

TOWER *Chimes*

Broadway United Methodist Church

January 2010

Keep tellin' the Story...

Bringing the Fire

On Sunday, January 10th, 2010, we will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord -- Jesus' baptism. We will celebrate with several new members joining Broadway and a baptism or two! It will be a wonderful day of celebration in our life together.

During Advent, we read the story from Luke 3 where John the Baptist tells the crowd that he baptizes with water, but there is one coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. I've always wondered a bit about this "baptism by fire." What does that mean?

When you look at the whole text, and when you know the Gospel story whole, it begins to come into focus.

When John is telling the crowd about baptism, he urges them to repent (to turn around -- look at things from a different perspective).

John the Baptist didn't ask them to do outrageous things. He didn't ask a lot. If you have two coats, he says, "Give one away." It was Jesus who told his disciples that if someone wanted your coat, you offered your coat AND your shirt. To the tax collectors, John basically said, "Don't cheat people." (That doesn't seem too high a standard.) Jesus meets a tax collector and blesses him for being willing to give up four times what he has cheated back to the people. To the soldiers, John said, "Be content with your wages and don't steal from people." Jesus said, "Pray for your enemies, and if someone strikes you, offer them the other cheek."



No wonder John the Baptist said that he came to baptize with water, but there would be one who would baptize with fire. What Jesus was asking for was a whole lot more than what John was telling the people, and he is letting them know that Jesus is going to come and be bringing the fire.

John knew that we needed to start somewhere -- and starting somewhere small seemed a good idea. Starting by showing care to our neighbors... by caring for one another...by offering ourselves as a life poured out for others.

Yes, it sure sounds like the baptism by water of John is going to be a whole lot easier to swallow than Jesus who will be bringing the fire. Jesus asks a lot of us. John berates the crowd because he knows they are having a hard time living up to the easy stuff he asks. If they think they've got it tough with him...wait until they see what Jesus offers them. It really is a startling contrast.

I wonder if John is just trying to get them ready for the fire.

At the beginning of every new year, John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, would urge Methodists to renew the covenant of their faith. Why? I imagine it was because he knew how difficult following Jesus could sometimes be. Is it joyous and rewarding? You bet! Does the world seem to have a hard time grasping the love that he is sharing? Yes, Yes, and Yes!

In 2010, I hope you will commit to some disciplines in your life that will support you as we attempt to continue to live out our calling as followers of Jesus Christ -- a man who has baptized us with fire...and we are feeling the heat.

Keep tellin' the Story,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Mather".

Rev. Mike Mather

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Diakonia Approves 2010 Budget

Two critical decisions have been made at Broadway in preparation for the year 2010. After much discussion and careful consideration, Diakonia approved a balanced budget for 2010.

Just a bit of background information is important.

Beginning in August 2009, the Finance Committee met several times, specifically to discuss 2010 budget issues. Finance Committee members analyzed 2010 budget requests from various Broadway groups and program staff, studied projections about other potential revenue, and reviewed information received from those who pledged on Consecration Sunday in October. Based on this extensive review, the Finance Committee created a proposed budget for 2010. And THAT budget was a BALANCED budget!! However, because pledges are down for 2010 -- in fact, revenue projections are down in most categories for 2010 -- the Finance Committee was faced with a major challenge in order to create a balanced budget.

On December 8th, after much prayerful consideration -- and with great reluctance -- the Finance Committee requested that Staff-Parish cut the requested staffing budget by approximately \$67,000. Staff-Parish met on December 9th to consider possibilities. Given the enormity of the task and with compassion for the likely effect on all staff members, Staff-Parish recommended the following:

1. Changing three staff positions from full-time to half-time -- one administrative assistant; one custodian; changing the full-time business administrator to a half-time bookkeeper, and
2. Decreasing the salaries of all other staff members by 5%.

The Facility Manager recommended that rather than one custodian remaining full-time and one changing to half-time, both custodians be three-quarter time. This proposal also included adjustments to office hours: the office will open one hour later (8:00 a.m.) Monday through Friday and be closed for two weeks -- likely one week in the summer of 2010 and one week after Christmas 2009. These adjustments to office hours are projected to save an additional \$12,000 in utilities. Based on the proposal from Staff-Parish, and with the office hours adjustments, the proposed 2010 budget moved forward to Diakonia.

Diakonia, the administrative board here at Broadway, met on Sunday, December 13th, 2009. The proposed budget was presented with explanation by the Broadway treasurer. Diakonia members asked thoughtful questions and discussed important implications. One suggestion moved forward: that choir section leader compensation be maintained at the 2009 level rather than be increased per the original proposed budget. Finally, again reluctantly, Diakonia passed the budget. Salary adjustments become effective January 1st, 2010, with staffing changes effective February 1st, 2010.

As we move into 2010, we move in hope --
and we move with faith --
and we move with love for one another.

As we move into 2010, we move TOGETHER!!
We move together as the people of Broadway United Methodist Church --
"as followers of Jesus Christ, responding to God's love...
seeking, welcoming, and valuing ALL people."

~ Mary Mickelson, Chairperson - Diakonia

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Seana Murphy Named 2009 Missioner of the Year

Congratulations to Seana Murphy, winner of the 2009 Missioner of the Year Award from the United Methodist Board of Metropolitan Mission in Indianapolis (Metro Ministries, Inc.). Seana was honored at the Metro Ministries Annual Celebration, held on December 13th at Broadway UMC, for the way in which she has led the 21st Century Scholars Program for the State of Indiana. Through her work with 21st Century Scholars, she has recognized the parents of the people who are in her program (you have to be low income to qualify) not as “needy” people to be helped, but as beloved children of God who love and care for their children and are the best ones to be investing in their children’s future. She has an impact upon thousands of lives of young people across this state, which will shape and determine the future of our state and of many other places and people around the world. Congratulations, Seana!



Community Garden Resource Center Receives Grant

The Efroymsen Family Fund, a CICF Fund, graciously has provided Broadway Church and the Community Garden Resource Center with a \$20,000 grant towards the purchase of land and buildings in our neighborhood. This grant represents a significant step forward in our efforts to build community and economy through gardening in our neighborhood.

The Community Garden Resource Center, headed by a group of neighborhood gardeners -- Tricia Mera, Connie Alexander and Rubye Alexander -- is a place for neighborhood gardeners to get plants, seeds, advice, mulch, and equipment to support their gardening efforts. In order to sustain itself, the Center will also include a gift and bait shop as well as demonstration gardens. Its location on Central Avenue will allow it to serve a much larger population than the Mapleton-Fall Creek neighborhood and position it as a central part of the neighborhood’s redevelopment efforts.

~ Mark Kesling

It Is Green in the Wintertime Here at Broadway!

Following these winter weather tips can keep you “green” all season long!

1. Winterize your bike for commutes and errands. Visit our own Nancy Stimson at Free Wheelin’ Bikes, located at 418 East 34th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana (317-429-7973).
2. Did you know that using non-toxic de-icers on your driveway is the way to go? “Rock salt” contains cyanide. Chemical de-icers can also be harmful to pets and wild animals. Instead, throw plain sand down on your driveway for the traction that you need.
3. Around Broadway, the staff can be seen wearing more layers. During non-use hours, we are turning the heat down just a few degrees to make a big difference in the facility’s energy consumption. You can do the same at home!
4. Next month, Broadway’s Green Team will be performing a quick and painless “Green Survey” in order to get a better idea of current “green” practices within our congregation and surrounding neighborhood. Your response is crucial to the continuing educational efforts of Broadway’s Team. Also, if you are interested in participating in our efforts, please contact Randy Ficklin (317) 924-4207.

~ Randy Ficklin

Broadway Thanksgiving Dinner Memories

I love George Carlin's quote "It's not the number of breaths you take in life, it's the moments that take your breath away."

I love Broadway's Thanksgiving Dinner. I tell you every year that I smile all day, and I do. But it's the moments that take my breath away:

- Seeing and talking to Mr. McFarland, a Vietnam vet, who is alone. He comes to our dinner because it is just like home -- real dishes. And everyone makes him feel welcome. A hug from Mr. McFarland takes my breath away.
- Having Rev. Mike say a prayer, and I looked around the circle of people in the community room who came to volunteer. The smiles took my breath away.
- Seeing people for a second and third time, enjoying our dinner, our communion. The moment takes my breath away.
- The spirit in the Community Room among the volunteers and the people sharing meals -- it just takes my breath away.
- Seeing a gentleman who has come a number of years and usually sits and reads a book. But this year, I sat a couple of people beside him. And then I looked up, and the three were laughing. My heart stopped. My breath was taken away. I couldn't stop smiling.
- Seeing Rodney and Enos, Clarissa's friends. Getting hugs. Now that takes my breath away.
- Taking a family home after their dinner and hearing their story. My heart goes out to the family; the many blessings I have to be thankful for take my breath away.

Every year many moments takes my breath away. And yes, I can't stop smiling. I love seeing my return volunteers. I love seeing new ones. The children who put labels on carry-out containers and ask, "Isn't there more?" The shy girl who goes up to people and asks what they would like to drink. And then takes their drink to them. And smiles.

Yes, Broadway, you do this for me. And you, the Broadway Congregation, feed the hungry, both body and spirit. Thank you.

~ Pat Pearson



The Leadership Challenge® Workshop

Tammy Jones will be leading The Leadership Challenge® Workshop on January 23rd and 30th for members and friends of Broadway United Methodist Church. This workshop is based on the book *The Leadership Challenge* by Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner and has been delivered to business and community leaders around the world.

As a result of participating in this program, you will be better able to:

- Identify your own leadership strengths.
- Communicate your fundamental values.
- Express your vision of the future.
- Inspire others to share a common vision.
- Champion the actions needed for growth.
- Build collaboration, teamwork and trust.
- Strengthen the ability of others to excel.
- Recognize the accomplishments of others.

Cost of the two-day workshop is \$160.00 and includes use of The Leadership Practices Inventory®, one of the most widely used leadership assessment instruments in the world.

For more information or to register, please e-mail Tammy Jones at tjones@iquest.net.



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Twelve Preformed

Blessed to be right here, another day
passed me by.

It's twenty four and seven and by
grace -- I'm alive

Been watching time; it travels with me
through morning, noon, and night

It dries my eyes to carry on,

It's been an awful ride.

Solemnly I'm one man standing,
glowing with the world.

It conversates and cherishes intensely,

It shows me that I'm love

Often times the moon isn't full, they
say the sun gets in the way.

Silly me, I carry burdens but with time
they went away.

It was by twelve preformed

January February

Twelve preformed

March on strong

It was by twelve preformed

April showers make it rain

Twelve preformed

December ends again.

~ Eric Sarver

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 November 30th, 2009

The table below reflects budgeted and actual income and expenses as of November 30th, 2009. As of the end of November, we are \$36,826.60 better than what we had forecast!

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
INCOME	\$394,738.01	\$421,636.50
EXPENSE	\$469,326.40	\$459,398.29
DEFICIT	(\$74,588.39) PROJECTED	(\$37,761.79) 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).

Reminders

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Broadway Church office will be closed Friday, December 25th, 2009 through Saturday, January 2nd, 2010. Regular Sunday worship services will be held on December 27th, 2009 and January 3rd, 2010. The building will reopen on Monday, January 4th, 2010 for regular business.

SPIRITUAL STUDIES

After taking a break during the month of December, Spiritual Studies will begin meeting again on Friday, January 8th, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (Please note that this is a time change.) Subsequent Spiritual Studies meetings in January will be held at 11:00 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAYS

First Fridays will not meet during the month of January due to the first Friday of the month falling on New Year's Day. Please be sure to join us on February 5th when we resume our gathering!

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.

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. 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

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

No Regularly Scheduled Events

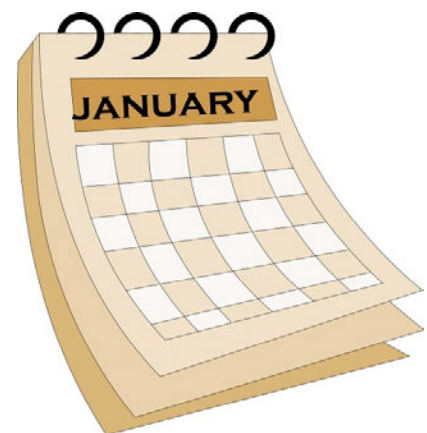
FRIDAYS

- 11:00 a.m. Spiritual Studies, Conference Room*
*(10:00 a.m. 1st Friday of the month)

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

- 6th: *Committee on Lay Leadership*
6:00 p.m., Fishes & Loaves Rm.
10th: *UMW Board Meeting*
8:30 a.m., Conference Room
13th: *Property Committee Meeting*
5:00 p.m., Room 104
Staff Parish Meeting
6:00 p.m., Conference Room
14th: *Shepherd Center Investors Club*
9:00 a.m., Room 101
20th: *Board of Directors Meeting*
6:00 p.m., Conference Room
22nd: *Broadway Presents:*
"Smoke on the Mountain"
7:00 p.m., Community Room
23rd: *Broadway Presents:*
"Smoke on the Mountain"
7:00 p.m., Community Room



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Broadway Presents Artist Series

2009 - 2010 Concert Series

Broadway Presents Artist Series provides a variety of events and musical concerts throughout the year. Now in its tenth season, the BPAS has expanded its vision to include a larger variety of experiences for its audiences. This vision builds upon the high quality musical concerts of the past nine years and provides opportunities for all artists to present their creative talents.

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Smoke on the Mountain

January 22nd & 23rd, 2010 - 8:00 p.m.

Set in the 1930s, this musical tale introduces the singing Sanders family, who perform their traditional bluegrass gospel songs for the members of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina. The score consists of almost thirty gospel tunes with a pleasant mixture of energetic rousing numbers, plaintive hymns, and soulful praise songs, including the well-known *Church in the Wildwood* and *I'll Fly Away* to the more obscure like *Filling Station* and *Christian Cowboy*.

Choirs of Butler and Broadway

February 19th, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

The choirs of Butler University join their voices with Broadway's Chancel Choir to present a choral music concert. Hear fine choral music for double choirs in the magnificent sanctuary of Broadway Church.

Journey from Lent to Easter: A Concert of Organ and Song

February 21st, 2010 - 1:00 p.m.

Experience the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter as Chris Schroeder presents classical organ music and accompanies congregational singing! Visual artists will present their works based on the concert music.

Spring at Broadway

April 25th, 2010 - 3:00 p.m.

Hear the combined choirs of Broadway Church and Anderson's Central Christian Church in the choral presentation of *Songs of Faith* by Paul Basler, a multi-movement work that explores and celebrates the American Spirit. This work includes a setting of *Be Thou My Vision* surrounded by two Psalms (150 and 23) and two Latin texts (*Ubi Caritas* and *Alleluia*).

An Independence Day Celebration

July 2010

Come celebrate America's independence with the singing of patriotic songs. Concert music presented by choir, brass, and organ.

Broadway United Methodist Church * Fall Creek at Broadway
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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.

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*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;
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 Crossley

Security: Eugene Smith

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