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**Broadway United Methodist Church**

**July 2009**

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

### **Dancing Our Mutual Delight**

***“Miriam the prophetess, Aaron’s sister, took the timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dancing.” – Exodus 15.20***

***“Dance is the secret language of the soul.” – David Hochoy, artistic director of Dance Kaleidoscope***

Miriam danced to celebrate the deliverance of the Hebrew people from bondage in Egypt. David danced before the tabernacle of God. The Psalmist urges God to turn our mourning into dancing (Psalm 30). Throughout the Bible, the people of God dance and are invited to dance. It is, in many cases, an expression of joy -- a way in which the body expresses our joy at being alive. Because that dancing is most often not done alone (David being the exception), it is joy at being in relationship with one another and with God.

I’ve been thinking about dancing as I’ve had several conversations with Janice Michael lately. Janice loved to dance. She had story after story of time spent dancing. When she talked about her dancing, her eyes danced even though her body wasn’t up for the job anymore.

In July, we are talking about building mutual delight in the world around us. One of the real expressions

of mutual delight can be found in dancing. It’s not the only way. We hope that July will be a time for you to join with others on the softball field, around the table at home, at a picnic out in the park. Take time this month to do something that you truly love with people who you care about. Build mutual delight.

I have been thinking lately of the image of the dance that Broadway has engaged in across the years. Dance is an art form -- and Broadway has artistically danced across the decades (quite a number of decades) as the dance forms have changed, and the people have come and gone -- the dance goes on. Hallelujah!

Broadway dances both backwards and forwards. Our dance backwards roots us in our heritage. Any move forward is rooted in the continual change and movement that is a part of every dance.

It reminds me of what is said about Ginger Rogers: She had to do the same thing as Fred Astaire -- only backwards and in high heels. That’s Broadway!

A few weeks ago Chris, Rachel and I met with David Hochoy, the artistic director for Dance Kaleidoscope. David talked about his experience with the brilliant Martha Graham and the ways in which she changed

dance. As he talked about his experience, I think of the way Broadway has changed United Methodism here in Indianapolis (and I hope added to the larger Indianapolis community). Through the witness of Broadway across the years, we have pushed the whole community to look more clearly at what it truly means to seek, welcome and value all people. We don’t do it perfectly, that’s for sure, but we are working out our dance steps to the beat. And in many cases leading the way. We have pushed Indianapolis to think not only of compassion, but also of justice. We have seen our neighbors as gifted, joyful teachers from whom we all have much to learn.

Someone at the table that evening talked about “Ellen” moments -- that moment when people get up on stage and dance, just let go. Broadway is dancing -- the joy is showing.

Janice is beckoning us to join her for one last turn around the dance floor. Let’s join her in the dance!

Keep tellin’ the Story,



Rev. Mike Mather

# UMW News...

## **A Successful Day Camp**

Forty campers attended our 2009 Broadway United Methodist Church Day Camp. Our theme was *Being Good Neighbors*. Everyone had a great time living in God's world, learning about the Bible, and making new friends. We want to thank Phyllis Newton and Duane Carlisle with help from Eric Sarver, Clint Grounds, and Max Hamm for working with our 4th and 5th graders. We especially want to thank Ellie Gramer and Ann Chernish for coming out of retirement to work with the 3rd graders. They also had help from Bill Chisler. Our largest group was the 2nd grade, and they were led by Diana Newton, Ellen Rogers, and Deloris Foster with the help of Andrew McCracken. Lorraine Chisler, with the help of Riley Bogan, guided our 1st grade group. Our kindergarten class, led by Carol McCracken, had a large group also. She was assisted by Madison Hensley, Joanna Greene, Holly Simon, and Melissa Shepherd. We want to express special thanks to all the people who led us in devotions: Margie Hamm, music and assistant director, and Gerry Solomon. By all of us working together for the week, our forty campers and all the leaders had a wonderful experience living and learning about God's world and becoming good neighbors.

~ Joanne Solomon

## **Shoes for Sierra Leone**

During one of our Day Camp devotions, the children learned about how the kids from Broadway raised \$1,000 to buy Nets for Africa. The campers were told that the United Methodist Women for two years have collected each year over 2,000 boxes of instant milk to send to Sierra Leone

to feed the babies. There is also a need for the people in Sierra Leone for slightly used shoes. This will help in preventing cuts on their feet, which can lead to more serious medical problems. We asked if the children had any shoes they would like to share with people in Sierra Leone. This is a way to be a good neighbor to people who have such a serious need. Several of our campers went home and brought back shoes to send to Africa. One of the kindergartners wrote a note to attach to each shoe. If anyone in our church has shoes that are still in good condition but they don't want, please bring them to Broadway. We will have a box in the office to put them in. Our district will be sending school supplies, instant milk, and shoes at the end of July. Broadway certainly has demonstrated how we can open our hearts to help others who are not as fortunate as us. We are good neighbors in helping people who have so much less than us.

~ Joanne Solomon



## **Student Loan Fund**

If you want to pursue after-high school education and don't have sufficient funds, we invite you to investigate the United Methodist Women's Memorial Student Loan Fund. It grants modest loans that are interest-free and repayable within six and one-half years of leaving school.

A contribution to this fund is a fine way to remember a dear one, especially someone who recognized the value of a good education.

For more information, please contact Margaret Pengilly at (317) 291-2404.

# Imagine Worship!

## **Exploring Worship that Seeks, Welcomes and Values ALL People**

Save these dates for our fall worship series!

### **Sunday, Sept. 13, 20, & 27**

Marvin Chandler Jazz Trio performing in both services with discussion following

### **Saturday, Oct. 3**

Worship Workshop with Dr. Marcia McFee

### **Sunday, Oct. 4**

Dr. Marcia McFee, preaching and leading worship at both services

### **Saturday, Oct. 24**

Carrie Newcomer, progressive Christian artist, in concert

### **Sunday, Oct. 25**

Carrie Newcomer performing in both services and leading a workshop following the 10:45 a.m. service

### **Saturday, Nov. 14**

Dr. Brian Wren, hymn writer, workshop

### **Sunday, Nov. 15**

Dr. Brian Wren, preaching

### **Sunday, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6, 13, & 20**

D'Indy String Quartet performing in both worship Services

Be sure to check out next month's newsletter for more information about these artists.

~ Rachel Metheny

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# Summer of Blessings

## *“Spirit Sleuths” Roving Neighborhood to Name, Bless, and Connect Neighbors*



This summer, Broadway has taken a progressive and innovative approach to community outreach by recruiting Terri Coleman and Martha Wright as Abundance and Blessings Animators. These “Spirit Sleuths” rove around Mapleton-Fall Creek with a purpose. Firstly, naming their neighbors and identifying their gifts and talents. Secondly, blessing and praying for others. Thirdly, connecting individuals with similar gifts, talents, and interests.

Terri and Martha are excited about what they are doing in the community and are amazed at the treasures they are uncovering in their own backyards. One recent find is Estella, who lives in the 3000 block of North New Jersey Street. She has an awesome flower garden, which houses several different varieties of plants. Estella has only been gardening for three

years, however, you wouldn’t believe it by looking at her garden. She definitely has a green thumb. Estella gives the Holy Spirit all the glory and honor for her beautiful and healthy flowers. She stated while working in her yard, she asks The Spirit for guidance and direction.

Whenever you see Martha or Terri, ask them to share one of their many fantastic stories with you. Their excitement is contagious!

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## Celebration Service

As a result of conversations with children, youth, and their parents, we are embarking on an eight-week experimental worship service that is multi-generational, casual, interactive, and upbeat. We will begin August 9th and run through September 27th at 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee House (Wesley Room).

In listening to children, youth, and their parents we heard:

- “Sermons are boring”
- “I like rock music”
- “My kids have a hard time sitting still and being quiet in church”
- “I can follow songs if words are on the screen”
- “I like the drums”
- “I like communion and singing the Lord’s Prayer”
- “I like sitting on the pillows in church”
- “Some people have better retention through multi-sensory delivery”
- “Multi-generational worship is important to me”

We asked ourselves, “How can we create a worship service that both children, youth, and adults would find meaningful?” The result was Celebration Service at the 9:30 hour in the Coffee House. Broadway musicians have committed to playing for this service. All music will be participatory and will be more like jazz and rock instead of hymns and Bach. The message of the day will be conveyed through multi-media, drama, conversation, and movement. Communion, with fresh baked bread, will be served every Sunday. Long’s Donuts, good coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be available throughout the service.

This service is open to everyone. Right now we need people to make a commitment to participating in Celebration for these eight weeks. Come and participate and give us your feedback.

~ Duane Carlisle & Rachel Metheny

# A Special Tribute for a Special Lady

The following article appeared in the June 2009 issue of the President Benjamin Harrison Home's newsletter, "The Car~O~Line."



When the volunteer organization of the Harrison Home was formed 40 years ago, one of the first to offer her services was our friend, Janice Michael. She joined other ladies from the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The founding ladies did a bit of everything, from creating and sewing their own costumes, leading tours, cataloguing artifacts, mending fabrics, matting and framing pictures to making Victorian Christmas decorations.

Along the way, Janice did about everything that needed doing. She spent hundreds of hours in the rose garden. She meticulously planned dozens of bus trips, carefully traveling the route, making all the stops before deciding where to go. She spent many, many hours in this activity and never entered them on her attendance/activity card. In addition to her other involvement, she beautifully enacted "Josie the seamstress" for the first sixteen years of the LIVE production. It would be impossible to find one opportunity for service at the Harrison Home that she has not met. She often said this was her "home away from home."

She has long since received every award we have to give and has almost 6,000 hours recorded, and that doesn't include probably that many more that she never recorded. It is my guess that she would have in excess of 10,000 hours if we had an accurate account. It is easy to see her great contribution by looking at hours, but in the final accounting, the most important thing she has given us is her heart. (Janice Michael passed away on June 20, 2009.)

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## Mission Trip to Crow Creek Reservation

The last week of July and the first week of August, I will be on the Crow Creek Reservation at Ft. Thompson South Dakota, which is the tribal headquarters. Crow Creek contains 125,591 acres, and currently there are 1,230 enrolled members living there. This is one of the economically poorest areas with the major industry being agriculture.

This will be my third time to volunteer for the Indiana Conference Native American Mission Trip to Crow Creek. Each year we work hard, make new friends, and gain more trust with the Indians of Crow Creek. Let us not forget that these are a proud people who once ruled this land, and many now live in poverty with a high rate of drug and alcohol abuse. Each year has been a wonderful, spiritually-rewarding experience for me, and I receive far more than I could ever give.



Ft. Thompson now has a thrift shop/pantry, a playground for the children, a community garden, and many home projects completed. The children have a place to play and many of the homebound now enjoy handicap ramps for easier access to their homes.

The Joyful Noise Offering will be taken for the people of Crow Creek during the month of July. When I get to South Dakota, I will shop for the items most needed with the money donated. Some of these items are: baby clothes, diapers, new underwear for adults and children, dry or canned food, gently used clothing, blankets and bedding. Please give generously! Thank you for your support, and the people of Crow Creek thank you!

~ Darlene Aguirre

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# Tongue of Fire

## The Voice of John Wesley: A Part Time Church of England Priest & Full Time Radical Enthusiast

I, John Wesley, was born out of the flames of fire and now two centuries later there still remains a fire in my belly. Therefore, I must speak.

I have heard rumors of a new slogan for the movement that is called Methodism. I am intrigued by its implications and yet saddened that we have still yet to live up to "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." I am told that we are to **"Rethink Church."**

The challenge given by the campaign is for our Methodist churches to think of Church differently, less as a place of Sunday gathering and more as a way of life, as a verb. It is clear that those who wrote the content of the campaign were aiming to get us away from the theologies that divide us and more towards an ecclesiology that thinks of church from the perspective of those who are on the outside, in particular, the 18-34 year old crowd. In looking at all this, I was reminded of my article "The Character of a Methodist" in which I said, "But as to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think. So that whatsoever they are, whether right or wrong, they are no distinguishing marks of a Methodist." So, yes, I would say bravo to the campaign for reminding us that the distinguishing marks of Methodism have never truly been about doctrinal adherence or policing the theologies of our churches. Thank you.

While this part of the campaign impressed me, I did run across something in it that made me uncomfortable. Another part of the campaign reads, "There was once a church community that didn't know its neighbors. But they were pretty sure those neighbors could use a little help. So they opened a food pantry and started an after school program but nobody came. The church people were hurt and upset that the people didn't seem to appreciate their efforts. But then someone in the church had

a great idea. They said, 'Why don't we go ask them what they need?' THAT IS RETHINKING CHURCH." I understand on so many levels the genuine heart out of which these ideas come and truly respect our local churches that want to "help." My hesitation with this line of thinking, though, is that I believe that by going and asking *them* "what they need," we will end up with just as empty of results as the food pantry and the after school program. Our work as Church begins and ends with relationships and conversations..."Having Conversations and Having Faith" as you at Broadway call it. Beginning with the needs of those around us leads to a paternalistic ecclesiology that only appears to give us the notion that we are rethinking church, but it is merely the same mirage we have traveled to for decades only to find that there is no living water at its end. Rethinking Church will begin with building community through relationships and building upon and investing in the gifts that people already possess. Rethinking Church will begin when we have first and foremost looked for where God is already at work in those around us. Having fraternized with prisoners, slaves, accused enthusiasts, the poor, and other forgotten communities, I can assure you that the transformation that took place in England began and ended in the relationships we built together, in truly knowing our neighbors.

This leads me to two final questions about the campaign. First, if the "Rethink Church" campaign is targeting 18-34 year olds, who is to say that these same 18-34 year olds aren't already rethinking church? What if our role would be less "targeting" and more with listening to the dreams of 18-34 year olds? Listening to the rumblings of the Spirit in the underground often brings new life, the kind of life that this campaign is seeking, but listening is not built upon "targeting." Broadway, who are

you listening to? Second, is the word "Rethink" truly what we are getting at when we talk about the transformation of the Church? Thinking seems to assume a rather "intellectual" exercise that involves only one part of the body, one activity that is stimulated by the logic of reason. Is the transformation we seek in the Church really about the activity of thinking?

There is no doubt in my mind that the Methodist movement, particularly in the United States, must change or face our inevitable demise. I am thankful that pioneers exist who are helping us put together some language and framework in which for us to do this. I worry, on the other hand, that public campaigns such as "Rethink Church" do not get to the heart of why we are declining so badly in the Mainline traditions in the first place and how that might be remedied. Were we to see resurrection and new life breathed as tongues of fire into our Methodist faith communities, it will be because we have remained faithful to the call of the Gospel in our lives and lived it out with integrity. To end my thoughts on these matters, I remind you of one of my more famous quotes, "I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out." So, let us go ahead and Rethink Church, but if we are going to do so, then, let us become aware that this must mean "no idea is so sacred as to not be questioned." We live in difficult times in the Church and so we must act with boldness and courage. I have no doubt that the people of Broadway are already doing so.

~ Narrated by Chad Abbott

# Consider Electronic Giving!

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 May 31st, 2009

The table below reflects budgeted and actual income and expenses as of May 31st, 2009.

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
INCOME	\$164,264.55	\$175,257.38
EXPENSE	\$215,093.00	\$208,114.83
DEFICIT	(\$50,828.45) PROJECTED	(\$32,857.45) ACTUAL

*As of May 31st, we were \$17,971 better than where we thought we would be!*

*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

### 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 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH WILL BE HELD UNTIL THE NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER WITHOUT EXCEPTION!**

Please contact Karen McAlevey at kmcaleavey@broadwayumc.org or (317) 924-4207 for more details or to submit information.

### First Fridays in a New Location

First Fridays will meet on Friday, July 3rd at Pat Flynn's, located at 5198 Allisonville Road. Meet at 6:30 p.m., order at 7:00 p.m. See you there!

### 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 McAlevey **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. Thank you!

# September Preaching Series

## "Pin the Question on the Pastor"

Rev. Mike and Rev. Rachel would like to hear from YOU! Send us any questions or issues of faith or life that you would like to see addressed in sermons during the month of September. We will attempt to respond to as many as possible. You can e-mail us at mmather@broadwayumc.org or rmetheny@broadwayumc.org or leave actual writing in their mailboxes. Only signed questions/issues will be considered. We will only use your name if you consent.



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# July 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. The Journey, Parlor (through 5/24/09)  
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

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

## TUESDAYS

- 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  
10:00 a.m. Broadway Staff Meeting, Community Room  
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  
Indy Pride Color Guard Rehearsal, Community Room  
AA Meeting, Wesley Room  
7:00 p.m.

## THURSDAYS

- 6:00 p.m. Latino Domestic Violence Group, Library & Room 201  
Capoeira, Activities Area

## 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);  
Spiritual Studies will not meet on Friday, March 6th*

**\*\*NOTE:** *The Board of Directors meeting previously scheduled for July 15th has been cancelled.*

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

- 1st: *Committee on Lay Leadership*  
6:00 p.m., Room 103  
3rd: *Wedding Ceremony*  
6:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
8th: *Staff Parish Meeting*  
6:00 p.m., Conference Room  
9th: *Shepherd Center Investors Club*  
9:00 a.m., Room 101  
10th: *Wedding Rehearsal*  
Sanctuary  
11th: *Wedding Ceremony*  
Sanctuary  
12th: *UMW Board Meeting*  
8:30 a.m., Conference Room  
*BPAS Board Meeting*  
12:00 p.m., Community Room  
14th: *Finance Committee Meeting*  
6:00 p.m., Conference Room  
15th: *Property Committee Meeting*  
5:00 p.m., Room 104  
17th: *Coffee House Underground*  
6:00 p.m., Wesley Room



*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 - Wesley Room

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

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

*Pastoral:* Mike Mather, Rachel Metheny, Suhyoung Baik, Jill Issleb, and San Jin Yang

*Program:* Duane Carlisle, Children/Youth Minister  
De'Amon Harges, Roving Listener  
Chris Schroeder, Minister of Music/Organist  
Kevin Neel, Assistant Organist  
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

*Security:* Jim Martin and Eugene Smith

*IU-MSW Student:* Josh Kupke

*Butler Student:* David Brodsky

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