

BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY — MAY 19, 2019

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday mornings from 10:15-10:45am. Come to church a little early, grab a cup of coffee, and join us for some inspiration before the 11am service!

Sign-up sheets for **Liturgists and Hospitality Volunteers** are located in Friendship Hall. You may also contact the office to volunteer!

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THIS WEEK — MAY 20 TO 25, 2019

If you aren't already subscribed to our **Weekly E-News**, click the link on our [website](#) or on our [facebook page](#) or send an email to the [church office](#).

Please join us Wednesdays at 7pm for our lay-led **Lectionary Study** where we meditate, reflect, and discuss the lectionary scripture readings. The readings can be found at www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/lectionary-calendar. We study two weeks in advance.

Youth Lounge's Last Big Shebang will be on Saturday, May 25. See inside for more information.

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NEXT SUNDAY — MAY 26, 2019

Next Sunday, Student Pastor Savannah Gross will preach. **We will be asking the congregation to do an evaluation of her time and ministry at Broadway.** Please share your honest and creative thoughts.



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LOOKING AHEAD

Take Pride In Your Care—A Care Planning Workshop! Sunday, June 2nd, from 1pm-2:30pm here at Broadway. See insert for flyer. FB event: www.facebook.com/events/660201031107297.

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Dear Youth Lounge supporters and family,

It is with a heavy and compassionate heart that the leadership at Youth Lounge have come to re-examine our capacity for continuing the program. The past 9 years have been supportive, inclusive, love-filled, fun, powerful, life-changing, spiritually fulfilling years for the youth who attended and for our volunteers. We've collaborated with other neighborhood programs, we've introduced different arts and expressions, and we've trained and hired 15+ youth interns over the past few years to lead and develop youth lounge as they see fit. Some young people have been with us since they were youth well into adulthood and others have come and gone. But the most important thing was that we created a safe space where young adults of all sexual orientations, experiencing housing instability were welcome and celebrated and supported and encouraged to just BE.

We've used every last dime the community and supporters have given us to support these young adults, and through Youth Lounge 101 and the internship program, have helped many of our intern's secure jobs, housing, and other supports. Our numbers for attendees have dwindled as the young adults move out of Lakeview, age out of other neighboring programs, and as other programs add support throughout the week/weekend. Our pool of volunteers has gotten smaller as well as folks have moved on to new careers, out of the local area, and over to life's new adventures. These factors, along with honest burn-out of longtime volunteers, have led the end of certain forms of funding, and portions of the programming being cut for capacity sake. Taking all of this into consideration, and leadership's inability to "restart" the search for new donors, new grants, new volunteers/staff, and new youth attendees, we have decided that the best choice at this time would be to give the program a much needed rest.

We welcome any support, feedback, and guidance as we make this major transition. We would like to keep the practice of volunteerism alive and invite our staff and volunteers to continue to give time, energy and funds to this community. Each month we'd like to find other programs we can support, be it as simple as making sandwiches or bag lunches for those experiencing housing instability, volunteering at Broadway Youth Center or Center on Halsted, attending YEPP performances and donating financially to programming, or any host of other ideas throughout the year. Again, we welcome any support, feedback, and guidance.

This has not been an easy decision to make. We know that putting this program to a rest, means one less inclusive, affirming and safe space for youth and young adults of the LGBTQ community and it pains us greatly to take away this option. But as a great strategic mentor has always instructed us, we have to take a strong look at our capacity and what we actually CAN do for the youth. At this time, we believe what we can do is continue to give our support to programs that have a larger capacity to make a difference.

Lastly, if you are seeing this message it is because you have helped and supported us in some way, shape, or form, and we want to say thank you with every ounce of our being. Thank you! We couldn't have made it this far without you. Please feel free to forward this message to any we missed - our family is large.

Now...it wouldn't be fair to go out without a BIG SHEBANG! So, in the spirit of all those who have helped us create this wonderful and inviting and uniquely special space, we are inviting youth, volunteers, and supporters new and old to join us for our last youth lounge experience **May 25th, 2019**. Please fill out the spreadsheet below and note if and where you're able to help: <https://forms.gle/KLwXqjdTrfoCn4vDA>

Let's go out one last time spreading love, inclusion, justice, and belonging! And remember, this isn't the end of our service to this great community - just a transformation into a new practice of volunteerism. You'll hear from us again in the future!

Sending this message with love and peace,

Ines & Jon

Youth Lounge Experience



MAY MISSION MINUTES

The Gaza Mental Health Foundation was founded in the United States in 2001 to support the critically important work of providing mental health services for the people of the Gaza Strip, especially the children who are its future. We raise funds to support the important mental health work of several agencies in Gaza. Your donation supports:

- mental health work carried out by the Gaza Community Mental Health Program (GCMHP)
- Afaq Jadeeda's children's therapy program, "Let the Children Play and Heal," in Nusseirat refugee camp, founded by Dr. Mona El-Farra
- three women's empowerment groups—Aisha, Al Zahraa and Wefaq—whose services reach throughout the Gaza Strip.

Given the huge number of traumatized children and families in the Gaza Strip, and the trauma endured by the GCMHP staff, your support is needed more urgently than ever.

Cure Violence

Mission: To reduce violence globally using disease control and behavior change methods.

Goals: Implement the Cure Violence model in urban areas around the world. Shift the thinking, policy, and practice as it relates to violence such that it is seen primarily as health issue.

Vision: Cure Violence envisions a world without violence. Violence behaves like a contagious problem. It is transmitted through exposure, acquired through contagious brain mechanisms and social processes, and can be effectively treated and prevented using health methods. To date, the health sector and health professionals have been highly underutilized for the prevention, treatment, and control of violence. Now is the time to mobilize our nation's healthcare and public health systems and methods to work with communities and other sectors to stop this epidemic.

You can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate "May Mission Minute" (split between both) or "GMHF" or "Cure Violence." You can also donate [online](#).

Monthly Update	Income	Expenses	Difference
Quarter 1	\$38,758.38	\$51,845.11	-\$13,086.73
April 2019	\$15,296.59	\$15,067.95	\$228.64
YTD	\$54,054.97	\$66,913.06	-\$12,858.09



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