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Be A Part of Envisioning Broadway's Future

*And then God answered:
"Write this. Write what you
see. Write it out in big block
letters so that it can be read
on the run. This vision-
message is a witness pointing
to what's coming. It aches for
the coming – it can hardly
wait! And it doesn't lie. If it
seems slow in coming, wait.
It's on its way. It will come
right on time." - Habakkuk 2:2*

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The prophet Habakkuk only gains "*Minor Prophet*" status. It has nothing to do with favorable comparison to the Bible's Major Prophets other than the length of the prophecy. The twelve Minor Prophets in Scripture offer their prophecy in a convenient fourteen chapters or less. While shorter in length, the powerful punch of the above passage should be enough to get your passions pumping. We've got a Vision to write, Broadway, and we need you to join the party!

Here's the low-down:

- A representative group from the congregation have been meeting monthly since January to study, pray, discern, discuss, and follow God's prompting on a new vision for our congregation. Team members include: *Ed Stansberry (co-lead), Deb Ward (co-lead), Colleen Colaner, Kristen Crews, Darren Day, Roger Fisher, Brent Ghan, Allison Hall, Patricia Marchack, Phil Schoo,*



The Broadway Vision in 1958...What Is It in 2020?

Sandy Stallman, and Karen Weaver. This dedicated group covets your ongoing prayers.

- Completing a recent SWOT Analysis, the Vision Team crafted five key-questions in response to that process to seek input from the congregation. They are as follows...

- o 1. What connects you to Broadway? What might deepen that connection?
- o 2. What is the soul of Broadway Christian Church? Who are we at our core?
- o 3. If Broadway was starting over as a church today, what is the first thing you would suggest to be our starting focus? What would you *NOT* do if we were starting over?
- o 4. Our denomination (*and Broadway specifically*) values diversity in every sense of the word including a broad welcome to all people. Do we currently represent this value well? If so, how? If not, how might we do so moving forward?
5. How is Broadway positioned to appeal and connect with the modern world?
How might we anticipate/facilitate issues of the day?
BONUS: What does Love require of Broadway moving into our next chapter?

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"It's COVID Complicated" has become a catch phrase. As if we didn't have enough complications in our lives without a pandemic to maneuver, COVID truly magnifies our daily challenges. There's a weariness with the whole thing and I'm hearing that from you more and more. Previous daily activities that were a given are now laced with new restrictions and considerations. We're isolating ourselves to keep the vulnerable, and ourselves, healthy even as we know isolation has significant detriments to our health too. Author Donald Miller notes, "When we don't believe we are good or lovable, we isolate." While such is not the reason we are isolating these days, it's not a great leap to wonder if the inverse is true: Does isolation lead us to believe we are not good or not lovable?

The implications of this pandemic are far reaching and we may be years from knowing the extent to which society has changed because of it. What I long for, as a church family, is that we remain about the loving work of encouraging kindness, non-judgmental love, and liberating justice that Jesus readily demonstrated. "I believe God is a fan of people connecting and I think the enemy of God is a fan of people breaking off into paranoid tribes," Miller writes. How are you staying connected... to your family, to your friends, to your church, to your neighborhood? Could we be among the unifiers – the ones who won't let divisions dominate our relationships but create life-giving partnerships instead? I'm all in for that! You?

This is the time of year we typically get re-focused from the wind-down of summer break and the wind-up of a new school year. For non-students, the rhythm of this season still holds a similar vibe. At church, we



launch Fall programming and encourage people to re-focus, re-engage, and re-align our spirits with the new season. So much of that reality is COVID complicated this year and we're wondering if we'll miss out on these unifying opportunities. The answer? We don't have to.

Worship 'on the hill' on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. has been lovely. With more than enough room to socially distance from start to finish, many of our folks are finding the joyous rhythm of being in a common place for a safe, unifying experience. Our Virtual VBS is happening as this publication is being sent your way, with families plugging in simultaneously to experience some of the "Greatest Hits" of VBS past. COVID complicated? Sure. Unified, nonetheless, in joyous connection. Our Vision Team has begun virtual conversations with established church groups and open forums to dream our church into 2021. It's complicated but God is forming a common thread through this process that will make us stronger than ever before.

I'm eleven months into my time with you in ministry at Broadway. Is it what I imagined it would be? Not exactly. It's COVID complicated. I'm resolved, however, to be a connector and I invite you to join me in that effort. If you've been high-centered, lean forward and join us. You are good. You are lovable. And... the best is yet to come!

Share Your Broadway Vision This Month

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- Vision Team members are committed to leading ZOOM conversations with groups they are already associated with to engage these questions. Those ZOOM Chats are being scheduled even now. If you are a part of a group that has interest in fielding these questions together and have yet to hear from a Vision Team member, please send your request to one of the above team members. If you'd like to personally answer each question and submit to one of our Team Co-leaders, please do so.
- Two OPEN Zoom Chats are scheduled, intended for Broadway members and participants who won't otherwise participate in a conversation with an existing group. Those two chats are scheduled for...

o **Sunday, August 16 @ 2:00 PM** or...

o **Thursday, August 20 @ 6:30 PM**

Please RSVP to Ingrid Luckenbill at iluckenbill@broadwaychristian.net, identifying which open chat you plan to attend and a ZOOM link will be sent to you prior to the date.



Vision 1958 Bears Fruit

All information gleaned from these chats will be synthesized by the Vision Team and help shape the growing Vision. The goal outcome of this process is to identify a clear understanding of the Broadway soul... to name clearly our identity and purpose, trusting the action (*Mission*) to unfold out of our clarified identity (*Vision*). The time is now. The future is bright! Let's write it down, Broadway, in BIG letters so it can be read on the run. It's on its way. It'll come right on time!



Come meet the New
AGC Coordinator
Crystal Harrison



We can't mask our
excitement
to welcome you to
the AGC Mask Parade!

AGC Coordinator
Crystal Harrison in a
Mask



Please join us for a Mask Parade through the Broadway Christian Church Parking lot on August 9th from 3:00-3:30 PM. Join in the fun as we show off our masks and greet one another from a safe distance. Enjoy our festive activities before taking home an AGC gift!

Try Not to Get Worried (With Thanks to "Jesus Christ Superstar")....



Ministries Can Calm Some of Those Worries!

These days it's especially hard not to worry. We feel isolated, unable to be with the people we love and enjoy. We all have our list of worries. But as Christians, we are assured that we can turn to God for strength and guidance, even during the most worrisome times.

Here at Broadway Christian Church, we also deal with worries by calling CareLink. CareLink offers 10 ministries designed to meet the needs of our own church family. And CareLink volunteers are eager to offer these services every month.

It starts with a phone call or notification to the church that you or someone in else in our church could use some assistance. Of course, our ministers are the first to respond, but CareLink is there too.

Especially now, it is difficult for us to be together and to stay in touch. In fact, some of the CareLink ministries cannot function right now due to the virus, like care center visits and flower deliveries. But you can still call on these CareLink ministries to help:

Cards - Let Card Ministry Chair Carole Braun, 446-4369, or the church office, know if there is someone whose worries could be lessened if they received loving, strengthening cards.

Calls of Concern - A phone call from a CareLink volunteer can help with that feeling of isolation, especially after an illness or loss of a loved one. But a call is a good idea anytime. Just let Ethel Okker, Chair of Calls of Concern, 449-9124, know if you would like calls.

Casserole Ministry - This ministry can address meal needs if that is a worry. Just contact Joyce Harter, at

June 2020 Report

- ♥ Services provided: 295
- ♥ People served: 172
- ♥ Calls/emails: 268
- ♥ Volunteers serving: 140

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

CareLink Co-chairs

Patsy Dalton and Linda Poehlmann

July 2020 Report

- ♥ Services provided: 233
- ♥ People served: 111
- ♥ Calls/emails: 248
- ♥ Volunteers serving: 140

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

CareLink Co-chairs

Patsy Dalton and Linda Poehlmann

881-8544, and she will try to help. (Right now we are not delivering casseroles but instead are offering meal cards as needed.)

Handy Helpers - John Poehlmann's (999-7522) team of volunteers is ready to help with needs to repair, assist and improve things around the house.

Shawl Ministry - Call Dixie Lenau, 445-2431, to receive a shawl, specially created to warm and assure you that you are loved by your church family.

Our Bereavement Ministry, chaired by Dixie Fisher, is available to help with funeral meals when needed (474-3417.) Another CareLink outreach, the Caregiver Support Group, is meeting by ZOOM. If you would like to join Caregivers, just call Patsy Dalton at 356-6036.

From Our Chairs...

Card Ministry Chair Carole Braun: "I am impressed with how responsive the team has been during COVID. It's more important now than ever to keep in touch with each other when many of us are so isolated. The team has been excellent in doing just that and continues to send cards on a regular basis and bring needs to our attention as a family. Some members have mentioned that writing cards is also therapeutic for them as they reach out to comfort others."

A Different Kind of Kick-Off —Outside!

Like most things in COVID World, our traditional Kick-Off Sunday will look a little different this year. But we could not let the beginning of the new school year go by without an opportunity for Broadway's students to receive their Backpack Blessing on August 23!

During the afternoon of Sunday, August 23 (time will be announced), our students and families are invited to the Narthex covered drive for a "drive through" Backpack Blessing! Everyone will stay in their vehicles (remember the Palm Processional?) and receive a start-of-school Backpack Blessing from Pastor Mark.



And don't forget our long-standing Ice Cream Social! And, things will be different this year. But Fellowship Ministry will be on hand with ice cream sandwiches for each student and their family to take home and enjoy.

We all miss the Broadway traditions of past years. With a little creative thinking and flexibility, we can still

extend a blessing to all for a good start to a very different school year. We look forward to seeing many of our Broadway families on August 23!

Note: If the first day of school is moved, please check the Broadway Weekly for updates.

Run, Walk, Ride or Roll for Central America Hunger

The countries of Central America, particularly El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, are experiencing dual crises—COVID and hunger. While area congregations and their supporters have provided 2.5 million meals as of late July to those in need, more will be needed as the pandemic continues.



You can help by joining in for a September 7 (Labor day) Run for Central America. You can do your own 10K, join with friends to do a relay, or other options. There is a \$45 registration fee, and participants can use the event to raise additional funds to ease the crisis. For more information, contact David McGee, dmcgee@enlace.link.

Ronald McDonald House Meals Adjust In Response to COVID

Broadway's Ronald McDonald House meal team has provided meals for families on the third Saturday of each month for many years. However, the House has restricted access to the House due to COVID, making it difficult to provide anything except a restaurant meal delivered to the House.

Because of this change, our team will temporarily suspend its operation. At the end of the year, our coordinator Debbie Henderson will take another look at restrictions, and possibly begin asking for meal volunteers for a 2021 schedule.

We do have good news! Like any MOM, our Mission & Outreach Ministry had a bit of extra funding available for Ronald McDonald House meals. Broadway was blessed to send a check for \$2000 to the House, which will provide several months of meals for families at the House!

Continuing Recovery...

... Jana Day, Gay Gage, Maurice Gebhardt, Bob Klein, Alice Jane Lanier, Neal Miller, Mary Regan, Jim Thorne, Ceresa Ward, Phil Weedon, Polly White.

Our Thoughts and Prayers...

.... to Gina and Doug Muzzy, on the unexpected passing of Gina's brother, Jeff, on August 2.

... to long-time Broadway members Judy Saliger and Katie Saliger Hamby, on the passing of husband and father Bill Saliger on July 30.

... to Mary Cunningham and family, on the passing of Mary's mother.

... to the family and friends of Lee Boyle, who passed away on July 19, at the age of 96.

... to Randy, Cyd, David and Melissa Coil, on the passing of Randy's father, Bill, on July 9.

Thanks Received...

...Thank you for the scholarship funds. Not only do I appreciate the monetary support at this time, I treasure the support you've given me and my family from the first moment you knew I existed on the other side of the world!

Riley Kerns

Celebrating August Birthdays....

- 8/2 Mary Ford, Jane Johnson, Jan Varnum
- 8/3 Rick Frost, Rachel Howard, Cecelia Kersey, Bob Taylor
- 8/4 Vanessa Horner, Charlie Thomas
- 8/5 Sarah Thomas
- 8/7 Sara Miller, Jean Morrow, Lynelle Phillips, Bill Ryan
- 8/8 Kevan Whitsitt, Shirley Williams
- 8/9 Robin Jones, Judi Schoonover, Barb Wyss
- 8/10 Sandy Kinkead, Corbin Marchack,

- 8/11 Paula Hudspeth, John Humlicek, John Huntley, Arlin Otto, Ellie Zaner
- 8/13 Linda Augur, Lindsey Naugle
- 8/14 John Fischer, Ellen Flottman, Terrell Stamps, Linda Wycoff
- 8/15 Emmett Otto, Adam Willard
- 8/16 Scott Griffith
- 8/18 Aaron Sapp, Nancy Welty
- 8/19 Terry Matheny, Stuart Smith, Jim Stallman
- 8/20 Karen Rawlings
- 8/21 Max Berends, Tory Flaherty, Dorthy 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, Jo Ann Waite, Chuck Watts
- 8/26 Shelly Forbis, RC Higgins, Pamela White
- 8/27 Ted Wilmore
- 8/28 Tom Spurling, Ed Stansberry, Ed Varnum, Rick Wesley
- 8/29 Helen Black, Leo Manson, Zachary Wilmore
- 8/30 Mary Cunningham, Tahna Long, Nancy Martin, Jan Moore
- 8/31 Tom Brintnall, Bob Eichenberger

Celebrating September Birthdays

- 9/1 Cathy Griggs
- 9/2 Mary Humlicek, Debbie Rawlings, Terri Tatum, Violet Willard
- 9/3 Joseph Wilmore
- 9/5 Joyce Kidwiler

Attendance: July 5, 2020
One Worship Service at 10:30 AM
in Outdoor Worship Area 71

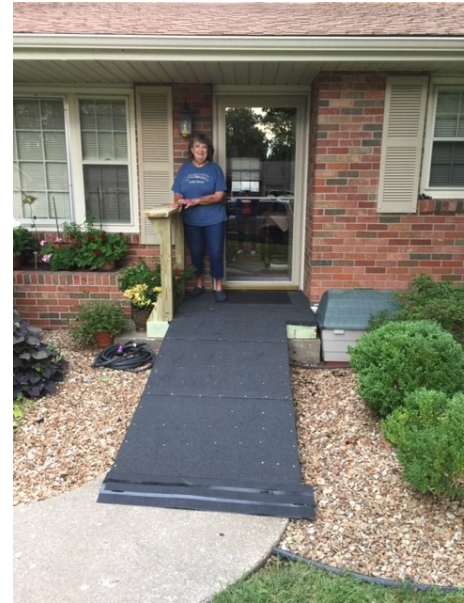
Attendance: July 12, 2020
One Worship Service at 10:30 AM
in Outdoor Worship Area 86

Attendance: July 19, 2020
One Worship Service at 10:30 AM
in Outdoor Worship Area 81

Attendance: July 26, 2020
One Worship Service at 10:30 AM
in Outdoor Worship Area 101

A "Handy" Ramp

At right, Broadway member Jean Morrow stands at the apex of a newly constructed ramp, designed to give Jean easier access to her front door. Thanks to the Handy Helpers crew of John Poehlmann, Wayne Dykstra and Don Day (who had all worked on a very hot and humid Habitat Build a week earlier) built the ramp in about a day. When we seek a definition of the Broadway Spirit—Jean's smile says it all!



BROADWAY FINANCIALS AS OF JULY 31, 2020

REVENUES	Total Budgeted 2020-2021	Received	Percentage
OFFERING			
Pledged Giving	\$805,407.65	\$82,888.19	10.29%
Unpledged Giving	\$106,530.27	\$1,585.00	1.49%
Loose Offering	\$12,667.09	\$30.00	24.00%
Sunday School	\$0.00		
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.92	
Current Yr Net Activity			
TOTAL	\$924,605.01	\$84,504.11	9.14%

Last Year's Numbers At This Time	Percentage
\$61,949.09	8.48%
\$2,641.90	2.43%
\$831.20	7.52%
\$2.00	
\$27.99	
\$65,452.18	7.70%

CURRENT YEAR ACTIVITY: \$22,422.81

EXPENSES	Total Budgeted 2020-2021	Expended	Percentage
Staff Payroll	\$615,386.52	\$48,153.36	7.82%
Administration	\$46,935.00	\$2,891.72	6.16%
Children & Youth	\$16,050.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Fellowship	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Discipleship	\$750.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Property	\$131,500.00	\$10,049.94	7.64%
Mission & Outreach	\$92,460.49	\$451.28	0.49%
Stewardship	\$630.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Worship	\$19,093.00	\$535.00	2.80%
TOTAL	\$924,605.01	\$62,081.30	6.70%

Last Year's Numbers At This Time	Percentage
\$38,814.77	6.96%
\$1,289.59	2.90%
-\$2,035.57	-13.96%
\$74.90	5.55%
\$80.42	11.17%
\$10,429.65	8.12%
\$363.49	0.43%
\$0.00	0.00%
\$607.87	3.59%
\$49,625.12	5.84%



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