



Broadway
United Methodist Church



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The Broadway — April 2011

The Pastor's Paragraphs

*O God, you rule the day and the night, and you put the moon and the sun in place.
You made summer and winter and gave us the seasons of the earth.
~ Psalm 74*

The late great voice of Tiger Baseball Ernie Harwell began every opening day with words from the Bible: "For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land."

Song of Songs, Chapter 2.

A beautiful way to acknowledge the divine order of things as the earth's season is underway, and that other sign of spring appears: baseball.

The neighborhood is buzzing as the Cubs flags come out and Wrigley gets lively. The days lengthen (our liturgical season Lent comes from this same root word). The earth turns from the dead leaves and bare trees of winter to the buds and green of growth.

So our community of faith makes the invitation to move through the end of Lent and whatever you may have chosen as your discipline this year (Was it to focus on forgiveness? To be in Worship each week? Pray more? Read the Bible more? Get up an hour earlier? Give up chocolate?)...to the drama of Holy Week and the three days of the most powerful story in our tradition.

The Jesus story – the story of love made manifest, love incarnate (in the flesh) – is ours to experience again in full as we enter Jerusalem with Palms and travel to the Upper Room, to the Garden, to the Trial, to the Cross, to the Tomb...and then to the joy and sunlight of the glorious Resurrection.

It is an old, old story. But the power of its love is as great as ever in a world torn by war and fear, financial crisis and unemployment, uncertainty.

Read in these pages about how we'll gather this year for the remembrance of these Holy days, what new things we'll be offering, and how you can join again in this great story of God's love for us.

It's an amazing love – this love from God that gives and gives and gives. It pours over us "like water to our souls," as we have been singing this Lenten season. All we have to do is be in the right place to get wet.



Walking the Easter journey with you,

Lois ⁺

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

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Vernice's View

As I write this article we are in the middle of our Lenten Journey with thoughts of Holy Week – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, the all night Vigil and Good Friday – coming into focus. As we move towards Resurrection Day this year, the cross, a symbol I have such mixed feelings about, continues to evolve in my spirit. It is a symbol of death and suffering and injustice, yet it also represents life and hope. In the throes of much chaos and death presently in the world, I'm finding healing in embracing both realities.

I am angry and saddened that there is a need to justify a theology of inclusion, especially in faith communities who have felt, first hand, the sin of exclusion. It feels disingenuous that Christians, followers of Jesus (who lived and died for inclusion) cannot or will not extend the table to all God's people. That despite all of the history we share from biblical times to present, despite all who have given their lives for freedom and equity, we continue to find ways to exclude. I'm distressed by the deaths caused by both violence and natural disasters that are happening around the world. I am troubled by the poverty and lack of clean water that is a reality for so many...But then there is Resurrection. The Resurrection is a reminder that death is not the final word. Resurrection is an opportunity to choose life even as we acknowledge the death in us and around us. As we continue on our Lenten Journey, as we anticipate the reality of Good Friday, I want us to begin looking for those life-giving, transforming events that are happening, because even in the midst of death, God continues to speak life to us and to the world.

On the 26th of March our Youth Lounge celebrated its first year of life. As a part of that celebration, the volunteers talked about the year and remembered the challenges, as well as the victories, along the way. I clearly recall the heart and hesitancy of Z (the Youth Lounge Cheerleader) as we began talking about what might be. And in my estimation it has become more than we ever dreamed it could be. We had birthday cake, we made wishes and we said prayers of thanksgiving. Best of all we continue to dream...

At Broadway, life is evolving as we invite ALL to ministry, celebrating the gifts that each of us brings to community. There has been new birth around us: babies, new members, new ideas...Life after death – RESURRECTION.

As we come to the end of our forty days, I pray that it has been a time of deep and meaningful spiritual growth. I pray that we are able to hear God speaking life to us. Resurrection is our time to choose and embrace life over and over again.

Happy Resurrection!



In Peace and Justice,
Vernice

Happy First Anniversary Youth Lounge!

Thanks, Broadway, for your support!



Kevin's Korner

April 2011

Background note: Rev. Kevin A. Johnson and Mike Shear are BUMC members who moved to Palm Springs, California, in July 2002, to begin Bloom in the Desert Ministries, which is an interdenominational, inclusive Christian ministry including the Methodist (Broadway style) tradition. "Kevin's Korner" is a monthly column reporting on their progress so Broadway and Bloom stay well connected in ministry together. (www.bloominthedesert.org)



Dear Broadway friends;

Bloom's March 4, 2011, **Spring Fling 2 Cabaret and Silent Auction** was deemed "a magical evening" by all who attended. It was so well run by this year's committee and the volunteer musicians were breathtaking crowd pleasers. We had a goal of 250 tickets and reached 229. We had a second goal of clearing \$15,000 and are dancing closely with that figure. Up-front donations to help cover costs are vital to the event's budget success. The final audit should prove that we exceeded our net goal; so we'll have seed money left over for #3. All of this helps Bloom work up a financed plan to secure a 24/7 home base for our ministries and gatherings. Spring Fling money is set aside in a restricted fund and not used for day-to-day operations in our current arrangements.

Wonderful photos of the Spring Fling can be found by [clicking here](#).* You will see it was a wonderful evening. Do plan on coming out for next year's fling.

BloomNight is a "purely social" Friday night once a quarter that gives Bloomers and friends a chance to let their hair down. Some of us with hair *follicle* challenges have to work harder at that than others. This is hosted at the home of a Bloomer and folks bring a snack to share and their beverage of choice. Our March 18 gathering had the special treat of entertainment by "The Dickie Brothers." This comedy-and-song duo is related to a member of Bloom. They traveled from Los Angeles on a sand-stormy night to bring our good turnout a rollicking good time.

Photos can be found by [clicking here](#).*

Another fund raiser came on the heels of Spring Fling 2. On March 26, the one-timer was a shared effort. Rev. Duane Cox opened his home for a **retrospective art sale** honoring his wife, the Rev. DeVona McLaughlin Cox. All the proceeds benefit three favorite charities: InnerFaith Spiritual Center Worldwide, Bloom in the Desert Ministries and the local USO; all in Palm Springs. Bloom's proceeds will help underwrite the "faith challenge" line item (deficit of \$5,419) in our budget. DeVona passed away suddenly last summer. She was a gifted artist, art teacher, volunteer art therapist, spiritual teacher, and Religious Science minister. Her large and varied collection of works was cataloged and displayed by qualified art professionals and volunteers from Bloom and InnerFaith. Photos from the day, showing how we turned the backyard pool area into a gallery worthy of River North, will be posted on Bloom's Web site soon. It was a lovely day for all involved.

Please go to [Bloom's Web site](#) and sign up for our weekly electronic newsletter, "BloomNotes." And always keep all of us in your prayers. We do you.

Peace,

Rev. Kev and Mike Shear

*If you are reading the print version, visit www.bloominthedesert.org to see the pictures.

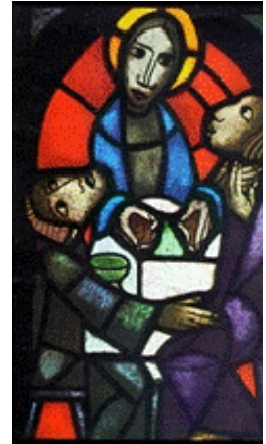
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week Schedule

From Joyous Procession...to the Passion...to the Glorious Resurrection

Palm/Passion Sunday April 17

Ministry Fair, 12:30pm



Monday-Friday April 18-22

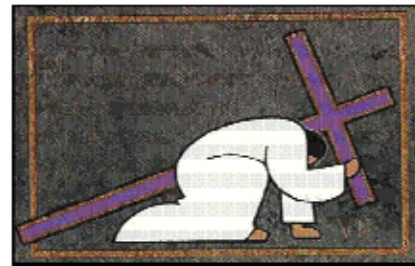
Sanctuary open for prayer 6-7pm

Maundy Thursday April 21 (see page 6)

Worship with Holy Communion, 7pm

Followed by Community Dinner

Followed by All-Night Vigil (see pg. 5)



Good Friday April 22

Good Friday Worship, 7pm

Holy Saturday April 23

“Writing in the Shadows”: A writing workshop (see page 7)

10am-1pm (lunch provided)

Hosted by the Mental Health & Spirituality Group

Easter Sunday April 24

Sunrise Service with Holy Covenant

Same location as last year (see page 7)

Meet at 5:30am (Sunrise at 5:57am)

7:00am Meditative walk to North Pond

from Sunrise to the Pond, returning to
Broadway

8:45am Worship

10:00am Easter Celebration Brunch

11:00am Worship



ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

Broadway Holy Week Vigil A Moving Experience...

By Scott McGowan

I didn't know what to expect because I had not participated in the Easter Vigil before. I just heard friends say it was moving, spiritual, fun and very memorable. That was back in 2002 before I gave it a try. What's more, only 15 to 25 people experience it each year yet it's open to all who wish to participate. What might you ask is this moving experience? It's the vigil during Lent Holy week at Broadway. Now you may say "oh I know all about that" but do you really? Have you experienced it? Have you participated in a vigil?

Following the Maundy Thursday Worship and Community Dinner, a complete night of events, silent meditations, scripture readings and "vigil keeping" occur. BUMC members, constituents, friends and guests spend the evening at the church from 10pm until 6am. The purpose of the vigil is symbolic representation of the time Christ spent in the garden of Gethsemane the night before the crucifixion.



What is a Vigil? A **vigil** (from the Latin *vigilia*, meaning wakefulness) is a period of purposeful sleeplessness, an occasion for devotional watching, or an observance. A **Vigil** can also be a night spent in prayer.

This year's Vigil will be Thursday April 21st, 2011. During the Vigil, every hour from 10pm until 6am all those who stay, gather together by the ringing of a bell. They enter the sanctuary in complete silence for a scripture reading that tells the story of the last supper, the betrayal, the arrest, the denial, the trial and the crucifixion of Christ. Readings are done by the light of a single candle. Following each reading one, or more, individual(s) sign up to stay in the sanctuary for the hour in darkness and silent prayer and meditation keeping "vigil" like Christ did in the garden of Gethsemane the night before being crucified. All time spent in the sanctuary is in complete silence besides for the scripture reading.

In between the sanctuary readings, those who do not stay in the sanctuary for the hour vigil can participate in one of the many group or individual self reflection activities planned from quarter past each hour until the bell rings at the top of the next hour. Activities can include...

Videos

Reflective hymn singing
Special inspirational prayer stations
lit by candle light
Tai Chi, yoga, or other exercise

Painting or drawing

Season reflective readings and activities
Select Scripture review and analysis
Arts and craft activities and more

Each year that I participate I have brought with me the prayer service cards from close friends and family who have passed in the past year. As I keep my vigil in the sanctuary by the light of the sole candle, and with the fading sounds of the outside street life, I reflect on this time of year, the reason for being at Broadway, the Easter message, our Lenten theme and I remember those who have passed on. As dawn begins to break and the first morning light of Good Friday fills the stained glass and sanctuary windows, each reading leads the group up to the story of the crucifixion. After the 6am reading those who have spent a night in moving vigil experiences together can join for breakfast at the local diner down the street and reflect on their night spent together.

For those who have participated in a Vigil before and have an idea for a devotional subject or activity that might be a good activity for this year's vigil please contact Rev. Vernice.

~ photo is "Praying at Gethsemene" by He Qi.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

From Rev. Lois... New this year – Maundy Thursday Worship

Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” ~ John 13:34

Join us this year for a new experience on Maundy Thursday as we begin our all-night Vigil with Sanctuary Worship built on the “Maundy” tradition. Also called “Holy Thursday,” this evening’s name comes from the new commandment Jesus gives in John 13:34 – “Mandatum novum” is Latin for “new commandment.” By Christian tradition, the Maundy Thursday liturgy is one of endings and beginnings: what we began on Ash Wednesday comes to a close on this night, and what begins on this night – “the Three Sacred Days” (Triduum) – leads us through the Vigil, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday to Easter’s Resurrection.

Continuing our Lenten theme of “Water for Our Souls,” we’ll share water as we seek to live out the commandment of Jesus. Our evening Worship will be meditative in nature, and you’ll be invited to one of three stations where we will wash one another’s face, hands, or feet (following the example of Jesus in John 13). We’ll also give and receive the bread & cup in an intimate Communion sharing around the Altar Table.

Following Worship, we’ll have a light community meal and our all-night Vigil will begin (see page 5).

Why no Seder this year?

The meaningful Broadway custom of holding a Christian Seder on this Thursday night has been a way we’ve tried to understand our Jewish roots as people who share both a history and a belief in our creating, loving, merciful, and justice-seeking God.

As several from Broadway and I attended “Doing Our Own Work: A Seminar for Anti-Racist White People” last fall, our conversation about cultural appropriation led to a dialogue about other kinds of appropriation – religious, ethnic, etc. – which led to discussion of Christians celebrating the Seder meal.

As a congregation, when we commit ourselves to the dismantling of racism, we expose ourselves to more learning along that journey. While Jesus was in Jerusalem for a Passover Celebration, he wouldn’t have been having a Seder with the liturgy and ritual as we know them today – the Seder meal began as a response to the Temple destruction in 70 CE, and didn’t reach its current form until the Third Century (today’s Passover Seder meal is celebrated in Jewish homes – and that’s a great way to experience one).

Most significantly, the Seder’s early development was a way for Jews to *differentiate* themselves from the early Christians (many of whom were Jews who followed Jesus and believed him to be the Christ) – after all, Jews and Christians understand salvation differently.

Christians certainly recall and read the Exodus story; however, the *Haggadah* that is prepared for a Seder is not a strict re-telling of the story but a *Midrash* (Jewish interpretation) meant to connect the past to the present for contemporary Jews. A traditional Seder that has “Elijah’s cup” awaits Elijah (who may come at any moment) – who will signal that the Messiah is coming. Of course part of our understanding and faith tradition as Christians is that we believe Jesus *is* that Messiah. To understand one another’s traditions is helpful to interfaith dialogue; to mingle them can be confusing.

The other aspect of appropriating one of the most meaningful spiritual and religious Jewish holidays is that we as Christians need to acknowledge and grapple with the reality that Christianity has historically fed anti-Semitism. To be in authentic relationship with Jews, we need to admit our own tradition’s ugly history and “do our own work” as Christians.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

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Our own United Methodist *Book of Worship* speaks to Seder practices: we are “encouraged to celebrate the Seder as invited guests in a Jewish home...thus respecting the integrity of what is a Jewish tradition and continuing the worthy practice of Jews and Christians sharing at table together. Celebrating the modern meal without a Jewish family as host is an affront to Jewish tradition and sometimes creates misunderstanding about the meaning of the Lord’s Supper.”

Our Christian roots for the Thursday of Holy Week recall the story of Jesus with his disciples – at Table, to be sure – where the emphasis is on Jesus surprising the disciples by putting a towel around his waist and washing their feet. This humble role sets Jesus apart as a different kind of leader, one whose radical ministry turned the world upside down.

While this description is an overview of why we’ve decided not to hold a Seder this year, you may find you continue to have questions or feel confused about this change. Please don’t hesitate to speak with me about your feelings – my door is always open. ~ Lois+

A WRITING WORKSHOP

"Writing in the Shadows": A Writing Workshop

Saturday, April 23, 10am-1pm

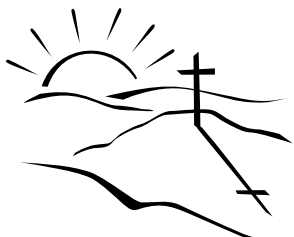
Hosted by the Mental Health and Spirituality Group

Come spend a morning writing about the shadow times of life. We will participate in various writing activities to generate stories and liturgy about some of the more difficult periods of our lives. Those interested can help with the liturgy for our Mental Health Awareness Sunday on May 1. There will also be an opportunity to film your own story to share with the congregation in May. Explore your creativity and find a way to express your own experiences. All are welcome.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Meet at **5:30 am** at the Clock Tower and walk the path to the Lake to enjoy an Easter Sunrise with the combined congregations of Holy Covenant & Broadway UMC! Here’s information on how to join us:



- Take Recreation Drive to the Totem Pole at Belmont & Lakeshore Dr.
- Follow the signs north to the Marovitz Golf Course.
- Ample parking in area; bike and walker-friendly. Accessible pathway from parking to Clock Tower to Sea Wall.
- Find a place to sit on the Sea Wall. You may want to bring a blanket to sit on!

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JAPAN

A letter from the Northern Illinois Conference:

March 21, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern Illinois Conference,

Our hearts continue to be filled with sadness and grief as we, in fervent prayer, lift up the people of Japan following the devastating earthquake and the resulting tsunami that struck the region on Friday, March 11, 2011. To date the death toll continues to rise and a greater number are unaccounted for. The situation continues to grow dimmer each moment as the region faces multiple crises including increased concern over severely compromised nuclear facilities, food and water shortages, and rising radiation levels. These crises impact not only Japan and the surrounding region but also the environment, the global economy and the global family. Therefore, a sustained long-term effort by the international community is imperative to bring healing and hope to this devastated region of the world.

In addition to prayers, please give financially as you are able, directly to UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief), where 100% of your designated gift goes to special causes such as the Japan Emergency. Give online at www.givetomission.org. (Enter "Japan Emergency" in the search box.) You can also click [here](http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/advance/donate.cfm?id=3021317&code=3021317). (<http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/advance/donate.cfm?id=3021317&code=3021317>)

In Christ's Service,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

and Reverend Christopher Pierson, Director of Connectional Ministries

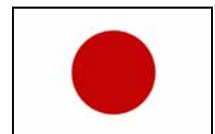
Emergency in Japan



UMCOR is working through relief and church partners in Japan to respond to the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear radiation threat. Current partners include Global Medic and the United Church of Christ in Japan.

The immediate response includes meeting the most pressing basic humanitarian needs of surrounding communities in damaged areas in northern Japan: drinking water, basic food, basic cooking and eating supplies, clothing, and fuel.

Please give generously to Japan/Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317.



HOW TO GIVE

Online: www.givetomission.org

By Check: Make your check out to UMCOR and mail to: UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Write "Japan/Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317" in the memo line.

By Credit Card: Call toll-free (800) 554-8583

DARKEST BEFORE THE DAWN



Darkest Before the Dawn: A Gay Cabaret

A night of songs and monologues affirming lgbt people

April 1st at 7:30 pm

April 2nd at 7:30 pm

April 3rd at 2 pm

Passion Theatre

Euclid UMC, 405 S Euclid, Oak Park

For reservations, email passiontheatre@gmail.com or call 773-426-1168.

CHOMP AND CHAT

We would like to extend an invitation to the next Chomp and Chat on **April 10 after the 11:00 service** in Fellowship Hall. Our theme will be "Welcoming Spring."

Please bring your choice of one of the following to share with our community of friends:

- * side dish,
- * veggie tray,
- * chips,
- * beverage or
- * dessert.



We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions contact Fran Markwardt at frankmarkw@att.net or Diana Davis at 773-960-9142. All are welcome!

SPRING CLEANING

"Spring is in the air! Dust is everywhere!" Spring cleaning of the building and grounds is scheduled for **Saturday, April 16 from 9am - 2pm**. There will be small, easy tasks (like cleaning out the hymnal racks) and big, challenging tasks (like dusting the ceiling fans) and lots of things to do in between. We will have a sign-up sheet if there is a task that you would like to "reserve" for yourself or just come and help where needed. It's a big space with lots of use and lots of nooks and crannies so there are lots of things to do so we can really use your help even if just for an hour or two. Coffee and snacks will be served, of course!

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Eleven Weeks with Matthew

Come for a relaxed, informal Bible study – 2011 is the liturgical year of the Gospel according to Matthew, in which Jesus is understood to be the fulfillment of God's activity in human history. God's creation and salvation are completed in Jesus, and our lives our completed in Jesus, says Biblical historian Eugene Peterson. Questions & doubts are welcomed! Supplies needed: a Bible (if you need one, please ask!)

Lenten Study: April 4, 11 — Completing Chapters 21-28: the Passion according to Matthew

Mondays

10-11:30am

Wesley Room @ Broadway

7-8:30pm

@ the home of Bob Gorman
3410 Lakeshore Drive 8F, Chicago

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Sanctuary Prayer is open to the church and community **each Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm**. Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for prayer and consultation.

Guided Meditation in the Pillow Room at **6:00 pm. on Wednesdays**. If you're interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation. If you have questions, please see Vernice or Lois.

Education Hour — Lenten Study on **Wednesdays (through April 27th) at 7pm**. *The Bridge to Forgiveness: stories and prayers for finding God and restoring wholeness*, by Karyn Kedar. Wholeness is a lifelong pursuit that we all desire. We seek ways of understanding all that that journey entails. Forgiveness is a part of the journey, not just in the traditional sense where we are asked to forgive someone who betrays or hurts us, but a forgiveness that includes freeing ourselves to live a life of hope and possibility. We invite you to that kind of life. To reserve a book, call the church office, talk to Vernice or order online.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

About Prayer: We all pray. In all the emergencies of life, prayer is never far from our lips. Prayer is about spending time with God. The things that matter most – love, peace, freedom, dignity – can't be bought at Jewel. They spring from our relationship with God. When we spend time with God, things change, we change in our understanding of ourselves and the rest of creation. Being able to turn to God is a gift and will give peace of mind in good times and trying times. Prayer is not a method, but a way of life. This Lenten season, let's care for ourselves and one another by praying together.

Prayer Opportunities:

Prayer Wall – write a prayer, take a prayer

Sanctuary Prayer and Guided Meditation (see [Wednesday Night Live!](#) on page 6)

Prayer Partners — many of you are already in prayer; if you need information to join this project, please contact Sean-Edward Hall at seanedward2@yahoo.com.



SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

Sunday mornings at 10:00 am

Adult Education I: ***Spiritual Practices***. Ever wanted to deepen your spiritual life? Searching for a way to be closer to God? We will be studying “Spiritual Practices: Prayer, journaling, silence, and more” at 9:50 am in Area C each Sunday. All are welcome! This class is being led by Christopher W. Gaul.

Adult Education II: ***Queer Identity and the Church***. You are invited to a month-long conversation about queer identity: How exactly do we define queer and what does that identity have to do with faith? All are welcome – whether you identify as queer, do not identify as queer, find the term problematic, or fully embrace the word. We will share our experiences and learn from each other. We’ll start out with the history of the term and basic definitions and end the series with a discussion of queer theology. In between, our conversation will be shaped by the questions that you bring and topics you want to address, so please join us! We will meet **each Sunday at 10 am (through April 10th)** in the Pillow Room downstairs. Questions about the series? Contact Tracy Nolan at tnolan@go.mccormick.edu.

Coming Soon — April 17 and 24: *Life is So Good* by George Dawson; led by Greg Harris.

SPIRITUALLY POSITIVE

A Confidential HIV/AIDS Support Group. Living with HIV/AIDS can be a tough life to lead, especially if you are doing it alone. So at Broadway United Methodist Church we would like to help by providing spiritually based support. Our vision is to offer a safe and confidential place for those in our faith community to share struggles, seek support and prayer. Also to de-stigmatize HIV/AIDS and to reach out to others in the community at large to offer God’s peace, hope, joy and love in this struggle!

The next two meetings are set for **Tuesdays, April 12 and 26, from 6 to 7 pm**. For more information or to participate in the planning you can contact Victor Poncé at: spirituallypositive@gmail.com.

GAY MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP

The Gay Men's Discussion Group will continue: **April 5, 12, 26 at 7:00 pm** in the Pillow Room. Questions? Contact Peter Godard at pgodard@gmail.com.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SPIRITUALITY

Have you ever wondered what is mental health? What does the Bible say about it? What does our theology tell us about mental illness? What are some experiences of mental illness? A month-long study on **Wednesdays at 7pm**, (March 23rd through April 13th) will address these and other questions about mental health and spirituality. Come learn more about what mental health means in the context of our faith. For more information, contact Abigail Ozanne at abigail.ozanne@garrett.edu. All are welcome!

APRIL MISSION MINUTE

April Mission Minute: Keeping connected to Christian Missions around the world.



Dr. Chuck Bemm, his wife Amy and 4 children at Tenwek Hospital in the village of Bomet, west Kenya are our April Mission Minute. Chuck serves as the only pediatrician at Tenwek Hospital. His ministries include caring for premature infants and treating children suffering from infectious diseases, parasites, AIDS-related illnesses, traumas, burns, and inadequate nutrition.

Amy's ministries include home schooling and discipling their four children in addition to loving and discipling Kenyan women. She also uses her nursing skills in community health outreach programs, as many of the diseases seen at Tenwek are preventable with proper health education.

Tenwek Hospital is also home to a medical residency program, where Kenyan medical interns are trained. The Bemm's believe God is calling them to minister to these interns as they model Christ's love to them. They hope that hospital staff who don't know God will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and serve Him in their own medical careers.

The Bemms are dedicated to hospital work and reach out to establish and support orphanages as they also spread the gospel to surrounding communities. Of immediate concern is the effect of a severe famine in Kenya which will have an effect on the most vulnerable-orphanages. Unfortunately, this famine is largely man-made... Political strife in Kenya caused the planting season to be missed leading to severe present-day shortages and high food prices throughout the country. They are in contact with 3 orphanages that have been particularly hard hit. Your gift to Dr. Bemm or Tenwek Hospital will go through World Gospel Missions to support and encourage Dr. Bemm's work at Tenwek and with the orphans at these Orphanages.

April's Mission Minute Sunday is **April 10**. However, you can make donations to Dr. Bemm / Tenwek Hospital throughout the month. To donate, mark your envelope or check with the Mission Minute. (Make checks out to Broadway Church but be sure to note Dr. Bemm or Tenwek Hospital or April Mission Minute.)



RICH RITUALS

Rich Rituals, the worship planning team, will be meeting on **Sunday, April 10 following the 11:00 service**. All are invited to come and be a part of this fun and creative process. Questions? Contact Carol McPherson at carol.martin@garrett.edu.

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES 2011

All performances are on **Friday evenings at 7:30 pm**, family-friendly and followed by artist receptions!

Next Up: April 29th — The muted voice: classical art songs from gay composers and gay poets

Including:

- * The tragic story of Austrian poet Johann Mayrhofer told in songs by his friend and roommate Franz Schubert.
- * The gay composer who went to war and speaks through Housman's "A Shropshire Lad."
- * The lover of Arthur Rimbaud set to music by the lover of Marcel Proust.
- * And the most celebrated gay composer whose muse was the most celebrated gay English tenor.
- * Butterworth
- * Britten
- * Hahn
- * Faure
- * Purcell
- * Schubert

Oliver Camacho, tenor; Eugenia Cheng, piano with William Bouvel, tenor

There will be a \$10 suggested donation at the door for each concert. Proceeds will support Broadway's community outreach ministry and music program. Please contact Sam Duplessis, Music Director, at Duplessis.Sam@gmail.com with any questions. (For a full schedule of the Series, please see "[Arts Series](#)" on our website under "Join Us.")

REMEMBERING BRYCE BANDSTRA



Many will remember Bryce Bandstra & Rick Newbury who worshiped at Broadway many years ago prior to making their home and life in Vancouver, British Columbia. Bryce was on our prayer list last year as he battled cancer.

Rick and their families will be in Chicago following Easter as we celebrate Bryce's life here at Broadway in a Memorial Service on **Saturday, April 30, at 3pm**. Please join us to remember Bryce.

WITH ONE VOICE

We are invited to a public "open rehearsal" of the spring concert of *With One Voice*, the Chicago community choir led by former Broadway Music Director Dana Brown (and including a number of Broadway folks) on **Saturday, April 30, at 7pm** in the Sanctuary. Please come!

LAKEVIEW PANTRY

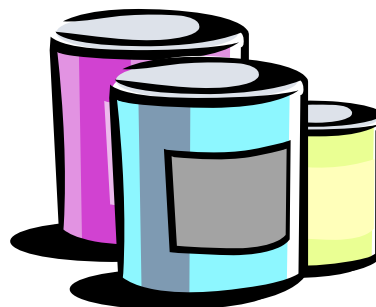
NEW ITEMS NEEDED BY LAKEVIEW PANTRY

In addition to the nonperishable food and clothing items we have been donating to the Pantry, there are additional items needed by their clients. These include:

- * plastic and paper grocery bags
- * whole grain items such as whole grain pasta, brown rice, quinoa & other whole grains
- * pet food

Non Perishable items we have already been donating, and which are still needed:

- * Peanut Butter
- * Vegetable Juice/V8
- * Low Sodium Soup
- * Canned Fruit (in Juice)
- * Pop-Top/Easy Open Canned Goods
- * Canned Fish/Tuna
- * Canned Meat/Spam
- * Toothpaste
- * Toothbrushes
- * Any Organic Canned Veggie or Beans
- * Men's, Women's, Children's Clothing



If you bring Pantry donation items on Communion Sundays and put them in the basket at the altar, Theo Lambos will take the items to the Pantry.

For those who can get to the Pantry on weekdays, they accept donations from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at 3831 North Broadway (between West Sheridan and Grace).

The Pantry has been providing much needed assistance to Lakeview residents for over 40 years. They are very grateful for our donations.

THANKS!

Questions? You can contact Susan Armstrong (sarmstrong400@yahoo.com or 773-871-6270) or talk to Theo Lambos (773-248-5819) or any Sowers about the Lakeview Pantry.

SAVE THE DATE — FOOD DRIVE

Broadway will hold another food drive at the Broadway & Addison Jewel on **Saturday May 21, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Susan Armstrong (sarmstrong400@yahoo.com or 773-871-6270). More details coming soon!

HISTORICAL NOTE

In the triumph of life over death, children have always been one of our greatest treasures

“Sunday School Service” (excerpt) from *Broadway Methodist*, April 1924

The Easter service of the Sunday School was given in the evening to a church filled to capacity.

Our orchestra made its first public appearance and it was received with considerable applause, and many were the pleasing comments from our audience.

Our Junior Choir also made its first public appearance, and we can truthfully say it was far beyond our expectations. We hope it is here to stay for it will be a great addition to our services.

The children of the primary and intermediate departments rendered a most pleasing entertainment. With all their sweet little voices, their pretty clothing and interesting little errors, we were all delighted.

Our audience were liberal and generous in their collection which was to go to the World Service work.

May we express our thanks to the teachers and superintendents who were responsible for the evening's presentation.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

DONATE

You can now donate online! Simply go to our website and click on the “Donate” button on the home page. Please contact the office with any questions.

April Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the **May 2011** issue of *The Broadway* are due **Sunday, April 24th**. Articles in electronic format are preferred and should be sent to broadwayc@ameritech.net. Hard copies may also be submitted in the newsletter mailbox off Friendship Hall.



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