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*We are already  
one. We just think  
we are separate.*  
~ Thomas Merton

## Letter from Lois

*The Message is as true among you today as when you first heard it. It doesn't diminish or weaken over time. It's the same all over the world. The Good News bears fruit and gets larger and stronger, just as it has in you. From the very first day you heard and recognized the truth of what God is doing, you've been hungry for more...[remember] how thoroughly love has worked in your lives by the Spirit...*

~ Colossians 1:5-9

*And the Rhythm Of Life is a powerful beat,  
Puts a tingle in your fingers and a tingle in your feet...*

~ Dorothy Fields/Neil Simon

When our oldest son had his "first day of school" (he was 5), my friend Sarah was astonished that I didn't have a video camera, so she persuaded me to go with her to hide in the bushes outside his small elementary school to take movies of him walking from the school door to the bus. We followed the bus, and from the car made a movie of him running about ten steps into what we called "Becky's School," the early childhood afterschool center run by a good family friend.

I have no idea what happened to that video, but I have the images in my memory – the sight of my little boy "so big" that he had a lunchbox and a backpack. He was headed into something new, the next thing in that journey of life.

My memory also holds onto the simultaneous loss and elation that we felt about his growing older and gaining independence – sometimes the same feelings I have today about him living on the west coast, happy and healthy and far away as he discovers his life's purpose.

The rhythms of life that move us from loss to recovery, from the former to the latest, from death to new life, are the rhythms of the community of faith, too. We're especially aware of that in an urban place like Broadway where the transient nature of the city means

that we say "good-bye" and pray blessings on those who are moving away even as we say "hello" to those who've checked "wish to join" on the friendship pad.

Thanks be to God for these rhythms that keep us connected to the reality of past, present, and future time...they are the rhythms of despair and of hope; of failure and of promise; of brokenness and of grace.

As we begin September at Broadway, we're aware of the rhythms of our life together – Worship, study, service, fellowship – and we look to what's next on the horizon. For me personally, a shift in my time this academic year comes from a creative renewal plan that affords me the chance to stay deeply connected to my partner in ministry, Vernice, and the ministries of our life together here; while also giving me time to be present with my life partner, Clayton, and the ministry of writing that beckons me. You can read more about this on page 7 from our Relationship Builders, and you can talk with me about it anytime – my door is always open.

This new rhythm gives me that simultaneous feeling I recall from the school days of the past – fear and excitement rolled together in the

*(continued on page 3...)*



## Vernice's View

Summer never seems long enough...and then it is September. We start again. A new school year – a new church year! The choirs return! New programming for education – new outreach opportunities. My mind is swirling with possibilities as I begin to research new studies for education and new facilitators for those studies. It's an exciting time!

As I write this newsletter I am preparing for my end of summer vacation. I will visit family in South Carolina and continue my journey from last year. My time is a bit longer this time and the first thing on my list is to play in the ocean. My main objective is to get away, refresh and reenergize myself for the last quarter of the year.

Almost immediately upon returning is to plan for the Church Within A Church Movement (CWACM) National Coordinating Team Meeting. We meet this year in Dallas from September 26 to September 29. Our main objective this year is strategic planning for our work

areas. We have four: Extraordinary Ordination – whose focus is to ordain people who have been excluded from ordination processes because of sexual orientation, gender expression, or theological perspective; Ministry Development – whose focus is to develop and support progressive church plants and to help envision new ways of seeing and creating “church”; Equality and Inclusion – whose focus is anti-racism/white privilege and gender equality training; and Progressive Resources – whose focus is to develop inclusive liturgy and other resources for faith organizations.

Besides spending time in our Work Areas we will also participate in an Equality and Inclusion workshop titled “Last but not least, Transgender in the LGBT Family” led by J, a CWACM Clergy person. There is also planned time to spend talking about CWACM with seminary students who are looking for a progressive option for doing ministry. On Sunday our worship will

be an outreach project in the Dallas area.

I am looking forward to a time of creativity and spiritual connection with my sisters and brothers of the Movement and beyond as we introduce the Movement to new folks looking for community.

If you are available and interested in being with us go to [www.cwac.us](http://www.cwac.us) for more information.

As we move into the last quarter of the year, look for new and exciting ways to connect or reconnect with the Broadway Community. I will be receiving new members for the Congregational Care team soon. Look for new things from the Co-Lay Leaders, as well as new educational opportunities for children and adults. Plug in...find your spot.

In truth and Justice,

Rev. Vernice L. Thorn  
Broadway UMC Pastor,  
CWACM Clergy

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## Lakeview East Festival of the Arts

Saturday, September 14, 10am-6pm; Sunday, September 15, 10am-5pm,

Along Broadway • Belmont to Hawthorne (<http://lakevieweastfestivalofthearts.com>)

Good time to take public transportation to Broadway Church!



## 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))

Rev. Kev is on vacation and will return in October.



## Church Picnic

Saturday, September 7, 11am-3pm.

Fun and Games for all ages! Bring family and friends and a dish to share (chicken, beverages and table service will be provided by Broadway's Co-Lay Leaders)!! 3600 N. Recreation Drive (Lake Shore Drive) by the clock tower.

## Letter from Lois

(continued...)

tingling energy that says something new and exhilarating is around the corner. I hope that you, too, are looking ahead to something new, something that is life-giving, something that says "yes" to God's tug to you to be the change you wish to see in the world.



On the journey with you,

Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

## Calendar Notes

### RMN Convocation

**August 30-September 2**

Please keep in prayer Connie Bryant, MJ Grimshaw, Pamela Lightsey, Lois McCullen Parr, and others from around the UM connection, as the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) holds its Biennial Convocation "Churchquake" in Chevy Chase, MD.

### Pastors Out of the Office

Lois is away **September 3-7**;

Vernice is away: **September 23-29** at the Church Within A Church Movement's National Coordinating Team Meeting

### Looking ahead

**October 1 and 2:** Navigating the Affordable Care Act (see page 4)

**October 5:** Pet Blessing with Dignity Chicago at 1pm

**October 13:** Chicago Marathon

**October 19:** Fun, Food, & Fellowship with the Property Caregivers (8am-2pm)

**October 22:** Get on the Broadway bus to Springfield for Marriage Equality. Only 60 seats available! Details forthcoming.

**November 2:** World Market (10am-6pm)

**November 4:** Book Signing with Anne Lamott

# September Mission Minute

The Mission Minute for September is **Albany Park Theatre Project**.

Albany Park Theater Project (AFTP) is a multiethnic, youth theater ensemble that inspires people to envision a more just and beautiful world.



AFTP creates original theater that shares the real-life stories of urban teens, immigrants, and working-class Americans.

AFTP engages youth as thoughtful and imaginative artists, launching teens on purposeful lives as adventurous dreamers and accomplished achievers.

AFTP humanizes issues that impact real people but too often get discussed as abstract concepts.

AFTP enriches the cultural vitality and quality of life in the Albany Park neighborhood and Chicago.

More information available at [www.aptchicago.org](http://www.aptchicago.org).

**Mission Minute Sunday is September 8**, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope to AFTP or September Mission Minute. You can also donate [online](#).

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

## Navigating the Affordable Care Act

People of Faith Seeking Justice and Health. **October 1-2, 2013.**

This Conference, convened by Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, will create a collegial Network of Care of congregational leaders, empowered to help people of the community navigate and access health security provided by the Affordable Care Act.

Plenary and Small Group Sessions providing Faith and Community Leaders with empowering information will be held at Garrett and Partner Sites across Chicagoland.

For more information and to register, visit [www.garrett.edu/navigatingACA](http://www.garrett.edu/navigatingACA).

## Bring Your Bibles!

On **Sunday, September 15**, please bring your Bibles to Church!



# 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. Coming later this fall: *The Artist’s Way*.

## Children’s Education Time

Children’s Education Time returns to the regular format and curriculum. **Sundays at 11:15am**. If you are interested in leading Children’s Education Time please contact Rev. Thorn ([akatinyt@hotmail.com](mailto:akatinyt@hotmail.com)) or Jenn Peterson ([jpbrnidgrl@gmail.com](mailto:jpbrnidgrl@gmail.com))



## Congregational Care Team

There is an opportunity to become a part of the Congregational Care Team. A planning and training meeting will be scheduled in October. Check the weekly bulletin for the date. If you are interested or have questions contact Rev. Thorn.

## Bible Study

Monday morning Bible Study has been suspended. Look for updated information in the weekly bulletin.

# 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.

### WNL! Study Goes Live Online

Can't physically make it to WNL...join us via the internet and/or phone. Just follow the instructions on our website under Wednesday Night Live! We look forward to hearing you. Open on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 9:15pm.

A blog (with a link to the current week’s lectionary) can be found at: [broadwaychurchchicago.blogspot.com/?m=1](http://broadwaychurchchicago.blogspot.com/?m=1)

Free health screenings

# Know your numbers.

Sunday, September 8, 12:15-1:15 p.m.

If you know your numbers, you can control your numbers. Presence Saint Joseph Hospital is sponsoring free health screenings in your community. This includes cholesterol and diabetes tests.

**Take control of your health**

Take a small step towards better health today. Get your health screenings to see if you are at risk for high blood pressure or diabetes.

- + Results will be sent directly to your home
- + Quantities limited
- + In-person registration for Laboure Clinic
- + Other health information and resources

Screening location:  
Broadway United Methodist Church  
Friendship Hall  
3338 North Broadway  
Chicago, Illinois 60657



**Get in touch.**

To find a doctor, call 877-737-INFO (4636) or visit [presencehealth.org/stjoseph-chicago](http://presencehealth.org/stjoseph-chicago).

# A Message from our Relationship Builders

In the coming year, Lois has been granted a renewal and has been given permission from the NIC Cabinet to use her renewal time creatively; she will be spreading that time across the 2013-2014 academic year. The ministries of Broadway will continue to be fruitful as our two pastors share an equal partnership in ministry. Additionally, Broadway's Co-Lay Leaders are in place to serve as resources for ministry and to help strengthen our community.

You may be aware that it is recommended for clergy to take renewal time after a number of years of service; most clergy take the time of renewal as a sabbatical, leaving their assigned ministry for an extended period of time, unavailable to their congregations. Based on conversations with Vernice about how their leadership is shared, Lois requested a different approach in order to continue her commitments to Broadway while also spending weekday time in Albion, Michigan. She plans to work on her writing, and to be with her spouse Clayton.

As you know, each of our Pastors practices keeping Sabbath and takes a "day off" from ministry for rest and renewal each week. In the months of September-

November, 2013, and February-April, 2014, Lois will shift her weekly schedule as this renewal time occurs. Both our pastors are available in emergencies.

Specifically, general office hours for our Pastors in these time periods will be:

Lois: Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Vernice: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Our Office Manager works weekdays in the Broadway office; our Security Monitors work evenings most nights to cover shared space activities.

Don't hesitate to speak with one of the pastors (or their liaisons on Relationship Builders [Victor Poncé for Lois; Elina Rodriguez for Vernice]). Please honor our shared leadership by communicating with both pastors on Broadway ministry matters ([gizhilois@yahoo.com](mailto:gizhilois@yahoo.com) and [thorn.vernice@gmail.com](mailto:thorn.vernice@gmail.com)), and by honoring their Sabbath days and days out of the office – *thanks!*

Broadway's Co-Lay Leaders are: Diana Davis, Emily Enthof, MJ Grimshaw, Cindy Grissom, Megan Kelly, Demetrius Kelsaw, Reed Melton, Laurie Lee Moses, Tricia Nowacki, Victor Poncé, Elina Rodriguez, Sheila Ashby Schultz, and Vincent Wiggins

Relationship Builders' Team is: Nathan Jacobs, Chairperson; Anna DeShawn, Diana Davis, Chris Lewis, Victor Poncé, Elina Rodriguez

## Historical Note

### Is this doable today?

"Sunday School" (excerpt) from *Broadway Methodist*, June 1923, by J.J. Vollertsen

Another Children's Day has passed into history. Graduation exercises were held June 9 at 7:30pm. The church was filled with parents and friends of the scholars. The children were well drilled and the program they rendered was probably the best given to date. Fourteen were passed from beginner to primary, and eighteen from primary to junior departments; those eighteen were presented with the customary illustrated bibles.

~ submitted by Mark Van Hying, Church Historian

## Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the October 2013 issue of The Broadway are due **Sunday, September 22**. 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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**Sunday Worship at 8:45 and 11am**

## **Celebrating God's Love for ALL People**

### **BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”

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