

Broadway United Methodist Church



April, 2018

Believing Is Seeing

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to once again celebrate Easter - the central feast in the Church year — I have been thinking about resurrection hope. Not only what I think of present day, but looking back at the gospel accounts of the resurrection of Jesus the Christ — I am struck by the final benediction of John's Gospel: "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe."

And yet, believe.

Think about that, we choose to believe. We choose to believe, because there are so many things our hearts hunger and thirst for, so many things our eyes long to see. Things that we long for ourselves, our relationships, our church, our nation, and our world. We believe, because resurrection hope means we have faith that God's will be done in and through our lives.

Many things are yet before us as a people of faith at Broadway. During this season of transition, we hold on to our dream, our vision, the promise of resurrection hope. We see with the eyes of faith. And it's our holding on with courage and conviction — that visionary glancing ahead — that characterizes us as the kind of blessed people John's Gospel was talking about.

There is no place we would rather be as we journey the Easter season - no people we find more inspiring than you who make up Broadway. You give life and breath to the truth and the promise of the Gospel. Thank you for your witness. You give us hope, and a sense of the possibilities before us. For this resurrection blessing, we thank you. We hope that you, too, will make Broadway your spiritual center this holy season as we embark on the fifty days of Easter. May this be a season of awareness through God sightings and glory sightings and may you all be blessed with resurrection hope.

With Love,
Your Pastors - Lanette & Chris

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We Believe

God has uniquely called us to be a *Downtown Church*
to *Grow* in faith, to *Share* the love of Jesus Christ,
and to *Bridge* the gaps created by the many forms of poverty
for the goal of *Community* at its best

Ever seeking, serving and growing as the family of God showing unconditional love and acceptance.

A Message From Staff Pastor Parish Relations Team

March 18, 2019

Marv Kieckhafer, chair

This is an important time of year in the Iowa Conference of UMC. Bishop Laurie Haller and the Cabinet of District Superintendents make decisions about appointments of clergy and other Conference staff.

As part of the restructuring of the Conference administration this year, the new position of Director of Clergy and Leadership Excellence was created.

On February 23rd, Bishop Laurie and the Cabinet sought applications and recommendations for this new position from other clergy in the Conference. During this process, Pastor Lanette's name rose to the top – without her knowledge, she was recommended by many, many colleagues. When she became aware of this Pastor Lanette self-referred herself for the position. Pastor Lanette has been a clergy mentor and candidacy mentor to pastors for many years in the Iowa Conference. She has a doctorate degree in church leadership excellence. As we know, she is well-known and respected throughout the Iowa Conference.

Last Thursday, Bishop Laurie asked Lanette to accept the position. After much prayerful thought and consideration, Lanette decided to take the position. Therefore, I must advise that she will be leaving Broadway. I can assure you that Pastor did not make this decision easily. During her time at Broadway, she has turned down opportunities more than once to be a District Superintendent. However, on this occasion, it appears this Directorship is a ministerial call that she must follow – it is something she is gifted and qualified to do, and the Conference needs her. God is calling her.

I learned about this last Thursday evening in a telephone call from District Superintendent Terra Amundson, who knew this was heavy news to deliver. I am confident that she wants only the best for Broadway and I know we have her support and prayers. The SPPR Committee will soon meet with Pastor Amundson to discuss plans and details for the transitions that will occur.

This event also affects Pastor Chris. Bishop Laurie and the Cabinet decided, and Chris has agreed that it is time for him to accept a pastoral assignment elsewhere. This is what most often occurs when a senior or lead pastor is reassigned. Frankly, it was quite unusual for Broadway to be blessed with Pastor Chris's presence here for the past 10 years. We have been an integral part of his growth as a pastor. Perhaps we have to reluctantly agree that it is time for him to spread his pastoral wings in a new place and bring blessings to others.

When will this happen? I understand that new assignments take effect July 1st. So, we can expect moves and change-overs to occur during June. In the meantime, Pastor Lanette and Pastor Chris will carry on as usual.

This will also be a time when we continue on with a "Broadway Strong" attitude as we face the future together. The ministries we have built together will not die or be forgotten. Lanette and Chris realize that during their time here they developed many close, personal relationships with folks in the congregation. If you are among those folks, and you feel betrayed or confused as to why this kind of change was not shared with you before today, please know that this was not intended by Lanette or Chris. Rather, the protocol of the United Methodist Church simply did not allow them to tell you what they cannot share until the process is at this point.

I know Bishop Laurie and the Cabinet and our District Superintendent are well-aware of the successes of the pastoral team we have here and they do not want to do anything that sets us back. Although I do not know the details yet, we can expect that the appointment of new pastoral leadership here will continue the team pastor concept that we now experience.

At a time like this, we have many reactions. Shock. Denial. Grief. Maybe even anger. Why us? Why me? Why now? If it isn't broke, why fix it? What are we going to do now? Who can we rely on? These are normal reactions – yet, we will get through this.

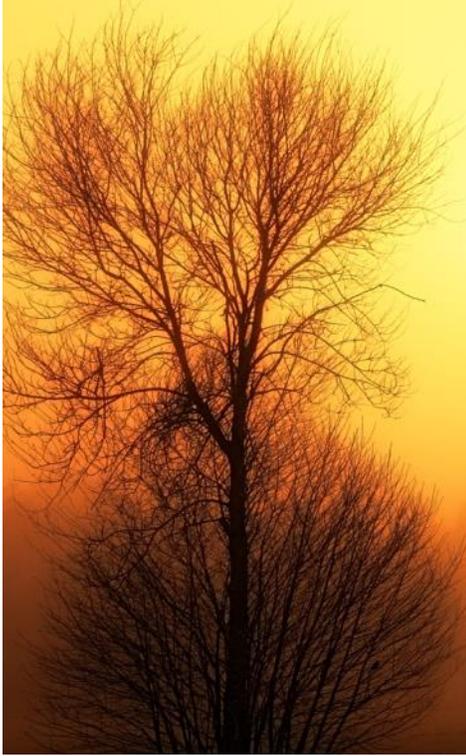
At the bottom line, we must keep in mind that this is also a time of great opportunity for everyone involved. For Pastor Lanette and Pastor Chris as they face new challenges. For our new pastors when they arrive to serve among us. And, for us as individuals and as a congregation. The Christian life is a journey, full of bumps and twisting turns where we can spin out, but Christians also know the moments of grace and love of others and of God. Together we will do just fine – we have God on our side.

I leave you with these words to consider as we go forward:

So, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.
Matthew 6:34

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
Jeremiah 29:11

Questions Jesus Asked Series Continues



<p>April 1 Easter Sunday</p> <p>Woman, why are you weeping? John 20:15</p>	<p>April 15 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Why are you troubled? Luke 24:38</p>
<p>April 8 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>What things? Luke 24:19</p>	<p>April 22 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Friends, haven't you any fish? John 21:5</p>
	<p>April 29 5th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Do you love me? John 21:17</p>

"The Questions Jesus Asked" will continue to be Broadway's worship series throughout the Easter season to Pentecost. Join us on Sundays as we explore the questions Jesus

asked to reveal a deeper level of understanding hidden there. We will examine each question and relate them to questions of our faith and our relationships with God and neighbor.

If you missed a message, please check out our Vimeo page, <https://vimeo.com/broadwayunitedmethodist>

Scholarships for Fall, 2018

It's that time of year again! The Scholarship Team from Broadway is accepting applications from now until **April 27, 2018**.

If you are a **high school senior** and are planning to attend a 4-year college or university, a community college, a specific trade school, or any other form of higher education – please take the time to read over the qualifications for scholarships and

grants that are available from Broadway. Most high school seniors that are actively involved at Broadway will get a letter regarding this information. However, if we miss you, all the information and application forms are available at the church website (broadwayunitedmethodist.com) or at the church office.

A reminder to **current college students**: If you previously received a

grant or scholarship, you will need to re-apply using the college form. We mostly need updated information from you and your current GPA. Again, this form is available at the church website.

If you are currently in college and **have never applied or never have received a grant/scholarship**, you can still apply using the longer application form.

All applications must be completed and returned by April 27, 2018. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Scholarship Team.

If you received a scholarship this past January, you will not be eligible for another one until next January. If you have questions, please see Pastor Lanette, Pastor Chris, or Nancy File.



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GRADES PREK-5

Save the Dates:

- **Sunday, April 8th—Children's Choir at 10:30 am**
- **Friday, April 13th—Children's Ministry Lock-in begins at 6:00 pm and continues to 8:00 am Saturday, April 14th. Ms. Carey will have consent forms to you soon.**

Wednesday Faith in Motion

On Wednesdays children meet to learn about God, about Jesus, and each other through rotational activities. Over the course of a few weeks, each Bible theme is explored through art, cooking, games, mission projects, science experiments, storytelling, and drama.
Community Meal • 5:45—6:30 pm • Fellowship Hall
Faith in Motion • 6:30—7:45 pm • Lower Level Classrooms

Sunday School

Each Sunday morning, Sunday School is held for kids during the 10:30 PROCLAIM worship service. Begin in the Sanctuary and sing the opening songs with the Praise Band, spend time with the Pastors on the sanctuary steps for the Youngest Disciple's Time, then those who wish to attend Sunday School may follow the escort to their classroom. Those not attending worship may meet the rest of the kids in room B05 at 10:40 am.

NURSERY

Broadway UMC nursery provides a loving and safe environment where infants and toddlers enjoy special care and interaction with other little ones. Our nursery caregivers are devoted Christ followers who are dedicated to sharing God's love with his smallest children.

We believe in providing the very best nursery care, enabling parent to freely worship and participate in other discipleship experiences with complete confidence in the care their children are receiving. It is our hope that every child's experience in our child care ministry will be one of their first steps in a lifelong journey with Christ.

Sundays from 8am-noon
Wednesdays from 6:30—8:30 pm
Available for other ministries by request
712-322-7741 or
broadwayumckids@gmail.com

STUDENT LIFE

SHANE COFFEY, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE MINISTRIES

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BIBLES AND COFFEE

Twice monthly students who wish to take their faith to the next level meet from 7:30—8:30 pm at a local coffee shop. Just like the name sounds, students explore scripture in each other's company while enjoying a warm cup of coffee, tea or cocoa.

Dates and locations vary, so please contact Shane Coffey, Director of Student Life Ministries at youthatbumc@gmail.com.

Each week, middle school and high school youth have two to three opportunities to meet, make friends, build community, worship and grow in faith.



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 22nd
After 8:30 and 10:30 worship services
Free will offering—proceeds for Student Life summer mission and ministry.

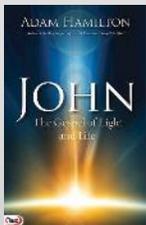
Sunday Breakthrough

Sundays at 6:30 pm • Room 203
Weekly we dig deeper into the Bible
On the last Sunday of each month, youth watch an appropriate movie and reflect on its witness to faith.

Wednesday Student Life

Worship, games, friendship, and service to our community.
Community Meal • 5:45-6:30 pm • Fellowship Hall
Student Life • 6:30—7:56 pm • Room 203

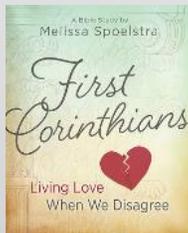
Adult Small Groups—where big things happen



MONDAYS

7:00 pm • DeLong Lounge

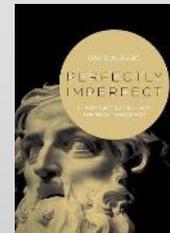
The Gospel of John
By Adam Hamilton
April 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14



WEDNESDAYS

Women's Bible Study
5:00 pm • Room 205

*1 Corinthians: Living Love
When We Disagree*
By Melissa Spoelstra



WEDNESDAYS

6:30 pm • DeLong Lounge

Perfectly Imperfect
By David A. Busic

April 4, 11, 18, 25
May 2, 9, 16

Broadway United Methodist is committed to providing opportunities for adults of all ages to walk together for the purpose of growing their faith. Our adult ministry programs bring men and women together as they seek to honor God in their homes, careers, relationships, finances, and more. We want to create a network of support for adults in our community to connect with one another on a regular basis for a specific purpose—to know and experience Jesus in community with others. Through small groups, classes, and monthly gatherings, we connect adults together as they connect with Christ.

AGED TO PERFECTION



Catered Meal and Program
For the Retired and Re-fired.
But really, all are welcome!

Thursday, April 5 at 12:15 pm
ALHS Speech Students

DOCUMENTARY AND DISCIPLESHIP



Monday, April 9th
7:00 pm • DeLong Lounge
We will view the 5 Oscar nominated short-subject documentaries and follow each with discussions around social justice.

Opportunities Around the Conference

A BASIC LAY SERVANT MINISTRY Course will be held on Saturday April 21st from 8:00 am—6:00 pm at the Griswold United Methodist Church. This course is foundational for all other courses in lay servant ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

The course will be led by Pastor John Robine of Carter Lake/Council Bluffs Trinity UMC and **Shannon**

Meister, Certified Lay Speaker from Broadway.

Cost: \$15.00 plus the cost of books—please purchased ahead of time by the participant through Cokesbury or The Upper Room bookstore. Please contact the office at 712-322-7741 or broadwayumccb@gmail.com if you would like information on registering.

LAITY DAY WITH BISHOP LAURIE

Saturday, April 14, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
3600 75th Street
Urbandale, IA 50322

Starting at 9:00, enjoy coffee and

treats, fellowship, pick up materials for the day and check the displays. The program begins at 9:45 and includes worship, missional presentations, a networking lunch, and two presentations with Bishop Laurie, one, an extensive Q & A session! A communion service will conclude Laity Day.

Bishop Laurie's provocative title is "Running Away with Noah" and will be preceded by scripture presented in a reader's theater format.

Laity Day is free and while advanced registration is not required, it will be extremely helpful for planning.

Questions may be directed to Barb Mann at the Conference Center (515-974-8905) or Margaret Borgen, Lay

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS

Tuesday Ministry

On Tuesday Outreach days there is usually a limit of 30 households we can meet with and offer assistance to. We start at 10:00 am and intend to be open until 2:00 pm. On Tuesday, March 27th we met our capacity at 10:45 am. At that time we let those who to the door know that we had run out of financial assistance but lunch was available if they would like to come in. While we have a few who are here each month, this particular Tuesday we were met many new families. \$25.00 seems like just disposable income to many of us but, to these families it's what is needed to get to work the next day, get to a job interview, or make sure their kids get to school safely. We may think we could go without one meal for a day yet, it's a proven fact that kids who go to school hungry perform at a lower level. So that bag of food with enough food for one meal can make a world of difference.

On the first Sunday of each month, as we move to receive communion, we are given the opportunity to contribute an offering to the Pastor's Fund which is used to help our Tuesday Outreach people. We also invite you to bring non-perishable food and paper product donations for Broadway's emergency food closet, Philip's Cupboard, and Care and Share.

Current needs for our Tuesday Outreach pantry are:

- Macaroni and cheese
- Fruit cups with pop-tops
- Pudding Cups
- Individual Juice or Sports Drink bottles

MOHM's Place—April

Broadway UMC reaches outside the walls of the church and provides servers for the evening meal at MOHM's Place on the fourth Thursday of each month. Meet at 1435 N 15th St at 4:30. We are usually finished by 6:00 pm. If you would like to help, please sign up in the white notebook at the Welcome Center.

Layette Kits

You may have heard that the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will no longer be distributing Layette Kits. There is another mission group called the Midwest Mission Distribution Center of Chatham, IL. The MMDC will continue to distribute Layette Kits through missionaries and other organized mission groups that provide aid to children and mothers. The MMDC will be present at Ingathering in November to pick up the Layette Kits. In response, Broadway's United Methodist Women will again be accepting donations of baby sleepers or gowns, sweaters, onesies, and receiving blankets from March 1 through June to be assembled at an evening gathering in July. We encourage you to shop the sales and crochet and knit sweaters as you so generously do each year. We will again display donated items in the history cabinet in the Centrex.

In 2017, we were able to provide 42 Layette Kits. How many can we provide this year? In addition to the above mentioned items, monetary gifts will also be accepted. Thank you for your participations.



United
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Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Calendar:

Monday, April 9

Grace Study will meet at 1:30 pm

Thursday, April 12

Unit Meeting will be held at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, April 18

Twilighters will meet at 2:30 pm

SPECIAL EVENT MAY 6TH

On Sunday, May 6th at 6:00 pm the United Methodist Women will host an event featuring guest speaker, Connie Gronstal. Connie will provide information on Early Childhood Mental Health. We begin the event with a pot-luck supper. So bring a salad or dessert to share if you are able, and join

us for an informative evening. If you have items for our Layette Kit drive (receiving blankets, sleepers/gowns, onesies, sweaters) you may also bring them. If you need a ride or babysitting services, contact Darla Fent by May 3rd to make arrangements, 402-490-5691.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Upcoming Events

1. Easter Sunday worship at 8:30 & 10:30 am
2. Office Closed
3. Book Review (DL)
5. Aged to Perfection at 12:15 pm (FH)
6. Kiwanis Spaghetti Feet from 11-1 & 5-6:30 (FH)
Single Diners at 5 pm at Primos
7. Food, Faith, Climate Workshop from 9:30—11:30 am
9. Head Start Parenting at 11:30 am (205)
United Methodist Women Grace Study at 1:30 pm (DL)
Harmony Court Worship at 3:00 pm
Documentary and Discipleship at 7:00 pm (DL)
10. Tuesday Outreach from 10am-2pm
12. United Methodist Women at 1:30 pm (DL)
13. Children's Ministry Lock-In begins at 6:00 pm
14. Lock-In Ends at 8:00 am
16. Mondays and Moses Chapter 6 (DL)
17. Investments Team at 5:00 pm (DL)
SPPRC at 6:00 pm (DL)
19. May Spire Deadline
Head Start Parenting at 1:00 pm (205)
20. Single Diners at 5:00 pm at Long Horn
22. Student Life Pancake Breakfast after worship services (FH)
23. Mondays and Moses Chapter 6 at 10:30 am (DL)
24. Trustees Team at 6:00 pm (DL)
Finance Team at 6:00 pm (Ch)
25. Care Team at 12:00 pm (DL)
Newsletter Volunteers at 1:30 pm (DL)
27. Wedding Rehearsal at 6:00 pm
28. Wedding at 3:00 pm
29. Bloodmobile from 8:30—12:30 (parking lot)
30. Parent Partners at 12:00 pm (205)

FH=Fellowship Hall | DL=DeLong Lounge | C=Chapel | S=Sanctuary

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 CORNERSTONE • 10:30 PROCLAIM

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School at 10:30 am
starts at PROCLAIM worship

Student Life Breakthrough at 6:30 pm (203)

MONDAYS

Adult Small Group at 7:00 pm
(new study begins April 16)

WEDNESDAYS

Staff Meeting at 9:30 am
Women's Bible Study at 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRIES

Community Meal at 5:45 pm

6:30—7:45 pm

Faith in Motion (Lower Level)
Student Life (203)
Adult Small Group (DL)

FAITH AND FINE ARTS MINISTRIES

Tuesdays

Praise Team at 7:30 pm (S)

Wednesdays

Broadway Bells Rehearse at 6:25 pm (B02)
Broadway Choir Rehearse at 7:30 pm (B02)

PARTNERSHIPS

PHILIP'S CUPBOARD

Mondays and Fridays from 12:00—2:00 pm
Wednesdays from 4:00—5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

HOMETOWNERS

Mondays at 9:30 am (B02)

BOYSTOWN PARENTING CLASSES

Wednesdays 6:30—8:30 pm (210)

AKTION CLUB

Mondays at 7:00 pm (205)

BOY SCOUTS

Mondays at 7:00 pm (205)

RECOVERY GROUPS

Friday at 8:30 pm (205)
Sunday at 7:00 pm (205)

Workshop on April 7th at BUMC



CONNECTING THE DOTS

Join us at Iowa Interfaith Power & Light's workshop to learn how our food practices contribute to climate change, and how our faith traditions call us to respond with practical solutions. We look at our own food practices and create a plan for more climate-friendly choices. Fortunately the ethical choices are also the pleasurable choices! Saturday, April 7, 2018, from 9:30am – 11:30am, Doors open at 9am for registration, coffee, and a chance to **browse the tables of local food providers**. So come early! **The workshop includes** tips, resources and pocket guides for more climate-friendly choices. And a climate-friendly snack! Broadway United Methodist Church, 11 S 1st St, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. \$20 per person. Register at <http://iowaip.org/act/register-events>



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