

# TOWER *Chimes*

*Broadway United Methodist Church*

*September 2008*

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

### *Conspiracy of Goodness*



*I was recently watching a documentary on the village of Le Chambon in Southern France (the documentary is entitled "Weapons of the Spirit"). It tells the story of the people, primarily Protestant and Catholic, who hid Jews (5,000) from the Nazi and Vichy government during World War II. How was this little community of 5,000 people able to hide 5,000 more people out in the open? When the interviewer (whose parents were in hiding in Le Chambon when he was born) asked if they had an organization, the woman he was talking with laughed and said,*

*"Oh no...if we were organized, it wouldn't have worked at all." She went on to describe what they did have as a "conspiracy of goodness."*

*As wars rage in Africa and the Mid-East, as violence continues in the streets of our own city (and across the country), I can't think of a more noble calling than to be a part of a conspiracy of goodness. It seems like something that Jesus and the disciples were up to, doesn't it?*

*The word conspiracy literally means "to breathe with/together." Sporting*

events often feature a sign that is held up that says, "John 3.16" -- in the same section of the Gospel it is also noted that "the wind blows where it will." When that wind that is blowing is our breath together with that of the Holy Spirit -- well then that is something special.

I'd like to believe that a conspiracy of goodness is continuing to brew at Broadway -- reaching back into our history, the history of this congregation's commitment to be a place of hospitality that makes a difference in the life of our city and nation and world. We are survivors -- much like the people of Le Chambon. Broadway has stayed rooted in this place while many others across the decades have moved away. And what has taken root here is a growing community, breathing together -- A Conspiracy of Goodness for a new generation. We couldn't be here without what has happened in the past. And God will use our conspiracy of goodness today to be the yeast of justice, and reconciliation and hope.

Keep tellin' the Story,

  
Rev. Mike



# *GINI IMAGINE and Eden in Indianapolis*

## *Growing Connections, Yielding Neighborhood Engagement*

Equipped with a matching grant from the Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative (GINI) IMAGINE grant, a group of neighbors in and around Broadway United Methodist Church within the Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood have been engaging neighborhood gardeners together and connecting them with other neighbors and businesses around the neighborhood. Their IMAGINE funded project, aptly titled "Eden in Indianapolis," has utilized area youth to interview and connect numerous backyard gardeners. They have hosted meals, made up of locally grown produce, in various neighbors' homes to discuss gardening in the neighborhood. Most importantly, Eden in Indianapolis has strengthened the connections between neighbors and neighborhood stakeholders in unique

and powerful ways.

In fact, just a few weeks ago, the primary coordinator of Eden in Indianapolis, Danielle Fluhr, introduced Randy Ficklin to the



owners of the nearby business, Goose the Market. Goose the Market, which is located in the adjacent Fall Creek Place Neighborhood, specializes in being an "old-school" neighborhood market with locally

grown produce and locally raised meats. It made sense, then, to try to connect Goose the Market with this neighborhood gardener.

The owner of Goose the Market, Chris Eley, was presented with the question, "Would you buy produce from Randy, a gardener from four blocks away?" Knowing the benefit of buying from local gardeners and being willing to support Eden in Indianapolis, Chris immediately agreed to purchase produce from Randy's urban garden. Now, if you stop into Goose the Market located on the corner of 25th and Delaware Streets, you can purchase Randy's produce: produce grown just down the street and made possible by neighborhood connections.

~ Marc McAleavey

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## *"The Journey" set to begin September 28th*

### *New Member Class will focus on seeing God's Abundance and Activity in the World*

The Journey is a spiritual formation process to help us see more clearly God's abundance and activity in the world around us and to find ways to bear witness to God's work. God's work includes but is not limited to: good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recovery of sight to the blind, and release for the oppressed (Luke 4:18-19). We believe that God has already released those who are oppressed, ended poverty, and given sight to the blind. What we need to do is to see it and bear witness to it.

The Journey is not regimented or controlled but led by the Spirit of God. It is a journey in which questions are encouraged and stories

are told. The central elements are worship, prayer, Scripture reading, and ministry in daily life. The Journey is marked by three liturgical rites (Rite of Welcome, Rite of Baptism/Reaffirming Baptism, and Service of Affirmation of Ministry in Daily Life).

Everyone -- but especially those who want to deepen their faith, be baptized, or enter into membership at Broadway -- are welcome to join. The Journey will begin with an orientation scheduled for Sunday, September 28th from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. This session will provide an in-depth overview of The Journey. Subsequent classes will

take place on October 12th, October 19th, October 26th, November 2nd, November 9th, and November 16th. All classes will take place on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor unless otherwise noted. Though participation in The Journey is not required for membership or baptism, we highly recommend it.

If you would like to learn more about The Journey, baptism, or becoming a new member at Broadway United Methodist Church, please contact Rachel Metheny at (317) 924-4207 or [rmetheny@broadwayumc.org](mailto:rmetheny@broadwayumc.org).

~ Rachel Metheny

# *An Opportunity to Get Your Hands Dirty*

## *Collaboration with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful brings fruit trees back to the Mapleton-Fall Creek Neighborhood*

I remember the topic of fruit trees surfacing during conversations with Yusef, whom I was introduced to by De'Amon Harges. Yusef has lived in this community his whole life, and he spoke of this abundance of fruit trees that used to be present in Mapleton-Fall Creek. Reverend Mike also spoke to me about how he remembered the topic of fruit trees coming up. He said that at the staff retreat, Terri Coleman, a neighbor on North Park, talked about the abundance of fruit trees once in Mapleton-Fall Creek. Today, a Plum tree resides in Terri's backyard.

Through conversations about fruit trees, De'Amon and I realized that there seemed to be energy around fruit trees. Mike Etchison, who has raised fruit trees and completed a Neighborwoods grant for another neighborhood, was approached by De'Amon and me to help become an organizer for trees in Mapleton-Fall Creek. Mike wrote the grant to Neighborwoods and was present with me during the initial meeting with Andrew Hart, who runs the Neighborwoods program for Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. With Mike's help -- and the stories of the neighborhood fruit trees -- Broadway and Mapleton-Fall Creek neighbors will be recipients of fruit trees!

The energy that exists around this is HUGE! I received an email from Andrew Hart expressing his own excitement about the fruit trees that will be making a comeback in Mapleton-Fall Creek. Andrew recalled walking down Fletcher

Street in Fountain Square. On this street, there was an apple and pear tree laden with fruit, and the best, a tree with fully ripe plums. Andrew helped himself to a couple, which he said were absolutely delicious! Andrew said he thought to himself, "This is what may have been happening in the Fall Creek neighborhood ten or twenty years ago."

Ten American Plums will be planted in the overflow parking lot. The triangle will become an orchard with ten to fifteen apple trees. The empty lot that housed Randy and Eugene's garden will have five or six apple trees. A few Oak trees will be planted on Broadway's property, as well. David Officer, Terri Coleman, Martha Wright, and Sarah Wiehe have requested fruit trees for their yards, with a variety of requests from apple to plum trees. Jackie Nytes from the Mapleton-Fall Creek CDC has requested an apple tree on the properties of five CDC owned homes. Jackie stated that she would like to make it a tradition that whenever an individual buys a CDC owned home, an apple tree will be planted in the yard for them as

a welcoming gift.

I want to extend an invitation to come and get your hands dirty, enjoy great company, and celebrate with a pitch-in lunch on October 11th, the day we will be planting fruit trees! It will start at 9:00 a.m., and coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided. Andrew will give a demonstration, and then we will break into groups of five to plant. Since we are getting forty trees, we will need forty volunteers. If you can volunteer, please contact me as soon as possible at [dfluhr@broadwayumc.org](mailto:dfluhr@broadwayumc.org). After the planting, we will have a pitch-in lunch, so please bring a dish! If you can't help but want to contribute in some way, contributing with food is always a blessing!

~ Danielle Fluhr



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# Broadway UMW News

## Broadway UMW Annual Retreat Scheduled for Saturday, September 6th

The 2008 Broadway UMW Annual Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Denny Whiteside, a former CTS intern at Broadway UMC, will lead the retreat with a focus on "The Olympics of Faith." Throughout the day, attendees will be exploring the ways we practice our faith, strengthen our faith, and demonstrate our faith -- all with a fun and timely undertone from the Olympic Games in Beijing.

This event is for ALL Broadway people and Broadway friends, and there is no charge to attend. A light lunch will be provided. Come and experience this day of fellowship and enrichment!

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

## Macy's "Shop For a Cause" to Benefit Broadway UMW



Once again, Macy's is offering to non-profit organizations the opportunity to benefit financially when shopping at Macy's stores. In order to participate, you need

to purchase a special shopping pass, available for just \$5.00. Broadway UMW will keep 100% of these proceeds.

With this shopping pass, you can "shop for a cause" on Saturday, September 20th and receive great savings on almost all of your purchases. You are also eligible to win a \$500 gift card.

This is an easy way to benefit Broadway and yourself at the same time. Please see Joanne Solomon or Lee Hartsock to purchase your shopping pass today!

## Broadway on the Move (Again!)

On Friday, August 8th, fourteen people from Broadway Church enjoyed a delicious Victorian tea at the Propylaeum in Indianapolis. The food was beautifully presented, and even though it looked almost too good to eat, each participant found the inner strength to overcome any shyness or hesitancy and ate with gusto and gratitude!

The elegant decor of the rooms, the fragrant flowers on each table, the impeccable service of the waiter, and the relaxed spirit of the individuals all combined to produce an aura of camaraderie that encouraged many conversations, lots of laughter, and a physical sense of contentment.

A big THANK YOU to Joanne Solomon for making the arrangements for this latest gathering of Broadwaites outside the walls of the church building!

~ Ellie Gramer

## Church Finance Update as of July 31, 2008

The table below reflects budgeted and actual income and expenses as of July 31, 2008.

	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
<b>INCOME</b>	\$294,596.81	\$274,540.47
<b>EXPENSE</b>	<u>\$311,903.63</u>	<u>\$293,538.27</u>
<b>DEFICIT</b>	(\$17,306.82)	(\$18,997.80)
	PROJECTED	ACTUAL

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

### BROADWAY FOUNDATION RETURN ON INVESTMENTS TO JULY 31, 2008

BROADWAY FOUND. -7.56%

DJIA	S/P 500	NASDAQ
-14.44%	-12.83%	-13.55%

**Sax in the City**  
Jazz Brunch & Auction



Featuring the  
**Carl Hines Band**  
Light Jazz and Dance Music

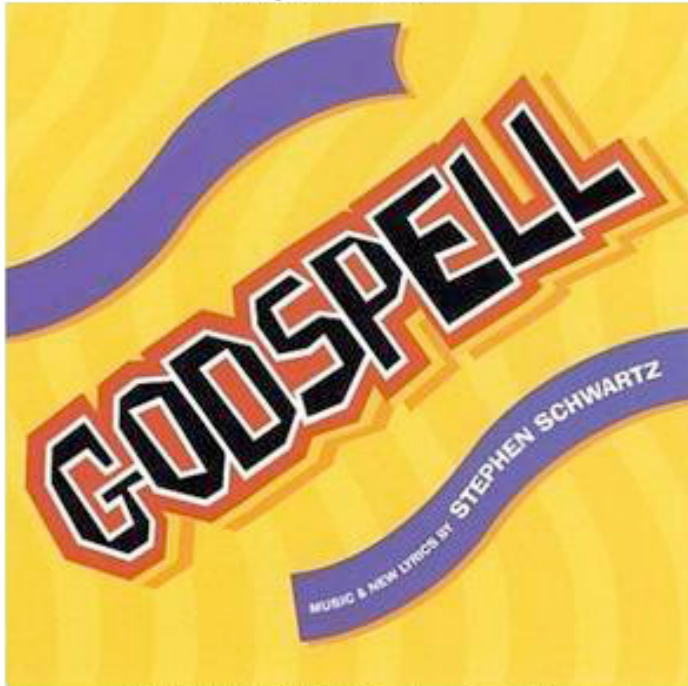
**Saturday, September 6, 2008**  
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
3808 N. Meridian Street  
Lower Level, North United Methodist Church

\$25.00/person ● \$190/Table of 8  
*See Ellie Gramer for tickets*

A Fundraiser for the  
**Mid-North Shepherd's Center**  
*Engaging the Heart, Mind and Spirit of Older Adults*  
317.924.0959 for Reservations

# Broadway's Music Program

Broadway Presents Artist Series



October 10th, 11th, and 12th in Broadway's Community Room

## Broadway Choirs Beginning Rehearsals

Rehearsals are beginning soon for the returning Children's Choir, Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir. If you might be interested in joining one of these groups, or if you play a musical instrument and would like to play in a small instrumental ensemble, please contact Chris Schroeder at [cschroeder@broadwayumc.org](mailto:cschroeder@broadwayumc.org) or by calling the church office at 924-4207, extension 31.

- Bell choir rehearsals begin Thursday, September 11th. Regular rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in Room 206. We are also always in need of subs if you can only commit to play occasionally.
- Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, August 27th. Regular rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Beck Hall.
- Children's Choir members and parents will meet in September following church to make plans for the upcoming year. Details will follow soon.

~ Chris Schroeder

## BUM'S Softball Ends Season 1-4

Our BUM's softball team finished the '08 season with a record of 1 win and 4 losses. Even though for some games a complete team could not be present and wins were hard to come by, there were many neat moments of a great team and great fans to remember.

Members of the 2008 BUM's softball team were Brian Chernish, Dwight Chernish, Bill (Biff) Chisler, Laura Chisler, Christy Cooper, Bill Gramer, Sandhya Graves, Ty Graves, Jason Jones, Thad Jones, Jim Martin, Mike Mather, Andrew McCracken, Billy Patrick, Jeff Patrick, Shawn Patrick, Mary Ann Slinn, Tom Weesner, Jeff and Mike (Brian's friends), and Jessica (who Jason brought).

~ Carol Hoffman

## Opportunities to Lend a Hand

### *Interested in Donating Altar Flowers?*

If you would like to give altar flowers in honor or memory of a friend or family member during the months of September, October, November, or December please contact Joanne Solomon at (317) 257-4737 or [jsjgsolo@aol.com](mailto:jsjgsolo@aol.com).

### *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](mailto:kmcaleavey@broadwayumc.org) or (317) 924-4207 for more details or to submit information.

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## Gardening with Children

My first gardening experience with children began with my own children. I believe, like my children, most children would enjoy growing food and flowers if you expose them to gardening.

The first group I had worked with in significant numbers were the children of Cathy's Daycare; it was a good experience for me, and I believe it was also a good experience for the children. I put emphasis on the following factors to educate the children on the importance of gardening:

- teaching them to be close to the earth;
- teaching them to respect the Earth from which all living things derive and to which all living things return;
- teaching them the necessity of good, organic, chemical-free food for a healthy and wholesome lifestyle; and
- teaching them that it is simple to grow most of the food that we need for sustaining good health and a quality existence.

The children from Cathy's Daycare planted seeds, starter vegetable plants and flowers and created a beautiful flower bed. They also learned about compost -- what it is; what it is used for; and how and when to use it.

I believe that in this time of mass food recalls, genetic modification of food products, inclement weather, and the scarcity of food stores in inner city neighborhoods, it is important for future generations to understand that you cannot take for granted that a grocer can supply you with good food. It is an absolute necessity for the children to understand that organic foods, as well as home gardening, is the gateway to good health, long life and a spiritual and healthy perspective toward this earth wherein we live.

In closing, I quote an old African Proverb: "Children are the reward of life." That life is dependent upon good, healthy food.

I have appreciated my involvement with the children of Cathy's Daycare this summer. Thanks to De'Amon, Danielle and Broadway United Methodist Church.

~ Musa B. Mwaafrika

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## And a Special Thanks Goes to...

**Dear Broadway UMC,** Thank you for your contribution to Crow Creek Food Pantry and Thrift Store. We are hoping to have them open before the end of summer. Thanks again for your support of and concern for the people of Crow Creek. Peace & Joy,

~ Pat Croley

### **You may already be aware that I will be moving from the Indianapolis area.**

In fact, my last Sunday at Broadway will be August 31st. Recently, I came out of my short-lived retirement from the Department of Correction and accepted a position with Ivy Tech. My new career puts me "back in prison" as Director of Prison Education. Since my office is south of Terre Haute, it is not practical for me to continue such a drive from Plainfield and return five days a week. Consequently, I have acquired a new home in Terre Haute and will be moving on September 5th.

Although I am looking forward to this "new beginning," I am saddened by the fact that I will be leaving my Broadway family. I have been a member of the congregation for eight years, and in that time, I have come to gain many close friends who share a common belief and love for the Lord and put that belief and love into action. My most memorable experience with my Broadway family has been their prayerful support during the time of my mother, father and brother's sicknesses and eventual deaths. For 14 months, my life was turned upside down, but the experience brought me much closer to God and the grace he makes so freely available. It is often said that believers are expected to serve as the arms, legs, voices, etc. of Christ. Broadway does that and did that for me and my brothers with their cards, prayers, phone calls, and paying their respects. Their grace was, to me, grace from God.

~ Jim Hendrix

## Reminders

### **First Fridays**

First Fridays will meet on Friday, September 5th at Just Judy's, located at 2210 East 54th Street (just west of 54th & Keystone). See you there!

### **Broadway Calendar**

Broadway's monthly event calendar is currently available on the church's website under the "Events" heading. You may also call or drop by the church office for a copy.

## Parish Notes...

### DEATHS:

Steve Burton

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

*Pastoral:* Mike Mather, Rachel Metheny, and 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

Jon Barnhart and Randy Ficklin

*Ministry of Light and Sound:* Jim Fore

*Security:* Jim Martin and Eugene Smith

*Staff e-mail addresses are first letter of first name followed by last name@broadwayumc.org. (For example: jperkins@broadwayumc.org.)*

*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***

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