

BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK — JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 2, 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 lectionary readings for can be found at www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/lectionary-calendar. We study two weeks in advance.

Chicago Northwestern District Men are hosting the **2019 Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Men's Annual Breakfast/Meeting**. Men from every church are invited to a planning meeting on Saturday, February 2 @ 10:00am (postponed from January 19) at St. Matthew UMC (1000 North Orleans). Let Pastor Alka know if you can/desire to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Black History Month

As part of our celebration of Holy Communion, we will receive an offering of nonperishable food and other requested items. The local area food pantries and shelters then distribute items. Broadway has been asked to consider particularly gifts of 100% Shelf Stable Fruit Juice, Peanut Butter, Canned Beef Stew/Chili, Canned Tuna, Whole Grain Cereals, and Dried Beans. **"As we are fed, so we are called to feed."**

COMING SOON

Laity Convocation 2019; Knowing Our Why, Knowing Our How, Knowing Our Way, Turning the Tide; Saturday, February 9, 9am–12:30pm. New Lenox UMC (339 W Haven Ave, New Lenox). Keynote speaker: Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey, Director of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative for the West Ohio Conference. See reverse side for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

On the first Sunday of every month, **Communion and Community Sunday**, Broadway celebrates God's expansive welcome with a communion service, welcoming all to God's table. We also use this opportunity to do some special celebrations of the Broadway community—celebrating birthdays for the upcoming month and giving a special welcome to visiting friends and family. We will continue to celebrate visitors every Sunday, but we especially encourage the Broadway congregation to use Communion and Community Sundays as a chance to issue a special invitation to friends and family to join us in celebrating that we are all beloved children of God.

Dr. Alberto Varona's Spiritual Direction practice "Heart Speaks to Heart" meets here at Broadway. (More information on his practice can be found at www.heartspeakstoheart.com.) As part of his building use agreement with Broadway, Dr. Varona is donating two hours a week for pro-bono spiritual direction or counseling for church members, who can be sub-clinical (no serious symptoms known of, i.e. self-injury, suicidal, or harmful behavior to others). Each church member can be seen pro-bono for up to ten meetings a year (which do not have to be sequential). After those 10 meetings, and if needed, you can continue to meet with him for a fee or be provided with a referral. You can contact Dr. Varona by email at alberto@heartspeakstoheart.com or through his website.



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Location: New Lenox UMC, 339 W. Haven Ave., New Lenox, IL.

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- **Participate** in Kibbey's "Breakthrough Prayer" initiative - what happens when a congregation unites to pray collectively and consistently for God to break through in new and miraculous ways?
- **Come learn** skills of making an urgent case for change, shifting your church's culture to "ubiquitous discipleship," identifying and deploying new leaders, and other key crucial catalysts.
- **Discuss** "The Way Forward" and the special session of General Conference at two breakout sessions.
- **Continue the discussion** on Breakthrough Prayer at a third breakout with Rev. Kibbey.
- **Stay for lunch** and visit with friends and continue the conversation if you have time.

Register online soon at

www.umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation-1

Cost: \$10/person- \$40/church

Copies of Rev. Kibbey's book *Flood Gates* will be available for sale at the event.