



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Broadway United Methodist Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, service, witness, and study.

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The Challenge Is Before Us

Marvin and Rosamond Coulthard and their family were long-time, active members of First United Methodist Church in Pearisburg, VA, where I was privileged to serve as pastor from 1982-87. In one conversation, Marvin mentioned that across the years he had seen quite a few pastors come and go. "Each one," he added, "brought a special gift to our church."

Notice that he did not say that every pastor brought the same gift; nor did he say that every pastor provided all the gifts necessary for a church to fulfill its ministry.

When Judy and I retired to Asbury Place in Maryville, we continued our relationship with Broadway Church. Like Marvin, I can thankfully say that every pastor who followed me has brought his or her unique and valued gifts to our congregation. I have no doubt that Ron Fisher, who I have known and respected across the years, will do the same. But the pastor alone can't provide all the leadership required to fulfill a congregation's ministry.

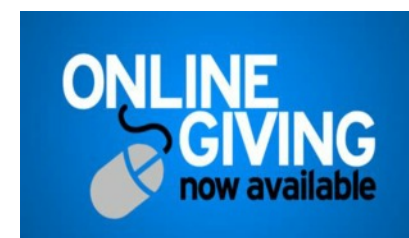
In the 1980's, Broadway Church began to experience the gradual decline often seen in old, downtown churches. Rather than sit still and let it happen, members of the congregation took steps to bring new vitality to our church. Frances Taylor started a young adult Sunday School Class which continues to this day as the very active Upper Parlor Class. A number of renovation projects, ably led by Bill Allen and George Ribble, were undertaken, including the installation of an elevator. New programs were inaugurated. Membership, attendance, and giving picked up.

Today, our church continues to provide significant and innovative ministry to both our own members and people in the wider community. Yet, we have seen a decline in both attendance and financial support. Our church needs a fresh resolve on the part of every one of us to work with our new pastor to reverse these trends. We did it before; we can do it again. May God grant us the resolve to do our part in bringing new vitality and enthusiasm to this church to which God has given significant opportunity to fulfill the task of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Bob Hayes

Annual Conference Missions Offering

Even though Holston Annual Conference is being held virtually this year, we are still participating in conference-wide mission projects. Broadway contributed 20 food buckets that are already on their way to Zimbabwe and Liberia. You are also invited to contribute to a financial offering that will go to support efforts to address the opioid crisis. Funds will be distributed as grants to local congregations for both on-going and emerging ministries. If you would like to contribute, you can give on line or send a check to the church designated "Annual Conference Mission Offering."



Prayer Request Emails



STAFF
Laura R. Rasor, Pastor
Dani Castillo, Associate Pastor of Hispanic Ministries
Alan Eeazer, Director of Music & Adult Ministries
Jennifer McIntyre, Director of Children's Ministries/Communications Coordinator
Jim Gass, Interim Youth Advisor & Worship Broadcast Coordinator
Laura Kolarik, Director, Parents Day Out
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SUNDAY MORNING
9:00 AM - Chapel Worship
10:30 AM - Sanctuary Worship
6:00 PM - Roca Eterna
All Services Online



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Attention Parents

Are you and the kids ready for Camp? Register them now for 5 weeks of a free fun filled at home camp experience.

Each week campers will receive a box full of free activities to entertain them and teach them about Jesus. There will be online Zoom groups and YouTube videos too.

Your kids will be led online by a certified camp counselor and be in groups with other children their age. They will worship, make crafts, hear stories and much more.

Our Camp Theme is "Promises and Parables." It begins June 26th. Camp kits will be distributed weekly at Broadway each Friday. Space is limited. Rising kindergarten thru 8th grade. Contact the church office for more information.

Go to www.campinthecommunity.org if you want to know more about this Holston Conference camping program.



Barnabas Purse
Supports those in our church family who need help with purchasing food, paying bills to stay afloat, and other basic needs.

Broadway has funds available to assist with short-term needs (such as rent/mortgage, utilities, etc.) for folks in the Broadway family. Requests are kept confidential and are administered by the Pastor and Stephanie Jordan, Nurture Chair. Please reach out if you need assistance. We recognize this is a time when folks may be experiencing unexpected financial challenges.

Online giving link Broadayumc.net

COVID-19 Pandemic - All Activities Are Pending

At this point, the church building remains closed to all regular and public events. As "essential services," the Salvation Army Friday Lunch Program and the Brown Food Pantry continue to be open (via drive-thru pick-up). In addition, a small crew is pre-recording our worship opportunities which are being broadcast via Facebook Live and YouTube.

*9:00 am - Chapel Worship
10:30 am - Sanctuary Worship
6:00 pm - Roca Eterna*

Broadway Reopening Plans

On June 1st, our Bishop released guidance on how we can worship together again in a Healthy and Safe manner. Relying on this guidance and the support of our superintendent, the Reopening Task Force is currently reviewing this guidance and the options of opening under various protective standards. These standards are set with the expectation to protect not only ourselves but also our fellow church members, families and other loved ones and we are excited at the prospect of reopening when it is safe to do so. We do not yet have a specific date but will communicate that as soon as we are able.

We wanted to share a high level summary of the Bishop's guidance as best quoted from our Superintendent Jason Gattis. "Before any church can move to an in-person service, a plan is to be submitted for approval to the district office which will need to contain the guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control regarding social distancing and sanitization. Some other initial items that need to be included are:

- Usage of face coverings at all times.
- Sanitization protocols after each gathering.
- Process to document everyone in attendance.
- Social Distancing of family units (6 feet).
- No congregational singing.
- Encouragement of people to remain home if symptomatic or fall under the vulnerable category.

Some of these temporary changes will be a big change for our congregation. However, with the support of our fellow church attendees and our community, we are positive about our outlook of being able to worship together in a shared space once it is safe to do so while also maintaining the options to keep worship online to accommodate attendees regardless of their access or locations.

Over the next several weeks, our team will be reaching out to solicit your opinions on our reopening plans to ensure that we are fully weighting our options as a church family and our comfort level in returning to a share space environment.

We look forward to continuing to rejoice with you either from across the pew or in spirit.

Broadway Reopening Task Force: Jade Long (Chair), Jean Hubbs (Trustees), Kim Cline (Worship), Lance Morehead, Mary Lynn Roy and Ruth Barton.

BUMC Worship Task Force

We have a task force that is starting to plan how to safely start worshipping together at the church. We are waiting until the Bishop gives us the okay which won't be immediate but sometime in the future. I am on the Worship committee and also in charge of getting greeters. We realize we will need greeters and ushers, although they are all going to be welcoming people to the church. We expect we will need a few more people since we realize we will have to seat people at a distance and also plan that people should be wearing masks. In addition, we will have to do some cleaning of pews and such after the services. As of yet there is a lot we do not know but wanted you all to think about helping out. If you are interested in being greeter/usher/cleaner, then please contact me, Kim Cline at RCline51@aol.com or contact the church office. Hope to see everyone soon in a safe way.

Thank you, Kim Cline



Blake McCampbell

*Dale & Carol Trundle
Brown Food Pantry & Helping Hands*

Ralph and Gerri Bradley

Shirley Henry

*Kim Cline
Special Music Fund*

*Mary Anna King
Brown Food Pantry*

David and Judith Johnson

Dr. Newsom & Beverly Baker

Bill & Beverly Harris

John Allen

Dr. Newsom & Beverly Baker

Mary Morehead



Thomas and Kathy Howard

Monique Neel

For numerous masks she has made.



Church Staff Changes

Effective July 1, 2020, Jennifer McIntyre, who is currently Director of Children's Ministries and Communications Coordinator, will step down from the Director of Children's Ministries position but will retain her Communications Coordinator position. Jennifer also serves as a Chaplain at Shannondale of Maryville and this change will allow her to focus more time on those responsibilities. The SPR Committee wants to thank Jennifer for serving as our Director of Children's Ministries for the past 7 years and we are pleased that she will continue as our Communications Coordinator.

Effective July 1, 2020, Jim Gass, who is currently our Interim Youth Advisor, will assume the roles of Director of Next Generation Ministry and Worship Broadcast Coordinator. The Next Generation Ministry position will include all ages of Children and Youth (from the crib nursery through high school) and includes working with our Hispanic Ministries Team. Jim's role as Worship Broadcast Coordinator currently involves pre-taping our worship services for viewing on Facebook and YouTube. Once our church reopens, his work will transition to live-streaming our Contemporary and Traditional Worship Services as well as making these services available on Facebook and YouTube for later viewing. The SPR Committee wants to congratulate Jim on his new roles at Broadway.

Broadway Book Club

The BBC will meet Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 to discuss the book "The Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd. Even if you don't want to participate in book club, it is a highly recommended read and very thought provoking. It's a fictional account of "what if Jesus was married?". Debbie Taylor will lead the discussion. Stay tuned for details on whether we will Zoom or venture into the unknown and meet at someone's home. Please contact Debbie Taylor MommaTaylor1@aol.com if you want to participate and aren't already on the email list. Stay safe and healthy!



Broadway Sends Food Buckets to Zimbabwe

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we sent 20 food buckets on their way to Zimbabwe, where the need is immense. This was half the number of buckets we sent last year, primarily due to shortages of several grocery items during the pandemic. However, like the loaves and fishes, our buckets are part of 700 total buckets from the Smoky Mountain District, making a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors half a world away. We look forward to being able to send more buckets next year. Thanks to everyone who donated time or money to this worthy cause.

**Deadline for next newsletter is
5:00 pm Thursday, July 9,**

Salvation Army Lunch Program Receives Grant

The Salvation Army Friday lunch program hosted by Broadway recently received \$5000 from the Holston Foundation to advance its work in serving the homeless and marginalized in our community. The lunch program continues uninterrupted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Food is prepared in the church kitchen and now is transported to the Blount County Library parking lot where clients gather every Friday. Last year, over 8000 lunches were served, utilizing over 2300 hours of volunteer service. In addition to lunch and fellowship, clients receive help with housing, car repair, government benefits, non-government aid, clothing, funeral services, and other types of support. Now over four years old, this partnership between our church and the Salvation Army continues to grow and serve our neighbors in many beneficial ways.



BUMC Habitat Project

Thank you to all who participated in the last Habitat Project. We had three days of good weather, some pretty good food, and some excellent volunteers. We were blessed with a Habitat dog, two crowing roosters, and a very kind home owner!

Mary Margaret and Bob Eckhardt, Scott Dahms, Bill Ribble, and Cindy Bell from Broadway worked with Steve Keifer, Lloyd Swanson, Ron Horton, Ken Sorensen, Ron Scott, Chastity Bunch, Harold Weltzin and Bobby Eason to remove the old structures and replace them with newer, safer decks.

Changing of the Guard for Altar Guild

After many years of service as Chairman of the Altar Guild, Nan Taylor is stepping down and Kerry Trundle will take her place. Nan has been an excellent leader and a wealth of information. As a Master Gardner she knows the ins and outs of keeping flowers beautiful and lasting for several weeks. (All of us on the Altar Guild are so appreciative of the women who had the vision for the flower cooler!) She has done a lot of behind the scenes jobs that have made our church look beautiful on Sunday mornings and special occasions. Please take a moment to drop a card, or email, to Nan thanking her for all her years of dedication. Yea Nan!

The Altar Guild

**Check us out online!
www.broadwayumc.net**