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Worship With Us This Sunday!

It has been a **long** time coming, but folks, let us worship together!

Sunday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m., we will gather in community once again to share fellowship, a music and a message. There will be changes to our pre-COVID Sunday routines—no Christian Equation classes and one service, not three. You will notice other changes, and we detail a few of those here.

Our COVID 19 Advisory Team has worked for several weeks to develop a plan that will allow us to be in community **safely**. And if you do not feel quite ready to venture out in a group, our virtual worship service will continue to be available, also at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. The virtual worship will mirror as closely as possible, the structure, songs and message of our live worship.

Our in-person worship will be held outside because medical experts have determined that it is safer. But, please be aware that if it is raining on this Sunday, or any Sunday that we plan to worship outdoors, our “live” worship will be canceled. Virtual worship will be still be available to you at 10:30 a.m.

Other changes that you should be prepared for on Sunday, June 7:



- You should bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating; the Outdoor Worship Area benches will be reserved for the worship team (and safe social distancing).
- Ushers will be on hand to direct you to

seating that is socially distant.

- There will be no worship bulletins or hymnals.
- Please wear and mask as you enter and exit the worship space. If you don't have a mask several numbers have donated hand-crafted masks.,
- Due to COVID concerns, worship will be BYOC (Bring Your Own Communion). Consider designating a member of your family to serve as “Deacon” and “Elder” as the elements are dedicated by our ministers.
- We ask that you maintain social distance at all times, so please refrain from hugs and handshakes <sigh>. Just “smile and wave” as you enter and depart.

If you have questions, please contact us in the office at 445.5312. We can't wait to see you again, Broadway!

Is it June? I was once better at knowing. You? I'm going with June. It has to be June. The end of May was top of my radar, I suppose. May 31 – Pentecost Sunday – the birthday of the church. Baptisms were on the agenda pre-COVID. Do you remember “pre-COVID”? It's a thing. There was such a time. But... we can't go back. Regardless, we found ourselves on the last day of May celebrating Pentecost.

It was quite a day. We honored our brother, Rev. Nick Larson, as he concluded ten years of ministry at Broadway. Think of the decades of your own life. Not a one of them was without significant growth, shift, and change. We label decades. “*Greatest Hits of the 90's.*” That sort of thing. A decade is a mile marker. Through a powerful sermonic finale and a video tribute of meaningful pictures offering a “*greatest hits*” glimpse of a decade, we blessed Nick forward. His final ministerial act on our team? Leading the baptismal parade in the parking lot. What a joyous and fitting send-off!

Did I say “*baptism parade?*” I did! Baptisms went forward as planned (*with all of the new protective and restrictive pandemic realities*). Oh how sweet it was! Five students and two adults received the sacrament of baptism and exited into a parking lot full of Broadway faithful who honked and cheered and held up signs and affirmed: “*We see you and welcome you fully into the life of the church!*” There were volunteers that helped direct traffic with smiles and pool noodles, making the event fun for all! It felt so much like the joy of Church! What a way to put a bow on May, Broadway!

But then, June, right? Yes. *June*. The Church awakened to a new month with all the same realities of a tenuous pandemic and the images of a nation in upheaval. George Floyd was murdered. You know his name by now. You've likely said it out loud. If you haven't, I would invite you to do so now. It's honoring



to say a person's name. Naming people, events, places, and even demons, was of biblical value. If you could name it, you could begin to understand. There was power in the naming. A fully restrained black man – *George Floyd* – suffocated to death due to the nine-minute kneeling of a white police officer on the back of Floyd's neck. The story was too familiar. A nation, pent up by pandemic, unleashed the fires as wild as Pentecost to say, “*This can't be who we claim to be, can it?*”

June. It will be *Juneteenth* soon enough – June 19 actually – an American holiday

that commemorates the day, almost two and half years after the implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation, that enslaved African Americans were *informed* of their liberation from slavery. *Informed?* How far have we come? You have an answer to that question in your heart. I do too. I hope most agree there's still plenty of work to do.

So, June. Yes, *June*. It's here and we'll have weekly in-person worship services this month each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. They'll be outside and won't be like, what was that season called? *Pre-COVID?* Right. Worship will be different. *We* will be different. And perhaps we should be. How *have* you changed? How *might* we change yet? Could June be the month? So many markers this year were missed or stained by tragedy, injustice, illness or anxiety. But June? It's all ahead of us. What can we get *right?* What can we stand *for?* Who might we *become?* The days have run together in many ways but life was never to be about counting the days anyway. Life is about making the days count. Let's make each day of June worthy of the Gospel which the Christmas story tells us is “*Good news for all people.*” Is it Christmas? No. It's June. But if we can live that Gospel, June may feel a bit like Christmas! And it's 2020. Why not?!

Mission and Outreach Ministry Digs Deep...

No Habitat Sale Doesn't Mean No Habitat Support!

For over 30 years, Broadway has provided support for our local Habitat for Humanity chapter by holding our annual Habitat Sale. And that support has grown into a considerable annual donation to support the important mission of Habitat. But in 2020, COVID 19 concerns forced the cancellation of the Sale—and therefore, no donation for Show Me Central Habitat.

Broadway's Mission and Outreach Ministry (MOM) Team could not let that stand. Thanks to careful and prudent stewardship of our MOM funds, there was enough in our MOM "bank" of saved funds to make a **\$10,000** donation to Show Me Central on behalf of Broadway Christian Church!

Our donation was quite a surprise to the staff at our local chapter. Our Sale was not the only fundraiser lost

to COVID—even the habitat ReStore was closed for six weeks during the usually very busy spring season.



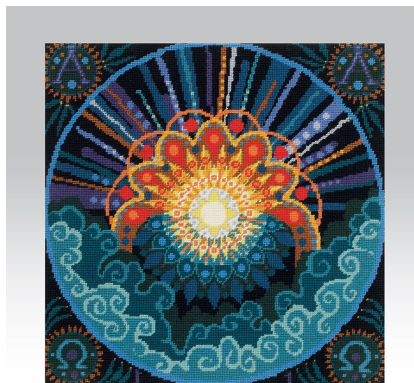
MOM is happy to help, and hopes to do more. We encourage each of you to consider having a "mini-Habitat" Sale with all of those treasurers you were saving for the Broadway Sale! You could then donate your proceeds directly to Habitat, or donate through Broadway for Habitat. If you'd like to donate the money you were planning to spend at Habitat, that works, too!

Our Habitat chapter works hard to provide affordable housing to qualified individuals and families. Each Habitat applicant is screened for credit worthiness, employment and is expected to donate their own "sweat equity" toward the construction of their home. If you would like more information on Habitat homes, please contact a member of MOM!

Experienced Needle pointers Needed!

If you have admired our beautiful counted cross stitch angels that are always displayed during Advent, you may have wondered how those lovely pieces of art came to Broadway. Each of the angels was lovingly stitched by a Broadway member, and their gift of time and talent will be a gift to us for many Advents to come!

Our Liturgical Arts team has decided that it is time for a new needlework project. We are



looking for experienced needle pointers, as these projects are not for the novice. Cyd Coil is heading up this needle project, using Ehrman Tapestry, the Creation Series by Alex Beattie. Visit www.ehrmantapestry.com to see the projects. If you would like to share your gifts with us, contact Cyd at 573-864-6802



Is Church Family Caring for Church Family?



Loves Caregivers!

If you think about it a minute, almost all of us are caregivers for someone we love and at sometime in our lives--our children, our friends, our family as they mature. But sometimes, later in life, we become caregivers once again, just when we ourselves are tiring. And now, with all the aging baby boomers, this is particularly the case. In fact, now the boomers themselves are some of those who need extra care.

Seven years ago last month, Broadway Christian Church recognized this increasing trend and established a Caregiver's Support Group for any caregivers in our community, with loved ones who need care for any issues or diagnoses. A few years later, CareLink adopted this support group into the 10 ministries that make up the CareLink umbrella.

And anyone can join the group that meets each first Monday at noon in the large conference room. You might think the gatherings would be a "downer" but just the opposite is true. Sure, we talk about everyday issues and some of those are sad. But we all pitch in with suggestions, things we've tried over the years with our own loved ones and we even share our own experiences. Sometimes, if you pass the door of the meetings, you will hear laughter, lots of it. That too is absolutely necessary in dealing with the daily duties of caregiving. And cookies are necessary too, so there are plenty provided.

We often have speakers from senior living communities, hospice, law firms who remind us of end-of-life decisions that must be made, even a psychologist. We're trying to educate ourselves so that we can be informed, able caregivers. We often help each other through the maze of medical decision making.

Over the years, lots of people have come and gone as their situations have changed. But we've seen two

May 2020 Report

- ♥ Services provided: 334
- ♥ People served: 302
- ♥ Calls/emails: 231
- ♥ Volunteers serving: 139

These numbers do not include the ongoing regular visits and pastoral calls by our ministers.

CareLink Co-chairs

Patsy Dalton and Linda Poehlmann

definite trends. One is that we establish long-lasting friendships that are considered resources for life to come. The other is that even after the loss of a loved one, with our group's encouragement, our members often stay with our group for as long as they wish. So those who have gone through the ultimate loss, can often teach and guide the rest of us.

Caregiving is a strenuous, all-encompassing gift that we each give to those we love and it takes its toll. But we need support from others. So if you are a caregiver and you feel that the Caregiver Support Group could be of assistance to you, contact Patsy Dalton at 573-356-6036 or daltonsinc@aol.com. You will be added to the email list and sent flyers each month. And we promise that you will be able to say, "Well I'm not the only one who has experienced this, or who feels exhausted or confused or who doesn't know where to turn. Give yourself the gift of this resource, even though you may not know you need it! And if you know a caregiver in our community or our church who needs a boost, tell them about this group.

Congratulations to Our Graduates...

...to Shelby Smith, daughter of Linda and Stuart Smith, who graduated from Georgetown University's Law School on May 17.

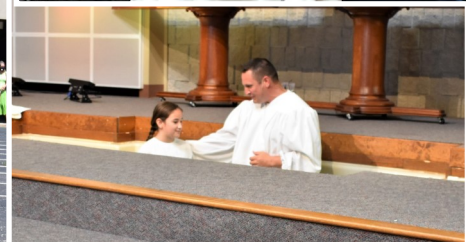
... to Anna Miller, daughter of Dan and Sara Miller, who graduated from Truman State University with a BA in Biology and a minor in English.

... to Toni Keel, who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Maryville University with a MS in Nursing. Toni is the daughter of Cathy Griggs.

Baptism Sunday Was Wonderful For So Many Reasons!

First, welcoming new members to the Body of Christ is always amazing! It was also a bittersweet day, as we blessed Pastor Nick Larson on his way to new ministries after almost a decade at Broadway. And quite simply, it was so exciting to see members in the Broadway Sanctuary again—all appropriately distanced and wearing masks!

Congratulations to Dane Briley, Lila Morris, Eli Weaver, Parker Wiegand, Ellie Zaner, Nina Turner Robison and Sidney Gardner, who joined Broadway Christian Church through baptism on May 31!



Continuing Recovery...

... Gertie Combs, Susan Miles Cox, Jana Day, Gay Gage, George Garner, Maurice Gebhardt, Bruce Jackson, PollyAnn Jacobs, Bob Klein, Pat Klein, Jenny Lybeck-Brown, Mary Regan, Dorothy Sorrels, Phil Weedon, Polly White.

Our Thoughts and Prayers...

... to Steve Westgate and Lynelle Phillips, on the passing of Steve's son, Gardner Westgate, on May 22 at the age of 31.

...to Jennie Griffin, Scott Griffin and Sarah Griffin Lund on the passing of mother and grandmother Beulah Wilson on May 16, at the age of 99. A family graveside service was held last week, with plans for a public celebration of Beulah's life later this year.

... to the family and friends of Roy Keller, who passed away on March 25. Roy was a frequent visitor to Broadway and a member of the Sunshine Class. A memorial for Roy will be held on July 11, at 10:30 a.m., in the Outdoor Worship Area.

Congratulations...

..... to LeaAnn & Jim Lowery on becoming first time grandparents on Saturday, May 16th to Nora James Smith, daughter of Cameron & Michelle Smith.

...to Barbara McLay, who received the School of Health Professionals Excellence in Teaching Award. Barbara serves as the Graduate Program Director and an Associate Clinical Professor in the School of Health Professionals' Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Department.

Celebrating June Birthdays

- 6/1 Wanda Angel, Cordelia Willard
- 6/2 Carol Francisco, Tim Kersey
- 6/3 Ellen Dutton, Liam Dutton, Sophia Dutton, Paisley Otto, Barbara Priest
- 6/5 Steve Westgate
- 6/6 Maddie Grueber
- 6/7 David Flottman, Jenny Lybeck-Brown, Marilise Stamps, Susan Taylor

- 6/9 Deb Carr
- 6/11 Nollie Moore, Cooper Rainwater, Renee Terrell, Teri Walden
- 6/12 Karen Bostrom-Gregg, Mickey Havener, Nancy Miller, LeAnn Sapp
- 6/13 Seth Colaner, Gay Gage, Rachel Muzzy, Ellie Whitsitt
- 6/14 Kathy Clark
- 6/15 Keith Boles, Sydney Schulte
- 6/16 Paige Heuer, Christine Spurling
- 6/17 Jan Farr, Mary Fross, Roger Walker, Richard Edging
- 6/19 Tom Weaver
- 6/20 Drew Garrett, Heather Harlan, Aimee McBride
- 6/22 Elise Long
- 6/23 Carole Braun, Marilyn McCreary
- 6/24 Julie Wesley,
- 6/25 Melissa Tague
- 6/27 Bob Iglehart, Dan Wright
- 6/28 Maddie Magruder, Avery Wiegand
- 6/29 Roma Kerns, Linda Smith
- 6/30 Russell Becker, Nancy Stuart, Kate Weir

Celebrating July Birthdays

- 7/1 Belinda Davis, John Godfrey, Jackson Hinkel, Dorothy Sprouse
- 7/2 Guy Adams, Leanne Forbis, Don Harter, Donna Million
- 7/3 Jennifer Reed, Leila Willmore
- 7/4 Janet Brees, Maryann Dutton, Shane McBride
- 7/5 Dixie Lenau
- 7/6 Kathryn Day, Eli Weaver
- 7/7 John Allen, Lia Larson, Eric Lybeck-Brown, Laura Musick
- 7/8 Claire Blust, Elena Blust
- 7/9 David Coil
- 7/10 Brenda Dunne, Maria Smith
- 7/11 Randy Coil, Katie Essing, Sabrina McDonnell
- 7/12 Melvin Brees, Ken Buckler, Joseph McBride, Darlene Morris

Attendance: May 10, 2020
Worship Services Suspended due to
COVID-19 Pandemic

Attendance: May 17, 2020
Worship Services Suspended due to
COVID-19 Pandemic

Attendance: May 24, 2020
Worship Services Suspended due to
COVID-19 Pandemic

Attendance: May 31, 2020
Worship Services Suspended due to
COVID-19 Pandemic
Special Baptism Service at 2 PM

Thanks Received...

...Thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls, notes and cards I have received while I am healing from a hip muscle injury. I am so thankful for each of you.

Beverly Wal-

den

... Pat and I would like to thank all the disciples at Broadway for the many ways you respond to our recent health issues. The many prayers, cards, drive-way visits, phone calls and so many other ways you expressed your concern for us made us feel very loved. You have all been a blessing during this long recovery.

Pat and Bob Klein

... Many thanks to the the members of CareLink for their cards, calls and prayers during my recent illness. Thanks also to the ministers for their window visits, phone calls, and prayers for me during my recent health issues. I am making good progress as I wait out the COVID at Linda and John's.

BROADWAY FINANCIALS AS OF MAY 31, 2020

REVENUES OFFERING	Total Budgeted 2019-2020	Received	Percentage	Last Year's Numbers At This Time	Percentage
Pledged Giving	\$730,064.68	\$708,604.31	97.06%	\$658,564.29	86.81%
Unpledged Giving	\$108,726.98	\$45,393.90	41.75%	\$43,464.54	34.79%
Loose Offering	\$11,047.91	\$9,090.41	82.28%	\$10,088.12	100.88%
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$25.75		\$46.21	
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$91.99		\$242.58	
Current Yr Net Activity					
TOTAL	\$849,839.57	\$763,206.36	89.80	\$712,405.74	79.73%

CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITY: **\$25,053.85**

EXPENSES	Total Budgeted 2019-2020	Expended	Percentage	Last Year's Numbers At This Time	Percentage
Staff Payroll	\$557,755.42	\$506,506.73	90.81%	\$436,471.21	72.84%
Administration	\$44,465.00	\$39,469.31	88.76%	\$39,783.05	84.87%
Children & Youth	\$14,584.50	\$6,654.04	45.62%	\$5,414.15	37.12%
Fellowship	\$1,350.00	-\$143.29	-10.61%	\$765.25	56.68%
Discipleship	\$720.00	\$223.32	31.02%	-\$3,860.39	-536.16%
Property	\$128,400.00	\$117,541.02	91.54%	\$119,988.74	97.23%
Mission & Outreach	\$84,983.96	\$56,481.87	66.46%	\$46,774.45	52.35%
Stewardship	\$630.00	\$462.26	73.37%	\$562.71	89.32%
Worship	\$16,950.69	\$10,957.25	64.64%	\$12,577.12	72.42%
TOTAL	\$849,839.57	\$738,152.51	86.86%	\$658,476.29	73.69%



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