

Broadway United Methodist Church



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

Inside This Issue

What is it that makes Broadway unique? Rev. Alexis and Pastor Mark have been discovering the answers to this question during recent Cottage Meetings. Cottage meetings are designed so our new pastoral team may get to know you and get to know your thoughts about Broadway's call to be community at its best.

We haven't heard everyone's story but so far, many feel that Broadway is a place that offers unconditional love and acceptance. Others sense a deep connection to one or more of the actions of Broadway's vision statement (see below). Most agree that BUMC is a place where the Spirit of God is alive and God's love is shared freely.

Inside this issue of the Spire you will be offered opportunities to **grow your faith** at worship and by connecting with the fall discipleship programs for all ages. You will learn more about how Broadway **bridges gaps** through our Tuesday meetings with our neighbors and our partnerships with Longfellow and Care and Share. And we invite each one of you to **share the love of Jesus Christ** by telling your story and asking someone to join you at Broadway.

If you haven't been able to attend a cottage meeting, we will also let you know how you can. We want to hear what Broadway means to you.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day holiday and remember your Broadway community is here for you.

Teresa Fletcher
Office and Communications Director

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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

A NOTE FROM REV. ALEXIS

Beloved,

It has been a whirlwind few months. I have loved getting to know you and I am looking forward to more opportunities to build up our relationships. There are a few cottage meetings scheduled for September, but we are open to scheduling more. If you are willing to host, please email pastors@broadwayunitedmethodist.com. We'll also be scheduling two larger town hall meetings in the Sanctuary, if driving to people's homes isn't within your comfort zone.

Please also know our door is open. Mark and I try very hard to have someone present in the office 9:30-4 Monday through Thursday. (I would still call ahead, just in case!) We want to know your joys, concerns, and your hearts for this amazing community.

Thank you for your warm welcome of our whole family. We are so blessed to be here!

Blessings,
Rev. Alexis

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP



We are spending September in the book of James. I encourage you to read the whole book! And here are the passages we will be focusing on each Sunday.

September 2—James 1:17-27
September 9—James 2:1-17
September 16th—James 3:1-2
September 23rd—James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
September 30—James 5:13-20

COMMUNITY AT ITS BEST

COTTAGE VISITS

So far, there are two September Cottage Meetings on the calendar. Be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday, so we know to expect you.

Saturday, September 8th at 4:00 pm at Parrish's

Sunday, September 9th at 6:00 pm at DiSalvo's

More dates coming soon. If you would like to host, be sure to let us know.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you to everyone who came to our anniversary celebration or sent lovely anniversary cards. We are so grateful to everyone at Broadway. A special thank you to Margarite who deserves an extra star in her crown for catering our event.

~Ken & Betty Milford

INTRODUCING BROADWAY'S BELL AND CHOIR DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce that Broadway has hired **Janet Williamson** to fill the position of Bells Choir and Vocal Choir director. Jan tells us,

"I have lived in the Council Bluffs area for over 30 years and have been involved in music both in Council Bluffs and Omaha. This has included both vocal and instrumental involvement with a variety of choral and instrumental groups in the area. I am married (Steve) with two grown children (Heather and Zach) and only have a fuzzy child (Morris the cat) at home. I look forward to working with all the talented people involved in the music program at Broadway. See you at practice!!!!!"

We welcome Jan and ask God's blessing upon her ministry here at Broadway. If you have questions about the Bells or Vocal choir please feel free to contact Jan at office@broadwayunitedmethodistchurch.com.

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 2nd. The Bells will practice ringing at 6:25 pm and the Choir sings at 7:30.

We look forward to hearing our Bells and Choir back in 8:30 worship in October.

Make a
joyful noise
to the LORD
Psalm 100:1

BROADWAY'S TUESDAY OUTREACH

On behalf of the Tuesday Outreach Team I would like to say thank you. Without the generosity and kind hearts of Broadway we would not be able to help those who are in need of filling the gap for food and fuel until payday is finally here or other assistance becomes available. The immediate assistance that we are fortunate to be able to provide is so appreciated.

A little history.....

Before Tuesday Outreach was launched, when people came to the church looking for help, Pastor Marvin provided assistance from the Pastor's Fund. It is my understanding that Pastor Bob's approach was similar.

Pastor's Lanette & Chris began keeping a notebook with the names of people who had stopped in to speak

with a pastor and/or receive assistance. As the notebook began to grow it was decided that this ministry needed some structure and the Tuesday Outreach developed from there; still funded today by your generous giving to that same Pastor's Fund. The notebook has grown to three storage crates filled with files of the people we have assisted in some way.

The blessing of the Tuesday Outreach is that we do invite folks to worship at Broadway and we see some of them here with us. I believe that this is Broadway at its best.

On a personal note.....Thank you to Dave, Carol, Virginia, Carlotta, Denise, Teresa and our newest team member Pastor Mark for the awesome work you do with Tuesday Outreach!

I invite you to stop in and see this amazing ministry at work.

Blessings,
Lori Andersen

SEPTEMBER DATES

September 11 & 25

We start at 10:00 am. Our intention is to be open until 2:00 pm but, because our resources are limited, we close when we reach our maximum.

STUDENT LIFE

Grades 6-12

SHANE COFFEY
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE MINISTRIES

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Broadway UMC Student Life Ministry is designed for 6-12 grade students. We are a diverse group of young people who accept others. We connect and grow with each other and God through engaging worship, relevant scripture study, service to our neighbors, and fun special events. We welcome all students and understand that it is possible to have fun while striving to be all God calls us to be.

SUNDAY BREAKTHROUGH

Sundays at 6:30 pm • Room 203

Games • Community • Bible Study

On the last Sunday of each month, students watch an appropriate movie and reflect on its witness to faith.

WEDNESDAYS

Student Life Ministry meets from 6:30—8:00 pm in room 203.

Students in grades 6-12 meet for games, service, worship, and Bible study.

BIBLES AND COFFEE

Alternate Thursdays 6:30—7:30 pm

September 13 at Scooters on Madison

September 27 at Starbucks at Metro Crossing

Broadway Students meet at a local coffee house for a more in-depth look at Scripture through conversation and coffee.

Faith Community **Friends** Service **Jesus** Games **BIBLE** Worship **Fun** Music **Food**

BROADWAY KIDS

CAREY GARAFALO
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Grades PreK-5

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With the wind down of summer, comes the start of our mid-week ministries and Sunday School! **FAITH IN MOTION will resume on September 5th** with rotations using the Deep Blue curriculum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will kick off on September 9th at the 10:30 service. Children will be dismissed from the Sanctuary after children's time and will attend a short music class, then break off to attend age appropriate Sunday school.

Our annual tradition, **BIBLE SUNDAY, will be on September 23rd** at both services. Third grade students will be

presented with their very own Deep Blue Bible at this service and are encouraged to attend Sunday School to learn how to navigate their new Bible. Families of 3rd grade students will receive a letter in the mail soon with all of the details about this special event. If you do not receive on, please be sure to let the office know—712-322-7741.

Our Wednesday nights are still in need of a few **VOLUNTEERS**: we are looking for a volunteer to lead the preschool class and a few volunteers to help in the nursery. Our nursery is very busy on Wednesday nights and

could definitely use a few extra hands! If you are interested, please contact Carey at kids@broadwayunitedmethodist.com. *All volunteers are required to undergo a background check.*

We will be having **ACOLYTE TRAINING** for children in 3rd grade and above on September 16th at 10 a.m. We will meet at the back of the sanctuary for a lesson on why we light candles for each service and do some practice on lighting the candles on the altar.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

"OUR PURPOSE IS LOVE, The Wesleyan Way To Be the Church" by David Field
led by Rev. Alexis in the DeLong Lounge

Mondays at 7:00 pm
Begins September 10th

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Begins September 12th

Rev. Alexis will be leading two of our existing adult groups in a book study/Bible study designed to help lay the foundation for a discussion about the special General Conference and the future of the UMC.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Led by Pastor Mark in the DeLong Lounge

Sundays at 5:30 pm
Begins September 16th

Pastor Mark's Scripture Study is the beginning of gathering the community to discuss Scripture through the lens of the life experience. This is also a first possible step in the potential third worship service.

WEDNESDAYS WOMEN'S STUDY

5:00 pm led by Kristi Waller
"JEREMIAH, Daring to Hope In An Unstable World" by Melissa Spoelstra

AGED TO PERFECTION

Catered meal and program for our retired and re-fired community. But really...all are welcome.

First Thursday monthly at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Please RSVP by calling the church office at 712-322-7741

September 6th Program by Dr. Richard Warner
THE HISTORY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS

October 4th Program by Candace Gregory
THE HISTORY AND MISSION OF THE OPEN DOOR MISSION

The United Methodist Women will soon have sign up sheets available at the Welcome Center for volunteer help and donations of salads and desserts.



Fall Community Support Dinner
Formerly "Harvest Dinner"

Roast Turkey & dressing
or
Pot Roast & browned
carrots and onions
Mashed potatoes
Savory Green beans
Selection of salads, rolls,
& pie

Tuesday
October 2, 2018

Broadway United Methodist Church

At Broadway and First Street

Proceeds will help support :
Care Team, Tuesday Missions, Vacation Bible School, Youth Mission Trips, Phoenix House, Philip's Cupboard, Scholarships

Bring Your Friends and Family!

Serving 5:00—6:30 pm
Adults \$10—Children 12 to 3 \$5

For Reservations call 712-322-7741

Limited number of tickets available at the door.
Take-outs available. Handicapped accessible.
Sponsored by UMW and friends

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SEPTEMBER DATES

Board Meeting
Thursday, 9/6
2:00 pm
DeLong Lounge

Grace Study
Monday, 9/10
1:30 pm
DeLong Lounge

Twilighters
Wednesday, 9/19
2:30 pm
DeLong Lounge

Unit Meeting
Thursday, 9/13
2:00 pm
DeLong Lounge
"Sacred Spaces or Prayer
and Transfiguration"

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS

LONGFELLOW SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a passion for encouraging and supporting kids? Volunteer opportunities are available to help at Longfellow Elementary School. We will try to fit you with the times and skills that work best for you, whether it's working with students or assisting with needs of the teacher. It's a great chance to support Longfellow as they prepare our next generation!

Call the church office to get on the list, and then stop by to get a background check form from Teresa in order to be able to volunteer at Longfellow.

BROADWAY OUTREACH TEAM

"During the months of September and October, we are gathering supplies at the kiosk in the Welcome Center for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) health kits. These kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes.

The necessary items include:

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches) - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One washcloth.
- One comb - No pocket combs or picks Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- One toenail or fingernail clipper—No emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger) - No Ivory or Jergen's soap, Do not remove from packaging
- One adult toothbrush—Do not remove from packaging, Personal advertising not acceptable
- 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches) - Common household bandages acceptable
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag
- \$3 for shipping expenses

Assembly Directions

- Lay hand towel flat on a table.
- Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols

MEALS ON WHEELS—SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER DELIVERIES

Broadway UMC is scheduled to deliver Council Bluffs Meals on Wheels each Friday morning during September and November. Meals are picked up at about 10:00 am each Friday morning at the Red Cross offices on NW 16th Street and it usually takes 1 1/2 to 2 hours to complete. Each vehicle needs 2 people—one to drive and one to take meals to the recipients. If you can help a couple hours on Friday mornings, please sign up in the white notebook at the Opportunities Kiosk. Sign up as a September substitute or to schedule your dates in November.

TUESDAY PANTRY

The emergency food pantry is available to assist our Tuesday Outreach by offering one meal for individuals or families—just enough until Care and Share and other pantries open. Our current needs include: Pop-tarts, Pudding snacks, Progresso or other large canned soups (please no tomato or creamed soups), canned tuna or chicken, Spaghettios™, canned fruit, and crackers. Your donations may be left at the church office on Sundays or during office hours.



WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 CORNERSTONE • 10:30 PROCLAIM

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

Children's Sunday School
10:30 am (begin in the Sanctuary)

Student Life Breakthrough
6:30 pm (203)

Scripture Study with Pastor Mark
5:30 pm (DL)

WEEKLY PROGRAMS AND GROUPS

Mondays

Adult Small Group with Rev. Alexis
at 7:00 pm begins 9/10 (DL)

Wednesdays

Staff Meeting at 9:30 am (DL)
Women's Study at 5:00 pm (205)
Community Meal at 5:45 pm (FH)
Faith in Motion for PreK-5 from 6:30-8pm (LL)
Student Life Ministries for 6-12 from 6:30-8pm (203)
Adult Small Group w/ Rev. Alexis
from 6:30-8pm (DL) begins 9/12

Nursery available for Infants & Toddlers

FAITH AND FINE ARTS MINISTRIES

Tuesdays

Praise Team at 7:30 pm (S)

Wednesdays

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

PARTNERSHIPS

HOMETOWNERS COMMUNITY CHOIR

Mondays at 9:30 am (B02)

PHILIP'S CUPBOARD

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

AKTION CLUB

Mondays at 7:00 pm (205)

CUB SCOUTS

Mondays at 7:00 pm (FH)

RECOVERY GROUPS

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

2. Communion Sunday
3. Labor Day—Office Closed
4. Book Review at 9:30 am (DL)
5. Wednesday Program Launch (see right column for details)
6. Tuesday Outreach Team Meeting (DL)
Aged to Perfection at 12:15 pm (FH)
United Methodist Women Board at 2:00 pm (DL)
7. Meals on Wheels Deliveries at 10:15 am (Red Cross Offices)
Single Diners at 5:00 pm (Ruby Tuesdays)
Cottage Meeting at 4:00 pm (Parrish's)
8. Cottage Meeting at 6:30 pm (DiSalvo's)
10. United Methodist Women Grace Study at 1:30 pm (DL)
Harmony Court Worship at 3:00 pm
11. School Board Election Polling Place (FH)
Tuesday Outreach at 10:00 am (WC)
13. United Methodist Women Unit Meeting at 1:00 pm (DL)
14. Meals on Wheels Deliveries at 10:15 am (Red Cross Offices)
18. Church Council at 6:00 pm (DL)
19. United Methodist Women Twilighters at 2:30 pm (DL)
20. October Spire Deadline
21. Meals on Wheels Deliveries at 10:15 am (Red Cross Offices)
Single Diners at 5:00 pm (Lansky's)
22. Southwest District United Methodist Women (Harlan UMC)
23. Bible Sunday—Bibles present to 3rd Graders at worship
25. Tuesday Outreach at 10:00 am (DL)
Memorials Team at 5:00 pm (DL)
Lay Leadership & Nominations at 6:00 pm (DL)
26. Newsletter Team at 1:30 pm (DL)
27. MOHM's Place Serving at 4:30 pm
28. Meals on Wheels Deliveries at 10:15 am (Red Cross Offices)
30. 5th Sunday Care and Share Collection

FH=Fellowship Hall | DL=DeLong Lounge | C=Chapel
S=Sanctuary | WC=Welcome Center | LL=Lower Level

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