

DECEMBER 2022

# THE BROADWAY LIFE

Monthly Newsletter of Broadway Christian Church



## Food, Fun, Meaningful Connection: A Semester of Sunday Night Small Groups

BY JOHN DELAPORTE

What an awesome semester we've shared together having launched a new Sunday evening space for our youth to connect, talk, and serve. Each Sunday night we gather for a home cooked meal followed by conversation and service. Thus far, our middle schoolers have explored themes related to friendship, faith and doubt while our high schoolers have unpacked big questions around identity, purpose, and the existence of God. Advent is all about Broad Reach as our middle schoolers partner with CARELink and High Schoolers with MOM to serve our church and community while learning about these ministries and the members who lead them.



Over 30 of our youth have already participated in one or more of our offerings! New series are launching in January each offering a great window to jump in and participate. We strongly encourage every middle and high schooler to attend any three out of our six series this year as we grow together in heart, mind and reach.

[Click here to check out our winter/spring lineups and sign up!](#)

## Christmas Pageant



BCC's 25th Annual  
Women's Retreat



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February 24-25, 2023  
Cedar Creek Resort



# Advent at Broadway

## A Season of Holy Simplicity

### Advent Worship

#### Sunday Morning

8am Daybreak, 9am Traditional, 11:15am Contemporary

Joy Sunday      December 11: "Simplicity and Joy"

Love Sunday      December 18: "Simplicity and Faith". Poinsettia Sunday

Musical Gayla with chair/ensemble/band/brass

#### Christmas Eve

December 24: "Holy Simplicity" . Message, Communion, Silent Night with Candlelight, and Special Offering for Room at the Inn and Mobility Worldwide

11am      Featuring Maria Trevor on Harp (LIVE) and Deb Carr on Organ

12pm      Soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall

5:30pm      Contemporary music favorites,

8pm      Traditional hymnody, Message, Silent Night with candles

#### December 25, Christmas Day . 10:30am

**Pajama Sunday** Come laugh, sing, pray and celebrate with your church family as we proclaim with grateful hearts, "*Joy to the World, the Lord has come!*" For any interested, Christmas PJ's are more than welcome.

#### January 1, New Year's Day Worship . 10:30am

**Story Sunday** Experience a beautiful impassioned story of the season told by our beloved Pastor Terry Overfelt. A casual and intimate feel with joyous music will carry us with joy into 2023.

### Blue Christmas Altar

Our grief deserves sacred space to be acknowledged and held alongside the celebration that comes with the season. A blue altar is present in the narthex as space to hold our pain and grief together in sacred community. Upon the altar we invite you to place a prayer, a photo, or a symbolic object that represents a source of grief or pain in your life. On the final Sunday of Advent we will bring the blue altar into our sanctuary and pray over all that it holds.

### Advent Study

**Advent Devotional** "Living Well Through Advent: Practicing Simplicity with all your heart, mind, soul, strength" is [available online to download](#) or feel free to pick up a paper copy on Sunday.

**Advent Small Group** at the home of Mike and Sarah Merz on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm.

**Advent Scripture Study** on Sunday mornings with the Bible and Discipleship Group.

### Family Fun

**Family Movie Night** Friday, December 16, 6:30 to 8pm, "The Star" with snacks and crafts in the CLC, everyone welcome!

**Caroling at The Terrace** Sunday, December 18 at 4pm with a party afterwards back at the church. Story, Ornament Craft, Food and Fun for the Whole Family!

### Serving

**Kettle Bell Ringing** Join us for kettle bell ringing for the Salvation Army this holiday season at West Broadway Hyvee! Please [click here](#) to review the available slots and sign up.

**Christmas Eve Soup Luncheon** We need donations of 20 crockpots of soup, which can be brought in advance (frozen) or on Christmas Eve morning. We also need 12 helpers for setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Contact Cheryl Shigaki at [shigakic65203@gmail.com](mailto:shigakic65203@gmail.com).



# My Regards to Broadway

BY MARK BRILEY

Upon what some might call a “Mid-level Accomplishment,” a teacher trying to encourage her student who was overcoming significant struggle to reach that point, celebrated his success. She didn’t say, “Look how far you’ve got to go yet, Charlie.” She said, “Charlie! Look how far you’ve come!” Most all of us could use some encouragement that we’re moving in the right direction. Many are willing to chastise your efforts or minimize your progress because it’s come slowly. Fewer are willing to come alongside and share the pride of any forward progress. And... we are often just as hard on ourselves. Many of us struggle with patience. We want the progress to be full and fast and the goal completed yesterday.

Maybe you’re hitting December with this struggle. You want to tackle the Christmas season with more joyous spirit and less bah hum bug. You want to grow a notch on your spiritual quest to embrace the true meaning of Christmas instead of overindulging in all of the external goodies of the season and stretching to the next notch on your belt. The truth? It’s not an all or nothing scenario. Take a faithful step and celebrate the forward direction toward your goal.

The Advent season is not about accomplishing Christmas or getting Christmas right, whatever right may be. The season is about moving closer to a God who moves closer to us. The idea of Emmanuel, which

means “God with us,” has become the most meaningful understanding of Christ in my life. The gift of witness. Not a God who dictates how to judge others or a belief system that checks all the boxes but a presence – a witness – that celebrates the growth of my life and invites me to pursue that same witness with others. Author Bob Goff suggests the point of the Christian life is to become love in a world full of setbacks and difficult people. He wrote in his book, *Everybody Always*, “People who are becoming love celebrate how far the people around them have come. They’re constantly asking the question, ‘Where do you want to go?’ Then they help the people around them get there.” Could you be that gift of witness to others in your life this season?

I am so excited to be with you this Advent as we worship, study, serve and fellowship in all the sweetest of ways. Don’t beat yourself up about all the ways we tend to come up short of expectations this time of year. Instead, be fully where you are while you’re there. Put your phone down more often than you pick it up and simply be with people in a more present way. Focus on the joy of what you can give instead of what you wish you could. In each and every step this season, remember that we are moving toward a manger that held God-made-flesh in pure innocence. As an infant, Jesus couldn’t give anything but his presence – his witness – and...that seemed to be more than enough. Such is true of our presence too.

**Be encouraged. Take a step toward your goals. Then celebrate! Look how far you’ve come!**

## Charitable Giving for the 2022 Tax Year

As we near the end of 2022, now is a good time to review your pledged giving to Broadway and to make any donations that you would like credited to your 2022 tax year's charitable giving. All 2022 donations must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31st. Just a reminder that the church office will be close at noon on December 29, but special arrangements can be made to receive funds. If you have any questions regarding your giving to Broadway, please contact Church Administrator Ingrid Luckenbill.

# Thank You, Casey

After two full and meaningful years as our Director of Communication, Casey Twidwell is resigning from her position on our team effective December 23. "I am ever grateful to Broadway," writes Casey, "for the soft and safe place to land during the most painful transitions of my life thus far. I do not doubt that we were brought together at the right time for purposes that we didn't yet know when we met. Thank you for your welcome and investment." In true Casey spirit and fashion, she is willing to remain with us in sustainable capacities of her role until we find the needed support to assume her efforts on our team.



"Casey brought such a fun spirit of joy to our team and a willing wisdom that she shared freely with all of us," said Mark Briley. "Beyond the extraordinary gifts she brought to the team in her ability to capture, write, share, and inspire by communicating all the happenings of the church through so many channels, Casey was truly a great teammate and we will miss her in each of these special ways." Casey's latest effort to redesign and update our church website can be appreciated right now! Check out this effort at our same web address: [www.broadwaychristian.net](http://www.broadwaychristian.net). We are cheering Casey forward into the next phase of her life with nothing but gratitude. Please take a moment in the next couple of weeks to share a word of appreciation to Casey about her tremendous contributions to the ministry we share at Broadway.

## Staff Gifts

BY MARY CUNNINGHAM, BOARD CHAIR

Recently, I had the unique privilege of gathering with Past Board Chairs. Nineteen Past Chairs gathered with our ministerial team. What an extraordinary legacy of service! As I looked around the room, all continue to have a presence of service at BCC. Each agreed that their leadership service made them keenly aware of the inner workings of our church. While speaking about what it takes to hold it all together, many cited critical roles of each member of the ministerial team and staff. Our worship experiences, spiritual growth, service opportunities, and engagement are, in large part, the result of the commitment of our ministerial team and staff ministering to us and for us.

It has been our tradition to make a special gift at Christmas time to express appreciation to our BCC team. Please join me in thanking each for their tireless service to our community. Your gift can be made by placing a gift in the offering plate clearly marked Staff Gift, via mail or online via Realm by December 20, 2022.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration in the use of your gifts to gift our ministerial team and staff.

## Welcome, Mason!

John DeLaPorte is thrilled to welcome Mason Mitchell as our new Youth Ministry Intern. Mason will be supporting events, groups and worship experiences.

Mason is a Junior at Central Methodist University with a major in Music Ministry. Serving in church has long been a part of Mason's life. Both of his parents are ministers, and he grew up loving his church community. He is a talented vocalist and musician, with a heart for worship.

He was also a part of our 2022 El Salvador Missions Team.



Spirited Singers are looking for new recruits to sing with them. Next practice will be on Mon, Dec. 12 at 1pm in the Music Center. Please contact Marilyn McCreary, 573-268-4876.

BY JAN JONES

**Room at the Inn** is now sheltering in the old VFW Building, now renamed The Ashley Street Center. They are using the old bingo hall portion of the building which has a 60 bed potential. The city is extending bus service to this location and plans to conduct major renovations this summer. The site will continue to need food donations and many volunteers. Anyone can sign-up for any day at their website: Volunteer (roomattheinncomo.org). Many items are needed to equip the kitchen and Debbie will create an additional sign-up genius on their website for donations.

**Food Ministries:** We served 30 meals at Ronald McDonald House in November. The next distribution for the Mobile Food Pantry will be December 14. Due to traffic congestion on Worley at the County Health Department, the distribution site will be moved to BCC beginning in January.



**As Partners in Education**, we provided several soups each night for the teachers at CELN during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Many of the teachers commented on how delicious the soups were and how they appreciated it.

**Reconciliation Ministry:** Broadway collected \$855 for Reconciliation Special Offering. Race Onward reported many people were assisted in getting voter id's and getting them registered to vote. Plans have been finalized for January 29 event, A Historical Journey: Songs of the Enslaved, to be held at St. Luke United Methodist Church at 2:00. The Trails of Tears pilgrimage has been set for July 10-17, 2023.

As you clear out the old to make way for the new this holiday season, consider donating your items to our Habitat Garage Sale being held on April 15.

Since Broadway is this year's host site for Voluntary Action Center's Holiday Program distribution, we will provide snacks for the 225+ volunteers, plus staff, over the six days they will be using the church December 5-10. [Sign up here](#), there are still several slots that need to be filled.

During this season of giving, our hearts are full with the display of love and care our members give to our neighbors.

Cody Cox from Coyote Hill presented on their Family Connections Program in Columbia. Volunteers supervise visits so children in foster care can see their parents once a week. Volunteers are a source of encouragement and support for parents and teams can alternate weeks or months. Check out Cody's flyer on our bulletin board or email him for more info: cody@coyotehill.org.

## Seasoned Spirits

BY MARCIA WALKER

A group of 70 Seasoned Spirits gathered in November to hear Martha Jolly, Taby Lane and Cinda Eichler talk about their race down the MO River from KC to St. Charles last summer. Martha brought her kayak and all the clothes and gear needed for this race. We were fascinated with all the new information and preparation this race took. And they won 3rd place! Cinda shared a history of the race and then showed all the medals she has won over the years in this race. Taby also shared slides and videos.

Jennifer Reed used a nautical theme to decorate and then prepared appetizers and multiple desserts with delicious lasagna and tetrazzini entrees.

Next is a holiday luncheon Tuesday, December 13 for a sing along being led by our spirited singers. Both turkey and ham will be the entrees and participants are encouraged to bring appetizers or sides or desserts. We will start at 11 am for fellowship with the appetizers. This is a combination of Thanksgiving and Christmas between the two days. [Sign up here](#).

We enjoyed a trip to Warm Springs Ranch on December 1.

If you are interested in a bus tour of the Veterans United decorations in December please contact Marcia Walker or Cinda Eichler. Date to be determined.

Cinda has made plans for 19 bus trips next year starting in April to Fulton. A handout is available.

All members over 50 years and their guests are welcome to all events.

# CareLink and Youth

BY PATSY DALTON

Training future Carelink team members!

Yes, what a joy it has been the past two weeks as CareLink ministry chairs have met with junior high youth group members to explain how CareLink works. Why? Because we want to ensure that there are young people who will carry on this vital work in the future.

The first week, John Delaporte invited the head of CareLink to come show an organizational chart outlining the 12 ministries. We explained who they serve, how we communicate, the various needs of our church family, how we serve each need. The students asked great questions and then we moved on to the first ministry-- casseroles and meals. Joyce Harter, chair of that ministry, joined Patsy as the need for food was considered and how important it is in times of joy or times of crisis. Joyce explained how a special team of church members provide and deliver food to families, and how the teams are notified.

CareLink services provided in November: 606  
People served: 648     Volunteers serving: 151  
Join the CareLink team! Contact Patsy at  
daltonsinc@aol.com or 573-356-6036

The second week, Leo Manson, chair of the flower ministry, led a discussion explaining how much flowers mean to people. They then met in the church kitchen where fresh flowers, vases and enclosure cards were waiting. Each student was encouraged to create their own floral arrangement and to write cards to the recipients. The next morning church staff members were surprised with a fresh bouquet of flowers waiting at their desks. Two more CareLink ministries will be featured in the next two weeks.

It is through these hands-on experiences that the youth could "feel" the joy of caring for others. Years from now, these same students will be able to make sure their church families, wherever they may be, feel the love and care of another CareLink (possibly by some other name?) Generations teaching generations, that's how it works!

## Continuing Recovery:

Kathy Clark, Cecelia Kersey, Michelle Kersey, Paul Meyer, Jan Varnum, Cindy Zirrillio

## Thoughts & Prayers:

For MaryJane, David and family in the passing of Jim Thorne on Monday, November 21. A memorial service is planned in the Broadway Sanctuary on Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 AM followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

For Sara & Dan Miller and family on the passing of Sara's father, Gilbert Head, who passed away at his home in Kearney, Missouri on Friday, November 25. Gilbert was also uncle to Stuart and Martha Head. Gilbert and his wife Dorothy were members of First Christian Church in Columbia at the time Broadway Church was formed.

For Linda, John, Anthony and entire Garner/Poehlmann family on the passing of our beloved friend and charter member, George Garner, on November 30. A memorial service is planned in the Broadway Sanctuary on Friday, December 16 at 11:00 am preceded by a visitation at 10:00 am. A luncheon is scheduled in the Fellowship Hall.

For David & Lysa Holmes on the passing of Lysa's step-mother, Patricia Nolen.

Our food team requests additional kitchen help on Saturday, December 17 and also requests desserts for Jim Thorne's bereavement service. Jim's service is scheduled for 11am followed by lunch. Dixie Fischer can be contacted at (573) 823-0168 or [dixiefisher56@gmail.com](mailto:dixiefisher56@gmail.com).

## Thank You:

~ To all of the Broadway Christian CARELINK Members: Thank you SO much for all of the cards, messages, prayers, and flowers I received while recovering from my knee replacement surgery. It is truly a blessing to be a member of such a loving and giving church family! Sincerely, Kay (kicking and dancing again) Crouse

~ I wanted to send a quick THANK YOU to our friends and supporters at Broadway Christian Church. The soups prepared for the staff at the Center for Early Learning North this week were both delicious and good for the soul! There were so many varieties of soup and so many servants who came to deliver them and make certain everything was just right. We felt very pampered and loved. Please know how much we appreciate it! Sincerely, Whitney Gibbens  
Preschool secretary  
Center for Early Learning North

~We want to thank everyone who reached out to us during Bob's hip surgery and recovery. We could feel the hands of the Lord through your prayers. We felt truly blessed. Candy and Bob Whittet.

~Dear Broadway friends,  
Thank you so much for the cards, notes, kindnesses and food sent our way following my recent hip replacement surgery. I'm well on the road to recovery and Guy has been a pretty great nurse! We are so thankful for our faith community's love and care,  
Martha & Guy

Celebrating December Birthdays

- 1 Hannah Weaver, Kyle Rauch
- 2 Laura Morris
- 3 Tom Kopmann, Chloe Coil, Doug Garrison, Marilyn Lake
- 4 Alice Landrum, Gerry Gilbert
- 6 Carrie Briley
- 7 George Garner, Jennie Rumble, Parker Murphy
- 8 Nicole Spurling, Rachel Spurling
- 9 Carole Vance, David Eagle
- 10 Benjamin Crenshaw, Heather Blust
- 11 Alexander Boren, Lyle Johnson, Sarah Merz
- 12 Joyce Wood Harter, Bruce Henson
- 13 Emma Azdell, Alan Forbis, Dave Rawlings, Gary Moss
- 14 Gary Hudspeth
- 15 Gloria Beranek
- 16 Barbara Gahagan, Mike McGeehan
- 17 Shelly Fletcher, Stuart Head, Donna Burris, Ryan Tate
- 20 Delesia Naugle, Zach Grueber, Dennis Blust
- 22 Sue Crouse, Carol Sulltrop, June Ann Humphrey



- 23 Austin Rauch
- 24 Stan Clay, Bill Stephenson, Ingrid Luckenbill
- 25 Ruanne Stamps, Zach Schulte
- 27 Lydia Kern
- 30 Adrienne Black
- 31 Chris Meade, Ken Welty, Helayna Brown



Celebrating January Birthdays

- 2 Shirley Patterson
- 3 Teresa Wiegand, Cathy Cutler
- 4 John Cassels, Nautica Varnum
- 6 Chuck Davis, Ryan Flaherty, Jim Granneman, Myesha Nolan
- 8 Andy Ward, Rachel Marshall, David Wallace
- 9 Jane Boles, Lora Hinkel, Kathy Moss, Adelaide Williams
- 10 Jim Dunne, Joyce Godbee
- 11 John Farr, Taby lane
- 13 John Gahagan, Estan Keeler

Broadway's Financials as of November 30, 2022

| REVENUES                   |  | Total Budgeted | Received     | Percentage | Last Year's Numbers | Percentage |
|----------------------------|--|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| OFFERING                   |  | 2022-2023      |              |            | At This Time        |            |
| Pledged Giving             |  | \$885,129.17   | \$367,663.92 | 41.54%     | \$334,981.09        | 39.61%     |
| Unpledged Giving           |  | \$52,688.15    | \$25,850.00  | 49.06%     | \$16,972.00         | 32.21%     |
| Loose Offering             |  | \$10,168.73    | \$4,096.81   | 40.29%     | \$3,691.12          | 36.30%     |
| Sunday School              |  |                | \$3.00       |            |                     |            |
| Interest Income            |  |                | \$86.09      |            | \$5.41              |            |
| Approved Budget Allocation |  | \$48,256.63    |              |            |                     |            |
| TOTAL                      |  | \$996,242.68   | \$397,699.82 | 39.92%     | \$355,649.62        | 36.80%     |
| CURRENT YEAR NET ACTIVITY: |  |                | \$39,548.78  |            |                     |            |

| EXPENSES         |  | Total Budgeted | Expended     | Percentage | Last Year's Numbers | Percentage |
|------------------|--|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
|                  |  | 2022-2023      |              |            | At This Time        |            |
| Staff Payroll    |  | \$657,263.42   | \$255,845.22 | 38.93%     | \$260,862.68        | 40.18%     |
| Administration   |  | \$53,735.00    | \$21,250.70  | 39.55%     | \$18,835.37         | 39.13%     |
| Children & Youth |  | \$16,520.00    | \$4,644.43   | 28.11%     | \$5,058.07          | 31.57%     |
| Fellowship       |  | \$2,600.00     | \$638.45     | 24.56%     | \$1,107.67          | 61.54%     |
| Discipleship     |  | \$1,350.00     | -\$1,405.12  | -104.08%   | \$77.18             | 6.71%      |
| Property         |  | \$144,750.00   | \$47,985.07  | 33.15%     | \$49,213.91         | 37.09%     |
| Service (MOM)    |  | \$99,624.26    | \$26,650.47  | 26.75%     | \$23,517.26         | 24.33%     |
| Stewardship      |  | \$300.00       | \$0.00       | 0.00%      | \$0.00              | 0.00%      |
| Worship          |  | \$20,100.00    | \$2,541.82   | 12.65%     | \$3,444.17          | 17.14%     |
| TOTAL            |  | \$996,242.68   | \$358,151.04 | 35.95%     | \$362,116.31        | 37.47%     |



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