

BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY — DECEMBER 8, 2019

Orders for **Advent Flowers** are due today, Sunday, December 8th. [See insert.](#)

**December Mission Minutes: Global AIDS Fund:** Combatting HIV/AIDS globally through prevention, treatment, support and capacity development. The goal is to promote HIV Awareness and prevent HIV infection and transmission through counselling, testing and follow up services. This work is part of the denomination's Abundant Health Initiative: supporting work to stop preventable disease and death. **Heifer International.** We work to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities we serve. By supporting and training the world's farmers, ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success. **You can donate** by designated cash or check in the offering plate, mailing checks to the church, or [giving online](#). Your donation will be split evenly between mission minutes each month unless specified otherwise.

**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!

A sign-up form for **Liturgists and Hospitality Volunteers** is online through this QR code or at <https://signup.com/go/qeDmtnS>. You may also contact the office to volunteer.



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THIS WEEK — DECEMBER 9 TO 14, 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](#).

Kari McMahon is a reporter at Medill news service. She is working on **a story on mental health care** in Lake View. She is looking to hear perspectives from anyone in the area who has used or struggled to access mental health care services in Lake View. If you are interested in telling your story, please send her an email at [KariMcMahon2020@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:KariMcMahon2020@u.northwestern.edu) or call (872) 806-3047.

**Advent Study**—Low: An Honest Advent Devotional. Amidst the bright lights and wrappings of a sentimentally saturated Christmas season, we tend to forget about the gritty, messy reality of the Advent story as it was experienced 2,000 years ago. In this honest Advent devotional, we are reminded that God came to meet us in the low places of our lives, and that Jesus continues to come low this Advent season. When we plant our feet firmly in the dirt of everyday life, we see Jesus meeting us in the low places. As we walk the road of Advent, Jesus reminds us the invitation is not to escape this world to an elevated Heaven somewhere else, but to bring Heaven down. "God with us" is Jesus, getting low. Come join us on **Wednesdays at 7pm (Nov. 27, Dec. 4 & 11)**. You can get the devotional book from Pastor Alka, at a discounted price of \$4, thanks to a generous donation of a Broadway member.

The **Broadway United Methodist Choir** is a dynamic opportunity for anyone who loves to sing to contribute to ministry. The choir welcomes singers of all experience levels, and we pursue a diverse repertoire. Join us for rehearsals **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm and Sunday mornings at 10am!** Questions? Contact Robert Eldridge Galbreath, Jr, Director of Music Ministries, at [ziggy6870@gmail.com](mailto:ziggy6870@gmail.com).

**Leap of Faith.** Saturday, December 14, 2019; 1—3 pm. Northbrook UMC (1190 Western Ave, Northbrook, IL 60062). R.S.V.P.: David Braden ([debraden@gmail.com](mailto:debraden@gmail.com)) & Sue Laurie, CoFacilitators. The purpose of this gathering is to bring together local churches and communities in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference to consider going through an official discernment process—modeled on the process developed in the New England Annual Conference—to determine whether they desire to remain in or leave the denomination. We do not know what the future holds for the UMC, but times such as these call for a *Leap of Faith*. More information is available on the flyer in Friendship Hall, in our e-news and [on our website](#).

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NEXT SUNDAY — DECEMBER 15, 2019

**Third Sunday of Advent: SACRED Space** **Preaching:** Rev. M Barclay

Please join us for a **special Church Conference** next Sunday, December 15 after the 11am service.

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LOOKING AHEAD



- **Blue Christmas Service.** Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues...As in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with life circumstances makes parties and joviality painful for many people. If this describes you, join us for a Blue Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00pm. We hope to create sacred space for people living through difficult times to participate in a worship service that is accepting where folks are, and holding out hope.
- **Movie Night** on Saturday, December 21st at 5pm.
- **Christmas Eve services** will be at 4:30 and 7pm.
- **Christmas Carol Sing** on Sunday, December 29. **ONE SERVICE at 11am.** Join us for a service of singing! Our Director of Music Ministries, Robert Galbreath, Jr., will lead the congregation in Christmas carols, prayers, and hymns.
- **Kwanzaa Service** on Sunday, January 5. **ONE SERVICE at 11am.** (Our observance of Holy Communion will move from the 1st Sunday of the month to the 2nd Sunday of the month — January 12.)
- **Winter Warming** on Saturday, January 18th at Community UMC in Naperville.

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God is inviting you to specific ministry of sharing your resources. Please be as generous as you can in your giving. To give online, visit us at [broadwaychurchchicago.com/give](https://broadwaychurchchicago.com/give) or scan the QR code at left. Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!

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