

Broadway United Methodist Church**January 2011**

Keep tellin' the Story...

Evil and Gratitude

The shooting over this past weekend in Tucson is an outward and visible sign to us of the presence of evil in the world around us. We have plenty of reminders if we pay attention. We see it when dear friends of ours take ill with cancer and we watch them as they suffer through both the illness and its treatments. We see it when we watch our local news and see the reports of murders and other terrors that occur to start off the new year. Evil is not apart from us.

Twice in the past few Sundays we have spoken the words of the baptismal liturgy that ask us "Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?"

Why do we ask that? It is because evil is very present in the world around us. And when we confess that – see that – recognize that – then there is room to move forward.

So what is the proper response to the evil around us? To me the proper response is gratitude. Not gratitude at the evil – gratitude in the very face of evil. Gratitude that we can remember and tell the stories of the remarkable lives of those who have died – both far away and locally: Dominique Corder, John Roll, Christina Green, Gabe Zimmerman, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwin Stoddard, Dorothy Morris. When their lives are remembered with gratitude – then we have something to celebrate and learn from that accompanies us through our grief and leaves us better off and less cynical than before. And even better can inspire us in new ways.

It is sad to me when I think that probably more people will remember and know the name of the young man who killed the people in Tucson than the people who he killed. But it doesn't have to be like that.

The real defeat of evil that God has provided and we are to be witnesses to in our lives – is when we can see, with gratitude, the blessings that fill us even in the very presence of evil. It is what it means to remember our baptism. It is what it means to celebrate, as Paul says, "Christ crucified." If evil cannot have the last word, as we say it does not...then we have only our gratitude to celebrate.

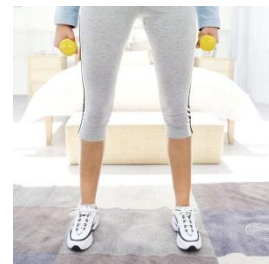
Keep tellin' the Story,

Mike

Upcoming Events & Opportunities to Get Involved

Exercise/Movement Classes

- Judith Dunville, a Mapleton-Fall Creek (MFC) neighbor, has started a neighbor facilitated exercise/movement class in the Community Room from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Mrs. Dunville has lived in the MFC neighborhood for the last ten years, and her adult sons and their families also reside in the neighborhood. She considers herself a plus-sized woman who wants to lose weight and share health-related ideas with neighbors. She welcomes you to attend to learn more.



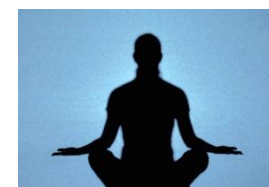
Mid-North Shepherd's Center

- Broadway is one of the sponsoring congregations of the Mid-North Shepherd's Center, which meets every Wednesday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at North United Methodist Church, 3803 N. Meridian Street. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. The Shepherd's Center is an interfaith ministry, engaging the heart, mind, and spirit of older adults.



Hatha Yoga Classes

- Broadway offers the method of Hatha yoga for all levels, especially beginners and those with little experience! Each Wednesday evening and for just \$5 you and your friends can take part in a restorative and relaxing hour of a traditional yoga method. The cost is as good as anyone will find in Indy while benefiting the Zawadi Community Project at BUMC. Meet in Room 312 at 6:00 p.m. and take part in the bliss of yoga from Shannon Abbott!



"Transitions" Workshop

- Many people are thinking about living in a more healthful way. Broadway member, Mary Ann Slinn, a Transitions Lifestyle Coach, has completed the program personally and knows that is it truly the last weight management program she will ever need. "Transitions" is not a diet plan; it's a lifestyle plan. The focus is on losing body fat weight, not what number is on the scale. Transitions focuses on three areas: Low-glycemic eating, behavior modification (changing lifestyle habits), and body composition (exercise). Keep an eye out for upcoming "Transitions" Workshops.



Newsletter Volunteers

- The Staff Parish Committee is looking for volunteers interested in creating the monthly Broadway newsletter—Tower Chimes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mike Mather at (317) 924-4207 or mmather@broadwayumc.org.



Alter Flowers

- If you would like to provide alter flowers in memory of family or friends please call Joanne Solomon at (317) 257-4737 or e-mail her at sjgsolo@aol.com.



ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

Broadway offers Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), which allows your contribution for the General Budget to be transferred from your checking or savings account directly to the church account. A simple authorization form is available in the church office, or you may sign up via the Broadway website by clicking on "Donations." Please contact Rachel Metheny at (317) 924-4207 or rmetheny@broadwayumc.org if you have questions.



2010 Crop Walk for Hunger

Broadway's CROP Walkers extend their thanks to all of their sponsors for their support and well wishes. The team raised \$2,907 in 2010 which is 19% increase over 2009. Broadway's CROP Walk team members were Mark DeVore, Mike Nix, Joe Norman, Joe McIntosh, Phyllis Newton, Margaret Pengilly, and Shirley Shazer.

The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds to help fight hunger around the world. It is an initiative of the Church World Service, which for more than 60 years has been a cooperative ministry of 36 U.S. Protestant, Catholic, Anglican, and Orthodox denominations. It partners with ecumenical and interfaith agencies worldwide through self-help development, disaster response, and refugee services. More information can be found at www.churchworldservice.org.

Day of Prayer and Self Denial

The United Methodist Women will hold a service on Saturday, February 19th in support of the annual Day of Prayer and Self Denial in the parlor. Please make the date on your calendar. More details will be in the February Tower Chimes.

Thank You

Dear Broadway People,

I received the Notes of Encouragement recently. I have read and re-read them several times and I will continue to do so. It is as if we are visiting one another.

Thank you very much, I truly appreciate all your notes.

Bob Alexander

Times They are a Changing

Yes, change has come to the Tower Chimes and we hope this change will bring new ideas to the publication. Broadway's Staff Parish Committee has decided to shift responsibility for the monthly publication of the Tower Chimes from Broadway's staff to church volunteers. Broadway's staff will be focused on more pressing issues associated with attending to the spiritual needs of the parish and surrounding community, maintaining the physical structure of the church, and in meeting operational issues such as payroll, taxes, and conference requirements.

If you have any questions about this change in direction please contact Frances Leath at frances.leath@gmail.com. In the meantime, if you would like to join the volunteers in producing future editions please contact Reverend Mather at mmather@broadwayumc.org.

Frances Leath
Staff Parish Committee

United Methodist Women (UMW) News



Heartfelt thanks to the women who attended the **UMW Imaginary Bazaar**, and to those who helped contribute school supplies for **Operation Classroom** in Sierra Leone, and stocking stuffers for the 20 Christmas stockings for Fletcher Place Community Center. We assembled supplies for 15 bags for elementary school children and 12 bags for our secondary school in Taima. We sent a check to the Reverend Joe Wagner for the needed Bibles and/or New Testaments which go in every bag. The 27 filled bags and 22 unfilled bags we had sewn were transported to the Packing Party for Operation Classroom held at Speedway United Methodist Church where many people packed the supplies in boxes and they were ready to go to Lapel to help fill the large storage containers which will take them to Africa.



Reverend Moman

A thousand thanks to the Reverend Mary Ann Moman who gave the message for our congregation on **Thank Offering Sunday**, November 21st. Reverend Moman headed the Division of Ordained Ministry for the United Methodist denomination for the past several years, which included work with seminaries and with annual conferences. She is much loved and respected by those who knew her when she was on staff at Broadway from 1986 to 1995. The UMW were privileged to have Reverend Moman as our speaker and we thank Reverend Mike Mather who each year makes it possible for Broadway to celebrate UMW day.

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Thanks to the bakers and to all who bought cookies at the UMW Cookie Walk. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk go to support the missions and ministries of the United Methodist Women at home and around the world. Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!



Christmas Store

Thanks to Broadway's United Methodist Women who assembled the needed sizes and shapes of underwear for families who participated in the 2010 Christmas Store



Restorative Justice

While teaching a class on Restorative Justice at the [Indiana Women's Prison](#), I decided to spend a class session on Restorative Justice at the global level. To introduce the need before sharing about the work of the more than 20 Trust Commissions and subsequent Restorative Justice initiatives, I read an excerpt from a moving speech I had heard United Methodist Missionary Elmira Sellu give at the UMW Assembly in Orlando, Florida. She said:

“Apart from massive looting and burning of both private and public property, women and children were killed, cut in pieces and displayed in the street corners. Pregnant women had their stomachs ripped open and fetuses removed. Sucking mothers were forced to kill their babies, pound them into mortars to make ground meat for the rebels to eat. Male children were forced to have sexual intercourse with their mothers and grandmothers in the presence of rebels. School children had both hands cut off. Some, as usual, were recruited to serve as child soldiers and sex workers . (1997)

When I finished reading, I looked up to see many women weeping. Some of the women declared that these atrocities were too severe to use restorative justice. What, then, would Sierra Leone do to restore community? To find healing and wholeness? At this point I told some of the things our own churches in Indiana are doing through Operation Classroom which allow us to be part of the healing process and the future of this devastated country.

These women in the P.L.U.S. Honors Unit were subsequently asked to sew 2,000 school bags for Church World Service, like the ones our Broadway people had sewn and filled for schools in Sierra Leone. Materials would be cut into the needed pieces by women on the outside and brought in. But the women lacked sewing machines in the P.L.U.S. Dorm. Anne Loomis did comparative shopping and found two sturdy Viking sewing machines with a promise of a reduction in price. Our UMW proposal was taken to the finance committee and from thence to the Diakonia who granted money from the Patricia Wheaton Fund in a mini-grant which covered the largest part of the purchase price. UMW supplied the rest. The sewing machines were delivered to the Purposeful Living Units Service dorm and in a space of three days, the women had sewn more than thirty bags and were waiting on more materials, which has since been brought in.

This is a win-win. The women inside were able to do community service with pride in their good works. (Each woman needs 150 hours of community service to graduate from the P.L.U.S. program). The scholars who receive the school bags and supplies will be able to achieve their education goals, and the world should be a better place to live because of these educated youth.

Now that is an excellent example of Restorative Justice in Church World Service. A thousand thanks to our church people and especially to the family of Pat Wheaton, who serviced passionately in the Women’s Society of Christian Service at Broadway for many years.

- Phyllis Newton

Apples and Candy Canes for Christmas

Three years ago, one of our mentoring partners in the Indiana Women's Prison said that she had not had an apple all year, and thus was born an idea that Broadway's Searchers Class in conjunction with the United Methodist Women could take an apple in for each woman attending the Christmas Eve service in the prison. Joanne Solomon was able to find a company which gave us a wholesale price on boxes of fancy Gala apples and Susan Bennett supplied a candy cane for each congregant in conjunction with Chaplain Catherine Bowie. Last year, however, the prison population was moved to the facility on Girls' School Road and no volunteers were allowed in, so it was a bleak Christmas season inside. This year, Chaplain Janet Casey-Allen again gave permission for this treat to be brought in, but this year she asked for 600 apples—a very large number of fancy Gala apples, but we again elected to take them in. When Joanne made her contact, she was amazed when an anonymous donor gave the apples—eight boxes of beautiful apples. Through her efforts, we picked up the apples and helped distribute them at the close of Christmas Eve service. Women must sign up to attend worship and 301 Women attended that service—fully half of those incarcerated in that facility. The rest of the apples were distributed after the service on December 26th. Although Christmas tends to be a sad time for women in prison. These apples and the candy canes brightened the day. Special thanks to Joanne and to our fabulous anonymous donor. My mentoring partner said she just put it where she could look at it, and finally ate it all up on Christmas Day, a wonderful treat! Thanks too, to those who donated the candy canes, another Christmas delight.



Broadway United Methodist Women are so grateful for your gracious and generous response to our request for monetary and personal support in the purchasing and wrapping of underwear for the children of our neighborhood. We provided panties, diapers, bras, camis, boxers, and tee shirts for 203 youth at the Christmas Store this year! This would not have been possible if you good folks had not opened your hearts and your billfolds. We appreciate all the time and energy that you shared in this project. May your hearts be warmed by the fact that many youngsters now have a new "foundation" for 2011!

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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.

TOWER

Chimes

*English Language Service - 8:30 a.m., Chapel; 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary
Celebration Service (Contemporary) - 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;
Youth/Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Nursery - Rm 203;
Age Five - 5th Grade - Rm 202 at 9:30 a.m.*

Sunday Worship Schedule at Broadway UMC

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