

TOWER *Chimes*

Broadway United Methodist Church

January 2009

Keep tellin' the Story...

The Gospel Stimulus Plan

Recession, Depression. That's a couple of tough words being thrown around these days. This morning, I was talking with a friend on the phone, and she told me that she had just found out she was being downsized out of her job. This was not the first such conversation I've had in the last couple of months. Some people have lost their jobs, others tell stories about sitting at work while every week others around them are losing their jobs -- feeling stress, guilt, and relief all bound up together.

Our leaders are offering a lot of different versions of plans to help us get out of the mess that we are in. The solutions are given many names ("bailout," "emergency rescue," etc.). My personal favorite is the "fiscal stimulus plan." On January 6th, the season of Epiphany begins (we will celebrate it at Broadway on Sunday, January 4th -- always trying to beat the rush here). The word "epiphany" has as one of its definitions: An illuminating realization or discovery, often resulting in a personal feeling of elation, awe, or wonder.

I had...well...an "Epiphany." I propose the following Gospel Stimulus Plan to the crises we are facing. So here goes. This Gospel Stimulus Plan has three parts:

1) Build economy – Jesus announces at the beginning of his ministry in Luke 4 that he has come (among other things) to announce Good News to the Poor. That seems like a good place to begin to build an economy -- from the bottom up. That builds a strong foundation. So, building on good news to the poor, let's invest (as an institution and as individuals) in the gifts, products, and services of those who don't have much money. Every time we spend money, we will ask ourselves, "Can we spend this money by investing in God's good news among the poor?" As others begin to see that good news, through our eyes, present in the world around us, it will begin to lift and sustain the rest of us.



2) Build community – Sometimes economy fails. When it does, what sustains us? When Conor had brain surgery this summer, for the two weeks that he was in the hospital (and beyond) the people of Broadway

fed us. I think of families in our neighborhood who have died from fires in their homes related to utilities being cut off from non-payment. We will build the type of community where people know each other well enough that if someone is facing such a crisis, another person can offer a warm place to spend the night while people get on their feet, rather than find themselves and their family at risk. We will do that by having conversations with people that continually connect people to one another and build relationships between people. It isn't very hard; it usually goes something like this: "I'd love to introduce you to my friend, Vivi/Tom/Margaret..." At the Winter Arts Market that was held two weeks ago, Darryl, a neighborhood carving artist (who is in a wheelchair), called in and cancelled because he had a knot in his back. Jeffery called Shalonda who is a masseuse, and she went over and gave him a massage that got him to the Winter Arts Festival after all (he gave her one of his carvings...not to mention a new friendship!). Now that's building community.

3) Build mutual delight – In John 15, Jesus says, "I came that my joy may be in you and your joy may be full."
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Jesus wants us to be happy. Any economy that doesn't have room for happiness or joy is no economy at all. We will make room for one another's gifts. In worship on Christmas Eve, the choir lifted and filled us with mutual delight at their talents and gifts. Jonah, the manager of our recently closed Starbucks, serenaded the congregation with his voice, as did another neighbor, Martha. But we can do what we do in worship in our homes, where we can pay more attention to each other and what each other has to offer. We can give others the opportunity to share their joy with us and through that build mutual delight. God created us for one another, building on that should be at the heart of a good economy.



On the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the Jubilee Christmas Store came to life. And what so impressed me was the time that the people of Broadway Parish took to listen to those that the world doesn't think have much to say. There were long conversations over Avis's biscuits and gravy (mmm, mmm, mmm). And already, we have begun to see seeds sprouting from those conversations. On that Sunday, we invited folks forward who have promised to be Campaign Visitors for the Miracle on 29th Street, and we blessed them and thanked them for their commitment to sharing the story and building investment in the gifts and dreams of the people of Broadway. The Miracle on 29th Street

is the story of Broadway's investment in what God is doing to redeem the world. It is our investment in what God is doing that announces Good News in the face of poverty and economic crisis – doesn't the world need to hear that right now? Don't we? And where did we hear those dreams? From the mouths of each of you – wise elders and gleeful children, talented musicians, smart business people, and devout pray-ers, community organizers and first-rate teachers...I could go on and on.

Yes – this is all part of a Gospel Stimulus Plan. Let's get to work!

Keep tellin' the Story,

Rev. Mike Mather



Christmas Store 2008 Wrap-up

The Christmas Store 2008 may be a distant memory for some -- given the rather hectic nature this time of year -- but for me, fond memories of the event play in my mind daily.

Weeks of planning, gift purchasing, taking inventory, recruiting of volunteers, wrapping, scheduling, soliciting and obtaining canned goods, menu development, reception of gifts and donations, *more* recruiting of blessed volunteers, seeking the perfect Santa beard, bargaining for the best turkey price, borrowing Mrs. Claus for the day, and setting up for the event could not have played out better come 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 13th.

The positive energy in the building and relationships established that day were unparalleled to say the least. Thank you, Broadway, for allowing the Christmas Store to be the ultimate Christmas message of hope, peace, and abundance for our neighboring brothers and sisters!

See you next year!

~ Cathy Pilarski



Mrs. & Santa Claus
(a.k.a. Ellie Gramer and Randy Ficklin)

Got Art?

The Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood Does!

Broadway's Winter Fair-Arts Market a Huge Success

The first Broadway Winter Fair-Arts Market was alive and colorful, full of art, and full of connections this past December 5th, 6th, and 7th. Parish artists displayed their masterpieces, ranging from ceramics to coffee, paintings to woodwork, and a little bit of everything in between! Fair trade crafts were also displayed representing traditional artisan craft work from over 10 countries!

The Community Room came alive at the Broadway Winter Fair-Arts Market, in celebration of local and global artists, as well as the social networking and connection building of all who attended. Much thanks to all who helped in supporting the Arts Market, and those who came to celebrate!

~ Sarah Gordon



The Miracle on 29th Street

Building on the dreams and hard work of those who came before us, we are now able to honor Broadway's traditions and prepare for our shared future. With funds donated through *The Miracle on 29th Street*, six new staff positions have been created to oversee diverse ministries, while three existing staff positions will be expanded to develop additional opportunities for us to live Broadway's mission of seeking, welcoming and valuing all God's people.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

We have already hired a Children & Youth Pastor to uncover and nurture the gifts of Broadway's youngest members, engaging them and others in the life of the church.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & STAFF SUPPORT

We have already engaged a Director of Development to promote new and existing giving opportunities to internal and external audiences. A new administrative assistant is also supporting the additional workload, and a health-insurance stipend is now being paid to all full-time staff.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

We have also hired a Building Superintendent to oversee our facilities and manage future building maintenance and improvement projects.

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY

Our next step, once funds are in place, is to hire a Pastor of Mission to broaden and deepen the impact of Broadway's work in the neighborhood.

MEMBERSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

The launch of the position above will enable us to expand a current clergy position to focus on membership growth and allow for enhanced activities to strengthen members' connections to Broadway and to each other.

MUSIC & THE ARTS

We will expand the music ministry positions and add a Coordinator of Art and Spiritual Life to promote the role of the arts in the life of Broadway.

COMPLETING FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The church recently took a loan from The Broadway Foundation to pay off a line of credit which was used to upgrade the church's HVAC system and to air condition the Sanctuary. This loan will be repaid, with interest, to the Foundation.

Campaign Progress

We have just surpassed the Million Dollar mark on our way to \$2.2 Million. Over 30 individuals and families have made gifts and pledges totaling \$1,006,000 and funds collected are already at work supporting augmented services and programs.

The Campaign Visitor Team

Beginning in January and running thru the end of February, a dedicated and committed team of Campaign Visitors will be calling on all member and friends and offering an opportunity to learn more about the Miracle on 29th Street, answer any questions or addressing concerns and asking for a 3-5 year pledge of financial support to this important effort. When one of these campaign volunteers contacts you, please welcome them into your home and be prepared to learn more about the many reasons to support this exciting effort. Click on the Miracle on 29th Street link to the Broadway website to learn more about the programs and the impact they will have on the life of our community.

The Miracle on 29th Street Campaign Visitors: Chad & Shannon Abbott, Alan Burrell & David Albright, Bill & Sue Ann Brown, Amy Carlile, Dwight & Ann Chernish, Scott Collins, Mark DeVore & Mike Nix, Doug Dilling, Ellie Gramer, Bob & Jan Hirschman, Jerry Lowery & Todd Fuqua, Joe McIntosh, Amy Metheny & Cathy Pilarski, Harold & Diane Metheny, Mary Mickelson, Seana Murphy, Catherine Ross, Mike Schoppelrei, Kevin Scott, Roger Sell, Gerry & Joanne Solomon, Mike Schaefer, Bob & Barb Taylor, Chris Whitsel & Eric Espinoza.

~ Doug Dilling

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UMW News...

Metamorphosis

Smile! We're on God's candid camera! As we proceed through the metamorphosis from Indianapolis West District and South Indiana Conference to a new district in the new Indiana Conference, we will need to keep our sense of humor intact and our serious side focused with prayer on what God requires of us. At the South Indiana Conference Annual Celebration in Seymour, Indiana, when Sue Shafer of Richmond, Indiana was inaugurated as president, she laughed as she described herself as the new president of a conference, which no longer exists.

Sue will help officiate over the changes in structure, working with our women to the north, but the work and mission of our beloved UMW will continue unabated. Our final Indianapolis West District meeting is scheduled now to be our Spring Celebration to be held at Lucille Raines Residence, April 4th, 2009. How fitting that we had already chosen a place -- a remarkable mission, which is owned and sustained by the women of **both** North and South Indiana Conferences, women who have led the way in cooperation since the Lucille Raines Residence morphed (from a residence for young women coming to Indianapolis to work in this urban environment) to a home for recovering addicts and those disabled by blindness who need a place to live while they become self-sufficient. (Our own Betty Jane and George Kyle were active in that transition.)

At this writing, quite subject to change, our new district will include Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, and Morgan Counties, with further "tweaking" of district boundaries possible. Former District President and present Communications Coordinator, Estella Waln, of Bethel UMC, and present Nominations Chairperson, Connie Dumas-Coleman, of Barnes UMC, and I are the West District representatives who will work on the transition. We pledge to be faithful and flexible, as Vickie Newkirk has been advising. I am looking forward with delight and anticipation to working with stalwart women from the north, and I am already acquainted with several of these women. How fortunate we are to have such leaders. Please pray for the work.

~ Phyllis Newton

Electronic Giving is Here!

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 November 30th, 2008

The table below reflects budgeted and actual income and expenses as of November 30th, 2008.

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
INCOME	\$488,706.09	\$472,285.62
EXPENSE	\$496,646.99	\$472,240.84
DEFICIT	(\$7,940.90)	
POSITIVE		\$44.78
	PROJECTED	ACTUAL

*As of the end of November 2008, we were \$7,985.68 ahead of where we projected we would be.

Thanks to everyone for your contributions and effort in making this happen!

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

Abundant Thanks!

Thanksgiving Day Thanks!

Wow, what a blessed day we had at Broadway on Thanksgiving Day! I think one of our guests, Carolyn Chenoweth, 93, summed it up best when she said, "I love it. It's such happy laughter going on everywhere." This is my favorite day at Broadway, and as I keep saying every year, "I just can't stop smiling."

I am thankful for all of the wonderful volunteers, the generous donations, and the many turkeys, cakes, pies, and brownies everyone contributed to make this a true "Thanksgiving Day." The reporter from the Star told me we had the best looking dinner and by far the most food. She also commented that we served the food on real dishes.

Thanksgiving Day at Broadway would not be a success without all of the hard work that is generously given to make this day a great success. I cannot say thanks enough!

~ Pat Pearson

Twelve volunteers spent several hours the Wednesday before Thanksgiving baking, cooking, frying, boiling, sauteing, slicing, and dicing food for Thursday's Thanksgiving dinner. Also, as always, there was a lot of talking and laughing going on at the same time. Over 40 volunteers, some starting as early as 7:00 a.m., arrived Thanksgiving morning to prepare the dressing, deviled eggs, macaroni & cheese, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, turkey, ham, pies, desserts, and drinks. More volunteers decorated the tables, making the Community Room very festive and inviting.

We took a moment from all the activities to gather in the Community Room for a moment of prayer and to reflect on God's blessings in our lives. As I looked around the room,

I was moved to see so many people -- fellow church members, family friends, volunteers, and guests -- gathered in His name to prepare and serve this Thanksgiving dinner. He blessed us with a lot of wonderful volunteers!

Twenty-four people delivered meals to 107 elderly or disabled people, while other volunteers served dinner in the Community Room.

Thank you all so much for your support of the Betty Sell Thanksgiving Dinner. Your contributions of time, money, and food enabled us to serve approximately 400 people this year. God's blessing were passed on through your generosity this Thanksgiving Day!

~ Barb Sell & Pat Pearson

This note is to say thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers of BUMC for providing CICOA clients with their Thanksgiving dinners. Many would have gone without if it were not for your generosity. Your kindness will be remembered by our clients. Thank you for everything! With kind regards,

~ Kelli Tungate - Director, Nutrition Services
Central Indiana Council on Aging

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity in providing a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. The food was excellent, and the thought warmed my heart. Thank you so much again, and may God be with you gratefully.

~ Carla Kurg, Covered Bridge Apartments

Thanks for the flowers!

How nice to have the flowers dedicated to me and to the volunteers for Thanksgiving Day. I love the George Carlin saying, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." The flowers took my breath away. Thanks!

~ Pat Pearson

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

A thousand thanks to all who contributed to purchasing and wrapping underwear for the Christmas Store, as well as contributing toys, books, puzzles, clothing, and food. When I mentioned to friends that I was going to an "Underwear Wrapping," I received blank looks. What other church groups openly advertise such stuff? Keep up the good work! Special thanks to Ellie Gramer for managing and buying these special contributions and to all who brought wrapping materials, as well.

~ Phyllis Newton

SWEET THANKS! Thanks to all who purchased containers for cookies during the UMW Cookie Walk and especially to all the cookie bakers who donated their most delicious cookies. The Cookie Walk is one way we continue to support the many missions of the United Methodist Women.

~ Phyllis Newton

Participating in the Christmas Store since 1990, I believe that this year was one of the most successful. This success would not have been possible without the generous donations of canned goods from IUPUI students, West Newton Elementary School, Interact Club at Decatur Central High School, and members of Broadway Church.

Special thanks go to Gerry Solomon, Ann Chernish, Joyce Taylor, Cathy Pilarski, and Mary Kay Aylsworth for helping count and sort the canned goods. I also want to thank all of the members of Broadway Church who helped to set up the canned goods for distribution.

~ Shirley Christian

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BROADWAY AND HELP NAME IT!

Broadway Presents Artist Series

Thanks to all who continue to support this series through their financial contributions, as well as, attendance at our events! Please join us for our next event in February.

**BUTLER UNIVERSITY AT
BROADWAY CHORAL CONCERT
FEBRUARY 15TH, 2009 - 5:00 P.M.**

Butler University Chorale, University Choir, and Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Dr. Eric Stark and Mar. Henry Leck, will once again join Broadway's Chancel Choir in our sanctuary for an unforgettable choral experience.



**Broadway Presents Artist Series
Mission:** Our mission is to present high quality visual, literary, and performing arts that are diverse and accessible, enriching the cultural lives of audiences and performers through Broadway's talents and gifts of instruments and facilities.

~ Chris Schroeder

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 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; (2) by bringing written information to the church office; or (3) by calling the information in at (317) 924-4207.

January 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
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
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

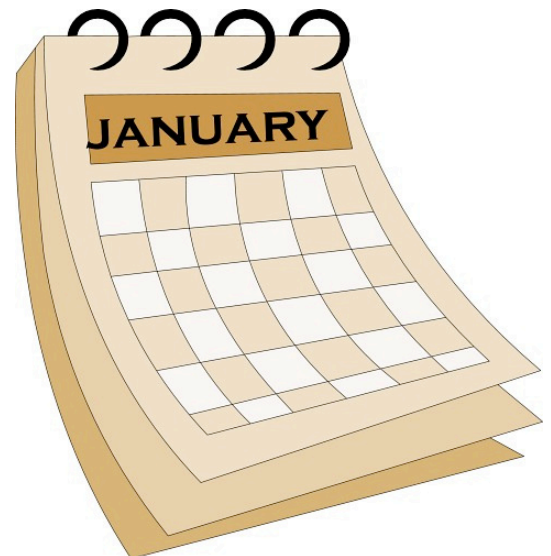
- 6:00 p.m. Latino Domestic Violence Group, Library & Room 201
Capoeira, Activities Area
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir, Room 206
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Beck Hall

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 January:

- 7th: *Committee on Lay Leadership*
6:00 p.m., Room 103
8th: *Shepherd Center Investors Club*
9:00 a.m., Room 101
11th: *UMW Board Meeting*
8:30 a.m., Conference Room
13th: *Finance Committee Meeting*
6:00 p.m., Conference Room
15th: *Investment Committee Meeting*
7:30 a.m., Conference Room
17th: *Broadway Coffee House*
7:00 p.m., Wesley Room
21st: *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



**The church office will be closed on Thursday, January 1st & Friday, January 2nd in observation of the New Year holiday.*

*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,
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 and Cathy Pilarski
Ministry of Light and Sound: Jim Fore
Security: Jim Martin and Eugene Smith

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