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## Letter from Lois

*On the familiar story in Luke 10: "The Samaritan is the one who sees the man in the ditch, having crossed the road to get to him, and he is moved with pity. Action verbs abound: he goes to him, bandages him up, pours oil and wine on his wounds, puts him on his own animal, takes him to an inn, and cares for him. All action words: he doesn't do any studies or surveys, he doesn't even assess his own resources or evaluate a multitude of possible responses, and no task forces are formed...he simply sees and responds with helpful, hopeful action." ~ Bishop Sally Dyck*

Many of you have heard of the death of Dan Baker, a faithful member of the Broadway Beloved Community who worshipped with us weekly and who never missed a potluck or a small group meeting with a meal.

Danny sat in the back part of the Sanctuary and sometimes he spoke during services. Cindy was one among us who was especially sensitive to Danny, sitting with him and helping him focus.

We knew Dan suffered from mental illness, and that he lived on SSI over at the senior housing building at Aldine & Clark. A couple years ago, Mel helped him move and get his car going. Last year, the Young Adults welcomed him to their first grill-out. A couple months ago, Demetrius & Lamar found Dan some new pants because his were ripped. Many of you called Dan by name.

We learned three weeks ago that Danny had been evicted and were trying to get word to him to stop by Broadway so we could help him, but we never saw him again after that eviction, and we learned that he had died in the street: homeless, alone. As I write, we await word from the Cook County morgue that we can stand-in for family and claim his body and honor his death with a cremation and a memorial service.

I'm haunted by this story.

I sat in a meeting last week with neighborhood Aldermen and a property developer who has bought up all the SROs in our area. I was representing Lakeview Action Coalition, hoping to help build relationships with the developer and service providers who can help him com-

mit to a portion of his buildings being dedicated to subsidized housing – affordable housing at less than “market rate” – the kind of housing that kept Danny afloat for the last year.

This task isn't easy, as the providers sought to convince the developer that subsidized housing was a good business decision. I wanted to scream in that room of the ethical decision: “a man named Dan just died in the streets!” but I knew that wouldn't be helpful in the moment. I was reminded of Brazilian Archbishop Hélder Câmara, an advocate for the urban poor: “when I feed the hungry, they call me a Saint. When I ask why they have no food, they call me a Communist.”

At Annual Conference last week, Laura Dean Friedrich won the Peace with Justice Award from the Conference Board of Church & Society. She accepted the award gracefully, and then she gave us a prophetic word that there is still so much work to be done – continued lobbying in Springfield to ensure the budget cuts don't hurt the most vulnerable; continued pressure for economic justice, affordable health care for all; a commitment to safe public education accessible to all.

Laura Dean Friedrich is a heroine of mine, because she doesn't tire. And she inspires me not to tire, too. Because the next Danny depends on it, depends on us to be the kind of neighbors Jesus was teaching about.



On the journey with you,

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr



## Vernice's View

It's hard to believe that it is July already. I'm excited as the weather turns warm and life slows down, just a bit.

As many of you know, last month I took a two week study leave. It was a time to catch up on my reading. It was also a time of reflection and meditation. I spent the first week in Michigan and the second week at a resort in Sheridan, IL. The time away was restful, refreshing and educational.

And now I'm back. Excited as we lean into the second half of the year!

Here are some things to look forward to:

- Children's Education Summer Series (July and August, to take place during Children's Education Time at the I I am worship service)
- Church Wide Picnic (September)
- Online Bible Study
- A Women's Retreat (November 2)

- Church-wide book study
- New Members Class, coming soon
- Rogers Park at-home Bible Study
- Young Adult Q & A with the Pastors
- Mission Trip to North Dakota

And of course, we continue with:

- Monday Morning Bible Study, moving this summer from The Book of Ester to the Book of Ruth
- Wednesday night Guided Meditation and Lectio Study
- Sunday morning devotional study at 10am
- Once a month caucus meetings: People of Color (the fourth Sunday following the I I am worship Service) and the Anti-Racist White Caucus (the third Tuesday of the month)

- Youth Lounge, the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

We have many exiting opportunities happening at Broadway. Events that will assist us in our spiritual walk as individuals and as a community. Events that expand God's love beyond our walls to the world.

I invite you to check out these opportunities. Get involved. Let me know if any of the events intrigue you. If you have something you would like to see happen that is not on this list, or questions about current events, come and talk to me or contact any of your co-lay leaders.

Be safe. Be blessed. And remember, you are God's Beloved.

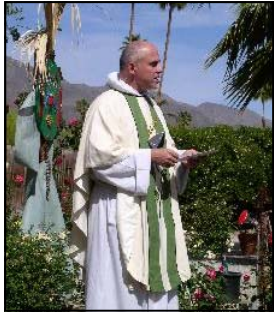
In truth and Justice,

Rev, Vernice L. Thorn  
Pastor Broadway UMC;  
CWACM clergy

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God's  
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## Office Email Change

We are in the midst of switching phone/internet companies and the old office email, [broadwayc@ameritech.net](mailto:broadwayc@ameritech.net), will no longer be functional. **Please contact the office at [bunclakeview@gmail.com](mailto:bunclakeview@gmail.com).** Thank you!



## Kevin's Korner

*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](http://www.bloominthedesert.org))*

During considerations in a recent Open Leadership Team meeting, as we discussed whether a fundraiser should be in August or wait until fall, one Bloomer made an excellent point. "We are here as an ongoing community in the summer. We do not need to wait for everything to happen in 'The Season.'"

That was a wonderful moment because it showed how Bloomers feel about our church community. We are an ongoing body even with the rise and fall in numbers that the seasonal changes bring. This is good, because it means that people are taking both ownership and responsibility for the vitality and resources of this church year-round. Such attitudes will sustain our beloved community in the future.

So, "Hot August Night" was born. This August 15 fundraiser popped up as an idea from a Bloom friend. The person donated the services of a folk trio to sing and suggested we have a dinner/show at a well known and popular restaurant. So, we will work to sell 50 tickets at \$50ea. We will also have a 50-50 drawing. The combination is hoped to further reduce our "faith challenge" budget deficit line item. These pop-up fundraisers are serendipitous and fun. Wonder what will pop up next.

Something new that just started is "BloomBookReading" group on Wednesday mornings at 10am. In alignment with our vision to be "intellectually challenging and emotionally supportive," this small group

will read a book from our library and discuss the content. It is meant to be peer led, so it will go on even if the pastor is away. YAY!! What a concept!

These are great signs that the church Broadway inspired continues to grow in strength. We are always thankful for the start you gave us eleven years ago.

As always, please keep us in your prayers and come visit whenever you can.

Rev. Kev and Mike

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## LAC at 20 — Further Growth in Store!

On June 9, 1993, LAC held its founding convention at Anshe Emet Synagogue. LAC grew out of the Lake View Tenant's Organization (LTO). Through the years, LAC has engaged countless individuals in public life, and brought to light issues that often happen in the dark. LAC will continue to do this, as they continue their growth. On Thursday, May 30th, the members of LAC voted to merge with the Organization of the Northeast (O.N.E.) to form Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside (ONE Northside). The members of O.N.E. affirmed the same decision.

ONE Northside is a mixed-income, multi-ethnic, intergenerational organization that unites our diverse communities. Their mission is to build collective power to eliminate injustice through bold and innovative community organizing. The organization will organize individuals and institutions in Lincoln Park, Lakeview, North Center/Ravenswood, Uptown, Edgewater and Rogers Park. Their immediate issue campaigns will include affordable housing, mental health issues, youth issues, health care, economic justice, education, and anti-violence. They will continue O.N.E.'s current programs, including Grow Your Own Teachers and Ceasefire. Keep an eye out for further information about this evolution!



# Annual Conference Report from Lois

I left Annual Conference this year filled with hope – many of the moments of the sacred presence of God took my breath away in Worship and in the “holy conferencing” that happens around the dinner table or a cup of coffee.

This year we enjoyed an opportunity to learn from other congregations as workshops were offered around the theme “Who is My Neighbor?” We learned from others what a wide welcome looks like in their neighborhoods, as they reach across the intersections of –isms and seek to make radical hospitality a reality. Twenty-five volunteers packed nearly 5500 pounds of food, providing over 4580 meals for hungry neighbors through the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva; 1178 hygiene kits were assembled (with supplies to make a total of 3000 kits) to support UMCOR & Church World Service.

We celebrated the Commissioning of Hannah Kardon as other Broadway candidates for ministry (Connie Bryant, Tricia Nowacki, Krista Paradiso, Luis Rivera, and Elina Rodriguez) anticipated their

own Commissioning services. Your Lay Members to Annual Conference (Diana Davis & MJ Grimshaw) represented Broadway in supporting a number of progressive resolutions (supporting the election of General Conference delegates two years’ prior; affirming prophetic clergy & congregations who support marriage equality; divesting from coal producing industries to support sustainable energy; setting equitable minimum compensation for both Deacons & Elders; establishing a conference-wide property & liability insurance program; and supporting full inclusivity in the Boy Scouts of America; among others). We enjoyed celebrating 100 years of the Filipino Methodist movement in the US, being inspired by Father Michael Pflieger of St. Sabina Church at the MFSA dinner, honoring retiring clergy, and dancing the night away with the Reconciling Ministries group. (You can find a complete report at [umcnic.org](http://umcnic.org), and you’ll hear more about Annual Conference in Worship on July 14.)

Our new Bishop, Sally Dyck, unveiled “Harvest 2.0,” her re-visioning of Harvest 2020, calling for attention to justice as the movement for new faith communities continues. “2.0” gives an emphasis

also on immigration reform, healing & repentance with Native Americans, and initiating Spanish as a Second Language with 100 congregations (a few of our Bishop’s priorities for the next year and beyond).

I’m energized by our new Bishop’s vision and can see so many ways that Broadway’s identity and ministry connect with this expansive movement for inclusive and justice ministries. Our Co-Lay Leaders are talking about how we establish a vision for our future, dreaming of the directions we might take as a congregation to widen God’s welcome in our neighborhood and in connection with others. How do you receive God’s call in your heart, inviting you to be part of this future-ing? Do you want to help learn about the changing demographics of our neighborhood? Do you want to see where immigration and LGBTQ issues intersect? Would you like to learn Spanish?

As summer takes hold in earnest, we hope you’ll have a chance for some rest & renewal – and that you’ll have a special opportunity to listen for God’s “still small voice” speaking to your heart. Let us know what you hear!

# Sunday Adult Education Hour

Please join us on **Sunday mornings at 10am** in the Pillow Room as we reflect on and discuss *The Book Of Awakening – “Having the Life You Want by Being Present to the Life You Have”* by Mark Nepo. Mark is a poet and philosopher who has taught in the fields of poetry and spirituality for over 30 years. A cancer survivor, Nepo writes and teaches about the journey of inner transformation and the life of relationship.

## Children’s Education

**Call for more team leaders** for Children’s Education Time. Children’s Education Time is dedicated time for our young people during the I Iam Sunday Worship Service. Our young people remain in the service until *The Time for Young Christians* and then they leave for their own class. We have a wonderful team already established who are leading and teaching our young children. Thank you all for the great work. If you have an interest in this type of ministry, let Pastor Vernice know and we will get you trained and acclimated to the team. The rotation is usually one Sunday every other month. We have teams scheduled through the month of June and will plan special events for July and August – which may include sing alongs and outings to the lake – spiritual scavenger hunts...special story hours, fun outdoor stuff! Again if you have ideas, please let **Rev. Vernice** know.



## Bible Study

The Book of Esther opens with a description of an enormous 180 day party thrown by King Achashverosh in his third year as king of the Persian Empire, ruling over 127 provinces. As the days of the feasting draw to a close, he summons his wife Vashti, to show off her beauty by appearing wearing only her crown, she refuses and is banished...come and hear the rest of the story! All are invited. **10:30am-12noon each Monday** in Room A. Led by **Rev. Vernice**.

**Bible Study On Line – Coming Soon!!!** If you have expertise concerning online tools, we would love to talk with you. We want to set up as many forums as possible for people to have access to spiritual growth and community. Get in touch with Co-Lay Leader Elina Rodriguez at [intrpid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:intrpid@sbcglobal.net).

# Wednesday Night Live (WNL)!

### Sanctuary Prayer

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

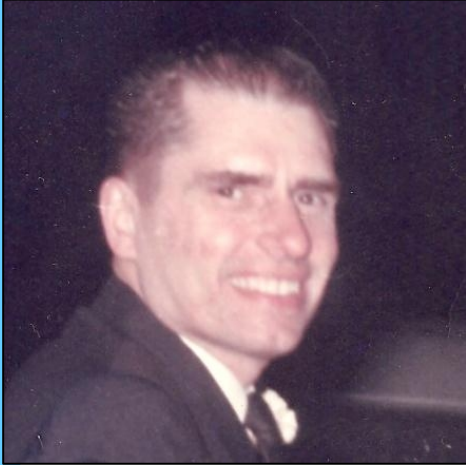
### Guided Meditation

in the Sanctuary **at 6pm on Wednesdays**. If you’re interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation.

### Wednesday Night Study

Join us as we learn about the lectionary and study scriptures that are read at Sunday services. The Revised Common Lectionary used in many Protestant churches is a preselected collection of scriptural readings from the Bible and follows the liturgical year in a three year cycle. Join us **each Wednesday evening at 7pm** in the Pillow Room.

If you have questions, please contact Revs. **Vernice** or **Lois**.



## Memories of Bob Lill

Bob Lill became a member of Broadway in the Spring of 1964. Bob lived in the neighborhood and had been church shopping. Broadway had

some members who were very aggressive in welcoming visitors, especially if they thought the person could sing. Bob would say that he believes he was in the choir before he sat in the pews, so this became his church. He had a strong, bass voice, and loved to sing, but he did not read music, so to be able to do his best in learning new music, he bought a used piano and took piano lessons so he could pick out his bass line for choir. Since Bob and I had already met, I might have had a bit of influence in his choice of Broadway, since I was a Methodist...but I lived far away in North Dakota. Two years later, Bob and I were married in ND and I moved to Chicago. We lived in his small apartment on Pine Grove. By this time Bob had many good friends at Broadway, so I was welcomed as the new bride, and I was also in the choir from the beginning.

One of the church volunteer jobs that Bob did at that time was to dust the pews early each Sunday morning. Janitor and cleaning work at Broadway was done by member volunteers. The old church had beautiful, but old open ceiling beams which were very high. These beams collected soot and dust and as the bus traffic would rumble by, the soot would waft down on the pews. So if you wore a pastel dress or shirt or light colored trousers, your clothing would be dirty. Therefore, the need to have an early Sunday dusting, and I joined Bob in the job.

Other areas that Bob and I became involved in was to be youth leaders for the Jr. High MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship), and to do Sunday afternoon visits to folks who were on the membership rolls but had not been in church for quite some time. This helped me get to know the neighborhood as well as some interesting persons whose names were on Broadway's member list, but we did not know. One of these women lived across the street at 623

Buckingham and 2 years later, we bought her 3 flat building at 621 Buckingham which became our new home and where we have lived ever since.

Three years into our marriage we had our first son, followed by two more sons, and an adopted daughter, and two foster children. This all happened from 1969 to 1971. You can imagine the excitement, or maybe dread, our out-of-town friends and family felt when receiving each new Christmas card. Broadway became our place to share our family as it had been a long time since there had been a new baby in the church. This was a busy time in our life and a time that Bob loved.

In 1982 on a cold winter night we received a call that the church was on fire. Bob quickly dressed to go open the doors for the firemen, but too late. The firemen were already chopping down the new, heavy, oak doors which had just been installed, and so we stood and watched the church burn from our living room windows. The Mel Bose family joined us as we heard the stained glass windows being broken to vent the fire. There was lots of work ahead. After the initial cleanup which took weeks, a rebuilding committee was selected to work choosing an architect and contractors. Bob and I were both on the committee, along with eight others, two of whom, Mel Bose and Fran Markwardt, continue as faithful Broadway members. For six long years this committee worked to bring the dreams and wishes of the small congregation to the architect and then to reconcile these dreams with the reality of what our dreams would cost and where we could find the funds. There were many meetings after work, often two a week for the first couple of years, when the committee would meet at the architect's office after long days of our own work. Despite the challenges during these years of finding meeting space for worship and other activities, and the endless frustrations of having to cut some of our dreams because of lack of funds, and the weeks and months of wondering if we would ever have a church building, the congregation also had many good times.

There were church potluck picnics in the Lill's yard, there were Halloween costume parties where Bob would tell or

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## Memories continued...

read ghost stories, he continued in the choir and participated in many of the usual church committees.

As Bob became physically less abled, he chose to be less involved, but would always send me off on Sunday morning by saying, "Give my regards to God;" Bob was always my support as he believed in Broadway's ministry.

Bob was a quiet, thoughtful man who worked until he was in his late 70's. He did not take for granted what he felt fortunate to have and he always wanted to share with those less fortunate. One recent time as we were walking down Broadway, I was pushing him in the wheel chair, he asked that I stop and give a person on the street some money. I pulled out a dollar and was ready to go on, but he asked that I go back and give him more. We did, but I let Bob do the giving.

This is a small picture of Bob's part at Broadway. During these years, he worked as Comptroller for the City Colleges of Chicago and when retiring from that system, he worked as an accountant for the IL Municipal Retirement System. When he retired a second time, he filled his time by taking the train and bus to the UIC campus and would audit courses. For several years he attended classes and did all the reading for classes in history & political science.

He was a gentle, kind man who felt successful in that he had three sons and a daughter,

two daughters-in-law and a son-in-law, and six grandchildren. All of whom cared for and loved him and he would tell them he loved them also. He was a special, loving partner for me, who allowed me to grow and be who I wanted to be. He did like me to be with him as much as possible and it was a joy as he was always appreciative and loving, especially if I could fit in another game of Scrabble and have some powdered sugar doughnuts ready for his coffee.

The children and I were all with him at home as he quietly passed from this life on April 8, 2013. A service of celebration of life and memorial for Bob will be held at Broadway United Methodist Church on **Saturday, July 27, at 10:30 am** with a luncheon to follow.

Lovingly, Charolette



## July Mission Minute

The Mission Minute for July is the **Middle East Children's Alliance** (MECA; [www.mecaforpeace.org](http://www.mecaforpeace.org)). MECA is seeking to fund a summer program for the children of Dheisheh Refugee Camp. A group of youth at one of MECA's partner centers in Dheisheh Refugee Camp, West Bank, Palestine, has approached MECA with a great project. This youth group is going to run a summer camp for 50 youth from the refugee camp that will include field trips to go swimming as well as art and music activities. The youth will all *volunteer* their time *but* they are raising funds for the transportation, lunch, and art and music supplies. **They have asked MECA to donate \$1,000 for this summer project** (they already received a donation from Musicians without Borders of 500 Euros). They will recruit children who are from the most disadvantaged families and who are not part of other community centers in the area so don't get the opportunity to take part in these types of recreational and creative activities. The camp will be completely free. Please help MECA meet its goal by making a donation.

**Mission Minute Sunday is July 14**, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope to MECA or July Mission Minute. You can also donate **online**.

*This Mission Minute is brought to you by Paula Roderick and the Sowers.*

# Coming OUT to Ourselves

On **Wednesday, July 3, at 7pm**, we welcome Rev. Jerry D. Troyer, author of *Coming OUT to Ourselves: Admitting, Accepting, and Embracing Who We Truly Are*. (Donations received at the door; books available for sale.)

## About the Book

Have you ever wondered why?

- \* Why can you lose the weight, but not keep it off?
- \* Why can't you stay clean and sober, even though you say you want to?
- \* Why do your relationships all seem to end the same way — badly?
- \* Why do you keep buying things that wind up not making you happy?



The cause of self-defeating behaviors can often be shame — from our sexual orientation; an event we have experienced, such as getting pregnant before marriage, a messy divorce, or a job loss; or even that we were adopted.

Much of what we believe and feel about right vs. wrong, we were taught as children. But the people who taught us, taught us their truth. What if we could look at what we believe and feel about ourselves, others, and even God (Spirit, the Universe, our Higher Power) and decide what is true for us? After all, our lives mean what we say they mean!

Regardless of what it is that is causing us to feel guilty, ashamed or afraid, if it's keeping us out of peace and in lack and struggle, there's never been a better time than right now to look at it, forgive it and release it.

This can be the most important journey you will ever take.

## What People Are Saying

"This book reveals how issues of shame, addiction and religion are interconnected — and how healing can happen."  
~ Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy L. Wilson, Moderator, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

"Shame is pervasive in our culture, and Jerry Troyer skillfully guides us through the process of identifying and then releasing this toxic energy from our lives. *Coming Out to Ourselves* is part biography, part self-discovery guidebook, and pure inspiration. This book will open your heart, and allow you to embrace the magnificence of your self." ~ Rev. Sally Robbins, Senior Minister, Columbia (Maryland) Center for Spiritual Living.

"With its depth, caring and compassion, this book is a must read for anyone who has ever been afraid to be who they really are." ~ Dr. Michele Whittington, Senior Minister, Creative Living Fellowship, Phoenix.



## About the Author

A native of San Diego, Rev. Jerry Troyer knows intimately the terrain about which he writes. He has experienced the process of coming out to himself as a gay man, and then worked through admitting, accepting and embracing his truth. A family member's journey through substance abuse gave Rev. Jerry the opportunity to recognize the horrible impact such behavior, regardless of the "substance," can have on individuals and families, and ultimately required him to face, forgive and heal his own regret and resentment. Rev. Jerry is the senior minister of Joyful Living Church in San Diego.

More information at [www.revjerry.com](http://www.revjerry.com).



# Kaleidoscope Children's Choir

Attention all children! Kaleidoscope Choir's annual retreat is coming up and we want YOU to come! We will gather at the church on **Saturday, August 17, from 10am-3pm** to learn some new songs, play some music games, have a drum circle, and have a whole lot of fun!!

The retreat is the perfect time for singers to start with Kaleidoscope. So if you have friends who might want to sing with us, please forward this invitation to them!

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

You may register by contacting one of the directors:

Ruthanne: 630-606-7870 / [ruthanne.v.swanson@gmail.com](mailto:ruthanne.v.swanson@gmail.com)

Jenn: 773-255-1044 / [jpbrnidgrl@gmail.com](mailto:jpbrnidgrl@gmail.com)

Emily: (773) 316-0193 / [emilymcc@gmail.com](mailto:emilymcc@gmail.com)

Hope you will join us on the 17th!

(Kaleidoscope Choir is open to all children ages 4-12 including those 3 year olds who will turn four during the school year.)

## A Place at the Table

Holy Covenant UMC (925 W. Diversey) will be hosting a screening of the documentary *A Place At the Table* followed by a discussion with staff from the Center for Changing Lives (formerly the Humbolt Park Social Service Center) regarding ways we can better respond to food scarcity. This will be on **Wednesday, July 17th, at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome!

## The People & the Olive

**Sunday, July 14, directly after the 11:00 service**, Sowers will be showing *The People and the Olive*. Pick up your lunch and plan to stay for the film. "They planted so we ate. Now we plant so they eat. Past generations planted these trees that we're eating from and are supporting our lives, and we plant trees for our future generations to support their lives." ~ Palestine Fair Trade Association founder Nasser Abufarha

## Rev. Gil Caldwell

**Rev. Gil Caldwell will preach at Broadway on Sunday, July 21st.**

Read more about Rev. Caldwell's project at [www.truthinprogress.com](http://www.truthinprogress.com).

I am a fourth generation African American United Methodist. Almost 78 years ago I became a "cradle Methodist" as I was born as a member of a Methodist preacher's family in Greensboro, North Carolina. Bishop Morris Brown, the 2nd Bishop of the African Methodist Church (AME) was one of my (I do not remember how many "Greats") Grandfathers.

I BELIEVE IN A CHURCH that has demonstrated the capacity to move from the exclusion of persons be-

cause of their race to inclusion. My grandfather was born a slave and I remember how despite the awfulness of

that reality, his Methodist Church and Methodism were important to him. I was alive to see Methodism attempt to solve its divisions over slavery in 1939 by creating a racially segregated, non-regional Central Jurisdiction. And, I have lived long enough to share in the creation of a United Methodist Church that has gotten rid of institutionalized racial segregation in its structure as well as its local churches.

I admit that at one time in my life I allowed the culture of gender bias cause me to be silent as women were denied ordination in the church of my birth. But, I have lived to see the bias against women eliminated.

I have lived long enough to see my Church "stumble" on matters of race and gender and sexual orientation. But, I have seen my Church with God's help, correct those stumbles as it has moved from "screening people out, to screening people in."

I BELIEVE IN A CHURCH that "Live (s) our Wesleyan tradition as people of the warmed heart, enlightened mind, and extended hand." I have seen us change in order to live up to that. I expect us, with God's help, to continue to change.

~ Gil Caldwell



Mike DuBose

# Spirit Lake: Update from Lois



We are excited that Broadway will be joined this year by youth from Euclid Ave. UMC (Oak Park) and members of Out of the Box Ministries as we head to North Dakota for a week of ministry with the people of the Dakota Tribe who live on the Spirit Lake Reservation. We partner with Spirit Lake Ministry Center (a UMC ministry) and Mike & Libby Flowers, who work with the Tribal Council to prioritize the work visiting teams do. Work ranges from building accessibility ramps to painting houses to repairing roofs to working with Reservation children to cleaning the clothing or food storage areas at the Center: there is something for everyone and every skillset!

The partnership in ministry is a terrific opportunity to build relationships with Broadway team members, team members from the two other congregations joining us, and with the Tribal people of Spirit Lake. Being on the Reservation also provides an

opportunity to learn more about the way Native peoples have been treated in U.S. history, as well as the way in which they face racism today. I believe this ministry is connected to our congregation's anti-racism declaration as we seek to find ways to be allies with our Dakota sisters and brothers.

Travel is yet to be determined, but there may be two caravans departing at different times, so stay tuned for details (those who are interested in the Tribe's PowWow celebration will want to be in the early shift to be there Saturday, July 27).

The \$300 cost of the week of ministry covers the dorm room and meals while at the Center; some scholarship support is also available.

If you have questions about Spirit Lake, talk with Broadway folks who've been there – Diana Davis, MJ Grimshaw, Craig Fitzgerald, Susan Armstrong, Amy Daigler, Clayton Parr, and Lois Parr.

## A Dakotah Prayer

*Grandfather, Great Spirit, you have been always, and before you nothing has been, there is no one to pray to but you. The star nations all over the heavens are yours, and yours are the grasses of the earth. You are older than all need, older than all pain and prayer.*

*Grandfather, Great Spirit, look upon your children, the Spirit Lake Oyate, that they may face the winds and walk the good road to the day of quiet.*

*Grandfather, Great Spirit, fill us with the light, Give us with the light. Give us the strength to understand and eyes to see. Teach us to walk the soft earth, as relatives, to all that live.*

*Help us, for without you we are nothing.*

# Spirit Lake Mission Trip Info Sheet

## Information sheet for summer mission trip to Spirit Lake Dakotah Nation; Devils Lake, North Dakota

**WHEN:** Arrival in ND by **Sunday evening, July 28**, return home late **Friday night August 2**.

The reservation is hosting a pow-wow the weekend we arrive – this is a good way to see a contemporary expression of Native American culture if some want to arrive early.

**GETTING THERE:** It's a 14 hour drive from Chicago to Spirit Lake. It's doable in one very long day. BUMC and Out of the Box Ministries is hoping to rent a bus. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would be interested in that option. If we drive: we could opt to break up the trip, leave Saturday, and stay somewhere enroute – in our experience one does arrive fresher and ready to work this way, but it does add the expense of a hotel enroute. We would need people to volunteer vehicles to drive.

Amtrak leaves Chicago daily at 2:15pm, arrives in Devils Lake at 6:13am the next morning. Return trip leaves Devils Lake at 11:32pm, arrives Chicago 3:55pm. Current posted one-way coach prices start at \$134. Sleeping cars are extra. More info at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

**WHERE WE ARE:** The Ministry Center is an 80 acre former youth camp on the edge of the reservation. Accommodation is in summer-camp style dormitory housing, plain

bunk beds, gender-separate, in cabins that could house as many as 20. Most people bring sleeping bags to put on them. Bathroom facilities are separate from the sleeping quarters. The cabins are rustic (wood floors, no air conditioning) but they are in the shade, providing some relief from what can be very hot prairie summer weather. Meals are simple, nothing fancy. Breakfast – scrambled eggs, oatmeal, toast, sometimes biscuits and gravy, etc. Lunch is usually sandwiches, sometimes served at the job site. Typical dinners are spaghetti, fried chicken, etc. It can be difficult to accommodate specialized dietary needs.

**WHAT WE DO:** There are typically two main types of projects we're involved in: "hammer-and-nails" projects (renovation, handicapped ramp construction, painting, etc.) and working with children on the reservation through the Ministry Center's Sidewalk Sunday School program – this is a trailer with craft supplies that is towed to the settlements on the reservation. We work with the children, give them craft projects, play with them. Sometimes there are work projects around the Ministry Center (maintenance, working with their clothing or food banks, cooking for us and the other teams, etc.) Specific projects are chosen by the Ministry Center leaders in cooperation with tribal leadership, and we probably won't know exactly what we might be doing until shortly before we arrive.

**NOTE:** While the work we do normally doesn't require a lot of technical expertise or training, it can be physically and spiritually demanding (even the work with children). Those who go should be prepared to put in a full day of hard work every day.

**WHAT IT COSTS:** The Ministry Center charges visiting teams \$60 per day per person for room and board (\$300 for the week) --- includes all meals while we are there. This does not include meals while traveling. Transportation costs are also not included – we will solicit donations to cover gas expenses for those who drive.

There is some scholarship money that can be applied for through the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) that can cover most (but not all) of the \$300 room and board charge for those who apply and qualify. See Clayton Parr for information about the VIM scholarship funds.

**UPDATES:** Watch the bulletin board and the BUMC newsletter for updates about this exciting opportunity to do radical service work. For more information, feel free to contact:

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The play tells the story of two children from South Sudan: Salva, a young member of the Dinka Tribe who must survive famine, crocodiles in the Gilo river, death of family members, and refugee camps.

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\$2.00 of every ticket sold will go to Lost Boys: Rebuilding Southern Sudan Literacy at the Well Project.

([www.rebuildingsouthsudan.org](http://www.rebuildingsouthsudan.org))

## City Lit Theater

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# The Long Walk for Water

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# Steps for Equality

From *Selling Out: The Gay and Lesbian Movement Goes to Market* by Alexandra Chasin.

This is a good overview for the strategy of the Progressive Agenda for social change.

Chasin exposes the dynamics of race, gender, and class, as well as nationalism that informs both commercial and political practices in the gay and lesbian community. Wary of cultural assimilation and political mainstreaming, she ultimately argues that identity based consumption and identity politics are

closely related and together stand **OPPOSED** to progressive social change.

Because of the close relationship between political representation and representation in the media, the representation of gay people by major corporate advertisers — even in the gay press — mirrors the representation of gay people in large, especially national gay political formations. In effect, “the vast majority of gays end up with no representation of their lives in the media. Instead we are bombarded by the A-list, white male, buff, & wealthy stereotype person that becomes the image in the American mind of the **AVERAGE** gay per-

son...according to their economic & social status, not their sexual orientation.” (p.239)

A progressive agenda must concern itself not only with discriminatory laws & social inclusion, it must attend to the sources & effects of economic injustice across the entire populace...a progressive platform is informed by multi-issues & multi-constituency concern for access. Liberal initiatives quite often rely on, or answer to, identity based interests groups, where for Progressive the by word is Coalition. (p.22-23)

*Allies for Change: Dee, Emily, Helen*

# Albany Park Theater Project

Our September Mission Minute is the Albany Park Theater Project. They are presenting their play, *Home/Land* in the smaller theater (Owen) at the Goodman Theater, **July 18 - 28**. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25.

*About the Albany Park Theater Project:* Albany Park Theater Project is a multiethnic, youth theater ensemble that inspires people to envision a more just and beautiful world. APTP creates original theater that shares the real-life stories of urban teens, immigrants, and working-class Americans. APTP engages youth as thoughtful and imaginative artists, launching teens on purposeful lives as

adventurous dreamers and accomplished achievers. APTP humanizes issues that impact real people but too often get discussed as abstract concepts. APTP enriches the cultural vitality and quality of life in the Albany Park neighborhood and Chicago.

*About the play Home/Land:* A precocious seven year old in Jordan becomes an unconventional entrepreneur to pay for her family’s immigration. A nine year old joins the guerrilla in El Salvador after the murder of his parents. A boat hurls two dozen immigrants across the Gulf of Mexico. A father and son rehearse new identities for

a new life. So begin the epic quests of Home/Land. With its characteristic humanity, creativity, and optimism, the award-winning Albany Park Theater Project ensemble brings to vivid theatrical life these stories of desire, risk, resilience, heroism, love and hope — as immigrant families strive to stay together and make a better life in the land they’ve come to call home.

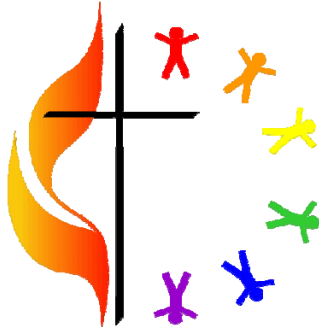
<http://www.aptpchicago.org/whats-on/home-land/>



# Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the August 2013 issue of The Broadway are due **Sunday, July 21**. Articles in electronic format are preferred and should be sent to the office at [bumclakeview@gmail.com](mailto:bumclakeview@gmail.com). Hard copies may also be submitted in the newsletter mailbox off Friendship Hall.





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