

# TOWER *Chimes*

*Broadway United Methodist Church*

*December 2008*

## *Keep tellin' the Story...*

*Oh holy night!  
The stars are brightly shining.  
It is the night of the dear  
Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and  
error pining  
Till he appear'd and the soul  
felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary  
world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and  
glorious morn!*

I love the music of this season. I love this song – Oh, Holy Night – I don't have to hear it on Christmas Eve, but it conjures up images in my mind of growing up, gathered around the Christmas tree with mom playing Christmas Carols, hot chocolate, and my brothers and sister and me dividing up the reading of the Christmas Story.

But all stories of Christmas are not like that. For some people, this holy season is a season of distress, despair, and loneliness. We wanted to try and find some way to take on everything from the fear around the economic crisis of our country to those who suffer from seasonal affective disorder (SAD), or a reminder of the brokenness of one's family and relationships.



There is much to work on in this old world. Much... The number of people who live on \$1 a day is in the billions. I feel like repeating that again...but I'll refrain. There are issues that threaten our very survival – not only wars but also the threat that there is to our environment. The economic crisis we are in has people feeling scared.

How is it that we can get to the point of seeing that “yonder breaks a new and glorious morn?”

We do it by acting together. We do it by trusting that God has not left this

## *Oh Holy Night*

world alone even though we have mistreated and abused it. We do it by joining Christ in the work that is laid out in the last verse of that wonderful song.

*Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother.  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.*

Keep tellin' the Story,

Rev. Mike Mather

# Mapleton-Fall Creek Area Hosts Project to Make 30 Rain Barrels

Thirty neighbors from central Indianapolis' Mapleton Fall Creek neighborhood gathered at Broadway United Methodist Church on Wednesday evening, November 12th to learn how to make rain barrels. Topics discussed during the evening workshop included backyard conservation, wildlife enhancement, and the basics of rain barrel construction. The event was co-sponsored by the Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation and the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Each attendee received all the materials to make their own free rain barrel. This demonstration project was funded by a grant from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to the Marion County SWCD and Lower Fall Creek Watershed Alliance.



The Lower Fall Creek Watershed Project is focusing on ways to help improve water quality issues in the primarily urban and rapidly developing suburban landscape of the watershed. One way to help keep stormwater runoff clean and avoid its chance of becoming polluted as it runs across the landscape is collecting it as it comes off a roof in a rain barrel for later use. A rain barrel collects and stores rainwater, which would otherwise runoff to a storm drain, stream, or river. Lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer. Barrels provide an ample supply of free "soft water" for homeowners and contain no chlorine, lime, or calcium. This makes it ideal for gardens, flower pots, car and window washing. Collecting water from 20 homes in a barrel per rain event equals over 1,000 gallons of water. Less stormwater runoff means less cost for the city in building and maintaining a larger storm drain management system and less cost for the homeowner in water utility costs. So imagine what affect 200,000 or more homes with rain barrels could have on an individual storm event's runoff or an areas water consumption.

The workshop was opened by Jackie Nytes, Executive Director of the Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation and City-County Councillor. She introduced Ron Lauster, Director of the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District and Heather Buck, working with Christopher Burke Engineering (who is assisting the District with its Lower Fall Creek Watershed Project). Ron and Heather jointly explained the benefits of rain barrels and the basic steps for workshop attendees to use in making their own rain barrels. Following the rain barrel demonstration, Michele Conyer, Indy Parks and Ben Reinhart from the Indiana Wildlife Federation discussed the wildlife that inhabit cities and how -- by providing food, water, and shelter in their own backyards and neighborhoods -- the attendees could attract wildlife to urban areas. The Indiana Wildlife Federation, an affiliate with the National Wildlife Federation, offers wildlife habitat certification programs for both backyards and public locations. Brooke Klejnot with the Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation and Danielle Fluhr with Broadway United Methodist Church helped coordinate the workshop event. More information about the Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation and the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District can be found respectively on the web at [www.mfcdc.org](http://www.mfcdc.org) or [www.marionswcd.org](http://www.marionswcd.org); the Development Corporation can be called at (317) 923-5514 and the Conservation District can be reached at (317) 786-1776.

~ Ron Lauster, Director - Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District

# On Your Mark, Get Set, SHOP!

Christmas Store 2008 - December 13th - 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It's time to start your holiday shopping. The Christmas Store 2008 has been taking applications. We plan to help 45 families this year! So far, we have over 40 families (over 125 children) with boys & girls ranging from ages 1 to 18 years old. Parents are able to pick two gifts -- one small gift (\$10-12) and one large gift (\$20-30) -- per child. The family is also able to shop for food for their Christmas Day meal. Each week leading up to the Christmas Store, an update on the families, the children's interests, the number of children, and the gifts & food items still needed will appear in the weekly bulletin. The following items are needed:

<u>FOOD</u>		<u>GIFT SUGGESTIONS</u>	
Stuffing Mix	Macaroni & Cheese	Bratz Dolls	Hooded Sweatshirts
Greens	Yams	Cabbage Patches	Coats
Green Beans	Fruit	Baby Alive Dolls	Sports Bras
Corn	Cake	Dora/Diego Dolls	Hats/Gloves (All Sizes)
Cranberry Sauce	Frosting	Remote Control Cars	Earrings
		Basketballs/Footballs	Watches
		Boom Box Radios	Purses
		CD Player w/ Headset	Cologne/Perfume Sets
		Spiderman/Batman	

There will be boxes outside of the Sanctuary and Chapel each Sunday between now and December 7th to collect food items & unwrapped presents. We also need LOTS of volunteers, so please sign up after the worship service to lend a hand! If you don't have time to shop, we will gladly accept your cash donations and do the shopping for you!

Please contact Amy Metheny at (317) 781-1424 or beachdocajm@hotmail.com for more information.

## Christmas Store Underwear

Preparations for the Christmas Store are a frenzy of activity, and this year's format promises to be a fun-filled, friendly event. In addition to presents and food that will be shared with the neighborhood families who have signed up to participate, we are providing new underwear for all the children. If you would like to help with this part of the program, we are asking you to contribute money for the purchase of the correct sizes for the almost 200 children, including teenagers, who will benefit from this project. Any amount that you can give will be greatly appreciated. Just leave your contribution in an envelope (marked Christmas Store Underwear) at the church office, or place your envelope in the Sunday morning offering plates. God loves a cheerful giver!

~ Ellie Gramer

## No Small Parts

I was recently given an award for completing one hundred fifty shows at the Morris Butler House. It takes about three theatre seasons to be able to do that many. I have never been the "star." I have always had small character parts. I tried to do the best with what they gave me. I was most recently a zombie for Halloween -- a fun character who, at first, scared people, then they laughed. Every part is important in a play, like a piece to the puzzle. It is not complete without every piece in place no matter how small.

We are all a part of something. Our place of employment, neighborhood, church, family...we have a part in all of those things. No matter how small, it is important to do our part well. The Lord has a part in our lives also. He is always there for us, and when we do our part in helping to spread his goodness and love, it is like we are adding a piece to the puzzle. In his eyes, there are no small parts. Let's not let the small parts pass us by. It is an opportunity to serve our Lord.

~ Terry Downey



# Important Tax Info: Year-End 2008

Wednesday, December 31, 2008, will be the final day Broadway United Methodist Church is able to receive contributions for credit on your 2008 statement. On New Year's Eve, the Church office will be open until 3:00 p.m.

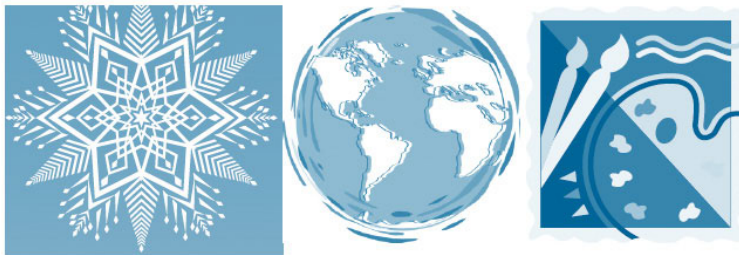
If you plan to hand deliver a final 2008 contribution, it must be put in the offering on Sunday, December 28th, 2008 or brought into the office before 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31st, 2008.

Please note that the IRS specifies:

- Checks dated on or before December 31st, 2008, and received in the church office by that date OR postmarked December 31st, 2008 (received in due course in 2009), will be credited as 2008 giving;
- Any check dated December 31st, 2008, but received after January 1st, 2009 will be credited as a 2009 contribution;
- Securities given to Broadway Church must be in an account in Broadway's name on December 31st, 2008, to receive credit on your 2008 statement.

**IMPORTANT:** To ensure deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2008 income tax return until you have received the printed statement of your contributions from Broadway's office.

~ Mary Kondrath



## Winter Fair-Art Market

*Featuring Community Artists and  
Fair-Trade Gifts From Around the World.*

Friday, December 5th: 6pm-9m

Saturday, December 6th: 10am-6pm

Sunday, December 7th: 10am-2pm

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## Electronic Giving is Here!

**NEW! Sign up online via  
the Broadway website**

Broadway Church now offers electronic giving for those who would like to use this option. Electronic funds transfer (EFT) allows your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly contributions for the General Budget to be transferred from your checking or savings account directly to the church account. If you are away for a period of time, or cannot attend church on a particular Sunday, your pledge will continue to be received and consistently contribute to the work of Broadway, giving the Church a more predictable income throughout the year. A simple, easy to use authorization form is available at the church office, or you may sign up via the Broadway website by clicking on "Donations." If you have questions, please contact Mary Kondrath in the church office at (317) 924-4207 or [mkondrath@broadwayumc.org](mailto:mkondrath@broadwayumc.org).

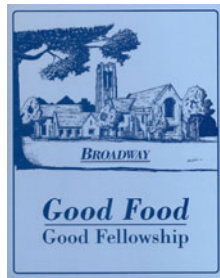
# UMW News...

## UMW Cookie Walk

Our Broadway Cooks and Cookie Bakers are preparing a delightful assortment of delicious Christmas cookies for your good holiday eating. These delectable homemade cookies and Korean egg rolls will be available in the Community Room on Sunday, December 14th, between the first and second services and after the second service. Just purchase any size container from the United Methodist Women and walk from table to table to fill the container with cookies of your choice. These are great for the office and excellent for your gala Christmas gatherings. Our Korean cooks offer delicious egg rolls not available in stores. Thanks for helping support the missions and ministries of Broadway's United Methodist Women.



## Good Food-- Good Fellowship



What could be the best Christmas gift you could give to anyone this year? It's the Broadway Cookbook, and it is still available for a mere \$15!

Chocked full of delicious recipes of all types and presented in an easy-to-read format, this attractive book makes a most appropriate gift for relatives, hostesses, newlyweds, experienced cooks who need a little spice in their dishes, your mailman, the newspaper boy or girl, teachers, preachers, and many others too numerous to mention in this article. If you are involved in an office gift exchange, a card club, a neighborhood group, or a social group of any kind, the purchase and giving of this fantastic cookbook is the nicest way to share the spirit of Broadway in 2008.

The easiest way to make your purchases is to contact the church at (317) 924-4207 or see Ellie Gramer, Joanne Solomon, or Phyllis Newton for personal handling. Thank you for supporting the mission work of Broadway!

~ Ellie Gramer

## Two Thousand PLUS Grateful Thanks!

Grateful thanks to our CROP WALKERS and to all of you who sponsored them! Preliminary results are in for the 2008 CROP Walk for the Hungry, and Broadway's five walkers reported sponsorships totaling \$2,386.

If you recall the Church Trivia mentioned in September's *Tower Chimes*, you remember that St. Luke's United Methodist Church (who contributed \$840 with six walkers in 2007) challenged Second Presbyterian Church (who contributed \$4,495.96 with 21 walkers in 2007). The challenge was to generate 100 walkers each. I'm delighted to report that both congregations rose to the challenge! But neither quite made the goal of 100 walkers this year. Second Presbyterian won the challenge with 86 walkers (Hurrah!) and \$6,232 sponsored; St. Luke's, a close second, fielded 83 walkers, whose sponsorships were reported as (Hallelujah!) \$6,203. My neighbor, Mary Henehan, a good Second Presbyterian, set out to exceed my sponsorships this year, and she DID! A "lovely, little, old lady" came up to the CROP WALKERS' table at Second Pres and gave Mary a check for \$500! I far exceeded Mary's number of sponsors, and I so appreciate the extra boost for the hungry that these challenges made. Did I tell you North United Methodist Church sponsorships exceeded Broadway's sponsorships by a mere \$32? Anyone up to the challenge? We can still take money. In fact, we will be happy to take money any time for CROP.

Again, thanks! Heartfelt thanks!

~ Phyllis Newton,  
CROP Recruiter for Broadway

# Don't Miss Out on These Events!

## First Fridays to Meet at Winter Fair-Art Market During Month of December

First Fridays will meet on Friday, December 5th at Broadway's Winter Fair-Art Market. The Art Market begins December 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room, where there will be artwork for sale by several Broadway artists, as well as other artists in the community. Tables will be set up, and sandwiches, soups, and desserts will be available for purchase. In order to know how much food to provide, please let Chris Whitsel know by e-mail at [chris\\_eric\\_2005@yahoo.com](mailto:chris_eric_2005@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

It is also getting near that time of year when we decide to change restaurants. If you have ideas for a new venue, please bring a menu to First Fridays, and we can all vote on a change for the New Year. See you there!



## And a Special Thanks Goes To...

**THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!** Heartfelt thanks to all who made the worship services on Thank Offering Sunday memorable, informative, mission-minded services. The United Methodist Women are truly grateful for the wonderful support Broadway's congregation gives us.

~ Phyllis Newton

## Reminders

### Contribute to the Tower Chimes

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month for the following month's newsletter. **Items received after the 15th will be held until the next month's newsletter.** Please contact Karen McAleavey at [kmcaleavey@broadwayumc.org](mailto:kmcaleavey@broadwayumc.org) or (317) 924-4207 for more details or to submit information.

### Weekly Bulletin Announcements

If you have events that you wish to include in the weekly Bulletin Announcements, please submit the information as you would like it to appear to Karen McAleavey **no later than 3:00 p.m. on the preceding Wednesday.** You may submit the information in any of the following ways: (1) via e-mail at [kmcaleavey@broadwayumc.org](mailto:kmcaleavey@broadwayumc.org); (2) by bringing written information to the church office; or (3) by calling the information in at (317) 924-4207.

## Congratulations!

### Madam Walker Hall of Fame

A special congratulations to Catherine Ross, who was recently inducted into the Madam Walker Hall of Fame! Mrs. Ross, along with four other women, were inducted at a gala on November 8th.

## Church Finance Update as of October 31st, 2008

The table below reflects budgeted and actual income and expenses as of October 31st, 2008.

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
INCOME	\$421,334.30	\$404,289.31
EXPENSE	\$454,045.90	\$431,058.83
DEFICIT	(\$32,711.60)	(\$26,769.52)
	PROJECTED	ACTUAL

\*As of the end of October 2008, we were \$5,942.08 ahead of where we projected we would be.

For additional information, please contact Treasurer Mike Nix ([michaelpnix@aol.com](mailto:michaelpnix@aol.com)) or Finance Chair Roger Sell ([sellroger@hotmail.com](mailto:sellroger@hotmail.com)).

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# December Events



*The following events are scheduled to take place at the same time each week at Broadway:*

## SUNDAYS

- 8:30 a.m.      Worship Service, Chapel  
9:00 a.m.      Higher Grounds Coffee Shop, Library  
9:30 a.m.      Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Dome Room  
Adult Sunday School Classes, Room 101, 103 and 104  
Korean Bible Study, Room B-1  
9:35 a.m.      New Connections Adult Sunday School Class, Room 103  
10:45 a.m.      English Language Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Korean Language Worship Service, Chapel  
11:30 a.m.      Macedonia Church Sunday School, Room 101  
1:00 p.m.      Macedonia Church Worship Service, Chapel

## MONDAYS

- 9:30 a.m.      Asian Help Services, Room 101 and 104

## TUESDAYS

- 4:15 p.m.      The Creative Writers Club, Conference Room  
4:30 p.m.      McAllister's Caramels, Main Kitchen  
6:00 p.m.      Indy Pride Band Rehearsal, Beck Hall  
Capoeira, Activities Area  
Open Art Studio, Room 302  
Hope in the Hood, Room 101

## WEDNESDAYS

- 9:15 a.m.      Staff Yoga, Community Room  
9:30 a.m.      Asian Help Services, Room 101 and 104  
4:30 p.m.      Program Staff, Conference Room  
4:30 p.m.      McAllister's Caramels, Main Kitchen  
5:00 p.m.      Worship Planning, Conference Room  
6:00 p.m.      Hatha Yoga, Room 312  
Macedonia Church Worship Service, Chapel  
7:00 p.m.      AA Meeting, Wesley Room

## THURSDAYS

- 6:00 p.m.      Latino Domestic Violence Group, Library & Room 201  
Capoeira, Activities Area  
6:30 p.m.      Bell Choir, Room 206  
7:30 p.m.      Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Beck Hall

## FRIDAYS

- 9:30 a.m.      Asian Help Services, Room 101 and 104  
11:00 a.m.      Spiritual Studies, Conference Room\*  
\*(10:00 a.m. 1st Friday of the month)

*The following meetings/events are also scheduled during the month of December:*

- 3rd:      *Committee on Lay Leadership*  
6:00 p.m., Room 103  
7th:      *Ragtime Society Concert*  
2:00 p.m., Parlor  
9th:      *Finance Committee Meeting*  
6:00 p.m., Conference Room  
10th:      *Staff Parish Meeting*  
6:00 p.m., Conference Room  
11th:      *Shepherd Center Investors Club*  
9:00 a.m., Room 101  
13th:      *Christmas Store*  
8:30 a.m., Community Room  
14th:      *UMW Board Meeting*  
8:30 a.m., Conference Room  
*UMW Cookie Walk*  
Between 1st & 2nd Service  
and After 2nd Service,  
Community Room  
17th:      *Resource Development Team*  
3:00 p.m., Conference Room  
*Property Committee Meeting*  
6:00 p.m., Room 104  
*Board of Directors Meeting*  
7:00 p.m., Conference Room  
18th:      *Investment Committee Meeting*  
7:30 a.m., Conference Room  
24th:      *Christmas Eve Family Service*  
4:00 p.m., Chapel  
*Christmas Eve Candlelight*  
*Service - Preservice Music*  
10:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
*Christmas Eve Candlelight*  
*Worship Service*  
11:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
31st:      *Macedonia Church - New Year's*  
*Eve Worship Service*  
9:30 p.m., Sanctuary

*\*The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 25th & Friday, December 26th in observation of the Christmas holiday.*



## Memorial Poinsettias



This Christmas, you have an opportunity to order a poinsettia in honor/memory of loved ones (\$7.<sup>00</sup>/plant). The poinsettias will be in the Sanctuary and Chapel beginning Sunday, December 14th and may be picked up following the Christmas Eve services on Wednesday, December 24th.

Please return your check with the order form below to:

Jeffery Perkins  
Broadway United Methodist Church  
609 East 29th Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Names of those being honored/memorialized will be printed in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 14th.

The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Wednesday, December 10th.

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### Memorial Poinsettia Order Form

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants (\$7.<sup>00</sup>/plant): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor (circle one) of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to Broadway United Methodist Church.  
Have you indicated either "in honor" or "in memory" on the form?*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, responding to God's love,  
our mission as the people of Broadway Church is to be a  
multicultural, Christian community that in its ministry seeks,  
welcomes and values all people.*

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*English Language Service - 8:30 a.m., Chapel; 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary  
Korean Language Service - 10:45 a.m., Chapel  
Children's Worship - 10:45 a.m., after Children's Sermon  
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Broadway Workers - Rm 101;  
Searchers Class - Rm 104; Korean Bible Study - Rm B-2;  
New Connections - Rm 103 (9:35 a.m.)  
Youth/Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Nursery - Rm 203;  
Age Five - 5th Grade - Rm 202 at 9:30 a.m.  
6th Grade - 12th Grade - Dome Room*

### **Sunday Worship Schedule at Broadway UMC**

#### **Broadway's Staff**

*Pastoral:* Mike Mather, Rachel Metheny, Suhyoung Baik,  
and Sang Jin Yang

*Program:* Duane Carlisle, Children/Youth Minister  
De'Amon Harges, Roving Listener  
Chris Schroeder, Minister of Music/Organist  
Scott Semester, Director of Development

*Office:* Mary Kondrath, Business Administrator  
Karen McAleavey, Administrative Assistant  
Jeffery Perkins, Administrative Assistant

*Maintenance/Housekeeping Staff:*

Tom Weesner, Facility Manager  
Randy Ficklin

*Ministry of Light and Sound:* Jim Fore

*Security:* Jim Martin and Eugene Smith

*Staff e-mail addresses are first letter of first name followed by last  
name@broadwayumc.org. (For example: jperkins@broadwayumc.org.)*

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