

BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](#).

If you are **willing to assist in worship by reading** our Offering Invitation/Prayer, or Scripture, **providing special music** such as solos, duets, groups on vocals and/or instruments, or **assisting with media**, please sign up [here](#). You may also [contact the office](#) to volunteer.

We have a **clothes collection box** on the Southeast corner of our parking lot, serviced by the GAIA movement. Please share this information with your friends and invite them to leave their donations in the collection box instead of our front door!

The **Community Food Pantry** outside BUMC is there for anyone in need but it’s often EMPTY! We invite all who are able to pick up a few items next time you’re at the grocery store and drop them off in our Community Food Pantry! See our [giving page](#) on our website suggested items/items to skip.

Broadway United Methodist Church: Celebrating the Promise 2023 — All ministries our church implements are dependent on the generosity of God’s people. You may fill out a pledge card at church, [fill out this form online](#), or let the [office](#) know your pledge for 2023.

Masks are now optional in our building. While no longer required, **please be kind** to those who choose to wear a mask. Please continue to use the Broadway (east) door for ENTRANCE ONLY and the Buckingham (west) door for EXIT ONLY. Thank you for understanding and for helping us help one another.

September Mission Minute: Children’s Defense Fund (CDF). CDF began in 1973 and is a private, nonprofit organization supported by individual donations, foundation, corporate, and government grants. CDF has worked to support denominations and religious organizations as they develop and maintain child advocacy campaigns. This commitment has led to a new partnership with Garrett Seminary. They began working together to support a movement toward a theology of child well-being grounded in the contextual reality of children and youth in the Chicagoland area, establishing the field within theological higher education and creating conditions for children and youth to thrive, and are launching more Freedom Schools in Chicago (including at St Mark UMC and Quinn Chapel AME). For more information, please go to <https://www.childrensdefense.org>. To donate, please go to <https://www.broadwaychurchchicago.com/give>.

This Week — September 25 to 30, 2023

Rev. Alka is out of the country from September 5-28 for vacation. Please direct all pastoral care needs during this time to [Lee Rollins](#), [Lou Pence](#) or [Rev. Miranda Denler](#) (312-544-9418).

Chicago Temple will be offering a **grief support group** starting Monday, September 25th. The group will be led by one of their Stephen’s Ministers and Deb Hill. They welcome Broadway UMC members and friends to join them. You can find more information at any of these links: [Meetup Group](#), [Eventbrite](#), [GriefShare.org](#). Please feel free to [email Deb](#) or call with questions (847-390-1053).

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm for our **Online Bible Study**. You can access the Zoom link on our events page: <https://broadwaychurchchicago.com/events>.

Join us Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:30pm to **sing through the hymns for the upcoming Sunday service**. All are welcome! No auditions required, only a willingness to lift up God’s Name in song! Questions? Contact [Robert Galbreath](#).

Next Sunday, October 1, 2023

As part of our celebration of Holy Communion next Sunday, we receive an offering of nonperishable, packaged and canned food items for our Community Pantry. **“As we are fed, so we are called to feed.”**

Looking Ahead

BUMC’s Social Justice Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm. Together, we are discerning how to share love’s promise in our community. Our next meeting is **Monday, October 2nd at 7pm**. Click [here](#) for the zoom link.

Broadway’s yearly Church Conference will be on Monday, October 2nd, at 7pm with Holy Covenant UMC.

Join us on Sunday, October 8th, following worship, for a **Fall Cleaning Day**. Lunch will be provided!

Our **Annual Blessing of the Pets** will be on Sunday, October 8th, at 2pm.

There will be a **Memorial Service for George Banks** on Saturday, October 14th at 11am. It will be a hybrid event so people can join in person or online. Zoom details will be provided closer to the event.

Holy Covenant UMC is accepting applications from vendors for their Halloween Fest and Artist Market that will be held on Saturday, October 28th. Prospective vendors can apply at bit.ly/HCHalloweenMarket2023.

In the next few weeks, Chicago City Council will debate and vote on a proposal that will deliver dedicated resources to address the affordability crisis and house thousands of families experiencing homelessness. That’s what **Bring Chicago Home** is all about: building thriving neighborhoods where everyone can count on a stable, secure, and permanent place to live. **Help pass this proposal to fund permanent housing by writing your Alder today.** Alders track how their constituents feel about the proposals that come up for votes – it is one of the most important factors that determine how they’ll vote. Once you add your contact information, you’ll be offered some language to help you get started with an email to your Alder. Feel free to adapt it, or simply thank them for their support or ask them to vote yes to Bring Chicago Home!

