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**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**  
8:30 AM - Rejuvenation Station (Contemporary)  
9:30 AM - Sunday School  
10:35 AM - Morning Worship (Traditional)

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United Methodist Church  
"A Great Place to Worship and Serve in God's Name"  
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## Coming Up in Worship

*Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess* by Tom Berlin, we'll take a hard look at our lives and experience how God can enable us to change, to be fully transformed and to love God and others the way Jesus did.  
Sunday sermon themes include:

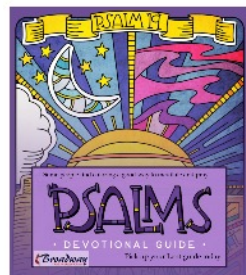
February 25 - *Who Left This Mess?*  
March 4 - *Bless This Mess*  
March 11 - *No Messing Around*  
March 18 - *Address This Mess*  
March 25 - *The Message in the Mess*

**Bless This Mess: Sermon Conversations with Pastor Laura (begins on February 28)** – During Lent, worship will focus on a resource called *Restored: Finding Redemption In Our Mess* by Tom Berlin. As part of that focus, I'm inviting all who are interested to join in a series of "Bless This Mess: Sermon Conversations with Pastor Laura." We'll reflect on the lessons from the sermon and share in the challenges we face in living them out in our daily lives. "Bless This Mess: Sermon Conversations" will be offered each Wednesday (February 28 through March

28) at noon and 5:30 p.m. at McAllisters Deli, 466 Marilyn Lane in Alcoa. We will meet from 45 minutes to an hour.

### Lenten Devotional Booklet

A devotional booklet including writings for Children or Adults. Copies available in the church office, in the narthex, and in the stairwell between the education building and the sanctuary.



The Broadway UMW Book Club will meet in the church library on March 8, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Debbie Taylor will review *Global Girlfriends: How One Mom Made it Her Business to Help Women in Poverty Worldwide* by Stacey Edgar from the Leadership Development category. Susan Daffron will review *Without You, There Is No Us* by Suki Kim from the Education for Mission Category. Please bring a friend and join us!

# Broadway United Methodist Church MESSENGER



## Let's Grow Worship! – A Report from the Let's Grow Worship Task Force

In February of 2016, the Church Council formed the Let's Grow Worship Task Force with the purpose: "to assess our current worship opportunities and explore ways to enhance them and/or expand upon them with the goal of deepening our faith in addition

to drawing new people to the church through vital, engaging worship experiences."

The following focus was identified:

*Worship is the central element in the life of a congregation. It is a common entry point for new people. If worship is not growing, opportunities are being missed. The purpose of the Task Force includes:*

- Gathering information about the current worship offerings including attendance analysis and member and visitor surveys.
- Exploring general worship trends and possible new arenas for deepening our worship experience.
- Developing specific recommendations and goals for worship enhancements.
- Assessing budget and resource implications.
- Providing a process for implementation.

With congregational input and results from a worship survey (220 responses) and with a strong desire to reach out to people who are not currently part of our Broadway family, the Task Force made an initial recommendation to the Church Council (which was approved unanimously on February 12) to launch a **Summer Worship Schedule on Broadway**. This schedule will be for 10 weeks from June 3 – August 12 and is as follows:

### Summer Worship Schedule on Broadway (10 weeks from June 3 – August 12)

8:30 a.m. Prayer and Praise Service (30 minutes with volunteer musicians)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Traditional Service

11:15 a.m. Non-Traditional Service (with current early service musicians)

9:00 – 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour/Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

### Why?

- Survey demonstrates need for growing families and younger adults
  - Survey participants over 50 years of age - 168/220 surveys = 76%
- Vision for reaching new disciples
- Survey showed there are parameters to worship time options plus limits due to the importance of Sunday School
  - Demonstrated the need for another service option to meet needs/wants
- Opportunity to invite and involve growing families to worship for the summer
- Worship flexibility for summer schedules for current members and attendees
- Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time connects people who currently do not attend Sunday School and offers an additional opportunity to connect for current SS participants

**On Sunday, April 29, we will be having one Combined Worship Service (at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.) and a congregation-wide lunch (at 11:30 a.m.)** in order to share more about the Task Force work, the worship survey responses and the summer schedule. During the first part of August, an additional Combined Worship Service will be planned in order to gather input and feedback in connection with the Summer Schedule.

### Task Force Members:

- Laura Rasor, Pastor
- Alan Eleazer, Director of Music and Adult Ministries
- Becky Rhodes, Worship Team Representative
- A.J. Ottinger, II, Trustees Representative
- Jake Sparks, Church Council Representative
- Nancy Bradley, Finance Committee Representative

- Patsy Russell, Staff Parish Relations Committee Representative
- Ralph Brown
- Edwin Deyton
- Ray Evette
- Jade Long
- Melanie Hutsell
- Jim Warren

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<b>Schedule:</b>	4:30 pm – Kid’s Club/Connect
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b>	5:30 pm – Girl’s Refuel/Subs & Such
8:30 am – PDO	6:30 pm – Chancel Choir
4:00 pm – Confirmation	<b>Thursday, March 1</b>
4:30 pm – Kid’s Club/Connect	8:30 am – PDO
5:30 pm – Girls Refuel/Subs & Such	10:00 am – Circle of Fellowship
6:30 pm – Chancel Choir	12:30 PM – 4H/STEM
<b>Thursday, February 22</b>	2:45 pm – BHEA Swing Dance
8:30 am – PDO	6:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 20801
12:30 pm – 4H/STEM	7:00 pm – Epworth Bells
2:45 pm – BHEA/Swing Dance	<b>Friday, March 2</b>
5:30 pm – 4-H Hippology	8:30 am – BHEA/Tapestry
7:30 pm – Epworth Bells	11:00 am – Salvation Army Lunch
<b>Friday, February 23</b>	1:30 pm – BHEA/Culinary
8:30 am – BHEA/Tapestry	3:00 pm – 4H/STEM
11:00 am – Salvation Army Lunch	6:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 20838
1:30 pm – BHEA/Culinary	<b>Sunday, March 4</b>
3:00 pm – Food Pantry set up	8:30 am – Worship
6:00 pm – Girl Scout 20838	9:30 am – Sunday School
<b>Saturday, February 24</b>	10:35 am – Worship
9:00 am – Brown Food Pantry	1:00 pm – Trustees Meeting
<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	5:00 pm – Youth
8:30 am – Worship	<b>Monday, March 5</b>
9:30 am – Sunday School	8:30 am – PDO
10:35 am – Worship	10:00 am – Knit Wits
5:00 pm – Youth	6:30 pm – Little River Svc. Unit
<b>Monday, February 26</b>	7:00 pm – Boy Scouts
8:30 am – PDO	<b>Tuesday, March 6</b>
6:00 pm – Outreach	8:30 am – PDO
6:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 20536	3:30 pm – 4H Homespun
6:30 pm – Cub Scout Leader Mtg.	6:30 pm – Girl Scout 20538
7:00 pm – Boy Scouts	6:30 pm – Cub Scouts
<b>Tuesday, February 27</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 7</b>
8:30 am – PDO	8:30 am – PDO
6:30 pm – Cub Scouts	4:00 pm – Confirmation
7:00 pm – BHEA Game Night	4:30 pm – Kid’s Club/Connect
7:00 pm – BHEA Meeting	5:30 pm – Girls Refuel @ Subs and Such
<b>Wednesday, February 28</b>	6:30 pm – Chancel Choir
8:30 am – PDO	
4:00 pm – Confirmation	



At the recommendation of our insurance carrier, our church is in need of a good and thorough clean out. Here's the plan: the Trustees are asking all groups large and small to take a good look at the items they have stored in various locations throughout the church. For safety's sake, the emphasis is in the basement and all closets that contain mechanical and electrical equipment, but all areas should be examined. As you evaluate your items, please label those things you want to keep with your group's name and THE DATE. Items you no longer need should be discarded.

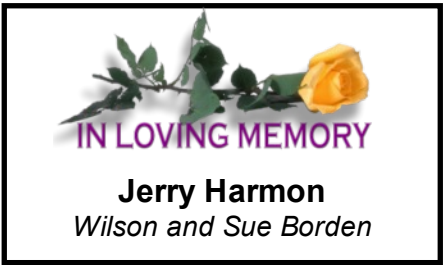


**February 8:30 am**  
Mark Sheridan and Susan Daffron

**February 10:35 am**  
25 - Gene and Marie Pafford

**March 8:30 am**  
Deb Husk

**March 10:35 am**  
4 - Bob and Elaine Russell  
11 - Bob and Lil Tiebout  
18 - Jack and Lana Parham  
25 - Sonny and Alda Hamerick



**Matt Hall to Speak at Asbury Place**  
At 4:00 on Thursday, February 22, Matt Hall, our 2017 AT Chaplain, will share some of his experiences on the trail in the Chapel at Asbury Place. If you have not had the opportunity to hear this enthusiastic young man or see photos of his 2100-mile hike, this is your opportunity. All are welcome.

March 11th is the deadline to accomplish this task. After March 11th, any unclaimed or not labelled items will be brought to the Fellowship Hall. After one week, all items still unclaimed will be disposed of or donated to an appropriate charity. This is a big task, but if we all do our part, it will get done. Any questions, please feel free to call Melanie Ribble, Trustees Chairperson. Many hands make light the work.

**Lenten Noonday Worship Service at 1st UMC**  
Each Wednesday during Lent, First UMC of Maryville is hosting a community noon day service. This year, the focus for the series will be on themes in a piano book, "Near the Cross," arranged by Terry Wilson, the Director of Music at 1st UMC. This book will be published in March. Using selections from that book, we will explore the messages found in this sacred music with several area musicians leading worship and bringing the message. On February 28, Alan Eleazer will be the speaker. Following worship, a light meal will be served in Wesley Hall. You are invited.

### Thoughts on Stewardship

The first two words most babies learn to speak (after Dada and Mama) consistently are “No” and “Mine”. Some, even as adults, never grow out of that stage. Followers of The Way of Jesus learn to say “Yes” and “Ours”. Here at Broadway we celebrate a community of disciples who understand it is a blessing to be a giver. In one of my past appointments, I was responsible for Development and Public Relations at Holston Home for Children. During that time I discovered many generous people and learned of all the various ways to advise folks on how to maximize their contributions. In BUMC’s last Finance Committee, we discussed how best to share one of those methods of giving with you. Have you considered gifting your IRA required minimum distribution to the church?

If you are of the age you must take Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) AND, you are not currently dependent on that income; you have options. Did you know that you can gift your RMD directly to BUMC and avoid all taxes on the RMD income? It is a perfect method to help meet your pledge to the church and maximize your gift in the process. It is as simple as 1, 2, and 3.

1. Request your IRA administrator (Bank, Broker, etc.) to make your RMD payable to BUMC instead of yourself. You can receive the check and deliver to the church, but the check must be payable to the church and not yourself. If the funds are payable to you, even if you intend to donate them, you will pay taxes on the income.

2. Coordinate with the church (Pastor, Finance, Trustees,) how you wish the funds to be applied. You could apply part to your annual pledge and adopt special missions for the balance.

3. When you file your taxes you will report on line 15a the total amount of RMD. On line 15b you will report the taxable amount as zero. Bottom line: You avoid tax on your IRA income and make a gift, which you probably were going to do anyway. Consider the savings you make on taxes and you are able to increase your gift amount. Our personal experience in using this method is excellent. If you have questions, give me a call and I will help find the correct answer for you.

Friends, this is a WIN-WIN situation; or as someone on the Finance Committee said, “It’s a no brainer!”  
Ron Matthews



during the week of April 2-6, you can contact Jim Gass.

### Camp Wesley Woods

From first grade through through high school, CWW offers a great experience for all. There are Day Camp, Half Week

and Full Week sessions. A \$50 gift certificate is available for every Broadway child who attends. Additional financial assistance is also available. Contact Pastor Laura before you make your reservation in order to receive the \$50 or additional support. The deadline for this support is April 30. Brochures with camp information are available in the church office.



**March Odyssey Trip**  
The March Odyssey trip will depart March 29 at 8:30 a.m. from the church parking lot. First, we will visit the “secret city” of Oak Ridge, TN for a 2 hour visit to the American Museum of Science and Energy. Admission is \$5 or \$4 for seniors over 65.

The museum opened in 1949 in an old wartime cafeteria. It was originally named the American Museum of Atomic Energy. Its guided tours took visitors through the peaceful uses of atomic energy. The present facility, opened in 1975, continues to provide the general public with energy information. The name of the museum was changed to the American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE) in 1978. Approximately 11:30 a.m., we will it historic Big Ed’s Pizza for lunch!

Big Ed’s Pizza has been in continuous operation since opening at its current location by US Marine, “Big Ed” Neusel and his wife, “Ginger,” in 1970. However, the famous Oak Ridge institution actually got its start in 1961 in Huntsville, Alabama, as Big Ed’s Pizzeria. In the late sixties, they relocated to Oak Ridge where they converted the old Service Drug Store into “Big Ed’s Pizza”. The menu at Big Ed’s Pizza is simple – just pizza and beverages.. A man of few words but with a kind heart befitting his large stature, Big Ed loved running his pizza place until his passing in 1998. He left behind a legacy of hard work, generosity, and his tradition of high quality pizza that his son David accepted and continued with the same passion as his father. David, who served in the Navy and then worked at the Oak Ridge plants before taking over the restaurant, summed up the appeal of Big Ed’s Pizza this way, “The care we put into the product is the biggest secret behind the pizza; if we can’t do it right, we don’t do it; we’re here to satisfy the customer.” In 2013, David passed away unexpectedly. Since then, David’s wife, Melissa, and Jon Harris, General Manager, have upheld Big Ed’s longstanding traditions.

Pizza’s at Big Ed’s run from 10” at \$7.55 to over \$20 for a 14” fully loaded pie. We will return to Broadway approximately 2:30 p.m.

Please make your reservation by calling the church office or using the sign-up sheets in the pew on Sunday mornings. Please bring along your cash for the museum and lunch, and \$2.00 for gas on the church bus. Alan Eleazer will be your driver and guide. (more info at <http://www.bigedspizzaoakridge.com> and <https://amse.org>)



**Deadline for next newsletter is 5:00 pm Thursday, March 1.**