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We Walk Because *They* Walk



Broadway member and ultra-walker Don Harter is gearing up for an incredible September as he trains for a marathon walk to benefit Columbia's annual CROP Hunger Walk as well as a week-long, 160 mile round trip trek from

Columbia to Hermann in support of Broadway's upcoming CoMo 10k on October 9th! "We look around at the world and ask *what can I do?* We see people hungry, thirsty, or fleeing violence and poverty. Sometimes I feel like a speck of sand on the beach! This is one way I can try to make a difference."

A long-time supporter of [Columbia's Crop Walk](#), Don completed a 27-mile marathon over the Labor Day weekend, ahead of the actual September 19 event. He started at 5:30am to fit his marathon walk in before sundown. Broadway member Deb Carr joined him for four miles of the walk, and several other members rode their bikes and gave him encouragement along the way! "Crop Walk's motto is *"We walk because they walk."* So many people in the world have to walk for food, for clean water, for security. Walking is a small, simple thing I can do to support those who walk for survival each day."

But the Crop Walk is just one step toward a larger goal for Don! Towards the end of the month Don will make a 160-mile, roundtrip journey to Hermann and back as part of Broadway's CoMo 10k to benefit *Enlace*, our partner in mission. "160 miles is roughly the distance across El Salvador from east to west. I've traveled to El Salvador through Enlace several years back. This walk will be another way I can support their mission from home."

Don plans to walk around 30 miles per day along the MKT trail. Taking his cue from Matthew 10, Don will take only what he can carry on his back and rely upon the charity of others for shelter and food. He will stop in Hartsdale, Mokane, and Hermann completing his journey in approximately 6-8 days.

"I recently read an article about a young woman from Central America who walked about 2200 miles from her home to the US/Mexico border. She was fleeing violence and poverty in hopes for a better life for her and her daughter. Shortly before arriving she passed away succumbing to the elements. The story broke my heart. I know *Enlace's* work in communities like hers is making a difference. She was forced to walk. I can choose to walk to raise awareness and offer a small act of solidarity for her and others like her. This is what my walk and the 10k is all about!"

How you can help!

1. Please hold Don and all those participating in both events in prayer.
2. Support Don's marathon Crop Walk by [visiting his donation page for Crop Walk](#) or [his donation page for the CoMo 10k](#).
3. Participate yourself! Visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/home> to participate in the Crop Walk. Visit <https://runforcentralamerica.com/> to register for Broadway's CoMo 10k on October 9th!
4. Join up with Broadway's "Run/Walk for Central America" small group! Meet at Jay Dix Park at 7am on Saturday's (weather permitting) and walk with us! Contact John at idelaporte@broadwaychristian.net for more info!

My Regards...

Most of us could offer some answer to the question, “*What kind of life do you hope to live?*” We may start fairly generic – “I just want to be happy.” That leads to the question, “What is happiness?” and then we’re off chasing rabbits. “Does this make me happy? How about this?” On any given morning, how do you know the steps you’ll take that day are leading you closer to living the life you long to live? Some have said, “The greatest enemy to the life you want may be the life that you’re living.” So often, we get in the way of ourselves more than anything else. How do you get clear about your priorities?

After a long and congregationally-inclusive visioning process, we’ve come to the point of action. The extraordinary work of our Vision Team led us to answer the question, “*What kind of life do we hope to live as a church?*” That team, with widely sought input, concluded we want to live a communal life “Where Love Leads.” That’s our tagline and a constant question before us as a community: “Where is love leading us?” We determined any future action would be measured against three core values: Broad Hearts, Broad Minds, and Broad Reach. Even with these bright, guiding stars, we still have to define some actionable steps or we just admire the stars from afar. Enter Broadway’s Priority Action Plan (PAP).

With unanimous support from both the Executive Committee and the Broadway Board, six Action Teams are being created to



determine actionable steps for each priority outlined in the PAP. In no particular order, these teams are created to focus on the following priorities:

1. Grow a Multi-Racial + Multi-Ethnic Congregation
2. Create an Inviting *Front Porch + Facility Enhancement*
3. Establish ‘*Green Chalice*’ Congregation Status + Grow Ecological Stewardship
4. Grow Ministry Opportunities for the Flourishing of People of Varied Ability Levels
5. Grow Affirming Ministries with LGBTQ+ Persons and Families
6. Create an *Imaginarium*

To read in greater detail the focus and function of each of these priorities, [click here](#). In this time of emergence from a pandemic when everyone has been faced with choosing what matters to them the most, we are beyond excited that your voice, Broadway, is clear about where we step forward from here. It will take all of us to become the beloved community God is calling us to be. It will call for clarity and focus and sometimes a discerning spirit that ensures we do not get in our own way as we step boldly into the future. It is time. We are the called. Let’s go with God, Broadway. Let’s go for it!

My Regards, Mark

Comeback from COVID

We long for a time when this column in the newsletter is no longer needed. For now, however, we recognize that our caution is still required as the pandemic is not over. We celebrate the increasing vaccination counts in our county even as we await that opportunity still unavailable to the youngest among us.

Activity levels at school, in the community, and at Broadway are way up from a year ago. We give thanks for these growing in-person opportunities. Our COVID Advisory Team is meeting as this newsletter hits your mailbox to determine any need for adaptation to our best health and safety practices as a church. We want to continue the momentum of our

Co-mingling of Waters

The creation of the earth opens with the separation of waters. All life comes from this majestic source. Many of us travel and find repose at the edge of tides, currents and still waters. Even as our wanderings might have been limited, the waters have been found.

We pray for all who suffer in the path of destructive storms and flooding. And still we give thanks for restoration and the power that courses over the face of the earth. Join us in

Pet Blessings

The pet blessings will return to Broadway on September 19, at 3:00pm in our outdoor worship circle.

Over the years we have blessed scaled, furry, slithering and feathered companions who teach us more about God's creativity and love. We have blessed the memory of devoted pets we have loved and lost.

We will again have music, prayer, scripture and celebration. Our own veterinarian, Michelle Marshall is coordinating the event.

in-person return to worship and programming but also want to do our part to stop the spread and ensure the widest safety possible for our community.

To this end, watch closely for potential temporary shifts in communal practices as we navigate the uncharted waters COVID continues to bring before us. As always, if you don't feel well or are exhibiting any symptoms of illness, please stay home, recover, and join us for worship via livestream. We thank you for your patience and support as we do our best to press forward with our mission in the safest way possible.



any worship service on September 12th and bring actual or representative water from a place you have been. Tell of the source and significance and pour it into our shared vessel. This meaningful ceremony represents our sacred River God and the many wells of life. The separate waters comingle once again in unifying symbolism. *Source of life, make us one! ~ Terry Overfelt*



Our presenter will be Guilia Hall, executive director of Second Chance, to come and give us an update on their rescue activities and stories of best friending. We will have blessings, certificates and cookies for all! There will be scooping and watering stations. Plan to join the fun!

Broadway
Christian Church...
where leashes lead
and paws reach!



Let's Talk...

About faith and disability! Did you know that persons with disabilities is the largest minority group of which you can become a member on any given day? Disability is a part of the human condition and can be something a person is born with, something that happens because of accident, illness or injury or a part of the aging process. Disabilities can be something we see and something that is invisible. People with disabilities are among us, yet we often don't "see" them or acknowledge their gifts and talents and need for inclusion. Broadway Christian Church is committed to supporting individuals with disabilities through our work with All God's Children, but we have more work to do. Churches continue to be a place that many people with disabilities struggle to find a place and space and a sense of celebration. BCC will host a community conversation on faith and disability on November 10th, from 6-8 pm. Wondering what a community conversation is? It

is a facilitated event where members of the community come together to work on solutions. If you are interested in thinking more deeply about faith and disability; as a person who has a disability, a family member who supports someone with a disability, a business owner who wants to be more inclusive, a church leaders or simply a community member who would like to learn and do more, please join us. We'll be inviting disability advocates, families, and other interested parties from the community to come together and identify barriers and solutions to making our churches more inclusive. Want to know more? Reach out to Crystal Harrison at charrison@broadwaychristian.net or John Delaporte at jdelaporte@broadwaychristian.net, or stay tuned for more information in the bulletin and other news outlets. Hope to see you there!

~ Lea Ann Lowery



Missions and Outreach Wants Your Help

The heat didn't bother (too much) the twelve volunteers from Broadway who helped The Food Bank distribute food to approximately 150 families on August 25. We will be working again the afternoon of September 22, 3:00pm - 6:00pm. Would it be too much to say you can use your broad reach to put boxes of food in vehicles? Come join us. I would like to guarantee that the heat index will not be 105 but I'm not a meteorologist.

Don Harter will be at the Narthex entrance on September 12 and 19 to help you register for, or donate to, the Columbia CROP hunger walk. The walk "steps out" at 2:00pm on September 19. Donations go to:

1. Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen (Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist on 7th St.)

2. Russell Chapel Community Food Pantry (108 E. Ash St.)
3. Destiny Worship Center Food Pantry (4914 Prairie Ridge St.)
4. Fifth Street Christian Community Meal (401 N. 5th St.)

The Blessing Box has seen a lot of traffic recently. Personal hygiene products and non perishable food items are always appreciated. If you have any to spare, you can put them in the Blessing Box anytime or place them in the shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall on the first Sunday of the month.

~ Wayne Dykstra



Fall Brings Faith Formation Opportunities for All

Sunday School classes swelled at Broadway's Fall Kick Off last month as children gathered beneath the tents, masked teens packed the Loft, and adult classes reached for more chairs in anticipation of a spirited Fall trimester.

BCC kiddos will continue to meet in outdoor classrooms as we head into the fall. Children ages 2-preK can look forward to bible stories and imaginative play with Mr. Chuck and Ms. Claire in the outdoor flower garden for Worship and Wonder. Grades K-2 and 3-5 will participate in two separate, outdoor classrooms led by our Sunday School teachers. Parents won't be required to stay during the fall months as was the case this summer. Students will meet some new teachers and explore new curriculum such as Mr. Michael Lillien who plans to integrate STEM content into his faith formation lessons!

Middle Schoolers will be exploring questions of faith and identity with John and Cara Wagner each Sunday in the Loft. High Schoolers will use Sundays to apply faith to life with Darren Day and Mike Crews as their guides! Our sermon series and the rhythms of the liturgical year will provide inspiration for content and discussion. This fall will also bring many fun opportunities for all teens such as movie nights, youth nights, and intergenerational game nights.

All God's Children is working hand-in-glove across ministry areas to provide support and new opportunities for our gifted disciples. Keep an eye out for Avery Abell and Alex Black, our new AGC interns from MU. They will be present in the Loft and Pathways to assist as needed, and Crystal Harrison will be facilitating a special AGC hour at 11:00 each Sunday in the outdoor garden area. In addition, Crystal is developing several fun, adaptive events this fall that all our BCC teens can participate in together.

Finally, many of our adult study groups are embracing new members and new courses this fall trimester! Here is a sampling. [Click here for full details](#) or contact John to discuss how best to plug in!

Sunday Discipleship Classes

1. **Bible and Discipleship:** Gospel of Mark featuring guest lecturer and master storyteller Dr. Larry Brown. Sunday School Hour in Music Center.
2. **Sunshine Class** concludes its study of the book of Daniel and begins its look at Paul's Letter to the Hebrews. Sunday School Hour in FH.
3. **Broadway 101/Disciples 201** explores the history and future of our congregation and denomination. Sunday School Hour in the Large Conference Room on Sept 5/12 respectively.

New Study Groups

1. **The Chosen Group** begins season 1 of this groundbreaking streaming series that explores the life of Jesus through the experience his disciples.
2. **BCC Parent Connect** will host our monthly ZOOM meetup September 19 at 8pm to explore "Finding Back to School Balance for your child, teen, and family."
3. **Covenant Group** begins "Unshakeable Hope: Building our Lives on the Promises of God" by Max Lucado.
4. **Women in Church** begins "Mary Magdalene Revealed" by Meggan Watterson
5. **Centering Prayer Group** begins "Eat this Book: The Art of Spiritual Reading" by Eugene Peterson

~ John DeLaPorte



Continuing Recovery:

Norma Bennett, Kathy Clark, Gay Gage, Maurice Gebhardt, Resa Kerns, Pat Klein, Janie McArthur, Vicky Medley, Paul Meyer, Jean Morrow, Delta Murphy, Eileen Perry, Dorothy Sorrels, Jim Thorne, Leila Willmore, Jeanie Wright and Ron Wright

Thoughts and Prayers:

~ For Lysa & David Holmes and family on the passing of Lysa's father on August 13.

~ For Janie McArthur and daughter, Susan Robson on the passing of Robert, husband and father, on August 20.

~ For Nancy Muzzy, Doug & Gina Muzzy and the entire family on the passing of Dick Muzzy on August 22.

~ For Shelly & George Fletcher and family on the passing of Shelly's father on Friday, August 27.

Congratulations:

~ To Cassandra Gal and Leo Montes who recently got married.

~ To Leo Manson and family on becoming a first time grandparent of Kynlee Rose Holmes on August 11 born to Mackenzie Rene Manson and Joshua Richard Holmes. Kynlee Rose is also welcomed by Great Grandmother, Gerry Gilbert.

Thanks Received:

~ Dear BCC Friends, Thank you for all the cards from CareLink and all others and the thoughts were greatly appreciated following the death of my mother. In Faith, Ken Askren

~ Dear Broadway Family, Thank you for the notes, prayers and meals while I've been recovering from my surgeries! After over a year of limited human interaction, it was an amazing way to feel connected to all of you! I'm so glad I shared what I was going through and your prayers lifted me up. I felt your love and blessings and it gave me strength. The meals allowed me the time to focus my energy on healing and relieved my family of that extra burden so we could share that time together. We are forever grateful for your presence and support. With love and appreciation, Leila Willmore

Celebrating September Birthdays

- 9/1 Cathy Griggs
- 9/2 Mary Humlicek, Debbie Rawlings, Terri Tatum, Violet Willard
- 9/3 Joseph Willmore
- 9/5 Joyce Kidwiler
- 9/7 Jan Holden, Sam Wright
- 9/8 Linda Askren, Logan Howard
- 9/9 Cindy Garrett
- 9/10 Todd Rauch, Ashley Kidwiler
- 9/11 Lily Fisher, Gina Hall
- 9/12 Crystal Harrison
- 9/13 Charles Day, Derek Howard, Emerson Kenney, Shelby Bryan
- 9/14 Wren Roark, Andrew Sapp, Anna Kirby, Wayne Fenton, Chloe Siemons
- 9/15 Stacey Tonyan, Bryon Wiegand, Morgan Briley
- 9/16 Evan Crouse, Mike Williams, David McGee, Zachary Blakey
- 9/17 Abigail Rainwater, Lila Morris
- 9/18 Paul Meyer, Blake Hinkel
- 9/19 Melissa Kern
- 9/20 Addison Crews, Logan Moore
- 9/21 Kimberly Kenney
- 9/22 Dixie Fisher, Rachel Griffin
- 9/23 Nancy Muzzy, Kendall Flaherty
- 9/24 Penny Adams, Jeff Overfelt, Emily Day
- 9/25 Parker Rainwater, Jillian Lybeck-Brown, Carrie Weaver
- 9/26 Scott Hentges, Melody Freeman, Claire Willard
- 9/27 Cami Jackson
- 9/28 Bonnie Cassels
- 9/29 Leslie Clay, Chris Shipman
- 9/30 Kay Crouse

Celebrating October Birthdays

- 10/2 Michael Tatum, Cora Coil
- 10/3 Cara Otto, Simon DeLaPorte
- 10/6 Eileen Perry, Lindy Kempf, Pany Fenton, Karen Watts, Mark Moore, John DeLaPorte
- 10/7 Cinda Eichler, Elaine Evans
- 10/8 Katherine Mattison
- 10/9 Bob Whittet, Linda Eagle

Harp & Healing Returns

The First Tuesday of the Month at 5:30p.m. in our Outdoor Worship Area (or inside CLC if inclement weather)

Come to worship with the beautiful harp music from Maria Trevor and the spoken word by one of our ministers.



9/17 Game Night- for adults & youth

9/19 Youth Group 6:30-8pm

9/20 Freshmen Small Group 6-7pm

9/24 Youth Movie Night 6-8pm

Youth Activities in Sept

You are invited to

Feet Under the Same Table: Foundations for Allyship

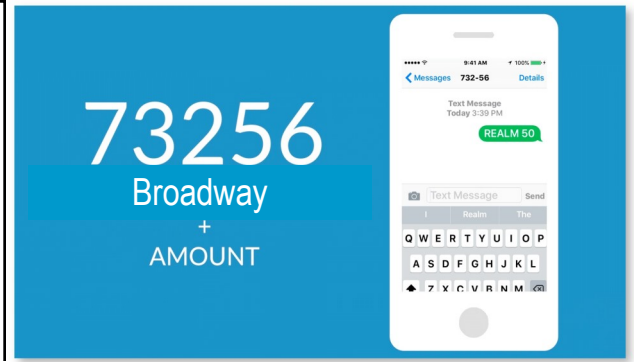
THIRD MONDAYS AT 5:30PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Next Meeting: September 20

Join us for a meal and bold conversation

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The Rides to Church Ministry is off to a good start! We have 4 members who want regular rides, and 8 drivers who are providing the rides! We're in need of more drivers, however, for one-off rides to church, as we occasionally have requests for a ride for just one or two Sundays when someone's normal ride is unavailable. Will you please consider signing up to be contacted when someone has a short-term need? Please contact Luci Fichter by call or text at 573-881-0383 or email at lucifichter75@gmail.com.

BROADWAY FINANCIALS AS OF AUGUST 30, 2021

REVENUES	Total Budgeted 2021-2022	Received	Percentage	Last Year's Numbers At This Time	Percentage
OFFERING					
Pledged Giving	\$845,749.10	\$148,008.97	17.50%	\$143,905.54	17.80%
Unpledged Giving	\$52,688.15	\$6,216.00	11.80%	\$5,155.00	4.84%
Loose Offering	\$10,168.73	\$1,510.84	14.86%	\$50.00	39.00%
Sunday School	\$0.00				
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$2.16		\$1.84	
Approved Budget Allocation	\$57,881.34				
TOTAL	\$966,487.32	\$155,737.97	16.11%	\$149,112.38	16.13%

CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITY: \$9,750.74

EXPENSES	Total Budgeted 2021-2022	Expended	Percentage	Last Year's Numbers At This Time	Percentage
Staff Payroll	\$649,307.60	\$104,322.51	16.07%	\$95,784.39	15.56%
Administration	\$48,135.00	\$7,059.54	14.67%	\$5,714.23	12.17%
Children & Youth	\$16,020.00	\$1,299.56	8.11%	\$165.75	1.03%
Fellowship	\$1,800.00	\$105.32	5.85%	\$0.00	0.00%
Discipleship	\$1,150.00	\$38.72	3.37%	\$0.00	0.00%
Property	\$132,700.00	\$20,395.44	15.37%	\$19,746.39	15.01%
Mission & Outreach	\$96,648.72	\$12,052.93	12.47%	\$9,945.58	10.76%
Stewardship	\$630.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	0.00%
Worship	\$20,096.00	\$713.21	3.55%	\$853.67	4.47%
TOTAL	\$966,487.32	\$145,987.23	15.10%	\$132,210.01	14.30%



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