

Drop-In Crafting

Bring your own projects, snacks and drinks and join us in the Fellowship Hall anytime between 4:30 and 7 pm, the first Thursday of every month. We kindly request no children, teens 15 yrs. and up welcome. No fee, no RSVP, just be kind and clean up after yourself. Questions, contact Jennie at jennieottinger@yahoo.com.



**DOING
THE MOST
GOOD**

FREE LUNCH
Every Friday
11:00 am till 12:30 pm

If you are interested in helping, contact the church office

Brown Food Pantry
Every 2nd and 4th Saturdays
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Next Pantry Dates:
December 21
January 11





Angel tree

Want to put smiles on the face of a child this Christmas? We have an amazing opportunity to provide Christmas presents for our Roca Eterna children. The names of the Angels will be on the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick one or more names and purchase a gift or gift card. Please wrap the gift and put the child's name on it and drop it off at the church office no later than Sunday, December 22, 2024. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

ONE COMBINED
Worship Service
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 10:30 AM

If you would like to make a monetary gift to Broadway for 2024 please make sure it is post marked on or before December 31, 2024.



Broadway Staff would like to thank you for your support in 2024 and wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Rev. Ron Fisher
Dani Castillo
Connor Cowart
Tami Wiggins
Karen Harville
Julie Hays
Allison Bradley

Nicole Robinette
Roger Lincoln
Jeremy Carringer
James Broussard
Carla Olivera
Joe VanCleave

BUMC Children's Nativity Pageant 2024



Broadway UMC CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 18

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 19

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out

Friday, December 20

11:00 am - Salvation Army Lunch
5:00 pm - Girl Scouts Sleepover

Saturday, December 21

9:00 am - Brown Food Pantry
12:00 pm - Birthday Celebration

Sunday, December 22

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship
Sunday School

10:30 am - Traditional Worship

12:00 pm - Roca Eterna

Monday, December 23

11:00 am - Advent Study

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service
6:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!!

Friday, December 27

11:00 am - Salvation Army Lunch

Sunday, December 29

Sunday School
10:30 am - One Combined Service

12:00 pm - Roca Eterna

Friday, January 3

11:00 am - Salvation Army Lunch

Sunday, January 5

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship
Sunday School

10:30 am - Traditional Worship

12:00 pm - Roca Eterna

Monday, January 6

10:00 am - Knit Wits
6:30 pm - Little River Svc. Unit
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 7

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out
6:30 pm - Cub Scouts

Wednesday, January 8

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out
7:00pm - Epworth Bells
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 9

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out

Friday, January 10

11:00 am - Salvation Army Lunch

Saturday, January 11

9:00 am - Brown Food Pantry

Sunday, January 12

9:00 am - Contemporary Service
Sunday School

10:30 am - Traditional Service

12:00 pm - Roca Eterna

Monday, January 13

10:00 am - Knit Wits
6:00 pm - Finance Meeting

6:45 pm - Church Council

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 14

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out
6:00 pm - Girl Scouts 20065

6:30 pm - Cub Scouts

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out
6:00pm - Epworth Bells

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

*Greeters
First Impressions*

December 10:30 am

22- Cindy Bell
29 - Dennis & Deb Kirkland

Thursday, January 16

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out

Friday, January 17

11:00 am - Salvation Army Lunch

Sunday, January 19

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship
Sunday School

10:30 am - Traditional Worship

12:00 pm - Roca Eterna

Monday, January 20

10:00 am - Knit Wits
6:00 pm - Girl Scouts 22026

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 21

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out
6:30 pm - Cub Scouts

Wednesday, January 22

8:30 am - Parents' Day Out
6:00pm - Epworth Bells

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

The deadline for articles, pictures
for the next digital newsletter is
Thursday, January 9 at 5:00 pm.

Broadway
United Methodist Church
Messenger



MISSION STATEMENT

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

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"We Knew He Would Come"

Rev. Jerry Anderson served as the pastor of Cokesbury UMC for twenty years. I worked with Rev. Anderson, when I was the Associate Pastor at Cokesbury. Jerry told the following story which is one of my favorite Christmas stories.

"It was a cold December afternoon. Rain mixed with snow splashed against the windshield. Overhead dark clouds hovered seemingly just above the treetops. All day long two men, a pastor named Jerry and a layman named Jim, had been delivering Christmas boxes. Many of the families who would receive these boxes would get nothing else for Christmas that year. The pickup truck had been loaded when the two men started out on their journey but now, only one box remained. It was covered with an old piece of tarp to protect it against the rain.

The address on the card meant a drive of several miles beyond the city limit. "What do you think?" Jim asked. He was the driver and it was his truck. Pastor Jerry knew what Jim was thinking. Why drive way out in the country when we could give this last box to someone close by and be home in thirty minutes? It was a tempting thought. Pastor Jerry had a Christmas Eve Communion Service scheduled for 8 p.m. and he could use the time to prepare.

Jim, however, answered his own question, "Well, let's give it a try. If we can't find the place, we can always come back and give the box to someone else."

The rain was pouring down by the time they reached the address on the card. The old white framed house stood on a hillside overlooking the valley. It had once been an elegant place, the centerpiece of a large farm. Now, the farm was gone and the house had deteriorated over the years.

The two men slipped and slid, huffed and puffed as they carried the box up the hill. The red clay offered no foothold and the box, wet from the rain, was beginning to come apart. They climbed the high steps to the porch, set the box down and slid it across the floor. They straightened up just in time to glimpse the face of a small boy at the window. He had been watching them coming up the hill. Now, he announced their arrival with shouts of excitement, "They're here, Grandma, they're here!"

The door opened and an older woman greeted them. Her gray hair was pulled back in a bun at the back of her neck. She had on a dark, plain dress with a white apron. She was drying her hands with a dishtowel and explained to them that she had been doing the supper dishes. "I told you, they would come," a child's voice said from behind her. A little boy with black hair and bright dark eyes rushed to the box and began pulling at the goodies inside.

The woman told them that she and her grandson were all that was left of her family. The father and mother had divorced and gone their separate ways. The little boy had been left behind for Grandma to raise. She said, "Oh, I am so glad you are here. He was up early this morning looking for you. He sat by that window all day. I wasn't sure you would come and I tried to prepare him in case of a disappointment. But he just said, 'Don't worry, Grandma, I know they will come.'"

That young boy didn't know it, but, in a sense, he was speaking for humanity. We knew God would come. God did not forget us. God came to us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

"Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the inn." (Luke 2:4-7)

Prayer: Emmanuel (God is with us) renew your Holy Spirit within us, that together we may shine forth your light, we might banish the darkness of this world, we might be the continuation of the Christmas miracle: Emmanuel is in this world, God is with us, now and evermore. Amen.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

DECEMBER 24

**4:00 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**6:00 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

