



The Broadway Life

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A NEW CHAPTER FOR OUR GYM

A VISION FOR MINISTRY, COMMUNITY & STEWARDSHIP

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Our gym has served Broadway for more than 25 years. Now, we have an opportunity to renew this space and expand how it serves our congregation and the Columbia community.

This vision is about more than repairing an aging floor. It is about creating a welcoming, flexible space for recreation, connection, ministry, and community life for generations to come.

WHY RENOVATE NOW?

Built in 1999, our gym is showing its age. Recent assessments identified several concerns:

- **Flooring:** Original floor is beyond its expected lifespan, with uneven areas and dead spots that limit safe athletic use.
- **Lighting:** Outdated fluorescent fixtures, dead bulbs, and insufficient brightness.
- **Equipment:** Limited basketball goals, no modern scoreboards, and inadequate infrastructure for multiple activities.
- **Flexibility:** Current layout limits athletic and community uses.
- **Financial sustainability:** The gym generates little rental income while continuing to incur

operating expenses.

The good news: The building itself remains in excellent condition. We already have a valuable resource. This renovation would help us use it more fully.

THE VISION: A GYM THAT OPENS DOORS

Imagine a renovated gym serving Broadway and Columbia throughout the week.

A Place for Young People to Thrive

Youth basketball and volleyball, recreational leagues, tournaments, mentorship, and character development.

A Place for Adults to Connect

Pickleball, recreational sports, physical wellness, and friendships across generations.

A Place for Community and Hospitality

Local organizations, families, events, and gatherings that welcome new people to Broadway.

This vision reflects



Broadway's values:

- **Broad Hearts:** Welcome people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.
- **Broad Minds:** Embrace new ways to connect, serve, and grow.
- **Broad Reach:** Extend our ministry beyond Sunday mornings and our congregation.

This is not about becoming a sports club. It is about recognizing that ministry happens wherever people

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gather, relationships grow, and hospitality is shared.

WHAT IS THE VISION?

PHASE 1: THE FOUNDATION

- Install a new, full-gym SportCourt athletic floor.
- Add markings for:
 - One full-size basketball court.
 - Two side-by-side basketball courts.
 - One full-size volleyball court.
 - Two side-by-side volleyball courts.
 - Three pickleball courts.
- Replace fluorescent lighting with energy-efficient LEDs.
- Repair and inspect existing basketball goals.
- Install motorized divider curtain to allow simultaneous activities.
- Make modest improvements to the parent lounge and security systems.

Target completion January 29, 2027

Goal: Create a safe, attractive, flexible facility that can welcome more users and generate rental income.

PHASE 2: EXPANDED RECREATION & EVENTS

- Install four additional wall-mounted basketball goals.
- Add protective wall padding.
- Install two electronic scoreboards.
- Purchase four portable aluminum spectator stands.

Goal: Expand capacity for leagues, tournaments, basketball programming, and community events.

THE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: MORE THAN RENTAL SPACE

A renovated gym creates opportunities for a Broadway Sports Ministry, bringing people together through friendship, teamwork,

encouragement, and service.

Potential programming includes:

- Youth basketball and volleyball clubs.
- Recreation pickleball and adult sports.
- Open-gym opportunities.
- Family activities and community events.
- Faith-based sports programming.
- Partnerships with local organizations.



A Potential Upward Volleyball League
Partnering with Upward Sports could bring a recreational volleyball league to Columbia. Upward is a Christian youth sports organization emphasizing healthy competition, character development, equal playing time, and faith formation.

A Broadway league will:

- Expand recreational volleyball opportunities for children and families.
- Welcome families to Broadway multiple times each week.
- Equip coaches and volunteers to mentor young athletes.
- Include brief, age-appropriate devotions.
- Build relationships and create natural invitations to worship.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: INVESTING IN WHAT WE ALREADY OWN

The renovation is intended to strengthen both our ministry and the long-term financial sustainability of our facilities.

The Current Situation

- Approximately \$1,200 in rental income during November 2025–July 2026.
- Estimated annual operating expenses of \$11,045, including utilities, maintenance, insurance, contingency, and scheduling software.
- The gym currently operates at a financial deficit.

The Projected Opportunity

- Approximately \$50 per hour in rental income.
- Potential annual net revenue increase of \$27,000–\$38,000.
- Additional possibilities through leagues, tournaments, concessions, and programming.
- Projected energy savings through LED lighting.

These are projections, not guaranteed income. Actual results will depend on rental demand, scheduling, operating expenses, and successful programming.

How Would It Be Funded?

The call is for a combination of:

- Gifts from interested Broadway members.
- Designated contributions and potential naming opportunities.
- Grants from church, sports, and community-focused foundations.
- Potential temporary use of church funds, with fundraising intended to reimburse the church's contribution.

Our annual stewardship campaign comes first. Gym fundraising will be coordinated with the

stewardship team to ensure it does not compete with or diminish regular commitments to Broadway's overall ministry.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why renovate instead of simply maintaining the gym?

The floor is beyond its expected lifespan, and continued maintenance will not resolve its underlying limitations. Renovation addresses existing concerns while creating new ministry and revenue opportunities.

Why replace the entire floor?

A full-floor renovation allows multiple sports, simultaneous activities, leagues, tournaments, and community events. A smaller renovation would limit long-term flexibility.

Will this take money away from regular church ministries?

The funding plan prioritizes member contributions and grants. Any temporary use of church funds is intended to be reimbursed through fundraising. Annual stewardship takes precedence, and final funding requires church leadership approval.

Is this a financial risk?

Any renovation involves financial responsibility. Phased construction, fundraising, grants, rental income, and financial oversight are intended to manage that responsibility. Final costs, funding commitments, and operating assumptions must be reviewed before expenditures are authorized.

Will outside groups take priority over church activities?

No. Broadway retains control of the calendar and can reserve the gym for church programs, worship-related activities, and special events. Centralized scheduling will help prevent conflicts.

Will existing church activities continue?

Yes. The goal is to have greater flexibility, while not eliminating current uses. Scheduling policies and facility protections will help ensure the gym continues serving Broadway.

What about wear and tear on the new floor?

The SportCourt surface is designed for athletic use and durability. Maintenance will include routine

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BROADWAY MUSIC MINISTRY

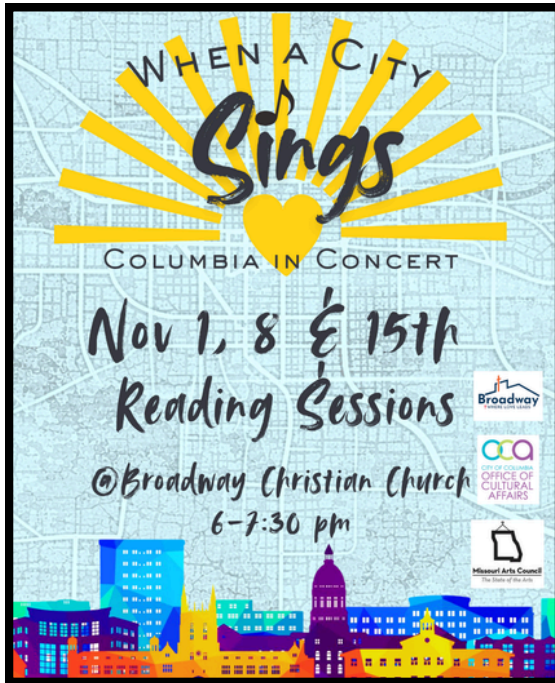
YOUR INVITATION TO SING, SERVE, AND CELEBRATE

By Audra Sergel, Director of Music

There's a lot happening at BCC in the months ahead, and we'd love for you to be part of it!



WHEN A CITY SINGS — REHEARSALS BEGIN NOVEMBER 1



BCC is proud to host rehearsals for the City of Columbia Office of Cultural Affairs' When a City Sings: Columbia in Concert, beginning **Sunday, November 1 at 6:00 PM** in the Music Center. Singers from across our community are invited to join this citywide choral project —no audition required. **Your voice belongs here!** [Sign up to sing.](#)

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BEGINS NOVEMBER 11!

It's time to make some Christmas music! Rehearsals for our Christmas services begin **Wednesday, November 11** in the Music Center:

6:15 PM — Abide Singers

7:15 PM — Rise Singers

Whether you've been singing with us for years or have been waiting for the perfect time to jump in, the Christmas season is a great time to join us. Come make some beautiful music with your BCC family!

SAVE THE DATE: O HOLY LIGHTS — DECEMBER 3, 4 & 5

O Holy Lights returns to BCC, and this year we're making things even merrier! Along with our outdoor holiday light walk, we're adding a **festive indoor Holiday Makers Market** featuring local makers, live music, Santa, and plenty of Christmas cheer.

Are you a maker, artist, artisan, or small business owner? We'd love to have you be part of the market! [Sign up for a maker's booth!](#)

Mark your calendars, invite your people, and come help us make the season bright. **Want to lend a hand with O Holy Lights?** Ask Audra or Kristi for ways to get involved!

Come sing, serve, celebrate, and be part of what's happening in the Music Center at BCC!



INCLUSION CORNER

By Tina Van Ness

Here at Broadway Christian Church, October is Disability Awareness Month. As in previous years, you will have several opportunities to gain information and consider how we as a faith community can grow in our understanding of what God calls us to do in welcoming all with disabilities, seen and unseen, and do our best to ensure they are welcomed, can easily access the many opportunities available within the church and have a feeling of true belonging.

Being a retired educator, I believe that knowledge is power and in order to gain knowledge about a topic we must be open to learning something new and then act on that new information.

Disability is not rare; it is part of the human condition. Roughly 1 in 5 individuals live with a disability. Some disabilities that may be present within our congregation are: physical and mobility impairments, sensory disabilities such as low vision and hearing loss, chronic health conditions such as ongoing physical ailments, autoimmune disorders and chronic pain conditions, autism spectrum disorders, mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression, and PTSD, ADHD, learning disabilities, and behavior/emotional diagnoses. So, when you are sitting in the pew on Sunday morning, or participating in a church event, it is likely that someone sitting near you has a disability.

We have a team at Broadway titled "All Abilities Flourish" that has been meeting regularly since 2020 to grow in our understanding of disability and strategize ways we can improve the experiences of all with disabilities. If you have ideas for our team, please let us know by talking to one of these individuals (Lea Ann Lowery, Shirley Patterson,



Chuck Watts, Carol Sulltrop, Recil Skinner, Linda Eagle, Richard Johnson or emailing Lea Ann Lowery at lowerylh@health.missouri.edu or Tina Van Ness at tinayvanness@gmail.com) Also, books will be on display during October, so we encourage you to check one out to grow in your own understanding.

BROADWAY HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES COMING

You have the opportunity to buy artisan creations at the holiday **SERRV Sale** on December 6 & 13. Artists and craftspeople from across the globe create handmade nativity sets, jewelry, tableware, chocolate and more that will be offered for sale. Great gifts for Christmas and fair compensation for the artists is a great holiday deal.

Red Kettle Bell Ringing - December 4 & 5, 18 & 19
Thanks once again to Don Harter for keeping us warm by scheduling us inside Hy-Vee west on Broadway. It's a wonderful opportunity to see friends that wander by and witness the Christmas spirit as shoppers support those in need in our community

Broadway's Partner in Education is Columbia Public School's **Center for Early Learning-North (CELN)**. We help in various ways the students, parents and teachers during the year. For Christmas, we provide holiday style drinking mugs to faculty and staff that are stuffed with hot chocolate packets, candy and other things. You can help by donating a holiday mug seldom used in your house.

Act like the Fourth Wise Man by helping through the **Tree of Hope**. Requests for gifts to children that are not likely to receive any gifts at Christmas are pinned to the Christmas tree at Broadway. You can read the slips of paper that tell you what is asked for, select which one works for you and deliver the item later to church. Help make a child's Christmas joyful.

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cleaning, furniture protections, inspections, and clear guidelines for outside users.

What about security and liability?

This initiative includes controlled access, user agreements, insurance requirements, safety inspections, and maintenance records. Leadership will review operational policies and insurance implications before expanded rentals begin.

Will this require additional staff or volunteers?

Expanded use requires scheduling, cleaning, oversight, and hospitality. Online scheduling and payment tools are intended to reduce administrative work. Having a sports ministry will also create opportunities for volunteer coaches, mentors, and hosts.

Why should a church be involved in sports?

Sports provide opportunities to build relationships, encourage healthy development, serve families, and welcome people who may not otherwise encounter Broadway. Our ministry extends beyond the sanctuary.

Is Broadway becoming a business?

No. Revenue is a means of sustaining ministry and caring for our resources—not the purpose of the church. The central vision is a welcoming community space where relationships and ministry flourish.

How can I support this with a gift?

Ways to give include Realm/CLC Renovation Fund, Cash or Check designated to CLC Ren Fund, Venmo (Broadway Christian Church @2601), PayPal, RMDs, or stocks.

WHY MOVE FORWARD?

Moving forward allows us to:

- Address an existing problem rather than continue managing an aging floor.
- Make better use of what we own instead of building something new.
- Create sustainable income to help offset operating costs and support facility care.
- Respond to community needs for accessible, quality recreational space.
- Extend ministry beyond Sunday mornings through practices, games, and gatherings.

- Invest in the next generation by welcoming and supporting children and families.
- Preserve flexibility for changing needs and future ministry opportunities.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The process includes:

1. Property Committee: Review of the renovation plan, costs, and operational considerations.
2. Executive Committee, then the Board: Consider Phase 1 approval and defer Phase 2 authorization.
3. Fundraising: Secure designated gifts, naming contributions, and grants.
4. Board: Approve expenditure of funds raised.
5. Implementation: Coordinate construction, facility preparation, and scheduling.
6. Community Engagement: Introduce the renovated facility through open gyms, programming, and partnerships.
7. Ongoing Oversight: Monitor expenses, rentals, maintenance, and ministry impact.

The project team will provide regular updates to church leadership and the congregation.

THE INVITATION

Broadway has always sought to follow Jesus with open hearts and minds. We can honor our history while making room for new opportunities.

Our gym can be more than a building we maintain. It can be a place where:

- Children discover confidence.
- Parents find community.
- Neighbors build friendships.
- Volunteers share their gifts.
- People experience Broadway's welcome.

This is an opportunity to turn an underused space into an active expression of who we are and what we believe. We invite the congregation to learn more, ask questions, share ideas, and prayerfully consider how we can move forward together.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

MAKING MEMORIES HERE

By Ashley Mills, Director of Youth Ministry

What a full and joyful summer it has been in our Children & Youth Ministries! As we wrapped up the summer months, our youth and children had so many opportunities to connect, serve, create, and have fun together.

We kicked off the summer with inflatable kickball at our Waddle & Kick event, bringing children and youth together for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition. Our youth and children then teamed up with the Music Team for Open Mic Nights, where they had the opportunity to share their gifts and enjoy time together. Our youth helped with our VBS Sunday programming, and participated in the CROP Hunger Walk and Pride Parade, finding meaningful ways to serve and be part of our wider community. We wrapped up the summer with our Back to School Bash, celebrating the beginning of a new school year with children, youth, and families.

There is plenty ahead, including [Trunk or Treat](#), [O Holy Lights](#), and our [Christmas Pageant](#) on December 6, which will feature both our children and the Youth Music Ensemble.

As our children's programming continues to grow, we are also looking for more volunteers to help make these opportunities possible. Whether you can help occasionally or would like to be more regularly involved, there is a place for you! You don't need to have special experience—just a willingness to share your time and enthusiasm with our children. If you're interested in learning more, please contact the church office.

Thank you to all the parents, volunteers, and staff who continue to encourage, support, and make these ministries possible!



SUPPORTING OUR PARTNER IN EDUCATION

As part of Broadway's M.O.M work, we adopted a Partner in Education, Center for Early Learning-North. During this fall's parent/teacher conferences, we are asking volunteers to provide delicious soups for the teachers and staff October 26–29. After long days in the classroom, these evening meals offer a little extra care and encouragement as teachers meet with families to celebrate student successes.

You can help by bringing a crock pot of soup or a dessert to church or to CELN between Noon and 3 pm on October 26 through October 29. [Sign up here](#). Thank you for helping M.O.M. share a little love, one bowl at a time!



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