

## From Bread & Wine to Faith & Giving

## A Journey into the Spiritual Discipline of Generosity



The first thoughts to cross your mind when you hear the word "stewardship" might not be exciting or energizing... maybe we need to re-tool our thoughts! Each week in worship, when we say the Lord's prayer, we say... "Your

kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven..." Did you ever *really think about* these words? We are praying for God's beloved kingdom to be found here, in our homes and our communities. We are praying for a place where no one is hungry or cold, where we forgive others as readily as we'd like to be forgiven, where all are safe from harm and evil, and all are loved. Broadway's ministries are about equipping each of us to be bringers of the kingdom, to join our hearts and hands with God's life-changing plans. This is exciting stuff and ministry that changes lives!

In the coming weeks, we'll hear about how Broadway's ministries change lives and how we

can be bringers of the kingdom. We'll have a chance to prayerfully consider how we can support these ministries with our lives and with our financial pledges. Watch for your invitation letter and pledge card in the mail (and if you don't receive one, give Ingrid a call - 573-445-5312). Please return your pledge card on Consecration Sunday, May 3, or before.

Excited to be bringers of the kingdom with you!

Guy Adams and Martha Jolly

Stewardship Co-Chairs

### **Mid-Month Updates**



## Habitat Sale April 18

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## **Broadway Ministries**

## Habitat is Here—How Will You Help this Year?

It's Not Too Late to Volunteer—And It's THE Perfect Time to Donate

Every year, the Habitat planners wonder, "will this be the year the tables aren't full?" For the last 27 years, we've never had "that" year at our gi-normous Habitat for Humanity Sale, and on April 18, we are confident that Broadway will be stuffed with treasures, treasures and more treasures!

But all of those treasures require a lot of up-front work on the part of our volunteers. And more are always needed. If you can help on either of our prep days on April 16 or 17, please do! The Sale prep will continue well into the evening hours on both dates—and on Friday, April 17, we don't go home until the tables are ready for our 8:00 a.m. opening on Saturday, April 18!

Prior to the Sale, volunteers are particularly needed to do pick-ups for large items, such as furniture and appliances. Pick-ups are scheduled throughout the day and evening, so even if you only have a couple of hours of availability, please help! A fresh crew for a single run can give another crew a muchneeded break! And if you can provide your own pick-up truck...even better!

Don't forget that the Habitat Sale happens because our members, friends and the Columbia community donate an abundance of merchandise to the Sale each year. Donations

will be taken on Thursday until 9:00 p.m. and on Friday until 6:00 p.m. Remember that general



merchandise is unloaded at the Christian Life Center doors, while clothing (on hangers, if possible) goes to the Fellowship Hall.

On Sale day, April 18, the doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed throughout that time, to serve as cashiers, floor helpers, outside sales helpers and parking attendants. Clean-up will begin around 1:30 p.m., as we begin to separate recyclable items, and send some of our unsold items to other re-sale non-profits and organizations such as Second Chance. Clean-up help is always needed—contact Dixie Fisher at 474.3417 if you can help. Please leave a message.

Keep all of our volunteers in your prayers this week—it will be another hectic, amazing, exhausting and inspiring three days! And at the end, there will be another generous donation to assist our local Habitat affiliate and its mission to provide affordable housing in Boone County.

## Ladies' Lunch Is May 9

Purchase Your Tickets Now!

Hola amigos!
Perhaps it was the proximity to Cinco de Mayo, or maybe it was just because we all love Mexican food, but this year's



theme for the May 9 Ladies' Lunch is decidedly south of the border!

Bring your daughter, your mom, your girlfriends and yourself to the Ladies' Lunch on May 9 at 10:00 a.m. and enjoy a fiesta! Tickets are \$8 and will be available in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning prior to the lunch.

This year's luncheon will feature food with a Mexican flavor, but nothing too spicy—the cooks will be focusing on flavor, not heat! There will be games to get us all acquainted, favors and something new this year—a photo booth! Start planning your pretty and pretty silly smiles for the camera—and we all want to see the pictures!

Hope you will join us for what promises to be another fun fellowship for the women of Broadway (and their friends!).



Wednesday, April 22 11:30 a.m.
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Rsvp to the church office, 445.5312, by

Tuesday, April 21

### **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

Thursday, April 16

7:300 a.m. Habitat Sale Set-Up

Friday, April 17

7:30 a.m. Habitat Set-Up

Saturday, April 18

8:00 a.m. Habitat Sale

Sunday, April 19

Food Ministry Orders Due

12:15 p.m. Open & Affirming Session

Wednesday, April 22

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:00 p.m. Youth Group Meal

Men's Bible Study Group Chancel Bell Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Open & Affirming Session

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 23

6:00 p.m. Ensemble Practice

Friday, April 24

5:00 p.m. Food Ministry Distribution

Sunday, April 26

Senior Recognition Sunday

12:15 p.m. Senior Recognition Luncheon

Monday, April 27

7:00 p.m. Service/Mission & Outreach

Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

### **Broadway Ministries**

## **Open and Affirming Discussions Continue**

Last Sunday's potluck dinner and group discussion on what the Bible says about homosexuality was an opportunity for those in attendance to hear important information and then to be heard themselves. Tim Carson presented important scholarship on what is and what is not written in the Bible regarding homosexuality. If you would like a copy of his documentation and references, a downloadable version will be available in this week's *Broadway Weekly*. Copies are also available in the church office.

If you were unable to attend the two sessions scheduled for this week, there are two more opportunities to discuss this important topic.

#### Sunday, April 19, 12:15-2:00 p.m.

This session will begin with another potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share, main dishes as well as sides and desserts. The Rev. Dr. Warren

## Broadway's Facebook Page Gets A Tweak

You may have noticed a few changes to Broadway's Facebook page in the last month. Facebook required that the original page, which was set up as a "personal profile," be changed to a "community" page. You may see ads on the page (which are beyond our control), but our content remains the same.

Sapp, a pastoral counselor, will present an informative session on the biological basis for homosexuality—is it a choice? Discussion session will follow the presentation. This session will meet in Fellowship Hall.

#### Wed., April 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We will have a listening session in the large conference room for anyone who would like to attend. We will open the meeting with a welcome and general comments, then break into smaller groups to listen and learn from each other.

If you have comments or concerns, this is a good time to be heard, so please join us as Phil Fichter leads this session and Don Day, Emmett Queener, Julia Larson, and Aaron Sapp listen to your comments on this important topic.

Dinner will be available for \$5 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. on April 22.

# Scholarships Available For High School Grads

Due to generous contributions from Broadway members over the years, General and Music scholarships are available to Broadway's graduating high school seniors. For details on these scholarship opportunities, contact Nick or Jen in the church office. Deadline for applications is May 10.

## **Broadway Ministries**

## **Broadway Receives Community Service Award**

Voluntary Action Center Recognizes Broadway's Willingness to Serve

Each year, Broadway's Service/Mission and Outreach Ministry has a very busy calendar and thanks to all of you, a very generous outreach budget to allocate among many global, national and local ministries and agencies. One local non-profit, the Voluntary Action Center, has always been a strong Broadway partner in community service. And this year, VAC is saying "thanks!"

Broadway Christian Church has been chosen to receive the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2015. Broadway was selected, in part, due to we are strong supporters of VAC's F.I.S.H. (Faith In Service to Humanity) Fund, and participate in several of their annual outreach projects, including the Warm Up Columbia coat drive and the Christmas Basket program. Our financial

support to the F.I.S.H. Fund, provides funds for emergency assistance, medical and dental needs and more.



#### Broadway

will receive the 2015 award at the Spring Into Action event on May 12. Tickets are available for purchase at \$15 each from the VAC office, located next to the License Bureau on Vandiver. We hope to see several Broadway faces in the crowd on May 12!



## **Broadway Family News**

#### **Continuing Recovery**

... to Barbara Beasley, Sherman Brown, Ed Hassinger, Leona Litteral, Jean Morrow, Charlie Murphy, Mary Regan, Don Rowland, Bill Ryan, Jim Thorne, Terry Vache, Shandra Weathers and Mike White.

#### **Welcome Back to Church**

... to Genevieve Howard, Connie Johnson, Mary Regan, Al Taylor, Jack Taylor and Polly White.

#### **Our Thoughts and Prayers**

- ... to the family and friends of Mary Morrow, who passed away on April 12 at the age of 101.
- ... to **John and Karla DeSpain** on the passing of John's stepfather.
- ... to **Susie Kempf** and family on the death of her grandmother on March 19.

#### Thought You'd Like to Know

- ... New address for Mary Regan: 402 Park de Ville Place, Columbia, MO 65203.
- ... New address for Martha Shelton: 250 Savannah Terrace, Apt. 370, Wentzville, MO 63385.

# A Broadway Tradition— Infant Dedication Is May 10

At all services on Sunday, May 10, Broadway will hold one of our favorite traditions—the Dedication of Infants and Young Children.

If you are a member of the Broadway family and have added a precious person to your own family, please contact Barb Stephenson by May 4 at 573.445.5312 or bstephenson09@tranquility.net

# **Share Your Graduation News With Us!**

High schoolers aren't the only graduates this time of year!

If someone in your family is graduating from a post-secondary program, such as a technical school, or with a bachelor's or graduate degree from a four-year university—please share that good news with your Broadway family! Send your graduate's information to Debby no later than May 17 at dkgraham75@tranquility.net or by phone at 445.5312. We will publish the news in our May Mid-Month newsletter.

## **Broadway Birthdays and News**

4/19	Phil Fichter, Stanley Kendall, Mila Horner	5/
4/20	Sandy Greenlee, Chris Ghan, Jo Wilhite, Mark Brzuchalski	5/
4/21	Jared Tonyan, Melanie	
	Karrick, Rebecca Gingerich	5
4/22	Zig Letourneau, Ron Horn, Nick	5
	Roark, lan Larson	_
4/23	Paige Flottman, Debbie	5
410.4	Henderson	_
4/24	Iris Goebel, Sylvia Trevor,	5/
4.05	Wyatt Moore	5/
4/25	George Fletcher, Emily Zaner, Don	5/
1/07	Voelker	5
4/27	Nancy Shikles	_
4/28	Sharon Taylor Morths Shalton Alan Vallant	5
4/29 4/30	Martha Shelton, Alan Volkart	
4/30	Mildred Mayginnes, Laura Brenner, Pat Buchanan, Drew Holmes, Jean	
	Taylor, Larry Collins	S
5/1	Hilda Moore, Ross Hammer	۸.
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3/2	Henderson, Orinda Prell	
5/3	Mary Regan	
5/4	Kristen Meade, Richard	exp
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5/5	Dan Miller, Margaret Day	lan
5/6	Tom Luckenbill	ser
5/7	Wanda Powell, Kathy Carson	ser
5/8	Adele Fritz, Jack Taylor,	ser
	Larry Kersey	
5/9	Judy Bildner, Scott	and
	Winingear	and
5/10	C.J. Phillips, Scott Fritz, Tim Espy	
5/11	Pat Miles, Janice Henderson	Ch
5/12	Kellen Sapp, Ransom Stamps, Cindy	allg
	Zirrillio, Katie Shikles	

5/14	Jonah Larsen, Rob Weir,
	Resa Kerns
5/15	Caren Griffin, Tricia Crews, Jackson
	Wesley, Sandy
	Ollar, Lee Boyle
5/16	Morgan Stephenson
5/17	Charlotte Browning, Susan Donley,
	Shawna Schulte
5/18	Mary Ukleja, Stephanie Zaner, Mara
	Zaner
5/19	Aaron Christiansen, Kahlea Wilson
5/20	Gertie Combs
5/21	Debby Graham, Brian Howard
5/22	Clint Muzzy, Linda Rouse, Roger
	Fisher, Jack Tierney
5/23	Chervi Shiqaki

# Signing Ministry Begins At Contemporary Worship

On Easter Sunday, April 5, Broadway expanded our ministry of inclusion and accessibility with the introduction of sign language interpretation for our 11:15 a.m. service. The interpreters translate not only the sermon and scripture, but also the lyrics to the service's songs and hymns.

If you are adept at American Sign Language and are interested in serving as an interpreter for this new ministry, please contact All God's Children Coordinator Laura Huntly at allgodschildren.bcc@gmail.com.

#### **BROADWAY BY THE NUMBERS**

Attendance: March 22, 2015							
Worshi	ip	Sunday School					
8:00	30	Nursery thru Pre K	18				
9:00	111	K thru 5th grade	19				
11:15	<u> 189</u>	All God's Children	5				
	330	6th thru 12th grade	12				
		Adult	40				
			94				
Attendance: March 29, 2015							

Worship Sunday School 8:00 40 Nursery thru Pre K 44 9:00 148 K thru 5th grade 29 <u>246</u> 5 11:15 All God's Children 434 6th thru 12th grade 14 46 Adults 138

Attendance: April 5, 2015

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<u>434</u>	Good Friday	160
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### **Broadway Financials:**

(through 3/31/15)

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All God's Children adaptive Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.

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