

# **BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## **CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORT 2017**



**Rev. Alka Lyall, Pastor**

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## 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.”





# 2017 Church Conference Agenda



Welcome

Rev. Alka Lyall, Pastor

Opening Prayer

Presiding Elder Rev. Brian Smith

Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

FS 2223 vs. 1

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in (our God) the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in (our God) the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Celebrating our Christian Mission

Student Pastor Jessie Cummins

We come together and celebrate another year in ministry.

**Another year of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Another year of sharing bread and cup at Jesus' table.

**Another year of mission, ministries and Bible studies**

Another year of food pantry, ministries of care & relief offerings.

**Another year of baptisms, weddings, & laying the faithful to rest.**

Let us name other ministries that Broadway is involved in, to recognize and celebrate...

And so we prepare to begin another year of faithful ministry, walking with each other...

Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

FS 2223 vs. 2

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
and together we'll spread the news, that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians, by our love.**

Explanation of NIC Structure Changes (ACST and DST) video

[www.umcnic.org/otfproposal](http://www.umcnic.org/otfproposal)

Ordering Our Life Together

*Leadership Nominations & Election \* Clergy Compensation \* Ministry Recommendations \* Additional business*

Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

FS 2223 vs. 3

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity, and save each man's pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians, by our love.**

Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. 2 Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, 3 and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. 4 You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. 5 There is one(God), one faith, one baptism, 6 and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

Holy Conferencing

- Share what it means to you to be a member of the Broadway Community?
- What should the United Methodist Church look like?
- Given the differences around matters of human sexuality, what does it mean to remain united in mission?

Message from District Superintendent

Affirmation of Faith During Trying Times

based on 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

But we have this treasure in clay pots,  
**so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't come from us.**  
We are experiencing all kinds of trouble,  
**but we aren't crushed!**  
We are confused,  
**but we aren't depressed!**  
We are harassed,  
**but we aren't abandoned!**  
We are knocked down,  
**but we aren't knocked out! Praise be to God!**

Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

FS 2223 vs. 4

**All Praise to (Creator), from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, (God's) only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us all one:  
And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love  
Yes, They'll know we are Christians, by our love.**

Prayer and Sending Forth

Presiding Elder Rev. Brian Smith

**Fellowship Time**

## Rev. Alka Lyall, Pastor

The two years that I have been at Broadway UMC, we have continued to be in one transition or another. Change is never an easy thing to manage even if it is change that we initiated, so needless to say, the journeys continued to be filled with emotions and uncertainties.

Here are a few highlights from the past year, as I see them:

- We began to learn to live with the reality that we had only one pastor in the building.
- We welcomed Jenn Peterson as our interim “Minister of Music.”
- We welcomed to our building a Jewish congregation, “Makom Shalom” and we heartily look forward to this new relationship and partnership in ministry.
- We continue to remain involved in the justice work with ONE-Northside—specifically in areas of economic and housing justice.
- The lay leaders of the church have spent all summer refining our leadership model and have begun to live into it in the last couple of months.



I am grateful for the community of Broadway for encouraging me, every day, to be who God has created me to be and do what God has called me to do.

I look forward to continue to be in ministry with beautiful people of Broadway for as long as God desires and the Bishop and cabinet choose to keep me here. Standing on the side of justice I am,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alka".

# Broadway United Methodist Church

## Reports of the Clergy

*Clergy members connected with our Charge Conference:  
Rev. M Barclay; Rev. Gil Caldwell; Rev. David Eichelberger; Rev. Pamela Lightsey*

After being commissioned as a provisional deacon in May, I was appointed by the bishop to serve at Reconciling Ministries Network in my position there as Director of Communications. After the nudging of the Spirit, I decided in October to move from my much beloved position at RMN to form a new ministry called enfleshed. In collaboration with Rev. Anna Blaedel and a phenomenal board, we are working to "bring what matters back to the gospel for justice, liberation, and delight" through ecumenical and progressive spiritual resources. At the time of this report, I have not yet received a response regarding my appointment to enfleshed. Meanwhile, I am so pleased to remain in ministry at my secondary appointment at Broadway UMC where I am able to assist in worship, preach on occasion, offer pastoral support to congregants, and help the congregation grow in its depth of understanding and commitment to justice making, especially in regards to the needs of the LGBTQ community. To be a deacon at Broadway is a deeply meaningful piece of my pastoral identity and ministry - alongside the more explicit aspects of pastoral leadership at Broadway, I'm grateful to be in the work of ministry together with my fellow Broadway community members in the everyday ministries of relationship, community building, and spiritual formation.

rev. m barclay

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This has been a quiet year for me in regards to my ministry. I continue to serve as lector and chalice bearer at Calvary Episcopal Church, where I am worshipping. I also am a Lay Eucharistic Minister and take Holy Communion to shut in members each month. I teach an adult Bible Class most Sunday mornings.

In addition to these activities, I have assisted as a Grief Counselor/Chaplain to Animal Friends, Inc. and have led several memorial services for families and staff who are mourning the death of animal companions.

I serve too as Chaplain to many Masonic bodies and will begin serving as one of the Grand Chaplains of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania beginning in December. As Chaplain of the Syria Shrine Center I led the memorial service for those members (Nobles) who have died this past year. I continue in that position next year. I anticipate I will be also serving again as an Associate Grand Chaplain for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania next year as well.

Finally, I continue to serve as the Pastoral Care Officer for the Order of Saint Luke.

I continue to keep you all in prayer and do look forward to being with you for worship one day.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. David A. Eichelberger, OSL

Retired Elder

Northern Illinois Annual Conference

**Candidates for Ordained Ministry**  
**supported by Broadway United Methodist Church**

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**T Nowacki** (continuing candidacy as “declaring candidate” toward the ministry of Deacon)

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**Keri Rainsberger** (continuing candidacy as “certified candidate” toward the ministry of Elder)

*Greetings Broadway! Last May I graduated from Garrett-Evangelical and received word that I was appointed to serve the community of Lena, IL and the Lena UMC as a full-time licensed local pastor starting July 1. Lena has been wonderfully welcoming and I have greatly enjoyed my time here. In February I will be interviewed by the Board of Ordained Ministry at a candidates retreat. At that time they will decide if they will send me on to the Annual Conference in June for a vote for commissioning and provisional membership toward ordination as an elder. I greatly value your support and prayers as I move through the long process toward ordination.*

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**Elina Rodriguez** (continuing candidacy as “declaring candidate” toward the ministry of Deacon)

**2017 Membership Report**

between November 8, 2016 (2016 Charge Conference) and November 27, 2017 (2017 Charge Conference)

The following persons joined Broadway United Methodist Church as full denominational members:

n/a

The following members/regular attenders died:

n/a

The following children were baptized:

n/a

The following persons transferred their membership to other churches:

- Jonathon Besancon
- Diana Davis
- Victor Poncé

*Broadway’s membership records and rolls are in need of an audit.*

## 2018 Broadway Ministry Advocates (UM-Ad Council)

*This document is not static: it is amended throughout the year as we seek to involve every member in ministry.*

*God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as God desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body. ~ 1 Corinthians 12:15-21*

### **Relationship Builders (SPRC tasks)**

Sheila Ashby Schultz, Chairperson  
Ines Brookens  
Bill Dunkley

### **Property Caregivers (Trustees tasks)**

Sheila Ashby Schultz  
Mel Bose, Chairperson  
Chuck Cole  
Kathy Wurster

### **Money Ministry (Finance tasks)**

Sheila Ashby Schultz  
Ruth Clark, Chairperson  
Loraine Edwalds, Invested Funds Coordinator  
Jon Fallon, Treasurer  
Alexia Rivera (staff), Secretary

#### **Counters:**

Nick Campanile  
Bevis Clark  
Loraine Edwalds  
Jon Fallon  
Charolette Lill, Coordinator  
Tami Marron

### **Anti-Racist White Caucus (ARWC)**

Ruthanne Swanson, Chairperson

### **People of Color Discussion Group (POC)**

Ines Brookens, Chairperson

### **Environment**

Demetrius Kelsaw, Chairperson

### **Education, Adult**

Emily Enthof, At-Large Member

### **Education, Youth**

Emily McConnell, Chairperson  
Jenn Peterson  
Ruthanne Swanson  
Augusta Moses Clusen, At-Large Member

### **Media**

Sheila Ashby Schultz  
Richard M. Johnson  
Laurie Lee Moses

### **Historian**

Fran Markwardt

### **ONE Northside**

Susan Armstrong and Eric Smith

### **Lay Member to Annual Conference (Quadrennial)**

Katy Clusen

### **Sowers (Outreach ministry)**

Susan Armstrong  
Nick Campanile  
Paula Roderick

### **Congregational Care**

Joy Culver

### **Worship Planning**

Rev. Alka Lyall, Pastor  
Jessie Cummins, Student Pastor  
Jenn Peterson, Interim Director of Music

### **Youth Lounge**

Ines Brookens, Administrator

### **CLASP**

Charolette Lill, liaison

### **Additional Teams in Outreach Ministry:**

Annual Tony Vega Thanksgiving Feast, Lakeview  
Pantry, Signboard

### **Additional Worship Ministry:**

Ushers, Music, Liturgists, Gospel Readers

### **Additional Ministries:**

Social Media, Hospitality/Coffee Hour

*This celebration of ministries list is probably not exhaustive of “every member in ministry”— many hands work within each of our ministry areas – and also come in the dead of night to drop off supplies or clean or fix something...all for God’s glory!*