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The First Day of School Means...

Broadway Kicks Off Fall Schedule Next Sunday!

It doesn't seem possible—school will begin in a week, as well as all of the business that comes with it! But before we are wrapped up in fall festivals, football and the fun of homework — let's kick off a new season of faith and fellowship at Broadway!

Bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 11, for our Blessing of the Backpacks during our Moment for Young Disciples at each worship service. This invitation is extended to all of Broadway's students, from preschool to post-graduate! Pastor Nick will lead the congregation in a blessing and have something special to hand out for each backpack— just a little something to remind each student of God's love and the support of Broadway.

Our Children's and Youth Sunday School classes will be in full swing on August 11 as well. The energy that always comes with new beginnings and familiar faces is already



beginning to percolate among our Sunday School volunteers!

The following Sunday will be a busy one, too! We will actually get rolling on Saturday, August 17, with our

KinderPath orientation for our kindergarteners who will be experiencing Pathways for the first time. Then on Sunday, August 18, we will present those participants with new Bibles during worship. There is more happening, so check page 3 for more on the Ice Cream Social and Youth Car Wash!

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“Aren’t we there yet?”

This question is traditionally posed by a child during the course of a long car trip, or traveling in an airplane or really at some point in every new opportunity. When we are children destinations serve to be our guiding star. The goal seems to be the end. We want to be at the end of elementary school or the end of High School. Graduation seems to be our focus and our desire. Yet, as we grow and mature, most start to realize that the journey is as important as the destination. That in some ways during this life, we spend our days writing and working on an “Ode to Not Yet.”

As I think back over my own desires to be “there” in my formative years, I realize that I wished I had paused a little more. I wish I had paid a little more attention to my history classes that seemed so boring to me at the time. Yet, now I buy books and wish for wise instruction about what has happened. Now with some years under my belt, I yearn for those moments where I get to focus on what I need to learn in this very moment.

In the Christian tradition, we are used to thinking about faith in these terms as well. Often the church refers to this as part of the Trinitarian nature of things. That in the beginning was the Creator or a new idea, and then it begins to take on practical forms, words on a page, actions in our lives, theologically this is the Christ in our midst, and then after that stage the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, takes a hold and blows where it will. That when we set out to create we never know where it will end up. A new idea forms, begins to take shape, and then connects with another. Only God knows where these will end up.

Sometimes when I am writing a sermon (or a newsletter article), I get stuck on the childlike idea of haven’t we arrived yet? Do we really have to go over what our vision and goals are again? Do we have to launch another fall kick-off series?

But then something comes over me, it is almost every time. This feeling on the back of my neck, that if I’m open to what is happening right here, in this very moment, then I will come to know and understand our God in deep and profound ways. If I push aside my personal desire to rush to an end, then I can enjoy that this is the day the Lord has made. Tomorrow will have enough for tomorrow, as today has enough for today.

As we prepare for our new beginnings, the start of a new school year, the welcoming of Mark as a new pastor, the launch of fall programming, we are each given an opportunity to not rush towards an ending. It is very easy to look ahead. This doesn’t mean we shouldn’t be excited about what is next, but it should be a reminder to open our collective eyes to what God is doing today. How is God in today inviting you into deep and profound places? Today, God is welcoming you to love your neighbor in countless ways. Today, God is calling you to sit with your excitement about what is to come and feel the goodness that comes with anticipation.

School years offer each of us an opportunity to reflect on where we’ve been this past year, and to look forward to forming new rhythms and routines. I want to invite you to listen to the whisper of God inside your head and heart and to not rush to fill your schedule, but to put in time to pause, to reflect. To invite God into this present moment. Set an alarm on your phone, mark it in your calendar, program it into your daily routine.

Take this beginning of a new school year (whether you are focused on the academic calendar or not) to slow down enough to not rush past what God is offering you today. Learn to listen to the wind. Learn to still the soul. Learn to appreciate what may be starting, and what parts may not yet come to fulfillment.

As we launch into our August sermon series, we’ll be examining how our God always builds upon what has been, and includes everything in the drawing of an even larger circle to include everything that was, and is, and invites us to be present with the Spirit now.

A Clean Car and Ice Cream All in One Sunday Afternoon!

Everyone likes a clean car. Just about everyone likes ice cream, - and even if they don't, they usually enjoy a cookie or brownie. On Sunday, August 18, Broadway can take care of all of those wish list items in one afternoon!

Once again, our Youth Car Wash and Ice Cream Social will share a Sunday afternoon! The Car Wash will get started at Noon and continue through 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot directly north of the Christian Life Center. The Car Wash is free, but any donations will be used to assist with funding Youth Ministry events and trips for the coming year.

Just as the Car Wash is rinsing that last soap bubble off the bumper, our annual Ice Cream Social will get underway. Beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, the Social is a Broadway tradition for decades, and is always a great time to see friends who may attend a different worship service. Fellowship Ministry provides beverages and toppings—but the true success of the



Social depends on how many homemade ice cream chefs we have!

Back by popular demand, Fellowship Ministry will include a Cake Walk in this year's festivities! The Cake Walk will take place in the

CLC, and we need donated cakes, cupcakes and cookies to satisfy the sweet tooth of our big and little kids! Please contact Dixie Fisher, 474.3417 if you can donate a baked item.

Once everyone has settled into their seats in Fellowship Hall to enjoy their ice cream, our Youth Ministry team will share photos and memories of their recent trip to the Blue Theology Mission Station in Monterrey, CA. You can see some photos of the trip on page 9, but there are many more fun and beautiful pictures to share.

It's a Broadway tradition—and your presence is needed to make our Car Wash and Ice Cream Social a true success!



Support All God's Children—With Your Time

Dear Broadway,

A couple of weeks ago I sat in front of you and asked the children if I could tell them a story. I ask the same of you now. May I tell you a story?

He was the child that made teachers in our school cry. He didn't listen, he played rough, and most kids didn't want to be around him. I was not excited when I heard he was coming to me. I had heard the rumors, I had seen the proof, his needs were more than I knew how to support. How was I going to reach this child?

I'll tell you that I am not the first adult to feel this way when interacting with children of elevated needs. I am not the only person who has asked, "Is there a more 'adult' adult? On one of these days, a colleague of mine escorted this boy from my classroom to another location in the building. I went to find my student during my break time and found him absorbed in a book being read aloud to him in a way I had never seen before. See, this boy couldn't read, which I knew, but he also had no one around to read to him. His mom, worked three jobs, and didn't have time to sit and read a story to her boy. That day I saw this child everyone labeled as a problem, as first and foremost a little boy.

As many of you know, I will be leaving Broadway Christian Church. It is very bittersweet, as I was just getting started. Before I go, I want to implore you see our AGC children as first and foremost, kids. The person who will replace me will need about 9 volunteers to support the ministry of All God's Children.



This number of people would allow each person to serve on a monthly basis during the 10:10 Christian Education Hour, or the 11:10 All God's Children's Worship Hour.

As a volunteer, you are a 'buddy' for the kids. You are a person that is there to support them when a craft gets too tricky to

open, or to walk around the gym when sitting down is too tedious. During the AGC Worship Hour, you are the eyes of the teacher if students need an escort to the restroom, the hands to pass out markers, or press play on the CD player. You are the hands and feet of the ministry, doing the little things that make everything else successful.

Please consider deeply and pray into walking with this wonderful ministry. Contact Nick or Terry to let them know of your willingness and even eagerness to help.

Many Blessings,
Jo Scott



Planning Meeting
August 26 - 1 PM

Getting to Know The Broadway Brileys!

The Briley family will have had a couple of very busy months before Rev. Mark Briley has his first official day at Broadway on September 3! Moving from their home for the last ten years. Finding a place to live here. Getting their three children ready for new schools. Saying good-bye to the Harvard

Avenue Christian Church family that Mark has served for the past ten years. And, oh yes — preaching at the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly!

Mark and his family have arrived in Columbia, and are busy setting up a temporary home until their new home is built. Mark's first Sunday in Broadway's pulpit will be September 8, and in-between now and then, Fellowship Ministry will be working to make sure that every Broadway members has a chance to get acquainted with Mark — and not just on Sunday mornings!

Dixie Fisher and Fellowship Ministry are scheduling a series of "meet and greets" for our members to meet with Mark in a casual setting. Gatherings will be scheduled during the day, in the evening and on weekends to accommodate a variety of schedules. If you are willing to host a gathering, please contact Dixie at 474-3417, to arrange a date and time.

There will be at least two daytime gathering at the church to make it easier for those who are not comfortable driving at night. If you would like to attend one of these daytime events, please let Dixie know as soon as possible.



BROADWAY

CHRISTIAN CHURCH 

C A L E N D A R

Sunday, August 11

Blessing of the Backpacks

6:00 p.m. Youth Group Kick-Off

Thursday, August 15

6:00 p.m. Ensemble rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Odds 'N Ends Craft Group

Saturday, August 17

10:00 a.m. KinderParth

Sunday, August 18

Kindergarten Bible Presentations

Noon Youth Car Wash

12:15 p.m. Junior Youth Fellowship

3:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social & Cake Walk

3:30 p.m. Youth Mission Recap

Monday, August 19

6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer Group

7:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach Ministry

Tuesday, August 20

6:00 p.m. Property Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, August 21

6:00 p.m. Youth Game Night

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Monday, August 26

1:00 p.m. 60+ Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 27

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting



The Story of Turtles and Tigers and Curley Tails - And Prayer Shawls Too!

There are days, we all have them, when we need something warm, handmade, blessed and downright cute to comfort us. On those days, whether it's you or someone in our church family who needs a boost, CareLink can come to the rescue.

Years ago the Prayer Shawl Ministry was established for just such needs. That ministry became part of CareLink. These beautiful shawls, lap robes and throws are created by our own church family members. Then they're blessed before being delivered to those who need the warmth of the love of our church family wrapped around them. This ministry works both ways. First, it gives peace to the creators of the shawls and makes good use of extra yarn that they may have. Second, it gives a person who may feel anxious, lonely, or in poor health, a comforting reassurance that they are not forgotten. They are embraced by their church family who holds them in prayer.

Just two years ago, a new version of the Shawl Ministry came upon the scene--Hug Buddies! Belinda Davis showed up with whimsical creatures created by her own hands. These cheerful critters feature all colors of yarn, eyes, ears and most distinctively, TAILS. Now who could feel "down" for long when someone hands you something that makes you smile and even laugh! Now other crafters are trying their hands at creating these characters.

So who gets these shawls and critters, where are they, how can you make sure someone gets one

July 2019 Report

- ♥ Services provided: 158
- ♥ People served: 193
- ♥ Calls/emails: 313
- ♥ Volunteers serving: 72

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

CareLink Co-chairs

Patsy Dalton and Linda Poehlmann

when they need it? This is where you come in--take action. First, a display of shawls and animals are in the Narthex of the church, to the far left of the entrance to the sanctuary. There is a clipboard for you to write your name and who you are taking the item to. And there are CareLink cards attached to each item.

If you would rather have the shawl or critter delivered by a CareLink volunteer, call Linda Poehlmann at 234-1950 and she will make arrangements for delivery. We're always happy to make that delivery of joy and love and comfort.

Meanwhile, if you know of someone, young or old or anyone who just needs a beautiful reminder that we, their church family, loves them, stop by and "shop" for a shawl or Hug Buddy from the display. We can always make more to put in the display.

CareLink is for every family member of our church. Sometimes you are the one who can provide extra care or love and sometimes you are the one who may need that love.

Be A Part of the CareLink Ministry:

Just let Patsy Dalton (356-6036) or Linda Poehlmann (234-1950) know that you'd like to be a volunteer in one of 10 different CareLink ministries.

Spread the love, care and concern at a time when people really need it!

Vacation Bible School Was A ROARing Success!

Broadway's VBS ministry has a long tradition of excellence—and every year we wonder if this year will be as much fun as last year! Our 2019 VBS has set a new standard of excellence of our children and our adult and youth volunteers! More than 70 children participated, with older elementary kids going off-campus for explorations of farm life, caves, fishing and Boone County's famous Burr Oak. Our younger participants enjoyed a more traditional VBS experience—and everyone made it possible to donate more than \$900 to the Friends of Rock Bridge State Park!



Step Out With CROP Hunger Walk on September 15

In 2019, Church World Services will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the CROP Hunger Walk. Over those 50 years, millions of dollars have been raised to fight global hunger and assist local food ministries.

Columbia will celebrate 50 years of CROP with our annual Hunger Walk on Sunday, September 15. The Columbia CROP Walk is truly one of the most diverse gatherings of faith communities in our city, with representation from the Hindu community, Congregation Beth Shalom, the Islamic Center and many Catholic and Protestant congregations coming together to end hunger.



Don Harter will be at his recruiting post beginning Sunday, August 18. Look for him outside the Narthex doors each Sunday morning with information on how you can participate in CoMo CROP at Stephen's Lake Park. The Walk will begin at 2:00 p.m., but Broadway's

Mission and Outreach Ministry will provide a hot dog and chips lunch for walkers, beginning around 12:30 p.m.

Stop by Don's CROP table and learn how you help local and global efforts to mitigate hunger. Pick up a registration packet, and join us on September 15!

Work Of Our Hands Table Coming Soon!

The Work of Our Hands Table will arrive in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 8. With your help, the Table will funds many hygiene and school kits which will be shared around the world through Church World Services!

The Table will be filled with the work of many of Broadway's creative artists and crafters for four weeks. All items for sale at the Table are donated. Items are priced very reasonably, and all proceeds are used to purchase supplies for the Church World Services kits.

If you are handy with a needle, love to crochet, enjoy painting or make delicious cookies or breads—please consider donating your items to the Table. Contact Debby at 445.5312 for more information.

Mission & Outreach Goes Back to School This Fall

The beginning of a new school year means that Mission & Outreach Ministry (MOM) will begin its second year as a Partner in Education with the Center for Early Learning—North (CELN). CELN is the home for Title I preschools, the preschool Special Education classrooms and Parents As Teachers.

On August 8, MOM volunteers will provide breakfast for over 100 teachers and staff at CELN. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day; however, MOM will be doing other important projects to assist CELN staff throughout the academic year.

If you would like to be a part of our Partners in Education initiative, please contact a member of MOM or Debby at 445.5312.

By the Sea, By the Sea, By God's Beautiful Sea...

When God separated the Land from the waters, the Creator said, ‘it is good.’ And after completing all of Creation, humankind was charged by God to care for this beautiful Creation. And how’s that going lately—“not so good.”

Broadway Youth, along with adult volunteers, traveled to one God’s most fragile ecosystems—the Pacific Ocean at Monterey Bay, CA. They spent the week of July 29-August 3 learning about our ocean’s ecosystem and how our management of that incredible resource could be better.

The group helped with beach restoration and clean-up, and learned a lot—about the stewardship of our Earth and how we all play a part.



Continuing Recovery...

... Susan Burns, Joyce Godbee, Paul Meyer, Cheryl Moore, Laura Musick, Rhonda Sly, Brody Summerfield, Nancy Welty, Polly White.

Our Thoughts and Prayers...

... To Colleen and Randy Smith, family and friends, on the death of his brother, on July 16.
... To Eric and Jenny Lybeck-Brown, family and friends, on the death of his brother, on July 18.
... To Curt, Lindy, Carly and Brooke Kempf, on the passing of mother and grandmother, Wanda Slaughter, on July 10.
... To the family and friends of Judith Bodani, who passed away on June 21. A memorial service celebrating Judith's life will be held in the Broadway Sanctuary on Saturday, August 10, at 11:00 a.m.

Thanks Received...

... Your thoughtfulness, support, and letters were appreciated during our Mother, Wanda Slaughter's passing. Thank you.

Cindy (Tim) McGrail, Curt Kempf, Lindy Kempf

... Thank you for all the prayers and cards and well wishes for our son Austin during this time as he recovers from his accident. His spirits were really lifted many times just when he needed it! We are so blessed to be cared for and surrounded with so much love and kindness.

With much appreciation and gratitude, Todd, Debbie and Austin Rauch

Congratulations...

... To George and Shelley Fletcher, on the birth of grandson George Fletcher Kirby, on July 16. Little George was welcomed home by parents Mallorie and Will Kirby, and big brother William.

Celebrating August Birthdays

8/9 Robin Jones, Maggie Meade, Celia Quetsch, Judi Schoonover, Barb Wyss
8/10 Sandy Kinkead
8/11 Paula Hudspeth, John Humlicek, John Huntley, Ellie Zaner
8/12 Toni Keel
8/13 Linda Aulgur, Lindsey Naugle
8/14 Ellen Flottman, John Fischer, Terrell Stamps, Linda Wycoff
8/15 Adam Willard
8/18 Aaron Sapp, Nancy Welty
8/19 Terry Matheny, Jim Stallman
8/20 Karen Rawlings
8/21 Max Berends, Dorothy Grimes, Jack Miles, Norman White
8/22 Jessie Becker, Landon Crews, Mary Helen Horton
8/23 Jenny McGee, Janine Voelker, Harrison Wright
8/24 Brent Ghan
8/25 Robert Evans, Cheri Ghan, Dave Sleper, JoAnn Wait
8/26 Pamela White
8/28 Rhonny Sly, Tom Spurling, Ed Stansberry, Ed Varnum, Rick Wesley
8/29 Helen Black, Leonard Manson, Zachary Willmore
8/30 Mary Cunningham, Tahna Long, Nancy Martin, Jan Moore
8/31 Tom Brintnall, Bob Eichenberger, Joe O' Bannon

Celebrating September Birthdays

9/1 Cathy Griggs
9/2 Mary Humlicek, Debbie Rawlings, Terri Tatum, Violet Willard
9/3 Joseph Willmore
9/5 Ruth Akerson, Joyce Kidwiler
9/7 Jan Holden, Sam Wright
9/8 Linda Askren, Logan Howard
9/9 Cindy Garrett
9/10 Todd Rauch

BROADWAY BY THE NUMBERS

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Attendance: July 7, 2019

Rocheport Bluegrass (7.6.19)		52
Worship	Sunday School	
8:00	23	Nursery thru Pre K
9:00	89	K thru 5th grade
11:15	139	All God's Children
	251	6-12 grades
		Adults
		<u>34</u>
		68

Attendance July 21, 2019

	Worship	Sunday School	
8:00	28	Nursery thru Pre K	
9:00	103	K thru 5th grade	
11:15	<u>129</u>	All God's Children	
	260	6-12 grades	10
		Adults	40

Attendance: August 4, 2019

Rocheport Bluegrass (8.3.19)		72
Worship	Sunday School	
8:00	34	Nursery thru Pre K
9:00	98	K thru 5th grade
11:15	<u>158</u>	All God's Children
	290	6-12 grades
		Adults
		45

Attendance: July 14, 2019

Pentecost/Baptism Sunday

Worship	Sunday School	
8:00	26	Nursery thru Pre K
9:00	78	K thru 5th grade
11:15	<u>159</u>	All God's Children
	263	6-12 grades
		Adults
	<u>43</u>	
	65	

Attendance: July 28, 2019

Combined Worship/Annual Meeting

Worship	Sunday School	
8:00	31	Nursery thru Pre K
9:00	117	K thru 5th grade
11:15	<u>181</u>	All God's Children
	329	6-12 grades
		Adults
		<u>42</u>

BROADWAY FINANCIALS AS OF JULY 31, 2019

REVENUES OFFERING	Total Budgeted 2019-2020	Received	Percentage	Last Year's Numbers At This Time	Percentage
Pledged Giving	\$730,064.68	\$61,949.09	8.48%	\$68,075.05	8.97%
Unpledged Giving	\$108,726.98	\$2,641.90	2.43%	\$4,008.00	3.21%
Loose Offering	\$11,047.91	\$831.20	7.52%	\$910.52	9.11%
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$2.00			
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$27.99		\$14.02	
Current Yr Net Activity					
TOTAL	\$849,839.57	\$65,452.18	7.70%	\$73,007.59	8.17%

CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITY: **\$15,827.06**

EXPENSES	Total Budgeted 2019-2020	Expended	Percentage	Last Year's Numbers At This Time	Percentage
Staff Payroll	\$557,755.42	\$38,814.77	6.96%	\$50,932.45	8.50%
Administration	\$44,465.00	\$1,289.59	2.90%	\$2,008.12	4.28%
Children & Youth	\$14,584.50	-\$2,035.57	-13.96%	-\$3,027.33	-20.76%
Fellowship	\$1,350.00	\$74.90	5.55%	\$467.09	34.60%
Discipleship	\$720.00	\$80.42	11.17%	\$0.00	0.00%
Property	\$128,400.00	\$10,429.65	8.12%	\$9,363.72	7.59%
Mission & Outreach	\$84,983.96	\$363.49	0.43%	\$419.37	47.00%
Stewardship	\$630.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	0.00%
Worship	\$16,950.69	\$607.87	3.59%	\$1,045.60	6.02%
TOTAL	\$849,839.57	\$49,625.12	5.84%	\$61,209.02	6.85%

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