

TOWER *Chimes*

Broadway United Methodist Church

December 2009

Keep tellin' the Story...

Advent is often thought of as a season for waiting. Around Broadway, our intern, Jill Issleb, has ended one season of waiting with the birth of a daughter -- Nora Grace Issleb. Just eight weeks ago, Heather and Mark Costlow ended one season of waiting with the birth of Holden James Costlow. But these seasons of waiting, as all those parents out there know, is just the occasion for more waiting. There is the waiting for the first steps, the waiting for the first word, the first day of school, and we could go on and on. It is just to point out that as we await our celebration of the birth of Jesus, we recognize that seasons of waiting are also seasons of action. If they weren't, nothing would ever get done! Life is a constant dance between waiting and action.

I like the notion that the season of Advent is a season of waiting. One good activity for waiting is listening. Listening to God. Listening to the story of faith. Listening to one another. Listening to our enemies. There's a world of possibilities.

This Sunday morning at 9:30 worship down in the Wesley Room, a beautiful thing happened. Waiting erupted into arrival. A neighbor, Jewel, came to that worship service for the first time. As the piano player was practicing, he was playing *Precious Lord Take My Hand*, and she began to sing.

And my, my, my could that woman sing. She sang like she knew what it was like to ask God to take her hand; she sang like she had been saving up her whole life for that moment. She sang with confidence, with boldness, and with excellence. My, my, my. Later, she sang that and another song, and all in the room could see that it was in such a moment that God was speaking.

The moment was right, the time was at hand...and it happened. Many of us are waiting, wondering what will happen next. Will I get a job? Will I find a place to live? What will happen in this country with health care reform? Many in this congregation are working to support and care for one another in their individual waiting. Others are lending a hand to the questions of national policy. There are conversations all around.

In this season of Advent -- in the busyness that is this season -- can you take a few moments every morning and wait? Wait in prayer, wait in silence to hear and notice what God is doing in the life of the world and in your own life. Face the day having paused and listened. It doesn't have to be in silence. On my flight out here to New York City yesterday, the woman in the seat in front of me sang very beautifully and quietly as we

Waiting on Jewel

waited to take off. The beauty and peace of her voice was a balm to my own sense of anxiety and waiting for the meetings that I will have here.

We sang this Sunday a song with words written by Brian Wren, *There's a Spirit in the Air*. Three of the verses go as follows:

*When believers break the bread
when a hungry child is fed;
praise the love that Christ revealed
living, working in our world.*

*Still his Spirit leads the fight,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay,
we can see his power today.*

*When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.*

What are you waiting for this Advent season? What are you waiting for at Christmas? Don't wait so long that you miss the opportunity to act. We are preparing for the birth of Jesus -- and that's just the beginning.

Keep tellin' the Story,



Rev. Mike Mather

Broadway Christmas Store 2009

“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded.” - Luke 12:48

On December 12th, Broadway is having its 19th annual Christmas Store! For those of you new to Broadway, the Christmas Store is a ministry that reaches out to our local neighborhood, helping approximately 45 families to have a more blessed holiday. Last year, Broadway was able to serve 63 families (42 the day of the store), with a total of 232 children! Each child receives two presents, as well as hats, gloves, and underwear. Each family receives a complete Christmas dinner, including a frozen turkey.



The day starts with the parents enjoying a light breakfast with a Broadway volunteer “elf” and then they “shop” together for all their children. They are able to pick out two unwrapped presents for each child as well as plenty of food to prepare a family Christmas dinner. The parents are then assisted in wrapping all the presents and helped home by a Broadway volunteer. It is a wonderfully festive atmosphere!

New toys and monetary donations are still needed for this year’s Christmas Store. Toys, if given, should be unwrapped and new. The ages of the children range from newborns to eighteen years. We do not accept any weapon-like toys or toy guns. The price of the gifts should range from \$10-\$20 per gift.



Please watch the bulletin each Sunday as it will list items still needed. Drop-off boxes are located in the main office during office hours Monday through Friday and in the foyer after 1st and 2nd services on Sunday to collect any canned goods, boxed goods, or presents. We also welcome any cash donations (simply write “Christmas Store” in the memo of the check and place it in offering basket on Sunday, or mail it to the church).

We will also have sign-ups after church through December 6th. Anyone wishing to help set up for the store on Friday, December 11th is welcome to join us in the Community Room starting at 9:00 a.m.



The Christmas Store is truly a special event for Broadway and the neighborhood. Anyone who has participated in this ministry knows you will walk away blessed and wanting to come back next year.

Last year we did a survey of the neighborhood families helped by the Christmas Store. The response was overwhelmingly positive! One woman said that if not for the Christmas Store, she wouldn’t have had anything to give her kids for Christmas; many said what a blessing to them it was. One woman said she feared Christmas wouldn’t be “happy this year,” but the Christmas store changed that. Many simply stated that they “needed” the Christmas Store to be here every year.



In closing, I will leave you with the words of one mother blessed from last year’s Christmas Store: “Again, I want to say thank you so much for the help you have given my family. If you only knew how fulfilled my heart is... [holding back from crying]...again, thank you!”

Please contact Amy Metheny at (317) 781-1424 or beachdocajm@hotmail.com with any questions.



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UPDATE!: Handicap Parking at Broadway

As you know, Broadway is a remarkable facility! Keeping our building accessible and aptly utilized for worship is a top priority for our staff. With that in mind, we would like to remind everyone of the existence of the handicap drop-off on the Fall Creek side of our church. In the past, this area has often been mistakenly used as a parking area. We would like to remind everyone, however, that this drop-off is not designed for parking. It is crucial that we avoid a situation that would prohibit emergency vehicles to access this designated area.

Please notice that the signage in the drop-off zone, while once errantly reading "Parking Only," now reads correctly, "Drop Off Only." We ask that anyone dropping someone off in this area please re-park in one of the parking lots along 29th Street, in which there are eight designated Handicap Parking spots. Thanks for your attention to this matter!

~ Broadway Staff

Did You Know?

A Message from the Shining Light Team Safety Coordinator, Eric Sarver:

Around Broadway, you will find fire extinguishers installed in plain view, near an escape route.

Extinguishers require routine care. At Broadway, as a part of our Preventative Maintenance, our fire extinguishers are inspected twice a year with each model recharged, if necessary.

Broadway UMC Laywoman Honored by Indiana Women's Prison

Congratulations to Phyllis Newton!



Phyllis Newton, a member of Broadway UMC in Indianapolis with years of service and deep passion for the Indiana Women's Prison ministry, was recently named IWP's Religious Services Volunteer of the Year. She received a quilt made by the offenders. She also received a standing ovation made by the 150 volunteers, guests, staff and offenders present for the annual IWP volunteers event. Newton was chosen from more than 400 volunteers at IWP. She was honored for her work as an instructor-mentor in the PLUS unit of the prison and for her service in United Methodist Women.

Chaplain Steve Hall, director of Chaplaincy Services for the Indiana Department of Correction, was in attendance. He said that due to the economy and state-wide financial situation, the Department of Correction (DOC) has had to cut staff and program funding in all of the state's prisons. He said, because of this fact, volunteers have been a blessing to the prison system. He said, statewide, volunteers have provided (with their time and program skills) what would equal to be about \$4 million annually to DOC facilities.

~ Article originally appeared in the November 11th
Metro Ministries, Inc. NEXUS News Flash

UMW News...

COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA!

Sunday, December 13th, a great variety of delicious cookies will be on sale at the UMW Cookie Walk in the Community Room. Come and buy a cookie container of your choice and wander around the tables filling it with your favorite cookies. The Cookie Walk begins in time to accommodate congregants who come to the 8:30 a.m. worship service and will conclude about 1:00 p.m. or when all the cookies are sold. This is a wonderful way to get a great variety of cookies for the Christmas season and support the many missions of the United Methodist Women.

~ Phyllis Newton

BROADWAY TO HOST METRO MINISTRIES ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Metro Ministries is bringing their Annual Celebration to Broadway again this year at a festive time of the year -- December 13th -- at 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Our fabulous custodial staff will be taking down the tables from the Cookie Walk just in time to put other tables up for the Celebration. Our United Methodist Women will be providing hors d'oeuvres preceding the celebration, so be thinking of a special appetizer you may want to supply. The proceeds will go into the church's general budget as UMW's contribution towards such ministries as Day Camp and education for children.

~ Phyllis Newton

Breaking Bread Together

Our staff at Broadway and the phone volunteers had a very pleasant luncheon planned by Jeffery Perkins on November 4th, 2009. All staff and phone volunteers brought delicious dishes of many kinds. We broke bread together with Cathy Pilarski's homemade bread. Mr. Perkins led a short discussion about how to reach others the best way when answering questions about bills, food and other necessities. When talking to a neighborhood person, we will want to have a conversation discussing their interests and abilities.

Thanks to Jeffery Perkins for planning this event. It worked out well.

~ Beverly Swope

Pride of Indy Bands Holiday Concert

Pride of Indy Bands is pleased to again be invited to help celebrate the holiday season with Broadway United Methodist Church. As part of the Broadway Presents Artist Series, the Pride of Indy Band will be performing its holiday concert in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 6th, at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free, and a reception will follow in the Community Room.



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From Darkness Into Light

Join us at Broadway United Methodist Church this Advent Season as we incorporate the beautiful sounds of the D'Indy String Quartet into our worship services. D'Indy String Quartet will accompany the choir anthems, present selections, and accompany congregational hymn singing during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services throughout Advent. Plan to join them for a discussion following both worship services on Sunday, December 6th.

On December 20th, D'Indy String Quartet the Chancel Choir, and other musicians will present Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* during the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24th, Chapel
4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24th, Sanctuary
10:30 p.m. - Preservice Music
11:00 p.m. - Worship Service

Imagine Advent...
Imagine Worship!

Important Tax Info: Year End 2009

Thursday, December 31st, 2009, will be the final day Broadway United Methodist Church is able to receive contributions for credit on your 2009 statement. PLEASE NOTE, however, that if you plan to hand deliver a final 2009 contribution, the Church office will be closed on December 31. If you plan to deliver a final contribution in person, it must be in the office before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30th, 2009.

The IRS specifies:

- Checks dated on or before December 31st, 2009, and received in the church office by that date OR postmarked December 31st, 2009 (received in due course in 2010), will be credited as 2009 giving;
- Any check dated December 31st, 2009, but received in a Sunday offering after January 1st, 2010 will be credited as a 2010 contribution;
- Securities given to Broadway Church must be in an account in Broadway's name on December 31, 2009, to receive credit on your 2009 statement.

IMPORTANT: To ensure deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2009 income tax return until you have received the printed statement of your contributions from Broadway's office.

Electronic Giving Is Easy!

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.

Church Finance Update as of October 31st, 2009

The table below reflects budgeted and actual income and expenses as of October 31st, 2009. As of the end of October, we are \$13,514.28 better than what we had forecast!

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
INCOME	\$366,431.60	\$377,944.92
EXPENSE	\$424,387.50	\$422,386.54
DEFICIT	(\$57,955.90) PROJECTED	(\$44,441.62) ACTUAL

*John Wesley had a simple message regarding giving:
earn all you can; save all you can; give all you can.
Thank you for earning, saving, and giving all you can!*

For additional information, please contact Treasurer Mike Nix (michaelpnix@aol.com).

Special Thanks!

Dear Broadway Family, on behalf of myself and my entire family, thank you for your outpouring of love and support during the death of my sister. My family was very pleased with all acts of kindness expressed during our sudden loss. Your continued prayers would be much appreciated.

~ Jeffery Perkins

I am so thankful to Broadway's staff for graciously accommodating the young adults of Public Allies Indianapolis. On two occasions, you not only allowed the Public Allies to utilize Broadway's facilities, you did so with great hospitality and love. The Public Allies learned so much just from experiencing Broadway, Broadway's staff, and Broadway's congregation. Thanks for that!

~ Marc McAleavey, Site Director
Public Allies Indianapolis

I want to thank the Broadway congregation for your widespread support of the Sell Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner. Your hard work and dedication keep this dinner going year after year, and Betty Sell would be proud. Thank you so very, very much for all that you do.

~ Pat Pearson

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 OF THE MONTH WILL BE HELD UNTIL THE NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WITHOUT EXCEPTION!** Please contact Karen McAleavey at kmcaleavey@broadwayumc.org or (317) 924-4207 for more details or to submit information.

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. Celebration Service, Wesley Room
9:30 a.m. Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Wesley 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

No Regularly Scheduled Events

TUESDAYS

- 9:30 a.m. Cue-to-Cue Worship Rehearsal, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Worship Planning, Wesley Room
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

- 10:00 a.m. Broadway Staff Meeting, Community Room
11:15 a.m. Staff Yoga, Room 312
6:00 p.m. Hatha Yoga, Room 312
Macedonia Church Worship Service, Chapel
Indy Pride Color Guard Rehearsal, Community Room
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Beck Hall
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Wesley Room
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Beck Hall

THURSDAYS

- 5:30 p.m. Alberta Denk Violin Lessons, Beck Hall
6:00 p.m. Latino Domestic Violence Group, Library & Room 201
Capoeira, Activities Area

FRIDAYS

- 11:00 a.m. Spiritual Studies, Conference Room*
*(10:00 a.m. 1st Friday of the month)
NOTICE: *Spiritual Studies has been canceled for the entire month of December. It will resume meeting on January 8th, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.*

Please Note: *The Church Office will be closed Christmas Day (Friday, 12/25/09), New Year's Eve (Thursday, 12/31/09), and New Year's Day (Friday, 1/1/10).*

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

- 1st: Home Repair Workshop
6:00 p.m., Room 104
UMW Wraps
6:00 p.m., Room 202
2nd: Home Repair Workshop
6:00 p.m., Room 104
Committee on Lay Leadership
6:00 p.m., Fishes & Loaves Rm.
5th: Community Room Rental
1:00 p.m., Community Room
6th: Imagine Worship: D'Indy String Quartet Discussion
Following both worship services
Community Room
Ragtime Society Concert
2:00 p.m., Parlor
Indy Pride Band Rehearsal
3:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Indy Pride Band Holiday Concert
5:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Indy Pride Band Reception
6:30 p.m., Community Room
8th: Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m., Conference Room
9th: Staff Parish Meeting
6:00 p.m., Conference Room
10th: Shepherd Center Investors Club
9:00 a.m., Room 101
11th: Christmas Store Set-Up
9:00 a.m., Community Room
12th: Christmas Store
8:30 a.m., Community Room and Wesley Room
13th: UMW Board Meeting
8:30 a.m., Conference Room
UMW Cookie Walk
8:30 a.m., Community Room
Diakonia Meeting
12:00 p.m.
Metro Ministries Celebration
3:00 p.m., Community Room
16th: Property Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m., Room 104
Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 p.m., Conference Room
19th: Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal
9:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Chapel
24th: Christmas Eve Family Service
4:00 p.m., Chapel
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
10:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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Memorial Poinsettias

This Christmas, you have an opportunity to order a poinsettia in honor/memory of loved ones (\$7.⁰⁰/plant). The poinsettias will be in the Sanctuary and Chapel beginning Sunday, December 13th and may be picked up following the Christmas Eve services on Thursday, 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 13th.

The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Wednesday, December 9th.

Memorial Poinsettia Order Form

Your Name: _____

Number of Plants (\$7.⁰⁰/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
Celebration Service - 9:30 a.m., Wesley Room
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 - Wesley Room*

Sunday Worship Schedule at Broadway UMC

Broadway's Staff

Pastoral: Mike Mather, Rachel Metheny, Suhyoung Baik, MyoHee Cho, Jill Issleb, and Stacey Smith

Program: Duane Carlisle, Children/Youth Minister
De'Amon Harges, Roving Listener
Chris Schroeder, Minister of Music/Organist
Kevin Neel, Associate Minister of Music
Mark Kesling, Director of Generosity and Abundance

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

Maintenance/Housekeeping Staff:
Cathy Pilarski, Facility Manager
Randy Ficklin and Eric Sarver

Ministry of Light and Sound: Jim Fore

Public Ally: Drake Crosley

Security: Eugene Smith

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