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United Methodist Church



# The Broadway — August 2012

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## Letter from Lois

*Rest & restoration on the west coast...*

God claims the Earth and everything in it, God claims the World and all who live on it.

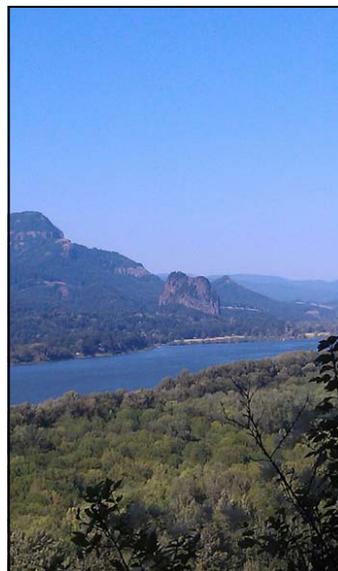
~ Psalm 24

"I think it pisses God off when you walk by the color purple in a field and don't notice it."

~ Shug, in *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

What happens must be slow,  
Must go deeper even than hand's work or tongue's talk,  
Must rise out of the flesh like sweat after a hard day,  
Must come slowly, in its own time, in its own way.

~ May Sarton, excerpt from "In Texas"



*Lois*

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

## Vernice's View

As a progressive, intentionally inclusive community, we've worked extremely hard to study, to grow and put things we've learned into action. I've watched some amazing things happen this year, as we have **all** been empowered to claim and make the ministry at Broadway "real". We have so much to look forward to as we turn our attention to the latter part of the year. I want to thank this community for its hard work and invite those who have not been involved to find your place. There is room for your passion at Broadway.

Breathing into August, we begin our church year with new educational studies. What we've learned this past year is that we need to take more time with our Bible and book studies; time where we can internalize the learnings and make them a part of our everyday lives. So the studies will be a bit more organic and we will let the Spirit tell us when we are done. On Wednesday evenings we continue to study Joan Chittister's book, *Called to Question*. This book has opened up thoughts and questions in our hearts that we have been too afraid to voice. In wonder and amazement we sit class after class as the author, with clarity and honesty, speaks what is often forbidden in faith communities. As she walks us through her faith journey, we dare to, with a new found freedom, proceed on our own quest, questioning past ideas and traditions, creating for ourselves ways to understand our connection with the Holy. We draw on each other's questions, ideas and diverse backgrounds. Learning, in community is education at its best. We invite you to join us in this faithful and exciting journey.

New this fall on Sunday mornings at 10 am is a 30 minute Scriptural Meditation. This will be a time to meditate and relax with scripture and music. We offer this opportunity between services so that both 8:45 and 11 am attendees might benefit from this reflective time. Look for more information in weekly bulletins.

Breathing into August, we build our small group studies. A new young adult group has started and they are on fire! Look for great things to happen in this group, as they use energy and fresh ideas to claim their place and their ministry in this community. We look forward to hearing more from them.

The People of Color Discussion Group and the Anti-Racist White Caucus have been instrumental in "making it real" this year. Working together we have modeled how to live diversity, not on the surface, but down deep where trust and accountability are built. It's been challenging, yet this is the work we claim as a community and so these two groups continue to move forward with passion and determination. Anyone who feels called to this type of ministry is welcome to join us.

Breathing into August, as vacations come to an end, we turn our attention back to gathering and building. As we do so, please keep these ministries in mind. A new ministry you might also want to consider is the Congregational Care Team. This team is one who nurtures and cares for this community. They are in prayer for us. They visit and call us when we are sick and engage in other compassionate tasks to assist this community in healing and health. If you are a care giver, please consider this ministry.

If you have new ministries you yearn to see happen in this faith community, let one of the pastors know. We encourage you to keep dreaming and stay connected with the Spirit. She will lead you and help you discern where best to use your gifts.

I've highlighted just a few of the ministries around education; there are many more. We are in the process of starting a media ministry that would include not only Sunday morning worship, but also online Bible Study Chat and other internet opportunities to keep us connected as community.

This is a short list of ways to breathe in (self-care) so that we have the strength, knowledge and energy to breathe out (outreach). If you want more information or feel called to any of these ministries let me know.

This is an exciting time. There is much to do. Find your place, claim your ministry – there is room for all.

Making it Real in 2012,

*Vernice*

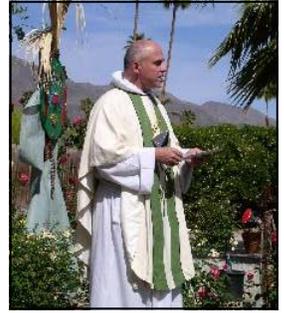
Rev. Vernice L. Thorn



## Kevin's Korner

August 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))



Rev. Kev is on sabbatical June 16 though September 15.

## KALEIDOSCOPE CHOIR RETREAT

Attention all children!

Kaleidoscope Choir's annual retreat is coming up and we hope you will come! We will gather at the church on **Saturday, August 18, from 10am-3pm**, to learn some new songs, some dance, and have a whole lot of fun thrown in. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Pastors Vernice and Lois will share part of the day with us as well, to teach us the Lord's Prayer and study some of the Psalms that are songs and about singing! You may register by contacting one of the directors:

Ruthanne at (630) 606-7870 or [ruthanne.v.swanson@gmail.com](mailto:ruthanne.v.swanson@gmail.com)

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Emily at (773) 316-0193 or [emilymcc@gmail.com](mailto:emilymcc@gmail.com)

Hope you will join us on the 18th!

(Kaleidoscope Choir is open to all children ages 4-13 including those 3 year olds who will turn four during the school year.)

## SPECIAL SEND-OFFS

**Sunday, August 19**

**Rev. Pat Thresher** will lead the Broadway Dancers for a final time and we'll send her off to Texas to her new ministry there. Join us at 11am Worship!

**Sunday, August 26**

**Sam Duplessis** will offer music on his last Sunday at Broadway. Join us to thank him and wish him well!

# NEW NICUMC BISHOP

## Episcopal Announcement: Bishop Hee-Soo Jung Assigned to Wisconsin Conference Bishop Sally Dyck Assigned to Northern Illinois Conference

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference has approved the assignment of Bishop Hee-Soo Jung to serve the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**Bishop Hee-Soo Jung** was elected to the episcopacy in 2004 by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

He has served congregations in Wisconsin, California, and Texas since 1982, and has served as Nicolet District Superintendent of the Wisconsin Annual Conference His passionate leadership has been focused on Korean-American Churches and cross-racial appointments in urban, rural and suburban churches.

His passion for making disciples for Christ was instrumental in the NIC's Harvest 2020 movement. Since 2009, nearly 30 new faith communities have launched and grown under Harvest 2020 with more than 2,000 new people attending worship.

We celebrate Bishop Jung's eight years of ministry and service to the Northern Illinois Conference.

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**Bishop Sally Dyck** of the Minnesota Annual Conference has been assigned to the Northern Illinois Conference - Chicago Episcopal Area.

Sally Dyck was born in Ritzville, Washington. She was born into a Mennonite family and joined the United Methodist Church as a young adult.

She graduated magna cum laude from Boston University College of Liberal Arts with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. She graduated magna cum laude from Boston University School of Theology. She received a certificate from the Ecumenical Institute which is a joint program of the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva, Switzerland. She was ordained in the East Ohio Annual Conference. She also received a Doctor of Ministry from United Theological School, Dayton, OH, in Black Church Studies as a Bishop James S. Thomas fellow.

Sally's personal mission statement is taken from the communion liturgy: "...one in Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world." Throughout her ministry in and near the Cleveland, Ohio area, her mission was to reach out to persons who for various reasons did not see themselves as "belonging" to Christ, a worshiping community, or having a witness or ministry of their own. She served the communities and the churches of Faith (1978-1984), Church of the Redeemer (1984-1997), and Garfield Memorial (2003-2004). She also served as a district superintendent (1997-2003) in the Wooster area.

Sally served as a director of the Board of Global Ministries (1999-2004), chairing the Personnel Committee. She was a jurisdictional delegate six times and a General Conference delegate four times. In February 2006 she was elected to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. Throughout her service in the wider church, her mission has been to direct and empower the church to transform the world through its calling and witness. In addition, the spiritual disciplines of the Christian tradition are a vital grounding to her faith.

Sally was elected to the episcopacy in Davenport, Iowa, in 2004 and assigned to the Minnesota Annual Conference. She seeks to be the bishop to the nones (those persons who check "none" when asked their religious preference). She begins her day with prayer, Bible study, and a 3-6 mile run through the cathedral of nature.

Ken Ehrman and Sally Dyck met in Boston and were married on May 15, 1976.

The Episcopal assignments will be effective **beginning September 1, 2012.**

# SUNDAY EDUCATION HOUR

Sunday Adult Education is taking a break. Stay tuned for more information!  
 Sunday Children's Education will move to 11:15 am — noon during August.

# WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Come join us on **Monday mornings from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm** for a relaxed and informal bible study in the Wesley Room. We are looking at the natural follow-up to Daniel: The Revelation of John!

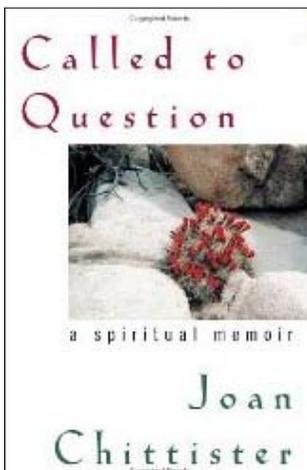
All are welcome to join in and there is no required homework. This study is led by our very own Tom Hope.

# 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:** Summer Book Study: *Called to Question*, a spiritual memoir by Joan Chittister.



She's back!! So many of us enjoyed our study of Joan Chittister's *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope*, that we have brought her back to enlighten us with her wisdom as she talks about her faith journey — her struggle, her questions. We all have questions about faith, about religion and Joan's book gives us permission to take a risk and ask those questions that we have had on our hearts even as children in Sunday school. Now is the time to explore, to dig deep into what we believe and what we do not believe; now is the time to uncover our fears about religion and find the answers through our faith. This is a study that should be taken slowly, so we will examine and search our hearts' questions **throughout July and August**. I promise you what we discover will be life changing. **Join us at 7 pm each Wednesday** in the Pillow Room. We invite you to bring all your questions and any doubts you have about religion. We'll find the answers, together! Please contact [Rev. Vernice](#) for more information.

# GREETINGS FROM TRICIA NOWACKI

Greetings from Nashville, dear Broadway family!

I'm down here in Music City to work at three ministry sites as my final internship at Garrett: two churches and the Upper Room. Yes, the Upper Room that produces those fine little daily devotional books that United Methodist churches give out to folks. At the Upper Room, I'm working on revamping their Living Prayer Center. I'm trying to bring this great ministry into the 21st century while maintaining its integrity as a personal and relational prayer ministry intact. I've also been working on some of the media for their upcoming national gathering SOULfeast. It's been a blast.

Now, about the two churches: one, Edgehill UMC in Edgehill Nashville, shares a lot in common with Broadway — they're a reconciling church all about full-inclusion of all folks and they're generally a very social justice-oriented group of people. I work at their Free Store and help with worship. I'll also be helping with the spiritual direction of their fairly new intentional community. I just shared my faith journey, with all its queer nuances, with the congregation this past Sunday — I talked for 45 minutes and no one fell asleep! Edgehill is a vibrant place and I'm enjoying soaking it all in. The other church is Inglewood UMC, a tiny congregation in a great big old building in East Nashville. They're making their way through some severe financial problems like many churches in the largely impoverished East Nashville area. I help with worship there too, but I also get to attend meetings, workshops, and lectures that are focused on helping such churches to boost their attendance and engage their community.

I'm learning a lot and having quite a bit of fun, but I do look forward to coming back to my Broadway home this September.

Love,

t (Tricia Nowacki)



## BELIEVE OUT LOUD

Good Afternoon,

My name is Alyssa Jeffries, and I am the Believe Out Loud Summer Communications Intern. If you are not familiar with Believe Out Loud ([www.believeoutloud.com](http://www.believeoutloud.com)), we are an online network that empowers Christians to work for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) equality. Each week, on Sunday morning, we select a Welcoming Church from our directory to highlight on our Facebook page. I saw that your church is listed in our directory and would like to offer you the opportunity to have your church highlighted on our Facebook page. Our Facebook page reaches over one million people each week, and this would be a great way to let people know you welcome the LGBT community into your church.

On behalf of Believe Out Loud, thank you for being a Welcoming Church to All!

Have a great day.

Sincerely, Alyssa Jeffries

**Broadway United Methodist Church will be highlighted on Believe Out Loud's facebook page ([www.facebook.com/believeoutloud](http://www.facebook.com/believeoutloud)) the week of August 19th. Check it out!**

## 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 **in September, 2012**.

We'll spend a year getting ready for our Spirit Lake trip to happen again in Summer, 2013. Contact [Craig Fitzgerald](mailto:craig_m_fitzgerald@yahoo.com) at [craig\\_m\\_fitzgerald@yahoo.com](mailto:craig_m_fitzgerald@yahoo.com) if you're interested in Spirit Lake 2013.

*If you have questions, please see [Paula Roderick](#), [Jon Zilliox](#), or [Craig](#).*

## KEEPING OUR KITCHEN CLEAN

Just a reminder to everyone who might have an occasion to use the kitchen – PLEASE CLEAN UP. We are so fortunate to have the space we have to prepare meals for our community time. Please be sure to clean up afterwards to avoid ants and other bugs. We also have other building users who utilize our kitchen and we want to be considerate of them. Thank you so much.

# AUGUST MISSION MINUTE

## The Mission Minute for August is the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The Southern Poverty Law Center is a nonprofit civil rights organization founded in 1971. Founded by civil rights lawyers Morris Dees and Joseph Levin, Jr., their first president was civil rights activist Julian Bond. Their name may be misleading since their scope is nationwide, and their focus is to relentlessly fight against hatred and bigotry and seek justice for the most vulnerable members of our society. Using litigation, education and other forms of advocacy, SPLC works toward the day when the ideals of equal justice and equal opportunity become reality. Their three-pronged strategy to battle racial and social injustice includes:

- Tracking the activities of hate groups and domestic terrorists across America and launching innovative lawsuits that seek to destroy networks of radical extremists.
- Using the courts and other forms of advocacy to win systemic reforms on behalf of victims of bigotry and discrimination. They have won numerous landmark legal victories.
- Providing educators with free resources that teach school children to reject hate, embrace diversity and respect differences.

Their fight against hatred and extremism includes a wider vision promoting justice for exploited immigrant workers, abused prison inmates, disabled children, and other victims of discrimination. A cornerstone of their mission is distributing their Teaching Tolerance program in our nation's schools, free of charge. The Teaching Tolerance program includes documentary films, books, lesson plans and other materials that promote tolerance and respect.

■ Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36104 ■ Phone 334-956-8200  
 ■ Fax 334-956-8488 ■ email [splcreport@splcenter.org](mailto:splcreport@splcenter.org) ■ [www.splcenter.org](http://www.splcenter.org)

**Our Mission Minute Sunday is August 12**, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope “SPLC.” You can also donate [online](#).

# 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, August 24)**

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.

## YOUTH LOUNGE – AUGUST UPDATE

### **Youth Lounge stepping into service gaps...**

Youth Lounge has been working with a group of area youth service providers to brainstorm ways to “fill in the gaps” of youth needs now that the Crib shelter has closed for the summer. A group of community partners, led by Pastor Lois and including Youth Lounge, Broadway Youth Center, Café Pride, Lakeview Lutheran, the Night Ministry, the Center on Halsted, Dignity, and other local organizations have been talking about ways we can provide cooling spaces and showers for our youth, many of whom are now without a place to sleep, rest, cool off, or shower. Youth Lounge is currently working on opening up a **Sunday shower time** for our youth, with tentative plans to begin Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>. **Thanks to your generous towel and shower supply donations, we will be able to meet this need on Sundays!** Broadway will be able to host about 24 youth in an afternoon window for showers and light sack lunches. Thank you for your support of this effort – we continue to grow and rise to the occasion with our resilient youth!

### **Youth Lounge continues training workshops...**

Because of the generous grant support of the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, the Youth Lounge continues to hold semi-monthly topical training workshops for current volunteers. Our two most recent workshops included **Resources and Referrals** (in June) and **Self Care and Trauma Stewardship** (in July), both led by Training Coordinator, Tracy. Our June workshop led to the creation of a comprehensive Resource Guide, take-away resource cards, and growing resource ‘area’ for Youth Lounge – all allowing us to better refer and work with our youth. The most recent July workshop on self care has caused us to think more about the ways we can take care of ourselves and practice self-awareness as volunteers, in the midst of this important love work. As a result, we will be working on self-care reminder cards and intentional debriefings for volunteers to make our work more sustainable. ***We continue to grow and learn as volunteers so that we can better serve and share with our youth, with your support!***

### **Youth Lounge dates in August...**

The upcoming Youth Lounge dates for August 2012 are August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</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 summer 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  
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)!*

# CHICAGO PEACE EVENTS

## (1) Hiroshima Commemoration

**Sunday, August 5, 6:15 p.m.**, Water Tower Monument Chicago

Join us as we hold a vigil of remembrance in Chicago to coincide with the vigil that will be happening at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial in Japan.

Our event will take place on Sunday evening, August 5 at 6:15 p.m., which corresponds to 8:15 a.m. on Monday, August 6, in Hiroshima. That is the time of the ceremony at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, corresponding with the time when the atomic bomb struck Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. (See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hiroshima\\_Peace\\_Memorial\\_Ceremony](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hiroshima_Peace_Memorial_Ceremony) )

Facebook event page: <http://www.facebook.com/events/253714614746952/>

## (2) Chicago Air & Water Show Antiwar Contingent

**Saturday, August 18, noon to 4 p.m.**, North Avenue Beach

Join us as we provide a presence for peace, opposition to drone killing, and counter-recruitment during the display of war weaponry at the Air & Water Show.

Chicago World Can't Wait - <http://chicagoworldcantwait.wordpress.com/>

Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) Chicago Chapter - <http://www.ivaw.org/chicago>

No Drones Illinois - <http://nodronesillinois.blogspot.com/>

Occupy Chicago - <http://occupychi.org/>

Pakistan Federation of America Chicago (USA)

Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ - <http://wp.waucc.org/>

Facebook event page: <http://www.facebook.com/events/447650655268651/>

# HISTORICAL NOTE

## Shared work, lighter loads

“Church housekeeping” (excerpt) from *Church News*, September 1918

We hope everybody has noticed how nice and clear our upstairs rooms are and how beautiful our kitchen looks — and why. Well, it's because our good Brother and Sister Wagner got very busy, Mr. Wagner doing all the work and Mrs. Qagner furnishing all the paint, and when one realizes what that means at the price it now is, it certainly is a very generous way of helping the Ladies' Aid to keep these rooms in order, and many thanks are due our good friends from us. We appreciate the kind donations. Thank you.

Editor's notes: Ladies' Aid was one of numerous women's committees that were later merged to become United Methodist Women..

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

# STEPS FOR EQUALITY

Book Excerpt #3. There are 8 positive themes: Authenticity, Self-Awareness and this month: FREEDOM TO CREATE NEW RULES — “I live beyond the binaries.”

Queer Bisexual from New Jersey (p.59): Being bi is feeling as though I am simply being myself — the term bisexual feels limiting nature in dichotomizing gender/ identity. Having a more open sexual identity makes me feel more at home with myself and open to other people. It’s a pretty positive thing to be able to be open to any gender identity and open to any kind of love or relationships I might find myself in. Living in a very hetero-normative world often restricts the kinds of relationships people are expected to have and limits them to stereotypes — also these stereotypes are found in the gay world — being queer is so much more broad and open to a much wider spectrum of relationships and the types of emotions and loves you can experience with different people. It isn't about sex, either, it's about APPRECIATING people on many different levels and loving people more for who they really are rather than the stereotype they try to live up to. (p.60)

(p.47) Some TRANSGENDER identified individuals describe their sex as well as their gender as “fluid”. Others simply find the female/male binary too limiting of their self-expression. As a transgender-identified person, 32 from Vancouver, Canada, simply states, “To be bound as a woman or man is stifling.” Embracing the possibilities of being neither a man nor a woman is a positive strength for a 20 year old transgender college student: “I can't be TOO FEMININE TO BE A MAN OR TOO MASCULINE TO BE A WOMAN BECAUSE I'M NEITHER OF THOSE TWO. I don't need to worry about whether my behavior suits my gender because there are no set rules for “transgender” and “woman”. TO ME THESE ARE ALL POSITIVE THINGS.

**The Book** — *A Positive View Of LGBTQ: Embracing Identity and Cultivating Well-Being* by Ellen D.B. Riggle & Sharon S. Rostosky. **About the Authors:** Ellen D.B. Riggle, PhD, is a professor of women’s studies and political science at the University of Kentucky. Sharon S. Rostosky, PhD, is a licensed psychologist and a professor of counseling psychology at the University of Kentucky.

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

## SAVE THE DATE

A Reading/Book Signing Event with Broadway’s own Douglas Foster.

His new book is *After Mandela: The Struggle for Freedom in Post-Apartheid South Africa*.

**Sunday, September 2, 1:30 pm**

### August Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **September 2012** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, August 26**. 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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