



The Broadway Life

APRIL/MAY 2025

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT BROADWAY

JOURNEY TOGETHER AT BROADWAY

Holy Week is a sacred time to walk alongside Jesus, from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the cross and ultimately, the joy of the resurrection. We invite you to join us for worship and reflection as we move through this powerful season together.

April 13 – Palm Sunday | “Were You There on the Donkey?”

Holy Week begins as we wave palms and remember Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. This service sets the tone for the week, reminding us of both celebration and the journey ahead.

April 17 – Maundy Thursday | Commemoration of the Last Supper at 7:00 pm

Gather as we remember the night Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples, washed their feet, and gave the commandment to love one another. This intimate service invites us to reflect on Christ's deep love and sacrifice.

April 18 – Good Friday | “Seven Last Words” at 7:00 pm

In a powerful service, we will reflect on Jesus' final words from the cross. Join us as some of our beloved church leaders share reflections on of preachers for Good Friday:

Rev. David Holmes – "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." – Luke 23:34

Rev. Dr. Chelease Parks – "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." – Luke 23:43

Rev. Dr. Ed Varnum – "Woman, here is your son." – John 19:26-27

Rev. Kim Gage Ryan – "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" – Matthew 27:46 / Mark 15:34

Rev. Jay Dudley – "I thirst." – John 19:28

Rev. Rick Frost – "It is finished." – John 19:30

Rev. Martha Jolly – "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." – Luke 23:46

April 20 – Easter Sunday | “Were You There at the Tomb?”

Christ is risen! Join us in celebrating the resurrection and the promise of new life with services at 8:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am.

We hope you will journey with us through this sacred week, embracing the sorrow, the hope, and the ultimate joy of Easter morning.



INSIGHT & INSPIRATION

LEAD PASTOR SARAH TAYLOR PECK



Dear Broadway Family,

As we continue our journey together in faith, I am reminded of the encouraging words from **1 Thessalonians 5:11**: *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* I want to thank each of you for your ongoing love, support, and commitment to one another and to God's work in our church. The spirit of encouragement and unity here at Broadway Christian Church continues to inspire me, and I am blessed to witness the way you all build up this community.

As we move into spring, I'm excited to share about our **Pastor's Class of 2025**. It's been a joy to work with seven of our youth and their mentors through a curriculum I created, exploring the Bible, mapping the Gospels, learning how to preside at the communion table, and preparing for a pastoral care visit with one of our oldest members, Hilda, who turns 100 this month. We're also looking forward to attending a Shabbat service at the Columbia Synagogue later this month, where we'll learn from the rabbi and deepen our understanding of

the Torah. **Baptism Day is coming up on May 18th during the 9am service** and we can't wait to celebrate with our Pastor's Class students as they take this important step in their faith journey.

We also have our Good Friday service on April 18th at 7pm, where we'll hear from some of our beloved church leaders as they share reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ.

On May 4th, don't miss the All Means All service, led by our youth, and Baby and Children's Dedication Sunday on Mother's Day during the 9am service. We are truly blessed to witness these special moments in the life of our church.

Thank you for your continued support, love, and participation in all that God is doing in and through us. I am praying for each of you and look forward to seeing you in worship.

Blessings,
Rev. Dr. Sarah Taylor Peck
Lead Pastor, Broadway Christian Church

CARELINK IS HERE TO HELP

CareLink has been here to care for our own church family. There are many volunteers that help in the 12 different ministries of the group but we can also use your helping hands too. There are cards to write, flowers to arrange and deliver, shawls to create and bless, food for friends in need, and more.

If you can help with any of the CareLink ministries above, contact Patsy Dalton, (daltonsinc@aol.com, 573-356-6036) or Linda Poehlmann, (lpoehlmann123@gmail.com, 573-999-2675.)

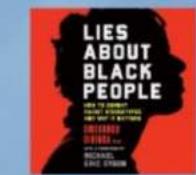


GET INVOLVED WITH M.O.M



YOU'RE INVITED TO: COMBATTING STEREOTYPES

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE LOFT
AT BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FROM 6:30-8:00PM.



BASED ON THE BOOK,
LIES ABOUT BLACK
PEOPLE AND WEB
RESOURCES ON MYTHS
ABOUT ISLAM

10
APR. 2025

INTRODUCTION,
DO BLACK PEOPLE
FEEL PAIN

15
MAY. 2025

ISLAM
MISTREATS
WOMEN

24
APR. 2025

AREN'T BLACK PEOPLE
LIKELY TO BE
CRIMINALS AND ISLAM
PROMOTES JIHAD

22
MAY. 2025

ISLAM REJECTS
JESUS, LIES THE
MEDIA TOLD US

01
MAY. 2025

THE LIES BEHIND
BLACK LIVES MATTER
AND ISLAM IS AN
INTOLERANT RELIGION

29
MAY. 2025

THE WHITE
PRIVILEGE CARD

08
MAY. 2025

CRITICAL
RACE THEORY

05
JUN. 2025

AFTER ALL WE HAVE
LEARNED, WHAT
SHOULD WE DO NEXT?

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE BY
CONTACTING DON DAY: DAYDR2023@gmail.com

An Opportunity to Provide Food
During This Season for
Those Who Need it Most



Mobile Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 23 3pm-6pm
Broadway Christian Church parking lot

[Click Here to Sign-up](#)

to help set up the site and distribute food.

Contact Linda Smith at linda.k.smith1954@gmail.com

BROADWAY CHRISTIAN'S MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES THIS SPRING BY JOHN POEHLMANN, CHAIR

The **Mission and Outreach Ministry (M.O.M)** team thanks everyone who touched the **Habitat for Humanity Garage Sale** and helped make it the success it was. We have raised over \$30,000 to date and our teamwork may provide 25% of the cost for a neighbor's home. It will be the catalyst for volunteers to make someone's dream of home ownership within their grasp. The over 150 volunteers were dedicated and strong. The food was great, fellowship was heart-warming, sweat and prayers all made it such a worthwhile effort. Few places does the **Broad Reach** of Broadway manifest itself as when our community partners with us and Habitat for Humanity in this way.

Another great way for our faith communities to work together is through the **FORCOLUMBIA** program on April 26 where improvements in our shared communities are made for the betterment of everyone. This year we will have an intergenerational team, *Broad Reach*. [Please sign up to join us!](#)

Have you ever wondered if your view of others doesn't offer them reality? Race Onward's **Combatting Stereotypes** series will be held twice monthly with inter-racial and inter-faith discussions addressing common misbeliefs including racial tendencies, critical race theory, Islam, Islam & Jesus, white privilege and more. Gatherings and discussions are in the Broadway Loft from **6:30-8:00 pm** **beginning April 10.**

April 23 and May 28 will be the next two **Mobile Food Pantry** events in the east parking lot of our church. Your helping hands are needed and there is no need for special training, just a disposition to give food to those asking for some.

Please join us for any and all events. Our next committee meeting will be April 21 at 7:00 pm.

CARE AND INCLUSION

INCLUSION CORNER

BY CHUCK WATTS

Life has a way of humbling us all. We come into this world dependent on others, and many of us will face challenges along the way-some temporary, others lifelong. The truth is, up to 40% of people will experience some form of disability during their lifetime. Some of us have life-altering events that reshape our entire existence. But if Jesus taught us anything, it's that all people are worthy of love and belonging, no matter their circumstances.

In 2016, I joined that 40% when a debilitating accident left me partially paralyzed and reliant on a wheelchair. My life was changed forever.

Through my darkest times, it was the people of Broadway Christian Church - Nick, Terry, Tim, Mark, Karen, and so many others - who lifted me up. Before I was even a member of the church, their visits, their cards, their flowers, and the love blanket from church members were more than just kind gestures. They were reinforcements of faith, of the community, of the unwavering belief that no one is ever truly alone.

Adjusting to this new reality was overwhelming, and among the many challenges I faced was the question of whether I could attend church in a wheelchair. I wasn't sure I could do it. Pastor Terry Overfelt took that concern to heart. Terry met me at Broadway Christian Church on a quiet weekday, and we were able to practice getting into the church, into the sanctuary, and where to sit. Even with this support, I was hesitant about how people would react to me being in a wheelchair.

What I found was something remarkable - there was no hypocrisy here. **This church didn't just speak of inclusion; it lived it.** Broadway Christian Church embodies a spirit where every ability flourishes. The



warmth, acceptance, and support proved that faith is not just about words but about action.

Through remarkable outreach and community efforts, Broadway ensures that everyone, regardless of ability, is embraced and uplifted. And while we have already accomplished so much, we can always do even better. Many thanks and congratulations to a church that doesn't just welcome people with challenges but truly celebrates them.

Because here, every ability should, and can, flourish together.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for community Easter fun!

Saturday, April 12, 2025

1:00 PM

Raindate: Sunday, April 13, 1 PM

2601 West Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203

Hot Dogs, Candy, Prizes & More

Broadway
CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CELEBRATING FAITH AND FAMILY AT BROADWAY!

Spring and summer are bringing joy, celebration, and connection to Broadway Christian Church! We're excited to invite you into a season full of meaningful milestones and family fun.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 12 at 1:00 pm

Join us for our community Easter Egg Hunt—fun for the whole family! Come celebrate the joy of the season with laughter, treats, and a little friendly competition.

Pizza & Putt Putt - April 17 at 6:00 pm

Broadway high schoolers will gather for fun, fellowship, pizza, and putt putt on Thursday, April 17. Pizza will be at Broadway and the group will travel to Midway Golf & Games by 7:00 pm. [Contact Chelease](#) to RSVP.

Youth Sunday & Senior Recognition – May 4 at 10:00 am

Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition during our All Means All worship service. This special service is a gift to our community, as our incredible youth lead us in worship with their voices, talents, and hearts. We will also honor our graduating seniors, celebrating who they are and all they've accomplished. Don't miss this joyful, spirit-filled morning!

Children's Dedication – May 11 at 9:00 am

We are thrilled to hold our Baby & Children's Dedication on Mother's Day during the 9:00 a.m. service. This year, we're welcoming children up to 1st grade for dedication, as we catch up from the years missed during the pandemic. It's a special time for families to commit to raising their children in faith and for us to surround them with love and support.

Baptism Sunday – May 18 at 9:00 am

The following Sunday, we'll celebrate Baptism Sunday at the RISE service. This is a sacred time of

new beginnings, where individuals publicly affirm their faith and step into life with Christ. These special youth have walked a journey with their mentors with our Pastor's Class and are ready for this momentous day.

Wednesday Family Fun Nights – Dates TBA

Mark your calendars for family-focused fun nights coming in May, June, and July! These midweek events are just for fun and community building—no pressure, just joy.

- May (TBA) – Parents vs. Kids Sports Night
- June (TBA) – Family Game Night Mixer
- July (TBA) – Family Movie Night
- All ages are welcome, and friends are encouraged to join the fun!

Vacation Bible School – July 14–18

VBS 2025—a week of excitement, faith-building, and friendship! Registration is \$30 per child and there is optional aftercare until 4 pm.

This year's theme is **“What a Mess!”** And the good news is—Jesus loves messy people! Whether you're 5, 45, or 105, we all have our own messes. This VBS will help us explore how Jesus responds to our sins, mistakes, and weaknesses with grace and love.

Throughout the week, we'll explore big questions like:

- Why is the world such a messy place?
- How does Jesus respond to our messiest moments?
- How should we respond to our messes?
- What does Jesus do about our messes?
- What about other people's messes?

And while we dig into these deep truths, we'll also be having tons of messy fun—with games, snacks, crafts, and more that are delightfully, creatively messy in all the best ways! [Register at this link.](#)

BROADWAY NEWS FOR YOU

GRATITUDE FOR OUR NEW LEADERS

We are excited to announce the new slate of officers for Broadway Christian Church! We are deeply grateful for each individual who has said “yes” to serving in leadership this year. Your willingness to offer your time, energy, and gifts helps sustain and grow the life and mission of our church.

To all who have stepped into these roles — thank you. Your leadership matters, and we look forward to the ways God will continue to move through your service. And to those who have faithfully served in the past, we offer our heartfelt thanks for your dedication and care.

Together, we continue building a vibrant, faithful community where all are welcome and love leads.

Slate of Officers, Elders & Deacons July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Board Members

*denotes Executive Committee Member

Chair* Melanie Karrick (term ending 6/30/26)

Vice-Chair* Scott Gray (terms begins 7/1/2025)

Treasurer* Debbie Henderson (term began 7/1/2023)

Secretary* Carla Espy (term began 7/1/2022)

Financial Secretary Robin Perso (term begins 7/1/2025)

Elder Chair* Eric Lybeck-Brown (term ending 6/30/26)

Elder Vice-Chair (term begins 07/01/25)

Deacon Chair* Dan Miller (term ending 6/30/26)

Deacon Vice-Chair (term begins 07/01/25)

Personnel Chair* Adrienne Black (term began 07/01/24)

Ministry Area Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Worship:

Mission & Outreach: Stuart Smith, Chair (term begins 7/1/25) , Vice-Chair (term begins 7/1/25)

Children/Youth: Mike Crews, (Youth), Chair (term began 7/1/22)

Barb Stephenson (Children), Vice-Chair (term began 7/1/2023)

Discipleship: Martha Jolly, (Adult Ed & Small Groups), (term began 7/1/22)

CareLink: Patsy Dalton/Linda Poehlmann, (term began 7/1/19)

Fellowship:

Resource: Ken Askren (Perm Funds, Chair* (term began 7/1/23)

Todd Rauch (Property), Chair (term begins 7/1/25)

Service Representatives:

8am Daybreak Service- Carol Sulltrop, (term began 7/1/2024), Keith or Jane Boles (term begins 7/1/2025)

9am Rise Service- Bob Whittet (term begins 7/1/2025), Kristen Crews (term begins 7/1/2025)

11am Abide Service- Chuck Watts, (term began 7/1/2024), John Cassels (term begins 7/1/2025)

All Means All Service- Patsy Dalton (term begins 7/1/2025)

BROADWAY NEWS FOR YOU

BROADWAY & FCC COLUMBIA PARTNER TO HOST BE THE NEIGHBOR: A WEEK OF DISABILITY INCLUSION AND ADVOCACY

We are excited to share that Broadway Christian Church is partnering with First Christian Church of Columbia to serve as a host site for **Be the Neighbor** in Summer 2025! This inspiring opportunity stems from our Youth Group's transformative participation in Be the Neighbor in Kansas City last year. That trip sparked a vision—and now we are thrilled to bring that energy and impact home to Columbia.

This summer, Be the Neighbor will offer **Disability Justice, Advocacy, and Inclusion weeks in Columbia, Missouri**. These immersive experiences invite middle school, high school, college students, and adults to explore disability through a justice-focused and faith-rooted lens.

Participants will dive deep into topics that matter:

- How the church can better serve and welcome people with disabilities.
- The intersections of disability with race, gender, and class.
- How to advocate for systemic change in both faith communities and the public sphere.

Throughout the week, participants will learn from scholars, disability justice leaders, and individuals living with disabilities. They'll engage in hands-on service, attend local advocacy events, and reflect on how to dismantle ableism and foster true belonging. Two Columbia-based trip weeks have already filled up—**June 15–20 and June 22–27, 2025**—highlighting the growing interest in this powerful ministry.

What does it mean for Broadway? As a host site alongside FCC, we are offering our space, our hospitality, and our heart for justice. We are also committing to learning, listening, and growing as we



walk with others on the path toward a more inclusive church and world. Broadway's youth will be engaging in the evening advocacy work

with the groups from Kansas City and North Carolina.

Be the Neighbor's mission is deeply aligned with Broadway's values of compassion, inclusion, and transformative ministry. Together, we believe we can be part of a movement that changes lives—starting right here in our own community.

Stay tuned for ways you can support this ministry and learn more. And as always, thank you for being a **church that leads with love**.





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