

# BROADWAY UMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY — MARCH 31, 2019

We are asking ALL Community members of Broadway Church to please consider lending a hand on our **Church Work Day today, from noon to 3pm**. Snacks and cleaning supplies provided!

**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 outside the Sanctuary. You may also contact the office to volunteer!

Eclectic has invited us to partner with them in advertising our name on their show. (THROWING SHADE a parody of the Shadow will be broadcast live every Sunday night on WCGO 1590/95.9 at 9pm and on Twitch Channel. To learn more: <http://www.eclectic-theatre.com/throwing-shade.html>. **We invite you to sponsor the advertisement**. You can find the form outside the Sanctuary or on our website under the "Give" tab.

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## THIS WEEK — APRIL 1 TO 6, 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](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/lectionary-calendar). We study two weeks in advance.

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## NEXT SUNDAY — APRIL 7, 2019

### Fifth Sunday in Lent: Reconnecting with an Unhurried God

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."**

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.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**ONE Northside People's Action Convention Fundraiser**. When: **Wednesday, April 10; 6 pm – 9 pm**. Where: Fat Cat – 4840 N. Broadway. \$30 ticket price includes 2 drinks (beer or wine) and snacks. At the People's Action's Convention (April 28-30) leaders from around the country come together to learn from one another about the campaigns we're running back home, take direct action together to advance our long term vision, and receive some of the best leadership training and development in the country. Help us send a delegation of 40 ONE Northside leaders to Washington DC for this Convention! At a time when Federal and State legislators continue

to balance budgets on the backs of working class and low income people, ONE Northside's efforts to amplify the voices of those so often ignored are needed more than ever. With your help, we will continue to touch families, brighten futures, provide opportunities, and build stronger communities. Join us at our Bar Night to learn more about the goals and vision of the 40 people raising money to attend this DC Convention, and to celebrate all of ONE Northside's work this year on local and national campaigns! Buy tickets at [onenorthside.org](http://onenorthside.org).

"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!" is an **Inter-conference, Faith-Rooted Teach-in and Café Conversation on Gun Violence Prevention** sponsored by the Indiana and Northern Illinois Conferences of the UMC. This half-day assembly is designed to equip and engage participants in principles and practices to effectively implement gun violence prevention strategies congregation and community. **Saturday, April 13 from 9am to 12:30pm** at East Side UMC (11000S Ewing Ave, Chicago). Register at [www.eiseverywhere.com/2019enough](http://www.eiseverywhere.com/2019enough).

The Committee on Accessibility Ministries invites you to a **Mental Health Wellness Workshop on Saturday, April 27 from 8:30am-12:30pm** at Sycamore UMC (160 Johnson Ave, Sycamore, IL). The registration fee is \$10 and continental breakfast is included. More info at [www.umnic.org/calendar/mental-health-wellness-workshop](http://www.umnic.org/calendar/mental-health-wellness-workshop).

**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](http://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](mailto:alberto@heartspeakstoheart.com) or through his website.

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### MARCH MISSION MINUTES

**GirlForward** is a non profit and community of support dedicated to creating and enhancing opportunities for girls who have been displaced by conflict and persecution. Why refugees? Why girls? We are in the midst of the biggest refugee crisis the world has ever seen. Over 60 million people worldwide have been forced to flee their homes. In conflict, girls are especially vulnerable to violence, isolation, and being kept out of school. Girls who receive resettlement in the United States face huge challenges: poverty, language barrier, limited or disrupted education, isolation, and trauma. But when girls succeed, everyone benefits. That's where [GirlForward] comes in. **Chicago Foundation for Women** is a grant making foundation that raises money to fund and support organizations that help women and girls living at the margins of our society. They focus on economic security, freedom from violence, and healthcare. CFW is rated four stars on Charity Navigator. **You can donate throughout the month** – make checks out to Broadway and designate "March Mission Minute" (split between both) or "GirlForward" or "CFW." You can also donate [online](#).

Monthly Update	Income	Expenses	Difference
January 2019	\$13,497.27	\$15,385.48	-\$1,888.21
February 2019	\$8,894.89	\$16,835.74	-\$7,940.85



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