

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORT 2024



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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." **Northern Illinois Conference** of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2024 CHURCH CONFERENCE AGENDA OUR YEAR OF GRACE

Broadway United Methodist Church

December 1, 2024; 1:00 p.m.

WELCOME

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Victor Melad, Lake North District Superintendent

Rev. Victor Melad

Paula Roderick, Broadway member

United Methodist Hymnal # 211 vs. 1-2

HYMN

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. (*Refrain*)

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians2:4-10

but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

John 1:14-17

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

HOLY CONFERENCING

- How have you experienced God's grace through the ministries of this congregation/faith community, over the past year?
- Where has your church been "experimenting" with new ways of being the church?
- How is your congregation bringing Christ to people and people to Christ?
- How are you and your congregation growing in intentional discipleship?

BUSINESS

- 1. Pastor's Report (Including Membership Report)
- 2. Nominations and Lay Leadership
- 3. Clergy Compensation
- 4. Finance (Budget, if available)
- 5. Recommendations (Lay Servants, Certified Lay Ministers, Ordination)
- 6. Trustees (Include condition of the building and the parsonage (if one exists). Reports of building and parsonage should not be more than 120 days old.)
- 7. Additional Business (Repair the Harm, Committee Reports)

CLOSING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

United Methodist Hymnal # 211 vs. 3-4

3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height, In ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; Before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. (*Refrain*)

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Rev. Victor Melad

Report of the Pastor 2024 Rev. Alka Lyall

The year started like any other year—a little slow and a lot unsure of what expression of UMC will survive the postponed General Conference session, but we knew that this congregation with lean on the side of justice, in whichever form it will be was yet to be seen.

I also knew that this congregation and the people who call Broadway home have been a resilient people and that we will survive any storm that might come our way—as a church and as a denomination, and so we also moved forward with that spirit of strength! And like every year—we had this year's share of ups and downs, but we have managed to move forward with all the faithful people that call Broadway their faith home. Here are some of the highlights from this past year:

- We tried to stop the hybrid worship format but soon realized that the format gives our elderly members the flexibility of worshipping from home, and welcomes those from the community and beyond, who have been hesitant to enter church buildings, so we continue to offer zoom/hybrid worship.
- We have **maintained all our building partners/users** except one because they decided to have no physical office space anymore.
- With the generous donations of many from the community, and the excellent organizing skills of others this year, we were able to pack and distribute more than 50 backpacks with basic school supplies. They were shared with a neighborhood middle school, Centro Romero, Kids Above All and Heartland Human Care Services.
- We upgraded our sound system to a bit more streamlined process and better sound.
- We have continued to offer a Protestant worship at a neighborhood Senior Living Facility (Brookdale), offer a small food pantry that is stocked and used not only by Broadway community but the larger Lakeview community as well, and have supported at least 12 mission projects through our monthly missional giving, among many other activities.
- Almost 18 months ago, we had applied for the Employee Retention Credit, that had been made available by the government to churches also, and after waiting for more than a year had almost given up on it, but this month, we have received ERC checks for 4 of the 6 quarters we had claimed a return on.
- During the fall we learned that 2 of our 5 HVAC units are not functioning, so we are in the process of scheduling the replacement.
- We were able to enter into conversations with Holy Covenant UMC with ideas for possible joint ministry/ next steps forward, and we continue to look forward what that might mean for us as two very similar congregation in the Lakeview neighborhood.
- We lost 2 loved and very active church members—Satia Orange and Fran Markwardt.
- We are **blessed with a retired local pastor and an active clergy** (elder), both from Great Rivers Annual Conference that call Broadway their home base, along with an intern turned member who is always willing to help teach, preach and assist wherever else needed.
- We have **received 6 new people in membership** this year, and many more who continue to worship with us.
- We **paid our apportionments in full this year**, because of the revision in assessment by the conference and our further appeal to drop it to a level we can commit to pay.

Writing this report itself, I realize that the blessings we have at Broadway surpass the challenges, for which I am extremely grateful! And I am grateful for every member of the Broadway community for their commitment and faithfulness towards this community—volunteering their time, sharing their resources, offering us suggestions, and above all their presence is what keeps us thriving as a community. We are always limited with our financial resources and often question our ability to sustain, and, are constantly reminded of our mission by the faithful ways many continue to show up and offer their physical and financial support for this congregation. I remain inspired by the resiliency of this congregation and therefore committed to doing all I can to serve God with the wonderful people of this congregation and community. I thank God that I get to call them my people and I will do so as long as God desires, and, Bishop and cabinet choose to keep me here.

Standing on the side of justice I am,

Alka Lyall

Reports of Affiliated Clergy 2024

Clergy members connected with our Charge Conference: Rev. David Eichelberger

2024 Report to the Charge Conference of Broadway United Methodist Church, Chicago, IL by Rev. David A. Eichelberger, OSL

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Since my last report to the Charge Conference I have relinquished my position as Pastoral Care Officer for the Order of Saint Luke. I continue to serve as Chaplain/Prelate for a number of Masonic organizations in Pennsylvania:

Chaplain for:	Lodge Ad Lucem No. 812 in Pittsburgh;
	Infinity Lodge No. 546 in Penn Hills;
	East Hills Royal Arch Chapter No. 268, Penn Hills;
	Allegheny Royal Arch Chapter No. 217 in McCandless Twp;
	Liberty Valley Council of Royal and Select Master Masons No. 50, in Penn Hills;
	Pittsburgh Commandery of Knights Templar No. 1, in Ross Township;
	Duquesne Commandery of Knights Templar No. 72, in West Mifflin;
	Chartiers Commandery of Knights Templar No. 78, in Baldwin Township;
	Premier Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine in Ross Township;
	Odyssey Chapter No. 550, Allied Masonic Degrees, Uniontown, PA.

Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania;

Grand Chaplain for the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania; Associate Grand Prelate for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; Chaplain for Syria Shrine Center

I continue to serve as a Lector, Chalice Bearer and Eucharistic Minister at Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh. I sing with the choir of Allegheny United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh.

I presided at the wedding of Luke Hunter and Mary Jane Sims on May 31st , 2024.

l conducted funeral services for:	Kevin Yenchick,
	Gerald Sutherland,
	Edward T. Foster, Jr
	Bridgette M. Zeibak

I preached Christmas messages last December for the Pittsburgh, Duquesne, and Chartiers Commanderies and will do so again for them this year as well for the Mt. Calvary Commandery in Erie. I also conducted the worship service and preached for the Division Commanders Association of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania in November.

I send my prayers and best wishes to my friends at Broadway United Methodist Church and hope that you will remain steadfast in your courageous witness to the all-embracing love of God.

Membership Report 2024

between October 2, 2023 (2023 Charge Conference) and December 1, 2024 (2024 Charge Conference)

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

NAME	HOW	DATE
Richard Alton	TR	December 17, 2023
Robin Davis		July 28, 2024
Rob Denler	TR	July 26, 2024
Larry Sommers		July 14, 2024
Julia Sibley		July 14, 2024
Victor Will		July 14, 2024

PF = Profession of faith; TR = Transfer from another church (UM if from another United Methodist church)

The following members/regular attenders died:

Fran Markwardt Satia Orange

The following children were baptized:

N/A

The following persons <u>withdrew</u> from Broadway United Methodist Church and/or <u>transferred</u> their membership to other churches (UM if to another United Methodist Church):

Ines Brookens (withdrew) Normal Miller (joined another church)

For Charge Conference Action 2024

The following 63 members of the Broadway community have been inactive – financially and by attendance – for at least two years. It is recommended that they be removed from the active membership roll at this Charge Conference.

Manny Ayala Margie Ayala David Belew David Berkey Heather Bland Joey Bland Barry Bland-Hoven Irene Bourgeois Heather Bowles Terry Brandt Conni Bryant Val Buschey Nick Campanile **Robin Carnilius** Erica Chu Ruth Clark Victor Colon Tristan Conner Cindy Cornwell Loraine Edwalds **Richard Elia**

Shawn Enriquez Emily Enthof Craig Fitzgerald **Douglas Foster** Peter Godard Christopher Gottfried Chris Graul Grea Harris Chantal Haves Monica Jaso Stori Johnson Michael Kelly Josh Lampinen Channing Lenert Christopher Lewis Denise Logan Kelsey Marron Bob Martinez Reed Melton Richard Mendoza Helen Nagel

Clinton Nichols T Nowacki James Ostick David Pavlik Ted Pfeiffer Erik Remy **Doug Roberts Clement Robinson** Laura Saunders Michelle Schultz Theresa Scott Miyoung Seo Frank Sommerfeld Henry Starr Shanlie Ann Stead Laura Stoll Ruthanne Swanson Per Torgersen Erica Tubbs Lori Tubbs Vincent Wiggins

The following 14 members of the Broadway community have been inactive – financially and by attendance – for the past calendar year. They are listed for our special care and attention during the coming year. It is also recommended that they be placed on the list for Charge Conference action next year if they remain inactive.

Lamar Adams Michele Breeze Jon Fallon Cindy Grissom Martha Irvine Megan Kelley Demetrius Kelsaw Eva Lam Dylan Rudisill John Scott Teresa Seliga Eva Skye Ricky Tang Jon Zilliox

2025 Broadway Ministry Advocates (Leadership)

Lay member to Annual Conference	Paula Roderick
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Alternate lay member to AC	
Relationship builders	Woo Evans
Money Ministry	Rebecca Limestall
Counters	Charolette Lill
Treasurer	Rebecca Limestall
Property care-givers	Moses Suarez
	Mudit Kapil
Education	Lee Rollins
Creation Care Advocate	Robin Davis
Worship	
Media	Rebecca Limestall
Environment	Robin Davis
Choir	Robert Galbreath
SOWers	Susan Armstrong
CLASP	Charolette Lill
Pastoral Staff	
Appointed clergy	Alka Lyall
Student Intern/s	
At-Large members	
Young Adult	Lee Rollins
Youth	

2025 Broadway Ministry Advocates (Leadership)

Names in italics represent chairs of the teams

Relationship Builders (SPRC)

Woo Evans Mark Draper Dee Dorsey Paula Roderick

Money Ministry Team (Finance)

Treasurer Rebecca Limestall

Financial Secretary Alexia Rivera-staff

Counters

Charolette L.

Worship Planning

Pastor Student Intern/s Music Minister/s

Property care-givers (Trustees)

Moses Suarez Mudit Kapil Melferd Bose Larry Sommers Tim Barnes

Green Team

Richard Alton Robin Davis Kathy Wurster

Creation Care Advocate

Robin Davis

Sowers (Mission)

Susan Armstrong Paula Roderick Melferd Bose

This is a live document! It is amended throughout the year as we seek to involve more people in ministry.

Profile of the Local Church 2024

Current church membership *	Average worship attendance *
124	35
Sunday school membership *	Sunday school average attendance *
5	4

Worship Service times and styles * We have one hybrid service at 11am. Brief history of congregation *

Broadway UMC has been serving this community since 1892. The community has changed a lot over the years. The current community

is transitional and that reflects in the membership of the church. We have a lot of younger population that attends worship for a few years and then transitions out of the community, and therefore the church as well. The original building was destroyed by fire in the 80's and the current building was built on the old foundation which gives us the sense of standing on the foundation of our faithful founding members and ancestors. Broadway has been committed to issues of justice- in the church and in the community. Our welcome statement is read every Sunday to remind us that we are an open, affirming, anti-racist and reconciling congregation where all people are welcomed as God's beloved.

Description of the congregation. (What brings it alive? Goals? How does the congregation feel about itself?) * Broadway UM congregation stands in solidarity with those in the margins and works hard to center their voices and support their efforts. We constantly remind ourselves and others that we are all God' beloved!

What are your core values as a congregation?

That:

All people are God's beloved!

God created and continues to recreate us and the world.

We are called to center the voices of those in the margins.

We are called to resist evil and injustice in whatever forms they present themselves.

We are called to live our lives reflecting Christ's love and acceptance of all people.

What is the racial / ethnic / cultural diversity of the church and the community (who are your neighbors)? (Include positives and challenges) *

We are a multi-race and multi-ethnic congregation, with people of different religions and ages- although we have very few younger people (children and youth).

As gentrification continues, the Lakeview community is becoming predominantly white middle class with a good mix of young adult professionals.

What does the congregation need to accomplish in the next 5 years? *

- financial stability,
- visibility in the community,
- increase membership, and
- more worshippers to join the leadership team.

In what ways do you envision the pastor helping the church reach these goals? *

- be more visible in community,
- empower more laity,
- preach justice and liberation.

In what ways do you envision the laity helping the church reach these goals? *

- continue to invite prospective members into the life of the church,
- continue to create ways for newer persons to feel welcomed and be involved,
- keep our focus on the mission and inclusion of all people.

How does your church make a difference in your community and the world? (be specific) *

- we participate in ONE Northside (Community Organization), Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, support the Lakeview Food Pantry by our donations,

- participate in social justice events/gatherings/protests and marches,
- partner with the Catholic and the Jewish congregations that worship in our building.
- invite community to use the building for community or family events.
- offer a small food pantry and community library- where folk add if they can and take if they need.
- efforts towards becoming more green, eco-friendly, styrofoam free and looking into solar energy.

What are your congregation's on-going needs, concerns, and opportunities?

- financial stability
- build member base and retention,
- better use of the building
- investigating solar power.

Finance Report 2024

I. Organization

1a. Has the committee been organized according to the 2016 Book of Discipline (para. 258.4)? *

Yes
 No

If 'no' please explain

1b. Name of Officers

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Vice Chairperson

Treasurer *

Financial Secretary

Rebecca Limestall

Alexia Rivera

II. Budget and Commitment Plan

2a. Has the committee submitted to the Church Council, or its equivalent, a complete budget for the ensuing year?*

○ Yes

If 'no', please explain The budget is in process and will be shared in Jan 2025

2b. Did the committee give the Church Council an opportunity to request financial support for recommended ministries (para. 258.4)? *



If 'no' please explain

3. How frequently does the Financial Secretary/Treasurer send members and contributors regular reports of their giving? *

O Monthly

- Quarterly
- Semi-annually
- Annually

O No, we do not send reports

4a. Is giving by individual participants in the local church regularly reviewed? *

O Yes

If 'no' please explain

4b. How many giving units do you have?

79

5. What are the plans for raising sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the Church Council (para. 258.4)? *

- stewardship campaign

- annual allocated withdrawal from invested funds

increase membership/giving

6. Does the Financial Secretary/Treasurer report regularly to the Church Council on the giving trends in the church/charge? *

O Yes ○ No

If no, please explain

III. The Handling of Church Funds

	7. Does the Treasurer regularly make reports to the Committee of	n Finance and the Church Council on the financial	position of the church (para. 258.4b)? *
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If 'no' please explain

8. Are all benevolences and other connectional funds remitted monthly to the conference treasurer (para. 258.4b)? *

O Yes

If 'no' please explain They are sent directly to the ministries annually

9a. What bank(s) have been designated by the Church Council as a depository (para. 258.4e)? * JP Morgan Chase

9b. Are all accounts FDIC insured and in amounts at or below the current FDIC insurable limit? *

\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No

If 'no' please explain

9c. Are all accounts in the name of the church? *

\bigcirc	Yes
0	No

If 'no' please explain

10a. Has the committee established written financial policies to document the internal controls of the local church (para. 258.4d)?

O	Yes
\bigcirc	No

10b. Have these policies been reviewed by the committee and found to be adequate and effective (para. 258.4d)?

◯ Yes

🔘 No

11. Are the church offerings counted by a counting committee in accordance with the mandates of the Discipline (para. 258.4a)? *



If 'no' please explain

12. Are all funds deposited promptly in accordance with procedures developed by the Committee on Finance (para. 258.4a,d)? *

\bigcirc	Yes
\bigcirc	No

If 'no' please explain

13. Are financial officers of the church bonded (para. 258.4b)? *

O Yes

If 'no' please explain

14a. Have the financial records of the church and all its organizations been audited for the prior fiscal year (258.4c)? *



If 'no' please explain we will work on it

14b. Were there any recommendations or exceptions? *

O Yes

14c. If there were recommendations or exceptions, how has the church addressed them?

Trustees Report 2024

1. Please list the names of the church's trustees (no less than three and up to nine) with the effective date and term expiration. Please separate by commas. Moses Suarez Dec 31, 2023 Mudit Kapil Dec 31, 2023 Chuck Cole Dec 31, 2022 Melferd Bose Dec 31, 2022 Tim Barnes Dec 31, 2024

2. Is the local church incorporated (para. 2529.1a)? *

O Yes ○ No

3. List address, name on title and type of property owned by the church and church-related entities.

Church Buildings (please list name on title and address) Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church Elisabeth M Kittridge

Parsonage 1 name on title and address (if the church doesn't own one please indicate that) Methodist Episcopal church

Parsonage 2 (if applicable please list name on title and address)

Other property i.e. ministry center (please list name on title and address)

3a. Does the church own any other property that is under another name besides the church? If so, please list name on title and address.

3b. Who is the custodian of deeds and other legal papers? *

Property care-givers

3c. Where are they kept? * Church Office

4a. Does each deed contain trust clause (para. 2503)? *

O Yes

4b. Has the church leadership acknowledged and understood the terms of the Trust Clause?

○ Yes ● No

5. What are the three most urgent building matters that your congregation is facing? Church main entrances on both sides Church exterior painting and cleaning parsonage electrical wiring parsonage tuckpointing

6. Do you have a long-term plan for the replacement of facilities and equipment as they deteriorate? *

○ Yes ● No

Insurance

7. Does your church carry the NIC-wide property and liability insurance? If yes, skip to question 7b. If no, continue to 7a. *

O Yes○ No

7b. Have you assessed the replacement value within the last 5 years? *

O Yes

7c. Who performed the assessment?

7d. Is the amount of insurance adequate? *

O Yes

7e. Have the buildings been inspected for fire and other safety hazards within the past year? *

O Yes

8a. Has an annual accessibility audit for church properties been conducted? *

O Yes
○ No

8b. If needed, have you developed an accessibility plan? *

O Yes

9. Has the pastor and other leaders in the church charged with the supervision of children, youth, and other vulnerable adults completed Safe Gatherings training? *

O Yes

10. Provide a detailed list of income-producing permanent funds. Please provide for each fund - 1) Name of Fund or Fund Category i.e. Memorials 2) Where it is held/invested 3) End of year balance 4) How fund is to be used 5) Is the fund restricted by donor, designated by church action or undesignated? *

1) Invested Funds

2) United Methodist Foundation of the NIC

3) Balance as of October 31, 2024: \$407,507

4) 5% of average last twelve quarters annual withdrawal for general fund; other withdrawals for capital improvement, etc., as voted by church action

5) Fund restricted by church action.

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11a. Please list any organization legally related to the local church.

11b. Are certificates of insurance required by long-term users of the building? *

O Yes ○ No

Parsonage Report 2024

Age of House *	Date Purchase by Church
108	Jan 1, 1927
Purchase Price/Cost	Remaining Debt

In one paragraph, give a "real estate" listing of the house: Number of bedrooms, other rooms by name or function, fireplace, study, basement condition, air conditioning, garage, landscaping, etc. *

Two story, gray stone, single family house with a 2 car detached garage. First floor has a formal living with a non-functional fireplace, dining room, office, family room, a half bathroom, galley kitchen with a fridge, stove, garbage disposal and a dishwasher. Second floor has 3 bedrooms, one with hardwood floor and 2 with carpeting, one full bathroom and a walk in storage area. Unfinished basement with a washer and dryer. The parsonage is adjacent to the church building.

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being inadequate, 10 being ideal) rate the following features of the parsonage.

Rate the size of home in general 7	Rate the size of living room for entertaining 4	
Is the floor plan conducive for both church-related use and family μ_4	privacy?	
Rate Bedroom 1 condition 5	Rate Bedroom 1 size 8	
Rate Bedroom 2 condition 6	Rate Bedroom 2 size 5	
Rate Bedroom 3 condition 5	Rate Bedroom 3 size 6	
Rate Bedroom 4 condition	Rate Bedroom 4 size	
Rate Kitchen condition 6	Rate Kitchen size 4	
Please list age of appliances and any other comments Fridge was installed around 2012, dishwasher in 2018, washer and Kitchen got new tiles and an exhaust fan in 2021. All appliances ar		
Rate Bathroom 1 size 5	Rate Bathroom 1 condition 4	
Rate Bathroom 2 size 4	Rate Bathroom 2 condition 5	
Please list condition of plumbing and any other comments Bath tub in the main bathroom is wearing out.		
Rate Laundry Appliances 9	Rate Interior decorating (drapes, carpets, painting) 5	
Rate Exterior decorating	Comments	
4	Rate Room for study/counseling 4	
Who is the contact person for emergency needs? *		
Moses Suarez		
Are there working smoke detectors?	Are there working carbon monoxide detectors?	
• Yes	• Yes	
○ No	ONo	
Who determines annual parsonage repairs and improvements?		
Property Caregivers (Trustees) in consultation with Relationship builders (SPRC) and Money Ministry (Finance)		

When were the last updates made to the parsonage (maintenance and remodeling?) The last update to the parsonage (new tiles and exhaust hood)was installed in 2021

What is the current church budget figure for parsonage maintenance/repairs, excluding utilities 1,000

Present maintenance needs for this parsonage include: (e.g., inadequate wiring, wet basement, worn carpets, failing appliances, garage or driveway problems, other conditions.

The whole house could use new electrical wiring and windows

- What maintenance is planned for next year?
- 1- Replace/reseal all windows. Replace window screens.
- 2-Bathroom upstairs- repair/replace the bath tub, and address the ongoing mold concern in the ceiling.
- 3- Repaint and caulk/replace wood of the front porch/entrance.
- 4- Repair the pealing paint in bedroom # 3 ceiling.

In the event a member of the parsonage family becomes disabled or has a disability, in what ways would the house need to be modified? N0- the house does not have the capacity to become accessible.

Accessibility Report 2024

1) Is your church accessible to those using wheelchairs, walkers or with other mobility challenges? *

O Yes○ No

If yes, please provide specifics.

Both entrances to the facility have ramps with railing. There is also an elevator to access the lower level.

2) Does your church provide large print worship materials such as Bibles, bulletins and hymn sheets and/or projection on screens? *

O Yes

If yes, please provide specifics.

We have large print hymnals, we print large bulletins and the entire worship service is projected.

3) Does your church provide hearing assistance via personal devices or hearing loop? (If you need info on this, please contact the NIC Committee on Accessibility Ministries) *



If yes, please provide specifics.

We have applied for a grant to make this available but have heard back from the disability ministries team yet

4) Does your church offer special accessibility ministry services such as sign language interpretation? *

O Yes

If yes, please provide specifics.

5) Does your church offer any special ministry programs such as support groups (i.e. grief; divorce, mental illness, AA) etc?*

Yes

◯ No

If yes, please provide specifics.

We host several AA, NA, AI Anon, Recovery and Spirituality, and CMA and several other support groups in our building.

6) Does your church have a fully handicap accessible restroom(s)? This includes an exclusive single user restroom or an extra-large stall; both need to have grab bars, a high-rise toilet with auto-flushing valve, sink or vanity that allows for a wheelchair to roll under, a mirror that angles downward, reach-under activated faucets, paper towel dispenser and/or air powered hand-dryer located at a level that is easily reachable from a wheelchair and a power-assisted entry/exit door that opens outward. (for additional information, please contact the NIC Committee on Accessibility Ministries at accesstogodshouse@gmail.com) *

Yes

If yes, please provide specifics.

We do have accessible restrooms with grab bars, single user restrooms, all our restrooms are gender neutral

7) Does your church promote its accessibility capabilities via the church website, publications, and signage? Signage includes an indication of items such as hearing assist devices, large print bulletins being available and HCA restroom & elevators or lifts, ramps etc.



Financial Summary 2024 (Third Quarter)

INCOME	
CONTRIBUTION INCOME UNRESTRICTED INCOME	43,209.44
DONOR RESTRICTED	3,594.97
Subtotal Contribution Income	46,804.41
INTEREST INCOME	15,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME RELEASE FROM RESTRICTIONS	164.83
TEMP RESTRICTED RELEASE	-10,230.50
PERM RESTRICTED RELEASE RELEASED FROM RESTRICTION	0.00
Subtotal Release From Restrictions	<u>10,230.50</u> 0.00
	61,969.24
TOTAL INCOME	61,969.24
EXPENSES GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	
PASTORAL STAFF	21,802.70
SUPPORT STAFF EXPENSE	17,874.54
RELATIONSHIP BUILDERS EXP	2,352.78
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS OFFICE & ADMIN EXPENSE	10,692.41 872.36
MONEY MINISTRY EXPENSES	149.82
DENOMINATIONAL CONNECTION	250.00
Subtotal General & Administrative	53,994.61
PROGRAM MINISTRIES	
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	1,318.74
PROGRAM SUPPORT	92.00
COMMUNITY GATHERINGS	0.00
GLOBAL COMMUNITY CONNECT	909.62
Subtotal Program Ministries	2,320.36
RESOURCE & RECHARGE	
WORSHIP & RICH RITUAL	8,427.68
CONGREGATIONAL CARE REL'SHIP BUILDERS - LAITY	0.00 0.00
SPIRITUAL FORMATION/EDUC	28.80
Subtotal Resource & Recharge	8,456.48
OTHER EXPENSE	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	64,771.45
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS	
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	0.00
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	0.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	0.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-\$2,802.21

SOWers Report 2023 Susan Armstrong and Paula Roderick

The SOWers are responsible for choosing nonprofits and advocacy groups to be Broadway's monthly Mission Minute. After meeting as a committee to select the organizations, we announce them each month, give the congregation information about their missions, and collect the donations. These are the Mission Minutes we have chosen for 2024:

January: Southern Poverty Law Center February: Palestinian Children's Relief Fund March: Apna Ghar April: Love Your Neighbor Coalition May: Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors (NIJFON) June: Brave Space Alliance July: Youth Empowerment Performance Project (YEPP) August: Arise Chicago September: National Ataxia Foundation October: Warne Baby Fold in Bareilly India November: St. Kateri Center (Bill Buchholz played flute at a service) December: Heartland Human Care Services

Paula Roderick and Susan Armstrong SOWers Representatives

Green Team 2024 Net Zero and Low Hanging Fruit

The Council of Bishops have pledged to achieve net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases by 2050 across ministries, facilities, operation, and investments. One of the low hanging fruits that would allow a congregation to show it is moving in this direction of properly stewarding God's earth is through lowering its energy use.

In September of 2024, Broadway United Methodist signed a contract with Verde Energy Efficiency Experts to replace 123 light fixtures with LED lights, put in motion sensors and exit signs. The total cost of the work was over \$13,000 but was able to complete the project at entirely no cost to Broadway. The yearly savings of this work is estimated to be \$1,496.99. Verde was not able to replace the screw in lighting in the sanctuary (not covered by ComEd) but agreed to do this with a new contract for \$1,329. Broadway's Rev. Alka Lyall said the following about her Verde experience: "Just giving you an update on the work that Verde finished yesterday (October 2). And, I have to say, I am very happy with their work and their style of work! In addition to all that was part of the contract- they replaced front and back entrance lights and replaced the 'photo sensors' for the parking lot, so the parking lot lights will not be on 24 hours anymore."

Verde is a contractor in ComEd's energy efficiency program which provides funding for LED and other energy efficient upgrades, the same one that currently has a 50% incentive bonus ending October 31st. After October there will be a brief hiatus as ComEd preps for the 2025 program year but that doesn't mean we aren't available for assessments and to plan ahead! One big benefit of working with a ComEd contractor like Verde is that our assessments are no-cost and allow us to determine how much funding is available, what your savings would look like, and what the best solutions would be. The funding for ComEd's program is something we are already paying into and is a line item seen on everyone's energy bill under 'Energy Efficiency Programs'.

Making the switch to LED is a great way to take advantage of the program. Not only do LEDs have great payback periods thanks to their wattage reduction but they also create brighter, safer spaces. LED tubes are made of plastic which means there is no potential of shattering risk and thanks to their long lifespans it cuts back on the need for folks to be on ladders changing burned out tubes and bad ballasts. Aside from the operating and maintenance cost benefits, getting rid of buzzing and flickering fixtures can often make spaces feel more comfortable for folks, especially those who are particularly sensitive to light.

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