

# The Broadway Life

APRIL 2024

## BRIGHT NEW BEGINNING AT BROADWAY

BY TINA VAN NESS

BROADWAY ENTHUSIASTICALLY  
WELCOMES REV. DR. SARAH TAYLOR  
PECK AND REV. ANDREW TAYLOR PECK.  
COUPLE TO BEGIN JULY 8, 2024!

Last July, Broadway's executive committee formed a search committee with the approval of the board to find a new Lead Pastor for Broadway Christian Church. The committee's members are Jenny Lybeck-Brown, Charlotte George, Jan Frost, David Coil, Darren Day, and Tina Van Ness (chair).

This was a national search, and the committee cast a wide and intentional net through work with the Disciples of Christ search and call protocols, advertising, and recruiting efforts. In addition, Jan Frost recruited and led a team of prayer warriors from our congregation to pray for Broadway, our search committee's efforts, and our next lead pastor.

The search committee's charge was to find the best fit in new leadership for Broadway, and that goal has been accomplished. The search committee called Rev. Dr. Sarah Taylor Peck as our next lead pastor, and she was approved unanimously by Broadway's board and congregation.

Rev. Dr. Sarah Taylor Peck received her Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 2007 and more recently earned her Doctor of Ministry degree



from Duke Divinity School in December, 2023. Sarah entered the ordination process with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the sponsorship of Hope Central Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and was ordained in May of 2011. Sarah has

served in ministry roles for the last 20 years and her current church, Community Christian Church in North Canton, Ohio, for the last decade.

Sarah and her husband, Andrew, both applied for Broadway's opening, knowing that Andrew was interested in the associate pastor role. With Terry Overfelt's retirement later this month, Broadway has a need for an associate pastor. Sarah and Andrew's references were stellar and their virtual and in-person interviews went very well. With their track record of strong ministry for a number of years and the clarity of their complementary skill sets, the search committee believes they will meet Broadway Christian Church's needs for the future and work well with Broadway's current staff. So, the search committee also called Rev. Andrew Taylor Peck

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# IN THE MEANTIME

INTERIM LEAD PASTOR DAVID A. SHIREY



Congratulations, Broadway, on calling the Rev. Dr. Sarah Taylor Peck and the Rev. Andrew Peck as your settled Lead and Associate Pastors. As I testified at the board meeting on April 2 and the Congregational Meeting after worship on April 7, the Search Committee hit a home run with the calling of Sarah and Andrew.

I have always appreciated one of the questions Presbyterians ask candidates for ordination. They ask would-be pastors, Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? I've known Sarah and Andrew for a dozen years and can tell you their ministries embody an emphatic Yes to that question.

Count on them being people of prayer. As alums of the Bethany Fellows program ([bethanyfellows.org](http://bethanyfellows.org)), long headed by Rev. Kim Gage Ryan, for which I have been a mentor for 17 years, I assure you your new pastors know "from whence their help comes" (Psalm 121:1). Join me in praying for them as they say goodbye to churches they have loved and served for a decade in Northeast Ohio, uproot their family, and head west to Columbia.

Count on them having servants' hearts. What a match they are for a congregation that tithes its offerings through M.O.M's wide-ranging ministries near and far. Sarah and Andrew know the church's ministry ripples outward from Sunday worship to Monday – Saturday service to neighbors near and far in deeds of mercy and justice.

Energy? Two check marks there, for sure. Somehow, they've each given themselves heart, mind, soul, and might to revitalizing two congregations, are raising two delightful children, are nurturing their marriage, and are involved in civic as well as national organizations and have lived to tell about it ... with smiles, no less, and good humor.

Intelligence? Well, Harvard Divinity School speaks for itself, but don't think that means they are academics who will talk over your heads with fifty cent words. Their learning translates well. Their head knowledge is heart relevant and soul nourishing.

Imagination? Hoo boy! Sarah and Andrew will generate ideas, are creative, and are people of vision. At the same time, they are savvy enough to know that the best leadership is generated by coming alongside a congregation, earning trust over time, and employing both passion and patience as desirable changes unfold.

As for love – your new pastors love God, Christ's Church, all God's children, each other, and their children. They will love you and you will love them.

Jennie and I would love to have Sarah and Andrew as our pastors, but they're yours, Broadway. And we couldn't be happier for you. And we thank you for loving us throughout this interim year.

Grace and peace to you in Christ,

David Shirey



## SAVE THE DATE!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
**12:00 pm Luncheon & Tribute**

Please join us as we honor 25 years of ministry & provide a sending forth retirement celebration for our beloved Terry Overfelt.

Childcare will be provided.  
Tickets for the luncheon must be purchased by April 21st.  
For questions, [contact Ingrid](#).

# A FOND FAREWELL

## HONORING 25 YEARS OF REMARKABLE SERVICE

BY JAN AND RICK FROST

### A TRIBUTE TO PASTOR TERRY OVERFELT

We will gather with hearts brimming with gratitude and admiration as we bid farewell to a truly extraordinary leader, Pastor Terry Overfelt. For 25 remarkable years, she has graced our congregation with her boundless talents, compassionate heart, and unwavering dedication to serving Christ and others. As we reflect on her tenure, we are filled with deep appreciation for the myriad ways she has enriched our lives and nurtured our faith.

Pastor Terry came to Broadway in 1992 with her family, Jeff, Dustin, Hillary and eventually Hannah, looking for a church home. Early on she heard the call to Ministry at Broadway Christian Church when Rick Frost and Kim Ryan asked her to help create a new contemporary worship service. Over 25 years of ministry that call expanded and eventually lead to her becoming a commissioned full-time minister on the staff as she used her gifts beyond the realm of contemporary music and meaningful worship.

Pastor Terry's ministry has been a tapestry woven with threads of music, pastoral care, preaching, puppetry, vacation Bible school, women's retreats, Harp & Healing, small group leadership and even the blessing of the beasts. She performed marriages, blessed our babies, mentored people of all ages, visited us in the hospital, and comforted and celebrated with us when loved ones passed. She has been for us a faith-filled pastor, preacher and spiritual leader through good times and difficult ones. Through it all she has been the one who persists in love and we are grateful!

Please join us on Sunday, April 28, 2024, as we celebrate and send our beloved Terry & Jeff Overfelt

into a new season of their lives. The sending forth will begin at 10:30 am with a special worship service to be followed by a luncheon catered by Delia's. Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, April 21, and are required to join the luncheon. They are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ten and under. Please indicate if you need childcare when signing up for the luncheon. You may arrange purchase of tickets at the church office or by emailing [Ingrid Luckenbill](mailto:Ingrid.Luckenbill@broadwaycc.org).



### NEW BEGINNING

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to be the Associate Pastor for Broadway Christian Church and his approval by Broadway's board was unanimous.

Rev. Andrew Taylor Peck also received his Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 2007. He was ordained in May of 2011 alongside Sarah and then served as a youth minister for Collierville Christian Church and Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, before being called as the Senior Pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Canton, Ohio, in March of 2014 where he still serves.

Andrew and Sarah have both dreamed of serving a church together and creating a more unified community for their family. The search committee is excited and enthusiastic about bringing Sarah and Andrew into the fold of our beloved Broadway and look forward to creating opportunities for you to meet them after their move to Columbia!

Hear more from Sarah and Andrew in [this video](#).





## 24-25 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

### BY PHIL FICHTER, STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CHAIR

What a wonderful service we had on April 7! The opening of the Stewardship Season had us singing, praying, laughing, and some crying with joy as we celebrated the many ways Broadway gives to folks inside and outside our walls. David Shirey gave one of the best stewardship sermons that I have ever heard. His thought-provoking words sprinkled with light-hearted moments challenged us to reflect on our giving and amounts pledged.

**ALL our gifts come from God** and God's work is done here through our hands and gifts by each of us giving back our first fruits.

The Leslie Clay scroll was unrolled that continues to demonstrate the many ways Broadway gives to our community and beyond. The list on that scroll has as much relevance today as it did 10+ years ago when she first rolled it down the center aisle.

We met our new Lead Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Sarah Taylor Peck, and Associate Pastor, the Rev. Andrew Taylor Peck, through a video that was shared. What a marvelous couple we have coming to Broadway – **a God gift, for sure!** They are educated and experienced. Their skill sets complement each other and fit Broadway's needs perfectly. **God is at work at Broadway** and having their family come and help us move forward is very exciting.

We have so much to be grateful for at Broadway. Please prayerfully consider pledging. If you have never pledged before, please pray about starting. If you are already pledging, prayerfully contemplate an increase in giving, moving toward a tithe. If you are already tithing, we promise we will utilize all gifts to do God's work in our community and beyond. Thank you for being my church, the people of Broadway!

### WHAT BROADWAY MEANS TO ME

New Day Broadway! is our 2024-2025 Stewardship Campaign Theme. New pastoral leadership, new staff, newly reimagined worship services, and a new and right spirit permeate our congregation. The generosity our pledges represent to the 2024-2025 budget will undergird this new day's ministries. We've asked members of Broadway to tell us what Broadway means to them and why they gladly support our congregation with their financial offerings.

As Linda and I drove over from Boonville on a Sunday morning, we always rushed to make it to Church on time. When it was just us, we could slide in right as the service began. But something changed in our lives and our relationship to Broadway. Our grandson Mason, then, 5 years old, out of the blue, asked if he could go to church with us. We were elated and thus motivated to get him there on time. As he became more familiar and comfortable with the church service, he looked forward to the children's moment and communion. As ushers and greeters, Mason assists us in our responsibilities. This led to his asking for his own name tag, which Ingrid graciously provided. Even more rewarding was his request to attend Sunday School. When he received his Bible for graduating from pre-school into kindergarten, we challenged his parents to read him a story at least once a week. They are, and as he grows in his faith, we know, and he will discover, that Broadway will give its heart to him, expand his Biblical understanding, and guide him to reach out to his community in Christian love and charity. This is the "New Broadway" for Linda and me, which is one "special" reason we financially support Broadway.

Thank you,  
Ken & Linda Askren

# WHAT BROADWAY MEANS TO ME

As we each navigate through our time of stewardship, *New Day Broadway!*, please reflect on what Broadway means to you. May these words from our members inspire and remind you of your own experiences and blessings. Join our generous hearts with the giving of time, talents, and resources, knowing that our contributions will help sustain the vital ministry of our church and extend its reach into the world. Thank you to those who have generously pledged \$557,656.48 to date.

Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name...Broadway is a place where every face feels like a friend, and familiarity wraps around you like a warm embrace. I feel joy knowing my family is valued and celebrated each time we arrive. Broadway is a community full of support, with lots of people ready to welcome and accept you. Broadway is not just about being friendly; it's like being part of a big, caring family.

In essence, Broadway isn't just any church—it's a cherished community where the bonds of friendship and family are palpable, and the warmth of acceptance envelops all who enter. Every visit feels like coming home.

Thank you,  
Kristen Crews



Since David and I married in 2011, it has meant an opening welcoming to the Broadway Christian Church family. Wedding showers turned to baby showers, with people who were a large part of David's upbringing and are now in that role for our three girls. Broadway means a place to raise our children and teach them to love Jesus, and in turn, they are loved by members here just as he would have loved them.

This smaller but mighty community welcomes them for who they are, celebrates their accomplishments, and patiently listens to their stories while telling them the stories Jesus wants them to know. For us, Broadway means family, no matter the generation that continues to love and grow with us.

Thank you,  
Melissa Coil

Broadway Christian Church has been (and still) is an answered prayer for our family. During our time apart, it was important to us to find a loving and understanding community towards our unique situation. Julian was in prison and wanted his family to find a Christian home for support. Cami was an infant, and Whitney needed a village to help raise her. We found our Christian home with Broadway Christian Church. So, if you ask us what Broadway Christian Church means to us, it means a second chance at life.

Thank you,  
Julian & Whitney Jackman

We are approaching a new day at Broadway Christian Church. I have had many of those since my baptism at Broadway at age 18! My spiritual life has not been on a steady trajectory upward...or has it? I've been filled with times of self-doubt and God doubts after my dad's tragic car accident when I was 32. I had feelings of failure after the end of my 20-year marriage at age 46, questions about life, and watching the aging process in my faith-filled mom. There have also been many times of celebration, with the birth of Michaela and praise each time I shared my gift of singing and welcoming my wonderful fiancé Jeff into the fold.

The one constant has been **YOU**. The people of Broadway. I see God in each of you with the care and kindness you've shown each step of the way. Sometimes, we feel like our actions won't make a difference. That extra smile or hug, extra dollar to give, and yes, instead of no this time, makes all the difference. Broadway Christian Church and your amazing people here provided unwavering support through my times of uncertainty and change. It is a gift to be part of this community.

Thank you,  
Melanie Karrick



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**BAPTISM SUNDAY**  
**MAY 19**  
WORSHIP · BAPTISM

 **10:30 WORSHIP & BAPTISM**

It is time to celebrate the sacred act of Baptism with the hardworking participants of our Baptism Class. Join each of our participants, family, and friends this Sunday!

<b>Emily Day</b>	<b>Aliya Smith</b>
<b>Maia Marienfeld-Crenshaw</b>	<b>Aiden Trevor</b>
<b>Luke Morris</b>	<b>George Willard</b>

**SAVE THE DATE**

  
**Camp Firelight**  
A SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD  
Psalm 56:3

**BROADWAY VBS**  
**JULY 8-12**

Volunteers Needed

More Info to come

Join us for our great VBS Adventure as we learn about people of the Bible, ways we can overcome fear, trust in God, and spark joy as we share about Jesus!

Questions: [smerz@broadwaychristian.net](mailto:smerz@broadwaychristian.net)

## Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition, May 5th



Say what you want about teens today, but one thing is undeniable. **Our teens have talent!** BCC's middle and high schoolers are a treasure trove of gifts, stories, skills and experience. When they bring it all together in one place something truly special transpires. Join us on Sunday, May 5th as our Broadway youth call us "Back to the Basics" of who we are and what we were created for in Christ. Our scripture and theme will bring us back to the Garden and remind us of the original blessing we share and what this should mean for a world in need. Our Youth Ensemble will lead us in song while Seniors Emma Blakey and Addison Crews bring our message. A special offering will be taken to help fund our summer mission trip to Kansas City, and we will bless the members of BCC's graduating class of 2024. We look forward to yet another truly special Youth Sunday.

**Please forward your graduates' name, a picture, degree received and which college/high school they are graduating from.** If they know where they're headed next, let us know that too!

 JOIN US  
**Back to Basics**  
YOUTH SUNDAY & SENIOR RECOGNITION  
MAY 5



# BROADWAY NEWS FOR YOU

## Your Input Welcome on Our Reimagined Services

On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 9 and 10, over eighty Broadway members participated in a World Café that elicited their thoughts, hopes, and desires for two reimagined worship services. On both evenings, participants were invited to answer the same four questions:



1. What elements of the Unified Service would you like to preserve in the reimagined services?
2. What elements of worship enable you to encounter, serve, and celebrate the living God?
3. What elements of worship detract from or hinder you from encountering, serving, and celebrating the Living God?
4. What preferences are important to you for a Sunday morning schedule? Please consider factors such as worship time, Sunday school time, fellowship, and any other factors (such as music rehearsal or children's church)

If you were unable to attend the sessions, we welcome your reflecting on these questions and sending your responses to Broadway's Administrator Ingrid Luckenbill at [bcchurch@broadwaychristian.net](mailto:bcchurch@broadwaychristian.net). Your responses will be assimilated with the input from the Café evenings and inform the planning for these reimagined services. Hard copies of the questions will be available at the Engage Table in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Mail or return the completed forms to the church office or put them in the box on the Engage Table.

## Rested, Resilient, and Ready for Resurrection!

Yet another sacred season has come and gone, but the fruits of this year's Lenten journey continue to blossom like the many daffodils in our church garden. Through prayer, fellowship, story and study Broadway found rest in the Spirit and resilience in each other as we prepared our hearts for Easter. Broadway women enjoyed their annual retreat whose theme would inspire our entire Lenten series. Broadway men participated in their first retreat in some time adding recreation, reconnection and renewal to the list of "R" words that framed the season.

Our Wednesday evening vespers series featured five distinct prayer practices drawn from the Christian contemplative tradition as we found rest in Sacred Presence. Resilience followed with a time of fellowship and moving testimonies from the inspired lives of our own Broadway members. Stories of struggle and strength were shared with sacred vulnerability consecrating a would-be-Wednesday night into something truly holy. Add to this the many who enjoyed our daily devotional, and the Lenten small group who studied and prayed the Psalms, we emerged from Lent with spirits rested, resilient and ready for Resurrection. May it be so!







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Church Office hours:

Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to the many volunteers, donors, and shoppers, the **2024 sale has raised over \$35,050** to benefit Show Me Central Habitat.

Join us again in 2025!

