

Broadway United Methodist Church



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Inside This Issue

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it closely. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

You might not find something that illustrates our story so well and falls into your lap as you open this newsletter. But we do hope you will find some leaves of opportunity you can pick that will engage you into Broadway life and Broadway community.

In May, many programs that are scheduled around the school year will come to the end of their season, a new men's Bible study will begin, and we will take time to remember those who gave their lives in service to their country. Pools will open, baseball gets into full swing, and many teens will start summer jobs. While our schedules adapt to this change in activity, you can be certain, that Broadway UMC will still be here—on the corner of 1st and Broadway—being community at its best.

Take a look inside and know you are invited to participate in any opportunities to connect you to Broadway. We want you to know you are always welcome here.

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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.

New Pastoral Team Announced

This is a transcript of the announcement made at worship on April 15, 2018. After the SPPRC announcement made by chair, Marv Kieckhafer, those present viewed a video greeting from Pastor Alexis and Pastor Mark Johnson and family. If you were not able to be here, you may watch the video at broadwayunitedmethodist.com click on "New Pastors Announced" in the right column.

April 15, 2018
Marv Kieckhafer, chair
Staff Pastor Parish Relations Team

On April 5th members of the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee participated in an "Appointment Introductory Meeting" with District Superintendent Rev. Terra Amundson and the two pastors being appointed to Broadway. We soon learned that Bishop Laurie Haller and the Cabinet did their homework and found an excellent team for us.

Our new pastors will be a wife and husband team, **Alexis Johnson and Mark Johnson**. Pastor Alexis is from Sioux City. She has been a pastor in Iowa since 2006 and was Ordained as an Elder in 2010. She served as an Associate Pastor in Marshalltown from 2006 to February 2011, and was then appointed to the UMC in West Branch, Iowa, where she presently serves. Pastor Alexis will be our lead pastor and Pastor Mark will be our

associate pastor. Alexis has excellent experience and is a rising star in the Iowa Conference. Our own Pastor Lanette has been her primary mentor, which does not surprise me.

Pastor Mark is from the small town of Goose Lake, Iowa. He has been a church musician since he was 14 years old. He served as the musician at the West Branch UMC for 10 years before accepting a call from God to enter pastoral ministry. He became a Licensed Local Pastor in 2016. He is currently finishing his last year of seminary studies as a student in the Iliff School of Theology Journey Program (some online, some on the Iliff campus in Denver, CO.) After he completes this last year, he will apply to be a Provisional Elder in Iowa. Mark has a music degree and has significant experience creating and leading praise bands. He also has worked with children's and youth groups and Christian education programs. I understand he can even

play the organ, which I am sure is "music" to Ann Carpenter's ears.

Pastors Alexis and Mark were married in April of 2013. They have a daughter, Magdalene Rose (Maggie), born in July 2014, and a son, Nehemiah George (Nemo), born in February of 2017. Their diverse family also includes a Great Dane dog named Hugo and two cats, Goose and Doc.

I believe we will discover that these pastors are sincere, upbeat, ambitious, faithful, and spirit-led. I am confident they will be great "faces" of Broadway. These appointments should be a good fit. Broadway has an opportunity to support these young pastors as they continue to spread their pastoral wings in new ways. It will be an exciting trip!

God has put us in a good place to go forward.



Special Worship Service and Dinner

SUNDAY—JUNE 3

Both Pastoral Teams will lead us in worship
at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Dinner following worship in the Fellowship Hall

SAY THANK YOU TO



Gary Richardson

on Sunday, May 20th at a reception from 9:30 - 10:30 AM
To honor Gary's many years in music ministry at Broadway UMC

Gary Richardson, one of Broadway's music staff, will be retiring at the end of May. Gary and Diane have already moved to Indianola to be closer to family.

One of Gary's responsibilities has been to provide direction for the Broadway Choir, the Broadway Bells, and the Broadway Children's Choir. Gary also serves as 8:30 song leader and substitute organist. During Gary's time with Broadway he has

provided special music on trombone, piano, bells, and organ—composing and arranging many of the pieces himself. Gary has also been instrumental in organizing special community music programs with musicians from other Council Bluffs churches.

On Sunday, May 20th between worship services we will host a reception in the Welcome Center and DeLong Lounge to honor Gary's many years of ministry to Broadway United Meth-

odist Church. We will have cake and coffee and provide you an opportunity to express your appreciation. Contact the church office if you cannot be here, but would like to send your thanks by mail.

Attend the 8:30 worship service where Gary, his son, and his granddaughter will share a trombone trio for special music.

You're Invited

The United Methodist Women
of Broadway United Methodist Church
invite you to join us for an event
featuring special guest

Connie Gronstal

Ms. Gronstal will speak on

Early Childhood Mental Health

Sunday, May 6th at 6:00 pm

in the DeLong Lounge

**The event will include a pot luck dinner
Please bring a dessert or salad to share.**

If you would like to contribute an item or a monetary donation for our Layette Kits it would be welcomed and appreciated.

Contact the church office at 712-322-7741 or office@broadwayunitedmethodist.com by May 3rd if you need a ride or childcare.

PASTOR APPRECIATION NIGHT

All are invited to a special evening of appreciation for
Pastor Lanette and Pastor Chris

Share your gifts expressing your love for our pastors.

**Friday, May 4th from 7-9 pm
Fellowship Hall**

sing a song • play an instrument • dance
give your testimony • tell a funny story

Sign up at the Welcome Center

AGED TO PERFECTION

Join Broadway's retired and re-fired
community for a
Catered lunch and program

Thursday, May 10
(rescheduled from May 3)
12:15 pm • Fellowship Hall

Program: Recognizing Elder Abuse



Broadway Kids

CAREY GARAFALO
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
broadwayumckids@gmail.com

GRADES PREK-5

With the start of May, comes the wrapping up of our Sunday school year and our Wednesday night Faith in Motion activities. I'm very grateful for all our volunteer teachers for both programs. Be sure to say thanks to those listed to the right.

A few dates to keep in mind:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 20—Last day for Sunday School

May 27—Join us at 10:30 worship

June 3—Summer Sunday School begins (10:40 am) begin at 10:30 worship

FAITH IN MOTION

May 23—Last meeting for 2017-2018 school year. We are hoping the weather will cooperate so we can make our annual trek to get ice cream and play games outside!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Sunday, July 15th through Wednesday, July 18th

We will begin at 5:30 with dinner, then the rotations of Bible story telling, Crafts, Science and Recreation will start at 6:00 and run until 8:00. We'll wrap up each evening with an assembly in fellowship hall to share what we learned and a snack.

If you are interested in helping with dinner, decorating, or being a classroom leader/helper, please talk to Carey, Children's Ministry Director or email at: broadwayumckids@gmail.com. It takes quite the team to pull this off each year and your help is truly appreciated!

We've put together a wish list of items that are needed for VBS: round plastic table cloths (red, yellow, orange and blue in color), 8 oz size plastic or paper cups for snack time, presweetened Kool-Aid mix (24 oz size) and prepackaged snacks. We've found that small prepackaged snacks like goldfish, rice krispie treats, crackers and fruit snacks usually work best.

This year's VBS theme is Cokesbury's *Rolling River Rampage*. Children ages preschool to 5th grade will experience the ride of a lifetime with God! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. --Isaiah 43:2

THANK YOU TO BROADWAY'S TEAM OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

Wednesday

Laura Holcomb, Michael Colter, Brandi Carter, Shannon Meister, and Caryce Leaders, Margarite Goddenow and the Williams family

Thank you all for dedicating your time, talents and love to all of the Broadway children!

Sunday

Kelle Cline, Geri Ogren, and Rachel Keller

Thanks for being present each week to teach our children about the unconditional love of Jesus.

Summer Fun, Faith, and Community For All Ages

BIBLES AND BBQ BEGINS JUNE 13

Bibles and BBQ will meet on alternate Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Bring your own main course and join us at Big Lake Park (tennis court side)—our master grillers will have the fire ready. Condiments, table service, and ice water provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

After dinner, while the kids play, we will share conversation around our faith stories. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for your own comfort.



STUDENT LIFE

youthatbumc@gmail.com

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

Bibles and Coffee

Alternate Thursday evenings
Broadway Students meet at a local coffee house to share an understanding of Scripture through community. Contact Shane for locations and times.

MAY EVENTS

Contact Shane for all details and consent forms.

MAY 4

Pastor Appreciation from 7-9 in the Fellowship Hall (see page 3) followed by Cinco de Mayo Student Life Lock—In.

MAY 12

Service day. Student will help someone from the Broadway community move stones and do lawn care.

MAY 15

Council Bluffs Clean Sweep from 5-7:30 pm. Contact Shane for meeting time and location.

MAY 19

Celebrate CB Parade. Students have a truck and trailer and are preparing a Broadway float for the parade.

Adult Small Groups—where big things happen

MONDAYS

7:00 pm • DeLong Lounge

What Is the Bible?
by Rob Bell
May 7, 14

WEDNESDAYS

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

1 Corinthians: Living Love When We Disagree
By Melissa Spoelstra
through June 6

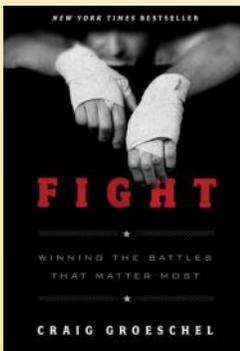
WEDNESDAYS

6:30 pm • DeLong Lounge

Perfectly Imperfect
By David A. Busic

May 2, 9, 16

As we move closer to summer, many of our Adult Small Groups are coming to the end their current titles. Don't worry, summer opportunities for all ages will soon begin and new things are being planned for the fall.



NEW! MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Saturday, May 5th • Led by Anthony Boucher
Alternate Saturday's at 8:30 am • DeLong Lounge

Fight by Craig Groeschel

Uncover who you really are—a man created in the image of God with a warrior's heart—and how to fight the good fight for what's right. You will find the strength to fight the battles you know you need to fight—the ones that determine the state of your heart, the quality of your marriage, and the spiritual health of your family.

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS

TUESDAY OUTREACH

On alternate Tuesday's, Broadway UMC has the opportunity to meet with our neighbors and bridge some of the gaps they face making ends meet. Thanks to the recent food drive by the Cub Scouts, we were able to stock enough items to meet our most recent needs. However, the closet is now running low on some of the staples we provide. If you would like to contribute, here's your grocery list: fruit cups, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pudding snacks, canned fruit, crackers, canned vegetables, and juice boxes or sports drink. Thank you to everyone who helps support this vital ministry.

May Outreach dates are the 8th and the 29th. We welcome all volunteers to help us from 10am to about 2 pm.

OUTREACH TEAM COLLECTING FOR PHILIP'S CUPBOARD

All May, we are focusing on collecting non-perishable items for Philip's Cupboard. Look for a collection bin with a more complete list of needed products, i.e. double rolls of toilet paper. Thanks for helping to keep the shelves stocked for this much needed mission.

MOHM'S PLACE—MAY 24TH

Broadway UMC 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.

NAME TAGS

If you have a name tag, **please be sure you wear it on Sunday mornings**. Name tags are essential hospitality tools, helping those who are new to Broadway put names with faces.

We are compiling a list of people who need name tags and will place our order in mid-May. If you would like to make sure we get one for you, please PRINT your name as you wish it to appear on the sign up at the Welcome Center.

SENIOR SUNDAY—SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Join us at worship on **Sunday, June 13th** to celebrate our graduates.

We invite the class of 2018 to be at one of our worship services and between services as we celebrate all your accomplishments.

During worship we will also award scholarships.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



May Events

1. Book Review at 9:30 (DL)
Worship Planning Team at 6:00 pm (DL)
4. Single Diners at 5:00 pm (Village Inn)
Pastor Appreciation Event from 7-9 pm (FH)
Student Life Lock-in begins at 9:00 am
5. Men's Bible Study "Fight" by Craig Groeschel at 8:30 am (DL)
Fellowship Hall Reserved from 4pm—midnight
6. Communion Sunday
UMW Program "Early Childhood Mental Health" at 6:00 pm (DL)
7. Scholarship Team meets at 5:00 pm (DL)
8. Tuesday Outreach from 10am-2pm (WC)
10. Aged to Perfection at 12:15 pm (FH)
12. Fellowship Hall Reserved 10am-2pm
13. Sr. Sunday—Scholarships Awarded
14. Head Start Parenting at 11:30 am (205)
UMW Grace Study at 1:30 pm (DL)
Harmony Court Worship at 3:00 pm
15. CB Clean Sweep from 5-7:30 pm
Memorials Team at 5:00 pm (DL)
Lay Leadership and Nominations Team at 6:00 pm (DL)
16. UMW Twilighters at 2:30 pm (DL)
18. Men's Bible Study at 8:30 am (DL)
Wedding Rehearsal at 6:00 pm (S)
Single Diners at 5:00 pm (Jonesy's Taco House)
19. Wedding at 3:00 pm (S)
20. Reception Celebrating Gary Richardson's ministry 9:30-10:30 am
23. Care Team at 12:00 pm (DL)
24. June Spire Deadline
Mohm's Place Serving 4:30—6pm
26. Fellowship Hall Reserved
27. Trinity Sunday
28. Memorial Day—Office Closed
29. Church Council at 6:00 pm (DL)
30. Newsletter Volunteers at 1:30 pm (DL)

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
No class May 27th—please join us for worship
Student Life Breakthrough at 6:30 pm (203)

MONDAYS

Adult Small Group at 7:00 pm
through May 14

WEDNESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRIES

through May 23
Community Meal at 5:45 pm

6:30—7:45 pm

Faith in Motion (Lower Level)
Student Life (203)

Adult Small Group (DL)
through May 16

FAITH AND FINE ARTS MINISTRIES

Tuesdays

Praise Team at 7:30 pm (S)

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)

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)

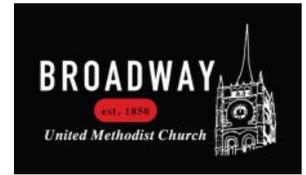
Broadway T-Shirts

Order your t-shirts at the Welcome Center by May 6th. Sign up includes prices. Shirts should be back by May 16. Please pay upon delivery.

Black shirts available in adult and youth sizes. Short sleeve, long sleeve, and hoodies available.

Front: Broadway Logo

Back features a globe with the text "Because we don't live in a black and white world."



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