



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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Embrace Advent!

Advent is quickly approaching & will arrive on November 29, 2020. The Covid virus that turned our lives upside down & practically interrupted everything in our daily lives cannot stop the coming of Advent.

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word adventus meaning, coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year for Christians.

During Advent we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation, and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

Matthew begins the Christmas story this way: "Before she lived with Joseph, Mary was found with child." An unmarried woman with child living in first century Bethlehem could be put to death by "stoning." Luke tells us in his gospel that Mary was "deeply troubled" when she received the news that she could be with child.

Joseph's unsurprising first reaction to his betrothed's news gives us a glimpse of the difficulty of the beginning of the Christmas story. When Joseph, who loved Mary, heard her news, he was ready to leave. "Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly."

We do not often think of "the Christmas story" as one including risk or fear. We just want the wonder and magic of Christ's arrival that makes all troubles disappear as we sing, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." However, Joseph believes Mary has betrayed him, their vows broken, and their dreams of spending their lives together are shattered.

There is something deeply human about the Christmas story that unfolds in the coming days. Mary and Joseph, feel mingled with all the joy and miracle as well as the weight of the risk. And yet, their hesitancy is not the final word of the story. Mary says to the angel Gabriel, "I am the Lord's servant. Let everything you've said happen to me." And the angel says to Joseph in a dream, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bare a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. The end of the Christmas story is, "And they gave the child the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived."

Advent may look & feel different this year yet we know that God is with us: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory, the glory of a father's only son, full of grace and truth." If ever there was a year, we needed Advent, this is the year! Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.

Advent Prayer: "In this Advent season we celebrate that you are not hidden in some faraway cloud, but you chose to be with us in the blur and mystery of our lives. You are with us as a song that echoes in our minds, as the light of a candle, as a card from a friend. They are signs of your presence. We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and healing, blessing and hope in us. Let something wonderful begin in us — something surprising and holy. May your hand be upon us. Let your love fill us. Let your joy overwhelm us. Let our longing for you be met on a coming holy night. Immanuel with us once again. Amen. **REJOICE, A SAVIOR IS BORN. JOY TO THE WORLD**

- Ron

Chapel Service returning to in-person

On Sunday, November 29, the 9:00 a.m. Chapel service is scheduled to return to live, in-person worship. Due to restriction in the Chapel for appropriate social distance, the 9:00 a.m. service will also take place in the Sanctuary, just as the 10:30 a.m. service. If you are not comfortable worshipping in-person, the service will continue to be broadcast live on the church's YouTube Channel, and will go online to FaceBook just after.

Of course, if the current rising in Covid-19 active cases and deaths continues to rise, this decision will be revisited, if needed, as our utmost priority is the safety of both our congregation and staff members. There will be sanitation measures in place to sanitize the worship area and Narthex restroom between the two worship experiences.

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SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:00 AM - Chapel Worship
10:30 AM - Sanctuary School
11:30 AM - Roca Eterna
Come Worship with us



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No-Bake Bake Sale

Broadway United Methodist Women
November 2020 Edition

Selling Points

- You don't have to bake – send a donation for what you would have spent to make your items.
- You don't get to eat delicious soups and salads for lunch – send a donation for the cost of lunch.
- Your waistline will not suffer from eating the delightful baked goods – send a donation for what you would have purchased.

It's easy!

Mail donations to the church office, marked **UMW** or go to broadwayumc.net and click on "give" make your donation for **UMW Fundraiser**



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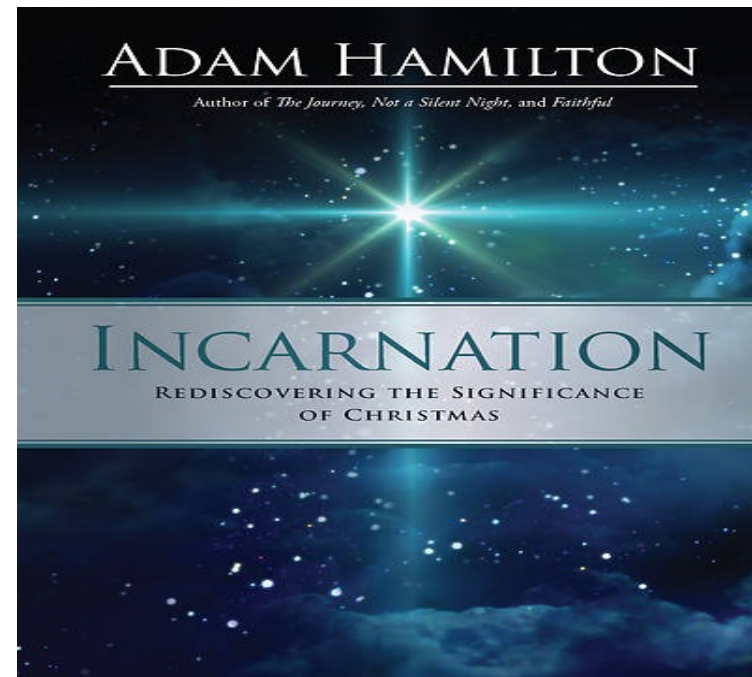
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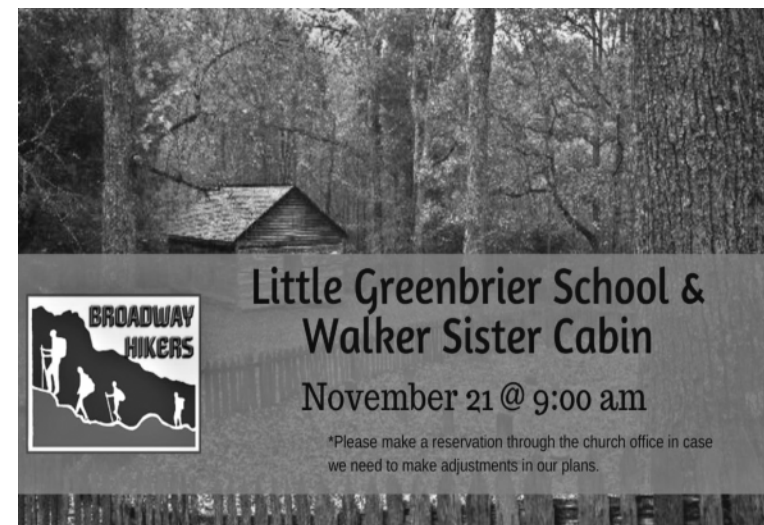
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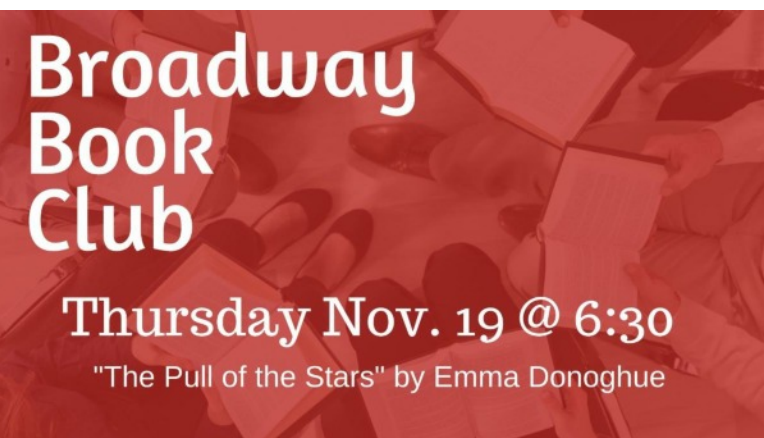
Advent Bible Study to begin on Wednesday, December 2 at 11:00 a.m.

Please let Pastor Ron or Tami know if you will be attending in person or by zoom. We will be looking at Adam Hamilton's new book, "Incarnation- Rediscovering The Significance of Christmas." The cost of the book is \$12 dollars.

"His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ child for our lives and world today!



If you are interested in joining us this Saturday, please let us know you are coming by calling the church office to reserving your spot.



Brown Food Pantry Needs 2021 Calendars and Planners

Are you receiving more 2021 calendars and planners in the mail than you can use? Please don't throw them away! Save them for the Brown Food Pantry Christmas openings.

We can't host our usual indoor food pantry Christmas parties in December, but we will distribute these items as part of a holiday goodie bag for each family. Please drop your calendars and planners by the church office or place them on the counter in the Fellowship Hall **before December 10**. Thank you!

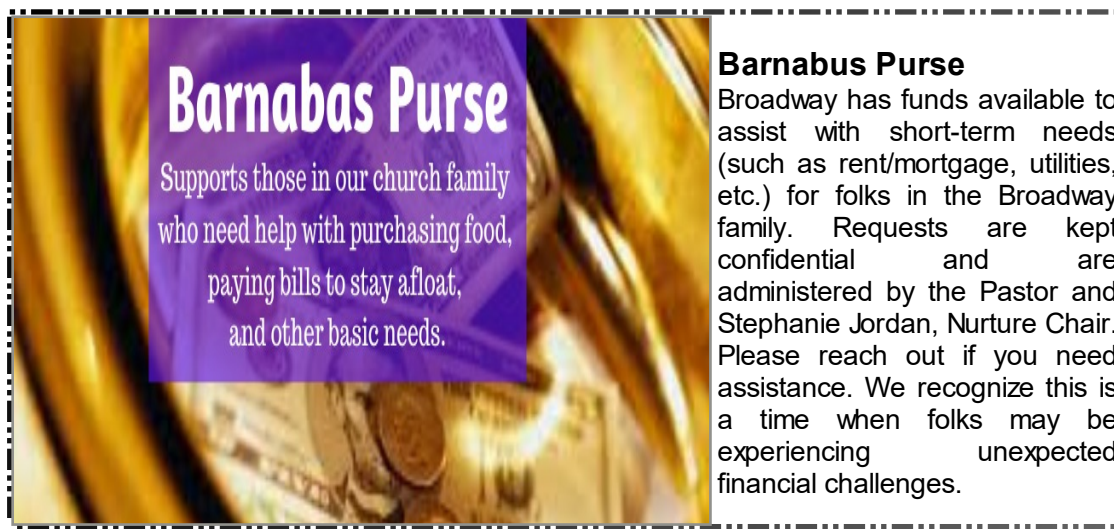
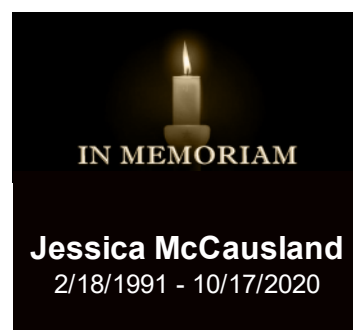


Thank You!

Dear Broadway Church Family,

Thank you so very much for your support, meals, gifts and generosity. Losing Jessica to nce of God in our lives through you, our church family, in the midst of our pain and grief. God bless you all for your loving kindness.

Linda, David and Rachel McCausland and Joseph Kahrnoff



Barnabas Purse

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.

Prayer Request Emails



Deadline for next newsletter is 5:00 pm Thursday, December 10.