

Broadway United Methodist Church



November, 2018

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

Inside This Issue

Thirty days hath November—and almost all of them are associated with a cause. Some are fun like, Cookie Monsters Birthday (2nd), Peanut Butter Fudge Day (20th), Stuffing Day (21st) and National Cookie Day (25th). Feel free to bring cookies for your Broadway staff. ;) Others are significant and cause us to stop, remember, and give thanks.

We encourage you to exercise your voice in democracy when you vote (6th). Then on Veteran's Day (11th) please remember those who have served in our military. Their sacrifices have ensured our rights and liberties. We celebrate the gift of life given by organ and tissue donors (also on the 11th). And the entire month has been set aside as "No Shave November," a cause close to me since my father died of prostate cancer.

We find many significant dates in the life of the church.. All Saint's Day is November 1st. On the following Sunday (4th) we will remember loved ones who created a legacy of faith for us to model. Thanksgiving is on November 22nd when we stop and give thanks to God for all we have been given. And on November 25th we welcome our students home for United Methodist Student Day. November 25th is also Christ the King or Reign of Christ Sunday—the last day of the Christian year and the Sunday before Advent begins. We set aside this day as a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation.

Inside this issue of The Spire, we will provide you with the information you need to connect with us through the month of November. And don't forget daylight savings time ends on November 4th. Remember to "fall back" and set your clocks back one hour before coming to church.

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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

Composting at Broadway United Methodist



Why?

- To reduce the amount of waste sent to our landfill. Food scraps are the number one material sent to American landfills.*
- To reduce greenhouse gases. Garbage dumped in landfills generate 20% of all U.S. emissions, specifically methane which is more powerful than carbon dioxide. *
- To create new nutrient-rich soil.
- To create natural fertilizers that also act as a natural pesticide.
- To partner with and support Omaha Permaculture, www.omahapermaculture.org, a non-profit organization whose mission is to combat adversity by nourishing underserved communities with healthy food options and a strong support network through urban agriculture.

What?

- All food waste, including coffee grounds, coffee filters, tea bags (no staples), and egg shells.
- Soiled 100% paper napkins
- Soiled 100% paper plates
- No plastic of any kind.

How?

At home, collect your food waste in a sealable container. We suggest an ice cream bucket or other Tupperware-type container. When you come to church, place your food waste in one of the 5-gallon buckets provided by Omaha Permaculture. (Make sure to secure the lids tightly to prevent smells and pests.) The buckets are stored in a composting shed beside the dumpster on the south side of the church. The shed will be locked but a key will be available on the Outreach Committee bulletin boards or in the church office. Please return the key promptly and take your container home once you are finished. Omaha Permaculture will pick up the full buckets and provide new buckets every one to two weeks, depending upon volume.

* Why Compost, by Aly Miller, originally posted on Food Politic. Similar figures have been published by the EPA.

Praying Our Way Forward - Pause for Prayer

The Council of Bishops encourages intentional engagement by all United Methodists by asking them to pause and pray each day for the special-called General Conference from 2:23 - 2:26 a.m. or p.m. or at a time convenient for you. The council felt praying specifically at 2:23-2:26 p.m. which represents the dates of the special session of General Conference would be a helpful, effective, and unifying discipline for all United Methodists.

Invitation: We will begin with a moment of holy silence to allow for centering, settling, and focusing.

Minute #1: Prayer of Adoration

Good and great God, we recognize and celebrate that you are loving, kind, and faithful. You are everywhere in this world and beyond. You are also as close as our next breath. With John Wesley we rejoice knowing, "Best of all, you are with us."

Silence, concluding with unison prayer: "Hear our prayer, O God."

Minute #2: Prayer of Thanks

God of grace, we thank you that you hear us when we pray and are ever ready and able to act in ways beyond anything we could ask or imagine. Thank you for our brothers and sisters around the world, and

especially for those who have offered to serve by attending the special-called General Conference. Thank you for ordering our steps and for preparing a way.

Silence, concluding with unison prayer: "Hear our prayer, O God."

Minute #3: Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we confess that we have allowed fear and distrust to place distance between us and our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. Forgive us for making idols of our own thoughts, voices, and opinions. Thank you for forgiving us and for your perfect love that casts out all fear.

Silence, concluding with unison prayer, "Hear our prayer, O God."

Minute #4: Prayer of Asking

God of peace and wisdom, from this time forward, may we walk with you in trust and peace, and with our brothers and sisters in the love and unity you desire. May we truly sing together in harmony a song of praise that draws all to you. Even now, may you bless those who will attend the special-called General Conference, assuring them of your love, filling them with your wisdom, preparing them with your peace. May they and we become more sensitive to the voice of your Holy Spirit, so that all we do will please you and bring you glory.

Silence, concluding with unison prayer, "Hear our prayer, O God."

All of these prayers we offer in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

How to Stay in Love with God

During October worship, we were presented with messages centered on Spiritual Growth. We gained understanding about one of John Wesley's Three Simple Rules, do good, do no harm, and attend to the means of grace. Bishop Rueben Job referred to the third rule as "staying in love with God."

At the end of our worship series, Rev. Alexis presented us with a resource that offered ways we can "attend to the means of grace." In case you were unable to be here, we are making available to you.

Corporate Means of Grace



Worship

We can praise God anywhere, but worship may only happen in community. It is when we gather for confession, praise (or lament), Scripture reading, and sacraments.

The Lord's Supper

A Holy Mystery where the community gathers around a shared table of bread and juice. Jesus is especially present at this meal (but the bread stays bread.) May only happen in community and is usually presided by an Elder of the church.

Confession

Being vulnerable with a group of people in order to see assurance and accountability.

Christian Conferencing

(Small Groups)

Groups that "do life" together. Study may be a part of this but it is mostly for accountability and encouragement in our faith walks.

Inner Means of Grace



Fasting

Depriving oneself for two purposes: to create time/resources to give over to God and to build empathy for those who are deprived by circumstance and not by choice. It is traditional to give up food, but there are many things we could give up in our world today.

Studying Scripture—Academic Commentaries and Study Bibles! I'm a huge fan of the CEB translation. I recommend "The Interpreter's Series" or "Genesis to Revelation" for verse by verse study.

Studying Scripture

(stolen from a Podcast)

Read a passage then ask:
1. What is literally happening here? What is the context of this verse?
2. What could the words symbolize beyond the literal meaning? (Allegorical meaning).
3. What does this make you think of in your life? Does it bring a story to mind?
4. After all of this work, what do you feel called to moving forward?

Outer Means of Grace



Doing Good Works

Visiting the Sick

Visiting Those in Prison

Feeding the Hungry

Giving Generously

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,¹ you did it to me.'

Matthew 25:35-40 (NRSV)

STUDENT LIFE

Grades 6-12

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The youth are spending time with Jan Williamson every other Sunday night to learn how to read music and be more engaged on a musical side of things. It's been a really great learning experience for the teenagers.

SUNDAY BREAKTHROUGH

Sundays at 6:30 pm • Room 203
Students worship, study scripture, and grow together. 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.

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

BROADWAY KIDS

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Wednesday Faith in Motion

Each Wednesday while school is in session.

A community meal is served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. From 6:30 - 7:45 pm the children participate in rotational activities centered around a single Bible theme. Kids learn through arts and crafts, cooking, science experiments, music, and story telling.

Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 10:30 am

Kids begin in the Sanctuary for the opening of worship. After the Young Disciples' Time with the Pastors, those who wish to attend Sunday School follow the escort to the music room for a short time of music and movement before going to their classrooms.



SPRING 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS

Broadway United Methodist Church will once again be awarding scholarships in January, 2019. Scholarship applications will be available online at the church's website (broadwayunitedmethodist.com).

Qualified applicants can access the site from November 5, 2018 - November 30, 2018. All applications are due on or before November 30. Any scholarships

awarded will be available in January, 2019.

Student who received scholarships in July of this past year are **not eligible** for spring scholarships. See Rev. Alexis Johnson, Pastor Mark Johnson, or Nancy File for more information.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

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

Scripture Study w/ Pastor Mark

Sundays at 5:30 pm
DeLong Lounge

Women's Study w/ Kristi Waller

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
Room 205

Aged to Perfection

Catered meal and program for Broadway's retired and re-fired friends—but really, all are welcome.

Thursday, November 15th at 12:15 pm

Fellowship Hall

November Program: Tim Dickmeyer

Director of the Arts Center at IWCC

COMMUNITY OUTREACH DINNER WRAP UP

Thank you to ALL who helped in any way with our Fall Community Support Dinner. Under the guidance and direction of Margarite and Carlotta we had 50 volunteers working, many doing more than one job on Monday and Tuesday—from setting tables, working on food prep to clean up and laundering table cloths. We had 37 who provided salads and or pies—some bringing more than one of each.

We served 175 adults and 7 children. There were 14 carry-out dinners. Broadway's Care Team and friends delivered 12 meals to shut-ins or people they were partnering with. Plus we had 3 other deliveries.

There were 16 donated tickets, thank you to all who so graciously gave to others. Plus we received \$610.00 in cash donations—\$500.00 came from Caddy's in the 100 block thanks to Margarite.

Again, thank you to Pastor's Alexis and Mark for their support, to Margarite, Carlotta and ALL who helped in any way and who came and fellowshipped with us at dinner.

These monies are not kept by Broadway's United Methodist Women (UMW), but are given to our youth through scholarships, Vacation Bible School and mission trips; to Care Team for their ministry to our elderly; To Phoenix House to help women and children leaving abusive situations; to Hope Net Ministries who help those begin new lives after incarceration; and to Philip's Cupboard who help with non food items to get people by.

If you have ever had to use any of these or know someone who has, then you know how important it is to be part of this special evening.

Again, I and Broadway's United Methodist Women say, "Thank You."

Darla Fent,
UMW President

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NOVEMBER DATES

Board Meeting
Thursday, 11/1
1:00 pm
DeLong Lounge

Unit Meeting
Thursday, 11/8
1:00 pm
DeLong Lounge

Program
World Thank Offering
Sue Griswold

Grace Study
Monday, 11/12
1:30 pm

Grace Study will meet at either BUMC or Harmony Court so please contact Darla for location.

Twilighters
Wednesday, 11/14
2:30 pm
DeLong Lounge

2019 Program Planning
Monday, 11/19
1:30 pm
DeLong Lounge

COMMUNITY AT ITS BEST

Prayers

In Memory

- * We extend Christian sympathy to Marsha Burgett and family upon the death of **Keith Burgett**. Mr. Burgett passed away on October 19th. Services were held on October 29th at Hoy-Kilnosky Funeral Home.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayers.

Welcome to the Broadway Family

- * On Sunday, October 21st we welcomed 6 new members. Please take a moment to greet **Cecilia Light, Catherine Webster, Donna Hodge, Geri Fredericksen, Amanda Smith, and Chris Smith.**

Presence

Meetings

- * SPPRC - Tuesday, November 6th at 6:00 pm
- * Outreach Team - Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 pm
- * Worship Team - Tuesday, November 20th at 6:00 pm
- * Church Council - Tuesday, November 27th at 6:00 pm
- * Care Team - Wednesday, November 28th at 12:00 pm

Gifts

United Methodist Student Day

November 25, 2018—Special Offering Taken

TOGETHER, WE EDUCATE STUDENTS SO THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day are being sent by you into the world God loves. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge. You can also donate by visiting umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/united-methodist-student-day and click the link at the bottom of the page.

Service

Meals on Wheels—November Deliveries

Meals on Wheels depends on volunteers. In September, we had many volunteers who stepped up to help on Fridays. Thanks to the following—Rich and Rena Philpot, Mick Freeman, Ann Carpenter, Gene and Kathy Thomsen, Larry Fent, George and Shirley Smith, Mary Atilano, Larry White, Debbie Cline, Katherine Webster, and Randy and Johnny Lynn Williams. Our next opportunity is Fridays in the month of November. If you are interested in helping, sign up in the Centrex.

Partnering with Longfellow Elementary School

A big thank you to all who provided treats and drinks for the staff at Longfellow Elementary! Conference week is always a long one for staff, and having something special to look forward to always helps. Other ways to support Longfellow will happen throughout the year, so watch for future announcements.

Witness

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, messages and memorial gifts who remembered us in prayer during the passing of my father. Your generosity and love meant so much during this difficult time

-Shannon Meister and family



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)

1. UMW Board at 9:00 am (DL)
Hope Net Dinner at 6:00 pm (FH)
2. Single Diners at 4:00 pm (Pizza Counter)
4. All Saint's Sunday
Consecration Celebration at 9:30 and 11:30 worship (FH)
5. Head Start Parenting (205)
6. General Election Polling Place (FH)
Book Review at 9:30 am (DL)
Staff Meeting at 1:00 pm (DL)
7. Nurturing Hearts Parenting Class from 6—7:30 pm (210)
8. United Methodist Women at 1:00 pm (DL)
10. Cub Scout Pac 40 Rocket Race from 8am—1 pm (FH)
11. Communion Sunday
Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday
Veteran's Day
12. Veteran's Day Observance
United Methodist Women Grace Study at 1:30 (TBD)
Harmony Court Worship at 4:00 pm
13. Tuesday Community Outreach from 10am—2 pm (WC)
Outreach Team at 6:00 pm (DL)
14. United Methodist Women Twilighters at 2:30 pm (DL)
15. Aged to Perfection at 12:15 pm (FH)
16. Single Diners at 4:00 pm (Jonesy's Taco House)
17. UMW Twilighters at 2:30 pm (DL)
19. United Methodist Women 2019 Program Planning at 2 pm (DL)
20. Staff Meeting at 1:00 pm (DL)
Worship Team at 6:00 pm (DL)
21. December Spire Deadline
22. Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
23. Tuesday Community Outreach from 10 am—2 pm (DL)
Worship Team at 6:00 pm (DL)
25. Christ the King Sunday
United Methodist Student Day (special offering)
27. Tuesday Community Outreach from 10 am—2 pm (WC)
Church Council at 6:00 pm (DL)
28. Care Team at 12:00 pm (DL)
Newsletter Volunteers at 1:30 pm (DL)
30. Single Diners at 4:00 pm (Pizza Ranch)

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



Daylight Savings Time Ends November 4th

Remember to **FALL BACK**
before coming to church.



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