

Broadway United Methodist Church



October, 2018

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

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Welcome October! As a former Iowa farmgirl, watching the harvest brings back some lovely memories for me. As my family and I brought in the crops from the fields, Dad was thinking about what we would plant in it's place the following spring.

Watching this season at Broadway looks much like that. The annual Charge Conference will be held on Thursday, October 18th at 6:00 pm. Charge Conference is the opportunity for Church Council to harvest information about Broadway during the current year. That includes: a status of Broadway's membership, a picture of the repairs and improvements to the church building, and a recent historical account. Alongside that picture, we plan for the fulfillment of Broadway's mission to sow seeds of unconditional love and acceptance.

In the meantime, we still worship on Sunday mornings (see page 3), and offer faith development groups for all ages (pages 4 & 5). We serve our partners and neighbors through Tuesday Outreach Ministry and support of Care and Share and Philip's Cupboard. We offer space for other partners who offer covenant groups for those struggling with addiction, parents who need a little support and advise, and those who are developing leaders through Scouting and Aktion Club.

Inside this Spire you will find your invitation to participate in the life of Broadway when and where you can. Wherever you become engaged you will find *unconditional love and acceptance*.

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

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should

pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. As always we welcome you at morning worship, even if you are not ready to pledge. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Church Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Church Council Chairperson,
Shannon Meister

20/20 VISION UPDATE

We are about two years in our 20/20 Vision Campaign that addressed repairs and upgrades to Broadway's building and facilities. If you look around you will see that the Trustees have been true to your gifts and have already made many repairs and improvements.

We have repaired the sidewalk around the church, worked on the tower roofs, repaired the roof above elevator, replaced the computer panel in the elevator, repaved the parking lot, replaced carpet and flooring at the parsonage, and are currently in the process of repairing the air conditioning. Soon to come are tucking pointing of the external brick, repair of walls and ceiling in the tower stairwells and balcony area, repair to the kitchen floor, and redecorating of the Fellowship Hall.

During the final phase, the Trustees

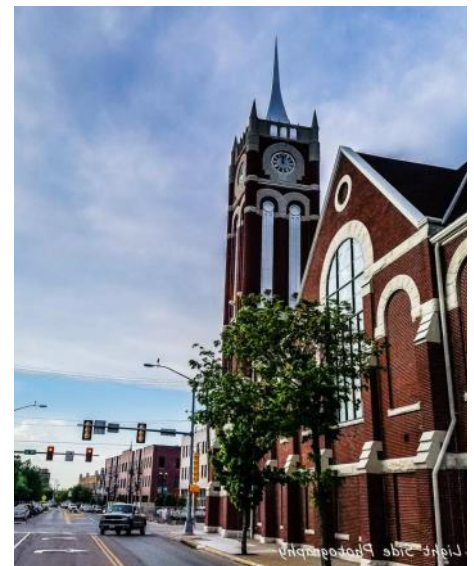
will look into adding external signage, and updating the lighting in the Sanctuary. Additional monies will complete the repayment of the endowment loan that was taken in 2015 to repair the roof to the Wesley Wing and add to the balance of the fund.

Our facilities manager, Garry Milbourn continues to meet our immediate repairs and connects with contractor on our bigger projects. We are grateful for his ministry and dedication to Broadway.

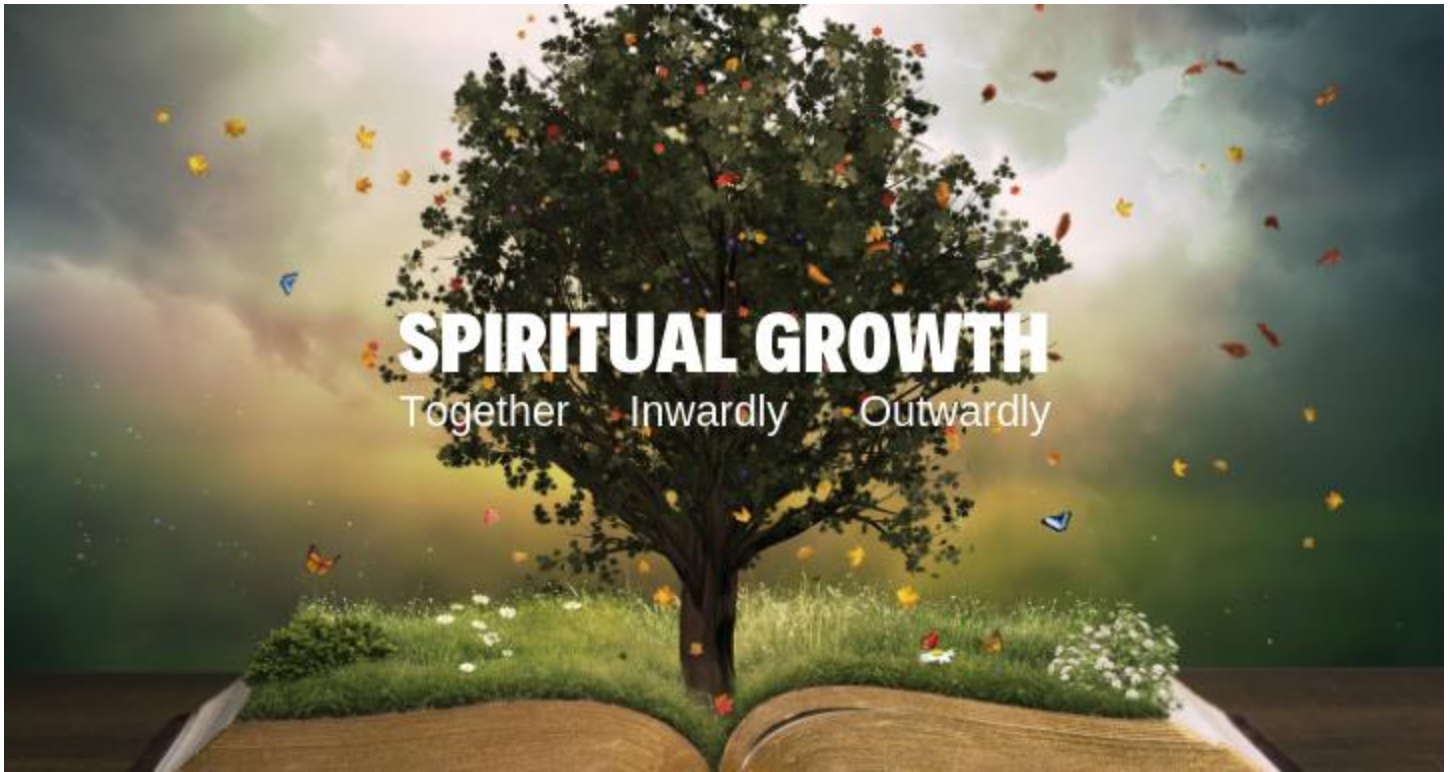
Thanks to an estate gift that was designated for worship and music, we have been able to purchase new microphones for worship. We will also be completing the installation of the sound system with money from this gift.

For over 160 years Broadway United

Methodist Church has been a sign of hope for the people of Council Bluffs and the surrounding area. Thanks to your continued dedication and support, we will continue to be a place of unconditional love and acceptance to our neighbors.



OCTOBER WORSHIP



Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30 am



Bishop Laurie along with General Conference Delegates will be visiting each district beginning in September. They will be present to worship, answer questions, and be in dialogue together around the pros and cons of each of the three Commission On a Way Forward plans.

The Southwest District meeting will be held on October 8, at Atlantic First from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. If you are interested in attending please let Rev. Alexis, Pastor Mark or the church office know so we can plan to carpool.

More information can be found at <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/the-commission-on-a-way-forward-report-what-you-should-know>. There is also a print copy of the full report from the

Commission to the General Conference at the church. Please stop by the office if you would like to take a look at it.

Rev. Alexis is currently leading a class on Mondays at 7 and Wednesdays at 6:30 to help us prepare for the General Conference and our direction following the decisions made there.

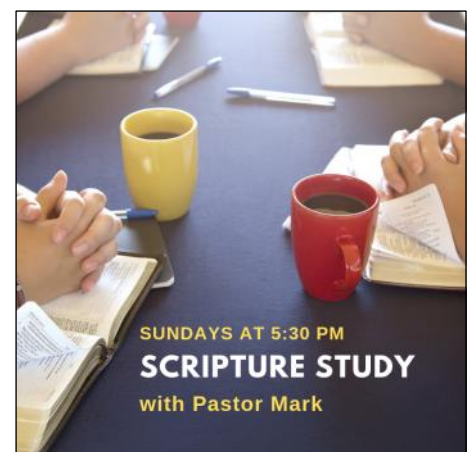
WOMEN OF WORTH BANQUET

Hope-Net Ministries' annual Women of Worth Banquet will be held on Thursday evening, November 1st in the Fellowship Hall.

Hope Net Ministries is a non-profit, faith-based organization providing families and individuals in our community with the tools and resources they need to break the

cycles of addiction & poverty. Proceeds from the dinner help women transition to life after incarceration.

Broadway has purchased a table for 8. If you would like to sit at our table, please contact the church and leave your donation of \$18.75 per person with the office.



STUDENT LIFE

Grades 6-12

SHANE COFFEY
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE MINISTRIES

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We would like to introduce and welcome Katie Flora and Troy Manhood for stepping into leadership with Broadway's Student Life Ministries. Shane and our students also send a big thank you to Mary Atilano for her continued work in student ministry.

SUNDAY BREAKTHROUGH

Sundays at 6:30 pm • Room 203

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
Broadway Students meet at a local coffee house for a more in-depth look at Scripture through conversation and coffee. Contact Shane at the email above for dates and locations.

BROADWAY KIDS

Grades PreK-5

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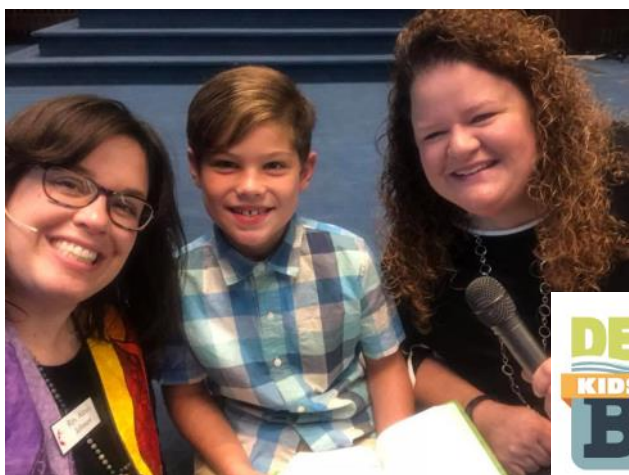
Our Broadway kids were busy in September! We kicked off Sunday School and Faith in Motion on Wednesday nights with great attendance and a lot of fun! We had the Blessing of the Backpacks services and gave out 40 backpack tags to our kids, teachers and staff. Several kids participated in acolyte training mid-September between services and learned why we light candles at each service as well as practicing lighting and

extinguishing the candles.

Broadway presented Deep Blue Bibles to our 3rd grade students this past Sunday at both services. Seven 3rd grade students are now the proud owners of their very own Bibles! Each Bible also had some special scripture chosen by church leaders marked with a post it note in it, which was shared at both services. If you missed this special service and have a 3rd grade or above student that would like a Bible,

please contact Carey at kids@broadwayunitedmethodist.com.

Our Faith in Motion students will finish off their unit of The Two Houses and move onto The Lord's Prayer during October. On Wednesday, October 24th our Wednesday night kids will have a fall party to celebrate the season, they will play some games, make a fun snack and do something crafty!



ADULT SMALL GROUPS

The people of Broadway have a passion for connecting with each other to grow our friendship and faith. We encourage each other to lasting life change and deep community through smaller groups. Small group opportunities are a place for us to offer and experience unconditional love and acceptance.

We invite you to join us for any of the scheduled small groups. Our classes are always open and welcoming to new members.

Small Group w/ Rev. Alexis

Mondays at 7:00 pm
Wednesday at 6:30 pm
DeLong Lounge

Current title: "Our Purpose Is Love"
by David Field

Scripture Study w/ Pastor Mark

Sundays at 5:30 pm
DeLong Lounge

Engaging conversation centered around the scripture from the morning worship service.

Women's Study w/ Kristi Waller

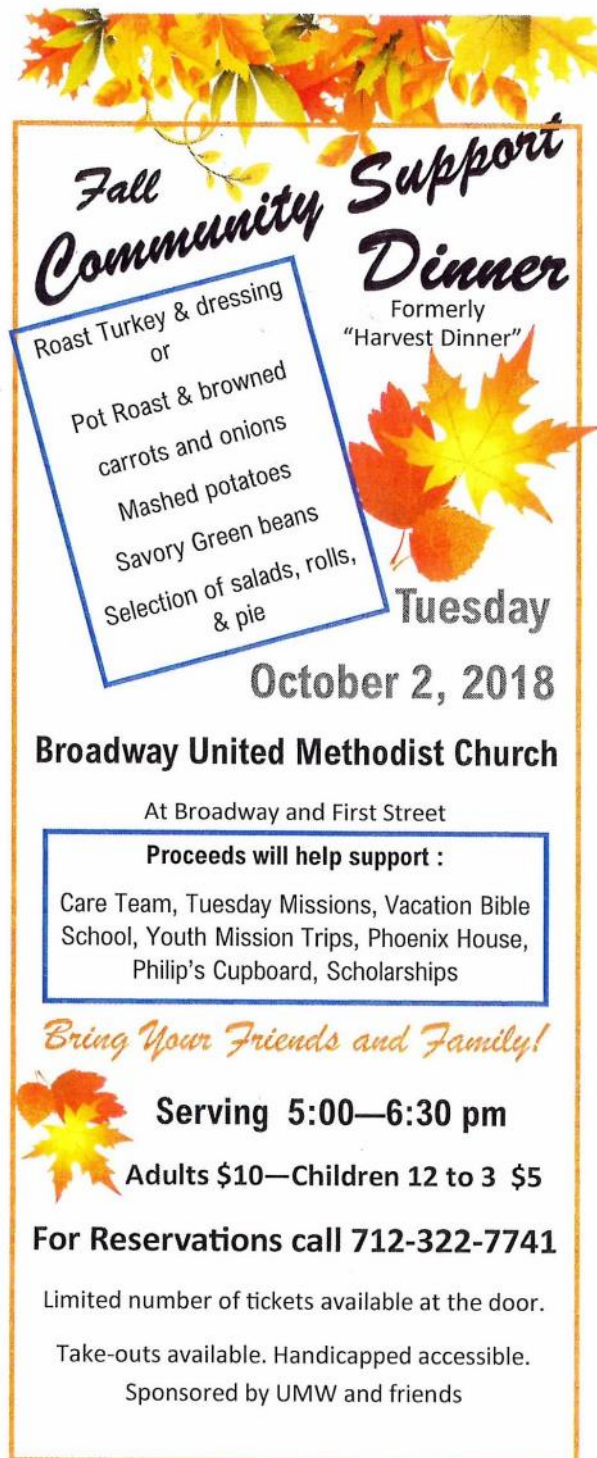
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
Room 205

Current Study: "Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World"
by Melissa Spoelstra

Aged to Perfection

a catered meal and program for Broadway's retired and re-fired friends—but really, all are welcome.
Thursday, October 4 at 12:15 pm
Fellowship Hall

October Program: Open Door Mission
Candace Gregory, president/CEO will present the history and mission of the Open Door Mission located in Omaha.



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 OCTOBER DATES

Grace Study
Monday, 10/8
1:30 pm
DeLong Lounge

Unit Meeting
Thursday, 10/11
1:00 pm
DeLong Lounge

Twilighters
Wednesday, 10/17
2:30 pm
DeLong Lounge

COMMUNITY AT ITS BEST

Prayers

In Memory

- * We extend Christian sympathy to the family of **Richard Speight**. Dick passed away on September 15, 2018. Services were held on September 19th.
- * Please keep the family of **Margaret Austin** in your prayers. Midge passed away on August 31, 2018. Rev. Alexis officiated her funeral service at Broadway United Methodist on Wednesday, September 5th.
- * Our deepest sympathy to the friends of **Catherine Nielsen**. Catherine passed away on September 24th. Services were pending at the time of this publication.
- * We offer our prayers to the family of **George Marshall** who passed away on September 16th. Services were held on Friday, September 21st at Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayers.

Presence

Meetings

- * **Finance Team** will meet on Tuesday, October 9th (DeLong Lounge) and October 30th (room 205) at 6:00 pm
- * **Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee** will meet on Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00 pm in the DeLong Lounge
- * **Worship Team** will meet on Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:00 pm in the DeLong Lounge
- * **The Care Team** will meet on Wednesday, October 24th at 12:00 pm in the DeLong Lounge
- * **Trustees** will meet on Tuesday, October 30th at 6:00 pm in the DeLong Lounge

Gifts

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)—Hygiene Kits

Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Hygiene kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. Pick up a zipper baggie from the Welcome Center Kiosk. It contains a list of kit items and instructions for assembling a kit. Bring completed kits back to the church by October 29th. Be sure to include \$2.00 to cover the cost of shipping. Kits will be celebrated and taken to the District Ingathering in early November. From there the District and the Conference will see they get to the UMCOR depot where they are distributed

Disaster Relief

UMCOR and our partners are responding to Hurricane Florence in the United States and Super Typhoon Mangkhut (Ompong) in the Philippines. Please join us in prayer for the areas affected. If you would like to donate to disaster relief efforts, you can leave your check notated for "UMCOR disaster relief" in Sunday's offering or make your donation online at umcor.org

Service

Meals on Wheels—November Deliveries

Broadway UMC is scheduled to deliver Council Bluffs Meals on Wheels each Friday morning during 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. If you can help a couple hours on Friday mornings, please sign up in the white notebook at the Opportunities Kiosk.

Witness

Mall of the Bluffs Spooktacular

On Friday, October 26th Broadway UMC will offer treats for Council Bluffs youngsters at the Spooktacular at Mall of the Bluffs. You can help by donating candy, helping put together treat bags, or being present at our table during the event. Contact the church office at 712-322-7741 or speak with Amy Shaw to offer your help.

T-shirt Orders

We will place another order for t-shirts at the end of October. Pick up an order form from the Welcome Center and leave it with the office before October 31st. We encourage you to wear your shirts in the community and where you volunteer. Shirts are a great conversation starter and means you are open to talking about Broadway. It's a way to let others ask you about your church and gives you the opportunity to offer an invitation to visit.



2. Book Review at 9:30 am (DL)
Staff Meeting at 1:00 pm (DL)
Community Support Dinner from 5-6:30 pm (FH)
4. Aged to Perfection at 12:15 pm (FH)
5. Single Diners at 4:00 pm (Primos)
7. World Communion Sunday at both 8:30 & 10:30 worship services
8. UMW Grace Study at 1:30 pm (DL)
Harmony Court Worship at 3:00 pm
9. Tuesday Community Outreach from 10 am-2 pm (WC)
Finance Team at 6:00 pm (DL)
11. United Methodist Women Unit Meeting at 1:00 pm (DL)
16. Staff Meeting at 1:00 pm (DL)
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee at 6:00 pm (DL)
17. UMW Twilighters at 2:30 pm (DL)
18. November Spire Deadline
2018 Charge Conference at 6:00 pm (DL)
20. Single Diners at 4:00 pm (Long Horn)
Fellowship Hall Reserved
23. Tuesday Community Outreach from 10 am—2 pm (DL)
Worship Team at 6:00 pm (DL)
24. Care Team at 12:00 pm (DL)
Newsletter Team at 1:30 pm (DL)
25. Ingathering Kit Assemble at 6:00 pm (DL)
26. MOHM's Place Serving at 4:30 pm
Mall of the Bluffs Spooktacular from 5:30—7:30 pm
30. Staff Meeting at 1:00 pm (DL)
Trustees at 6:00 pm (DL)
Finance Team at 6:00 pm (205)

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

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 (DL)

Wednesdays

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 from 6:30-8pm (DL)

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)

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