! Julie Newman*

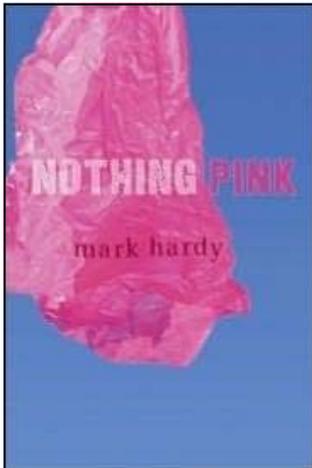
**June 8th**            *Auntie Mame*

**June 15th**          Documentary Film on Bullying, followed by a Prayer Vigil

This is a great opportunity to invite people to Broadway from around Lakeview and the surrounding communities, so invite your friends and help us get the word out about this series!

## Sunday Adult Education Hour — *Nothing Pink* by Mark Hardy

Sundays, June 3, 10, 17 at 10 am



Book Description: *Being gay isn't the problem. Believing in a wrathful God is. Vincent always knew, deep down inside, that he was gay. He was fine with that. The problem was that his faith told him he was a sinner and damned to hell. Every Sunday after Vincent's father preached his sermon and called on his flock to come to the altar and accept salvation, Vincent tried, but it never helped. And then, the first Sunday at his father's new church, Vincent meets Robert, and what was previously a spiritual crisis becomes physical. Vincent's parents can't do much about the time Vincent spends with Robert, whatever their suspicions and fears. But when Vincent's mother discovers a copy of a magazine in Vincent's room that makes the unacknowledged truth blatantly obvious, Vincent's nature and faith collide.*

We will be reading excerpts and discussing this book all three Sundays (June 3, 10, 17) leading up to Pride Sunday. Contact Sean-Edward Hall for more info at [seanedward2@yahoo.com](mailto:seanedward2@yahoo.com). As a special treat, Mark will be joining us

for Pride Weekend and will be performing a Benefit Cabaret and reading excerpts from his book. See "Cabaret" on next page for more info on this event.

## Wednesday Night Live! Education Hour — "Homosexuality and the Bible"

Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7 pm

"Homosexuality and the Bible" is truly a hot topic in the church. What does the Bible say? What is our response as inclusive, progressive Christians? Using a pamphlet titled *Homosexuality and the Bible* written by the late Walter Wink, several facilitators will lead us through scriptures that are most often used to condemn same-sex sexual behavior. We are invited to rediscover and reclaim God's liberating and saving message to and for all people.

**Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Church marches in Pride Parade**

**Sunday, June 24. Kick-off time: 12noon.**

Location: Montrose at Broadway (look for CCWC signs).

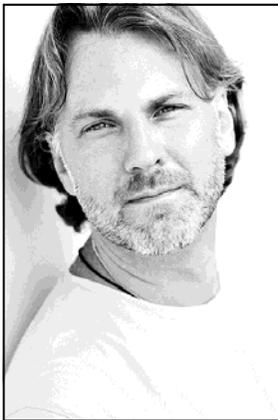
**Post Parade Picnic and Open Sanctuary**

**Sunday, June 24 at 5 pm.**

Location: Broadway UMC.



**Cabaret and Meet & Greet with *Nothing Pink* author Mark Hardy — Monday, June 25 at 7 pm.**



CONSTANT CRAVING: Starring Mark Hardy. There will be a \$10 “suggested” donation at the door to benefit Broadway.

“Constant Craving” is Mark Hardy’s memoir in the form of cabaret. Written and performed by Mark Hardy, with music arrangements by Scott McKenzie, it tells the story of Mark’s spiritual journey from his conflicted but devout fundamentalist upbringing through spiritual reconciliation and into a life in which he celebrates his truest self. Mark’s story is told in song (sacred, popular, country, gospel, classical, jazz and Broadway) and readings from his novel, *Nothing Pink*.

After 20 years as an elementary school teacher, Mark Hardy now devotes his life to fiction writing and ministry through story and song. In 2008, his debut novel, *Nothing Pink*, was published. It is a 2009 ALA Rainbow Award recipient and was recently adapted for the stage. Mark is also the founder of Page to Stage, a children’s theater project. “Constant Craving” is his memoir in the form of cabaret. He and his partner James live in Raleigh, NC.



Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey’s wardrobe witness at General Conference 2012!

# 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 **Sunday, June 3rd at 1pm** 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 (jpbrnidgrl@gmail.com, 773-255-1044)

## COLA FUNDRAISER

Dear Broadway Family, It has been several years since our church staff has received a cost of living adjustment (COLA). At the congregational meeting, several months back, many folks spoke up and said that this did not seem right and that we should address this situation. One of those people who spoke out was Ruth Clark. She approached the Money Ministry Team to propose a COLA fundraiser where she would match giving by the congregation up to \$5,000. With this grant we could raise \$10,000 which could give our staff a 3% raise for the next two years! **This fundraiser will begin on June 3rd and last for only four weeks**, so please be in discernment as to what you can contribute to this effort. Make your check payable to Broadway UMC, with "COLA match" in the memo.

Peace, The Money Ministry Team

## FAREWELL TO REV. JAMES PRESTON

Farewell Celebration for James Preston on **Sunday, June 10 at 4 pm** at First UMC, Evanston (516 Church St., Evanston). Everyone is welcome to join us for a Celebration of the Ministry of our District Superintendent, Rev. James Preston. We will enjoy worship together (Rev. Preston preaching) and a time of giving thanks for his ministry among us. Following worship, please join us for a reception in Rev. Preston's honor.

# SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

**Pride Month Book Study — Sundays, June 3, 10 and 17 at 10 am**

*Nothing Pink* by Mark Hardy. See page 6 for more details.

## WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Come join us on **Monday mornings from 10:30am to 12:00pm** for a relaxed and informal bible study in the Wesley Room. We are looking at the book of Daniel (part court legend, part apocalypse) to see what meaning this prophetic text holds for us today. If you've ever heard the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den, this is a study you will not want to miss. All are welcome to join in and there is no required homework. This study is led by our very own Tom Hope.

## 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: *Homosexuality and the Bible*. Wednesdays in June at 7 pm.**

See page 6 for more details.

## 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.

**June and July – Quilting the BroadWAY – Take traditional quilting to a new level by including pictures of family and friends on your quilt. Saturdays, June 2, 16, 23 and July 7, 21, 28 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.**

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

# JUNE MISSION MINUTE

**The Mission Minute for June is the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.**



The mission of the AIDS Foundation of Chicago is to lead the fight against HIV/AIDS and improve the lives of people affected by the epidemic.

Founded in 1985 by community activists and physicians, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago is a local and national leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS. They collaborate with community organizations to develop and improve HIV/AIDS services; fund and coordinate prevention, care, and advocacy projects;

and champion effective, compassionate HIV/AIDS policy.

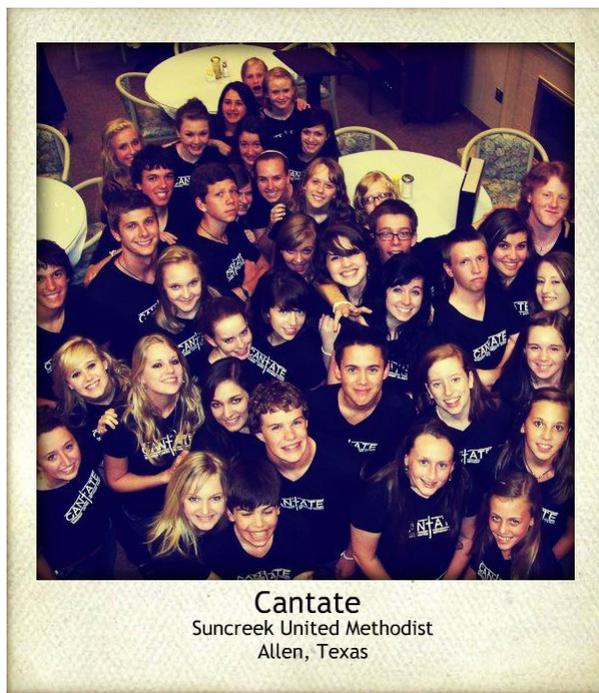
**Our Mission Minute Sunday is June 10**, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope “AIDS Foundation.” You can also donate [online](#).

# GUEST CHOIR

## BROADWAY WELCOMES CANTATE

On June 10, we are very pleased to welcome Cantate, from Suncreek United Methodist Church in Allen, Texas, at both of our Sunday morning services and for a very special concert in our Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m.

Cantate is a 60 member youth choir that consists of 13 to 18 year olds who sing each Sunday morning in one of the three worship services. They sing a wide variety of styles including classical, traditional, and contemporary music. Cantate tours each summer and this year 40 of the members will be traveling through St. Louis, Peoria, and Chicago singing at various churches, retirement homes, and a feeding ministry for the homeless. Their director is Phillip Haworth, a native of Central Illinois who has served in United Methodist Churches in the South Georgia, North Texas, and Illinois Greater Rivers Annual Conferences. (Phillip is linked to Broadway through his cousins: Allison and Mindy Smith and Sean-Edward Hall, a good friend from College.)



**Cantate**  
Suncreek United Methodist  
Allen, Texas

The concert is a free concert for ALL with a Love offering being taken to benefit Broadway. Please come and support these talented young people.

## Youth Lounge – June Update

### → **Youth Lounge receives the Susan F. Berkowitz Award!**



*Berkowitz Award: Parker Assistant Principal Damian Jones, Rev. Vernice Thorn, Tracy Nolan, Steve Berkowitz, and friend*

Youth Lounge was awarded the Susan F. Berkowitz Award for outstanding service with young people from the Francis W. Parker School on May 7, 2012. Vernice Thorn, Latoya Thorn and Jayla, Nathan Jacobs, and Tracy Nolan were there to accept the award at a school assembly. It was an incredible event and such a blessing!

A committee of 20 students decided who would receive the award, and these students shared at the assembly about their experience. They said that we were one of 18 applicants - what a great honor!

Vernice and Tracy spoke at the assembly about Youth Lounge and how the award

funding will help us. The award centers on creative expression and self-worth and will be used to help us purchase electronic equipment and art supplies, and will enable us to host creative workshops. We will also use the award to help develop a new beauty parlor area.

This award is a great recognition of our love work and the unique approach we have to creating a home with our youth. The Berkowitz Award is a great encouragement to keep up this love work into our third year!

### ***Youth Lounge dates in June...***

The upcoming Youth Lounge dates for June 2012 are June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please be on the look-out for food donation sheets for these upcoming meals at Broadway on Sundays!

### **Ways you can support and get involved in Youth Lounge...**

#### Donate items:

New or gently used clothing, shoes  
Socks and undergarments  
Non-perishable snack foods  
Sturdy paper plates and napkins  
Salon supplies and tools  
Makeup and hair products  
Travel-size deodorant  
Travel-size hygiene products

#### Donate your time:

Help write and edit grant applications  
Help create the new beauty parlor area  
Build new storage solutions  
Share your creative skills with our youth

#### Volunteer:

We are still looking for volunteers to be present in the Youth Lounge space or help cook meals!

*If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please don't hesitate to contact Tracy at [theresanolan@gmail.com](mailto:theresanolan@gmail.com)!*

# MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



What: Monthly Birthday Celebration including pizza, cake, candles, and a door prize. A Game Night (with games such as *UNO*) will follow the food and cake.

Day: **Every Fourth Friday of the Month (this month, Friday, June 22)**

Time: **6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Where: Friendship Hall

Who: Anyone with a *birthday*, an *un-birthday*, or *anything* to celebrate. Bring a friend — *all are welcome!*

Any questions, please call the church office at 773-348-2679.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**David Belew, Barry Monte Allen Bland, Donna M. Crosier-Lontayao,  
Shawn L. Enriquez, Gregory Harris, Bernard Henning, Jeff Jones,  
Dennis Peter Lontayao, Anna D. Rainey, and Erik L. Remy**

were welcomed into membership at BUMC on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Welcome!

## SERVICE FOR ELLENORA BOSE

Save the Date for Ellenora Bose's Memorial Service — **Tuesday, June 26, 11am**, at BUMC.

Mom's next Adventure Passing through the Last Door of Life (from Mel Bose)

Ellenora Wagner Bose, 98, died on Wednesday, Apr 11, 2012 at Bethalto Care Center. She was born Feb.23,1914 in Edmunton, Alberta, Canada to Anton & Ellen (Garman) Wagner. She was preceded in death by her husband, 2 brothers, & 1 sister. She is survived by a daughter, Ellen Bogard of Godfrey, a son and daughter-in-law, Melferd and Janet Bose of Chicago, 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. She was a member of Broadway United Methodist Church in Chicago since 1948. She retired in 1980 from the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Center as Director of University Center Personnel. She moved to Godfrey in 2002 and was a member of Godfrey Congregational Church. A service of Celebration and Remembrance is planned for June 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Broadway United Methodist Church, 3338 N Broadway, in Chicago. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Macular Degeneration Research, P.O. Box 1952, Clarksburg, MD. 20871-1952 or to Scholarship Association for the University of Illinois – Chicago Office of Special Scholarship Programs 601 S. Morgan St., MC 115, Chicago, IL 60607-7043, or to Broadway United Methodist Church.

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Diana, MJ, and Lois will be at the Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) of the United Methodist Church (UMC) Annual Conference **June 6-9** at Pheasant Run in St. Charles.

Annual Conference is a public event; there are several events that may interest you:

- MFSA Luncheon **Thursday noon** -- all Reconciling Congregations are being recognized
- **Friday, 9:30pm** special Cabaret event, "Alleluia Anyway," features The Reclaimers, Xander Molina, among others
- Daily Bible Study at **10:45am Thursday, Friday, Saturday** features Rev. Grace Imathiu (see [http://www.umcnic.org/ac2012\\_quest\\_speakers.php](http://www.umcnic.org/ac2012_quest_speakers.php))

# ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

12th Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity. Public cordially invited.

**Sunday, June 3, 2012. 4 pm Opening Reception, 5 pm Prayer Service.**

St. Hedwig Catholic Church (2226 N Hoyne Ave)

Speaker: Bishop Demetrios of Mokissos, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago. Sponsored by Ecumenism Metro Chicago (EMC). EMC is comprised of nineteen faith communities in the Chicagoland area, including the United Methodist Church, Northern Illinois Conference.

# GIRLUP

If you are interested in creating a nurturing environment for girls to grow up safe, respected, educated, empowered and valued...at home and throughout the world, join us to

- Celebrate Girls as Leaders
- Watch the video MissRepresentation
- Hear about the United Nations Programs GirlUp and GIRLS on the RUN

**Monday, June 11 from 9:15 to 11:30 am**

First UMC of Arlington Heights  
1903 E Euclid Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004  
Childcare provided.

For additional information about Girl Up visit <http://www.girlup.org>



# STEPS FOR EQUALITY

## Book Excerpt #1 Living An Authentic Life

“I can be myself and be more authentic with others.” (p.17)

Being honest and living authentically expresses hope for the future. We are hopeful; we believe that we have some influence over the quality of our lives, and the ability to achieve our goals, even if there are challenges or obstacles in our path.

As we become more authentic in our self-expression, we strengthen our connections to others. This leads to feeling more empathy and compassion for communities of people with whom we connect. As we feel more compassion, we find ourselves working in support of social justice. (p.13)

It expresses our values and strengthens our sense of authenticity. (p.14)

These positive themes for LGBTQ identities are based on empirical study and analysis. Each chapter in the book presents a brief summary of what we know about and why each theme is a positive aspect of identity. It is an act of self-empowerment and may enhance our sense of well-being, self acceptance and authentic expression that are accompanied by personal growth. Growing in self-acceptance or our sexual and gender identities often accompanies growth in other parts of our lives. (p.21)

To live authentically involves “following our bliss” by pursuing activities that we are passionate about. By meeting the challenges, embracing and celebrating our gender & sexual identities frees us to develop aspects of ourselves. It brings with it far-reaching enthusiasm for life. (p.22) Achieving an integrated life means moving from a life that feels fragmented into a sense that each of us is the same person across all of our relationships and roles, inside our bodies and in our outward expressions.

People with LGBTQ identities are not the only ones who have to deal with questions of authenticity and integrity. Allies of the LGBTQ community have their own processes of discovering and claiming an identity. Allies also need to figure out how to live authentically and truthfully within themselves & with others. There are exercises & meditations on this process at the end of the chapter in this book.

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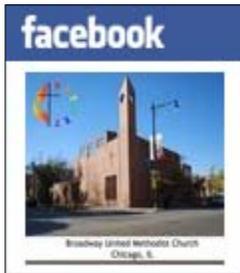
# SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Changing plans this year...

Sowers has decided that this year will give us an opportunity to “go local” for an outreach mission project, and we are researching the possibilities to connect with ministry in Rockford for a day and/or weekend trip for our congregation at the end of July (at the time the Spirit Lake VIM trip was planned – we’ll spend a year getting ready for our Spirit Lake trip to happen again in Summer, 2013, instead).

*If you have questions, please see Paula Roderick, Jon Zilliox, Clayton or Lois Parr.*

# 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!

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# FINANCE UPDATE

As announced in April, Broadway's apportionments have decreased by a little over \$9,000. At our congregational meeting earlier in the year we learned that our apportionments for 2012 were \$41,261. With the \$9,000 decrease, our apportionments are now around \$32,000. This adjustment means our 2012 projected expenses are now \$281,573. This decrease really helps us live into our commitment.

# PARKING LOT GARAGE SALE

BUMC'S 3rd ANNUAL PARKING LOT GARAGE SALE!\*

Coming Soon! **Save the date: July 21, 2012**

For more information please contact MJ Grimshaw at 773-680-0857 or [mgrimshaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgrimshaw@sbcglobal.net)

\* Due to lack of storage space, we will not be able to collect items **until July 16**.

## July Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **July 2012** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, June 24th**. 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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