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Vernice's View

It's hard to believe that summer is over – “say it ain't so.” I hope that everyone was able to take some “fun in the sun” time; time to travel and rest and be with friends and family; time to take a break from the routine of our days.

So now it's time to come back; back to school, back to work, back to CHURCH. (Amen?)

What an exciting time to be at Broadway! We will celebrate new members this month. We will celebrate the return of the choir and return back to a new normal as our fall worship and education events unfold.

Sunday Morning Fall Schedule starting September 13, 2015:

- 9:00am We return to a fuller worship experience – still meditation AND scripture AND liturgy AND pastoral reflection AND of course our prayer circle.
- 11:00am We return to our normal time and welcome back our choirs!
- 10:15am Sunday Morning Adult Education resumes in the downstairs Pillow Room. (see page 3)
- 10:15am K-Choir Resumes, Wesley Room.

Wednesday Night Live! (WNL!) schedule starting September 9, 2015:

- 5:30pm Open Sanctuary/Guided Meditation
- 6:00pm Potluck (bring a dish to pass)
- 6:45pm Clean-up (clean up, clean up, everybody clean up!)
- 7:00pm Disciple Bible Study (for further information see page 3)
- 8:15pm Closing Prayer Circle

Alka and I are so excited as we begin this new quarter, together, with all of you. We are inviting YOU to be in ministry and there are many opportunities. We are re-implementing a worship team that will meet once a quarter to plan three months of liturgy and hymns. If you are interested in sharing in this great ministry let us know.

There are social media opportunities available. We need sound techs and folk who are proficient with Twitter and Facebook and YouTube and who can do media projection on Sunday mornings.

We are always looking for new Sunday School teachers for our young folk. If helping to guide and encourage young minds is a passion for you, let us know.

If you are new to Broadway and not sure where you might use your gifts, contact one of us, either Alka or myself. We are so willing to sit down with you and find the right ministry fit.

Welcome back everyone!



Living Brave Space,

Rev. Vernice Thorn
Broadway UMC
Pastor,
CWACM Clergy



Alka's Angle

When I moved to this parsonage in June, I thought I had so much time at hand to catch up, clean up and settle in. Right! I see your smiles and so you know as well as I do that while life continues and I do all I need to do — there still are boxes in my house, everything is not exactly how I would like for it to be and I continue to try my best to get everything done — at home and at church.

As at home, so at church; I have met many of you and I have learned some of your names. I have learned a little about most of the ministries of Broadway but I am still a long ways away from fully knowing who Broadway is. I have walked around the neighborhood a little and begun to feel comfortable but it will be a while before I could do it without much help. But I will keep working at it!

I want to meet all of you and know about all of you — so I am planning to set up some times when you can come and meet with me one-on-one. **Every Friday, beginning September 18**, I will be available to have lunch at Asencia, with anyone interested!

If lunch is difficult, I will also be available for coffee **every Monday at 7:30pm, beginning September 21**, at the Starbucks at the end of the block.

Please contact the church office (bumclakeview@gmail.com) if you would like to join me for lunch or coffee so I do not get double booked and can give you my undivided attention.

I also look forward to attending all meetings as we get back into the routine, after a short but refreshing summer. I look forward to all the activities with the kick off “Family Day” on September 13th. Watch for more information as decisions and made and plans are finalized. I look forward to the new rhythm of worship as we enter the Fall schedule with a 9:00am and 11:00am worship schedule.

We are also looking forward to a few new studies and opportunities and also a new member class. Vernice has mentioned about most of them in her letter. Refer to that and join in on as many activities as you desire and if there is something that you feel a passion for but is not on our calendar, then talk to Vernice and me.

I am very excited to be in ministry with you all and I look forward to learning something new about you, about ministry, and about God's love through you and with you. I pray that you will join in on this journey with me with a welcoming and forgiving smile.

See you Sunday!

Peace,

Rev. Alka

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Sunday Adult Education Hour

A new study begins Sunday, September 13, 2015. From a United Methodist Resource titled, "Widen the Circle: a Call to Beloved Community," we continue our call and mission to be an inclusive community. For justice seekers who yearn to see justice for all and reconciliation among all oppressed people, this is the class for you. Join us in the Pillow Room, downstairs, **Sunday mornings at 10:15am**, for this timely discussion. The topics are: Recognizing our brokenness; Loving our neighbor; Welcome all people; and Building the Beloved Community.

Children's Education Time



Sundays at 11:15am.

If you have interest in shaping and supporting our Young Christians, please contact Rev. Vernice for more information. Our children are our future!

Wednesday Night Live!

Open Sanctuary/Guided Meditation is open to the church and community **each Wednesday from 5:30-6pm**. Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for prayer and consultation.

Potluck each Wednesday at 6pm. Please bring a dish to pass. We will clean up at 6:45pm.

Disciple Fast Track Bible Study Disciple FAST TRACK is coming to Broadway UMC in September. **Starting September 9th at 7:00pm** we will kick off Disciple Fast Track Bible Study — 12 weeks of Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), break for Advent, and starting the first Wednesday in January, 12 weeks of New Testament study. Utilizing classical art, media and in depth conversation, facilitated by the pastors, we learn and revisit biblical narratives and themes. Reserve your space for this powerful dialogue. Contact one of the pastors for more information (Rev. Alka, Rev Vernice, or our new student pastor, Taylor Gould) **Wednesdays at 7pm** in the Sanctuary. See you there!

Closing Prayer Circle each Wednesday at 8:15pm.

Fall Sunday Schedule

Starting Sunday, September 13

9:00am — Our Service of Meditation returns to a fuller worship experience. Still meditation AND scripture AND liturgy AND pastoral reflection AND of course our prayer circle.

10:15am — Sunday Morning Adult Education resumes. (see above)

10:15am — Kaleidoscope Choir resumes

11:00am — Our Festival Service returns to normal time and we welcome back our choirs!

Broadway Choir



The Broadway Choir begins rehearsing again on **Thursday, September 3, at 7pm**. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Jacqueline Boyd, our Praise & Worship Leader.

September Mission Minute

The Mission Minute for September is the National Ataxia Foundation. (www.ataxia.org)

The National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) is dedicated to improving the lives of persons affected by ataxia through support, education, and research.

Supporting Promising Ataxia Research Since 1957: NAF is a membership supported, nonprofit organization established in 1957 to help persons with ataxia and their families. The Foundation's primary purpose is to support promising ataxia research and to provide vital programs and services for ataxia families.

Looking For a Cure - Research Programs: In 1978 the Foundation first began direct funding of ataxia research through the NAF Research "Seed-Money" Program. Since that time, the Foundation has established additional research programs which have included programs such as the NAF Young Investigator Award, the NAF Fellowship Award and other research initiatives.

NAF research programs continue to fund promising ataxia research studies throughout the world. The Foundation supports research in dominant ataxia (including SCAs), recessive ataxia (including Friedreich's) and sporadic ataxia.

Mission Minute Sunday is September 13, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway UMC and designate to “NAF” or “September Mission Minute”. You can also donate [online](#).

ONE Northside Fundraising

There might be some legal fees associated with the court proceedings for the people that risked arrest in protest of the budget. Therefore we are inviting people to donate specifically for this purpose. Please use this link to donate: <http://tinyurl.com/griffineight>. Their jury trial is set for the week of Sept. 28th.

Lending Library

If you did not know this, we have a lending library downstairs in the hallway between room A and room B. The premise that started this is an awareness that we all have wonderful books that we've read and want to share. So, it was bring a book, take a book. However, at this time we don't have anyone overseeing this project. If you feel called to sorting and making sure that the books are accessible and recycling we would love to talk with you. Or if you have a suggestion how this might work well, let one of the pastors know. If there is no interest, we will discontinue our lending library. Please get in touch with a pastor as soon as possible. Thank you.

Family Day 2015

On **Sunday, September 13, 2015**, we kick off our Fall Schedule with a Family Day Celebration. However you name and claim family, we invite you to come and share a time of welcome and reconnection. We will welcome back our choirs! And our Sunday Morning Adult Education will resume (see page 3). To celebrate this special day we invite all to a picnic that will follow our 11:00am service in the parsonage yard. Just like the old days. The church will supply hamburgers and hotdogs and condiments and lemonade. Please bring a dish to pass – we’ll need salads and buns, dessert, chips. Look for the sign up sheet and sign up for your favorite dish. We’ll also need set up folks and people to clean-up and a person or two to grill. There will be activities for young folks and adults! Bring a friend!

Interested in becoming a member?

Dear Broadway friends,

Some of you may have let us know that you are interested in becoming part of the Broadway family; others of you have been coming regularly (and are already involved with ministries), and we are wondering if you might be interested in taking the next step to move to, what we call, “into covenant” with Broadway/Broadway United Methodist Church.

If this describes you, then we welcome you to our “new member” sessions. We will have two sessions: **Sundays, August 30 and September 6, from 1:00-2:30pm**. New members will be celebrated and welcomed during worship on September 13 (and, if someone has never been baptized and wishes to be, we’ll do that, too).

We invite you to be in discernment about this – if you think you may be

ready, be thinking about the ministry you’d like to claim as a part of our faith community. Please call the church office if you desire to be part of the new member class and feel free to talk to one of our pastors of you have any further questions. We look forward to continuing to be in ministry with you.

Revs. Alka and Vernice

Lakeview East Festival of the Arts

Friday, September 11 at 6pm through Sunday, September 13 at 7pm

Along Broadway • Belmont to Hawthorne (<http://lakevieweastfestivalofthearts.com>)

Good time to take public transportation to Broadway Church!

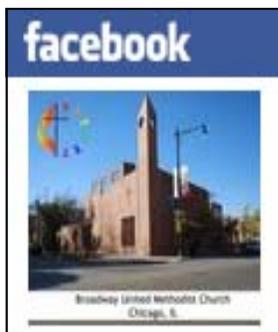
New Student Pastor this Fall

Meet our new Student Pastor, Taylor Gould, who started on Sunday, August 30. Welcome Taylor!!



I am from the small town of Swisher, Iowa (population 900), and am a “born and raised” United Methodist. I received my BA in Communication Studies, Religious Studies, and Leadership Studies from the University of Iowa last May. During my college career, I worked at the Wesley Foundation as a Ministry Intern and was able to deconstruct my embedded theology. It was there that I was able to discern my call to ministry as a call to the local parish. It was also there that my passion for justice was nourished. I served as the Pastoral Intern at the UMC next door my final year and was encouraged to attend Garrett-Evangelical in Evanston. I had promised myself that my first year, I would attend as many churches as possible. I attended four before Lois invited me to visit Broadway. Despite the hour commute from my seminary housing, I fell in love with Broadway's diverse community and commitment to fighting ALL injustices. I am excited to serve such a beautiful church community and can't wait to see what you all have to teach me!

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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“From Undocumented Child to Federal Judge”
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Gathering: 4:30 PM

Dinner and Program: 5:00—8:00 PM

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Celebrating God's Love for ALL People

BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”

Thank you for your commitment to God’s purposes through our faith community!

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