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Room at the Inn Transitions Sunday Shelter Is Moving After Four Weeks at Broadway

There are many stories to tell about Room at the Inn during its stay at Broadway. There are also lots of numbers. Over 430 hours of operation, supported by 20 volunteers and staff each night the doors were open. Gallons of coffee poured. Hundreds of servings of food, donated by Broadway members, and sometimes, from people who read about it in the paper. Fifty cots available each night, and for the past three weeks, almost all occupied. And lastly, Broadway's generous support for Room at the Inn on Christmas Eve.

Our youngest guest was 19 (or at least that's what he said). Our oldest guest was in his 70's. Volunteers and guests watched movies every evening. Several guests brought in a laptop and spent their time in the shelter working on projects, applying for jobs or playing Candy Crush. Several guests made beautiful drawings for volunteers and staff.

Room at the Inn will move from Broadway to Missouri United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. The cots will be cleaned, packed up and loaded. The linens will be laundered. Extra supplies and food will be boxed and sent to

MUMC for use there. And on Monday, Jay will do the final deep clean on the CLC, and Broadway's

gym will be filled with the sounds of youth on Wednesday night and children on Sunday morning.

But the mission of Room at the Inn will continue until the morning of March 11, when the doors will close for this winter's season at First Baptist Church. Volunteers will still be needed, particularly at First Baptist and Fairview Methodist church, who will be hosting the shelter for the first time. Our experiences here at Broadway will be put to good use helping these congregations staff and manage Room at the Inn in their facilities. The RATI SignUpGenius site will give you the most up-to-date volunteer needs.

Thank you, Broadway, for making our space available for Room at the Inn during one of our church's busiest times of the year. It was



noticed by many volunteers and guests—how willing we were to open our doors. The special holiday meals provided by Broadway members and other congregational partners were noticed. The small gifts that were given to guests who spent Christmas with us were appreciated, and such a surprise for them. Thank you to the CWF group and to our Pathways' kids for those very special offerings.

The Broadway Spirit is alive and well. Thank you for sharing that Spirit with our Room at the Inn guests. They noticed.

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Good job, Broadway! That's the simple, easy way to say it. What a banner year we have shared in our dynamic and strong congregation! From innovative, grounded worship to teaching, learning, sharing, serving and caring, we have carried the light of Christ. Thank you. It is so good to be your pastor.

This has also been a year in which we watched our Vision 2020 start to take form. Already many of our goals and objectives are being realized among our ministries. We should expect some more ambitious plans to mature and launch during 2015.



All of this takes place among our ongoing life as a community of faith. We welcome new ones to our midst and bid others farewell. We share in the joy and sorrow of this human pathway. And more than once we have been thrilled with what God is

doing among us. So many small and large gifts of the Spirit!

Our financial generosity has remained strong, new members continue to join us, and our servant presence in the larger community has been noticed – naturally because of who we are.

The season of Epiphany is upon us soon, January 6, and we will continue to move forward in this “season of lights,” following the star, bringing more light, striving to be a people who reframe life together. Welcome, 2015!

Broadway's Annual Chili Cook-Off Set for January 25

Warm Up Your Sunday Afternoon With Good Food and Friends

How many of us are planning to put together a big pot of chili this week? This weather definitely brings out the chili chef in all of us, and is a perfect opportunity to tweak your recipe in preparation for Broadway's annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, January 25, at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

Broadway's chili chefs are encouraged to bring their competition chili on January 25 for all in attendance to sample. There are sure to be a wide variety of chilis to taste, from venison to vegetarian, with heat levels all over the scale.

The cost to attend the Cook-Off and sample all the chilis is \$3 per

person. Connections Ministry will provide milk “house” chili, hot dogs, beverages and ice cream to cool off any scorched palates. You are welcome to have a bowl of any of the chilis once everyone has had a chance to sample and vote on the entries.

And don't think that you need to be Bobby Flay-trained to participate in the Cook-Off. Many of our top finishers in the competition have simply pulled a recipe off the internet the day before or just “thrown it



together” at the last minute! It's all about the flavor—with a big dollop of fellowship to get it just right!

Join us for a fun event on Sunday, January 25. Look for a sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to help Connection Ministry plan for the event.

Becoming An Open and Affirming Church

Information Session Is Sunday, January 11

One of the reasons that new Broadway members made the decision to come back for that second visit is always “everyone was so friendly.” So, Broadway must already be a friendly and welcoming church, right?

The short answer is: Yes, we are. Broadway is a friendly place to be on Sunday morning—and we all know that because we have already stepped inside and experienced it for ourselves. But for some, the search for a church home comes with the expectation of rejection and disappointment.

For same-sex couples, or individuals who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, “church” may come with negative connotations, based on real-life experiences of disapproval and judgment. Many Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) churches have made the commitment to become “open and affirming” congregations, taking intentional steps to let those in the LGBT community know, in advance, that they will be welcomed and valued.

This Sunday, January 11, at 10:10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Broadway will begin the discussion on how our church can become “open and affirming.” Ellen Flottman will facilitate the conversation.

The GLAD Alliance is a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Its mission: *to build a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that welcomes persons of all*



gender expressions and sexual orientations to the table of Christ's communion and to the full life and leadership of the Christian Church.

In Missouri, two Disciples congregations are recognized as open and affirming—only two. These churches have followed the process set forth by the Disciples' GLAD Alliance Ministry to develop church policies that reflect GLAD's mission; to inform the congregation and develop a consensus to support this ministry; and to support the mission of GLAD. After completing this careful and deliberative process, a public statement of support is made to the congregation's Regional Ministry and then to the General Assembly.

All persons, regardless of their sexual orientation, should be able to experience the love of Christ in a community of believers. By becoming an open and affirming congregation, Broadway will extend an intentional invitation to those in the LGBT community to become a part of the life of our church. God's love is for everyone, regardless of who we love. Join the conversation this Sunday.

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, January 11

Youth Shakespeare's Fundraiser

10:10 a.m. Information Session:
Becoming An Open &
Affirming
Congregation

1:00 p.m. Room at the Inn
Transition to MUMC

Tuesday, January 13

Pastor's Book Shelf begins

Wednesday, January 14

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:00 p.m. Chancel Bells
Youth Meal

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, January 18

Youth Shakespeare's Fundraiser
Food Ministry Orders Due

Monday, January 19

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 21

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:00 p.m. Men's Study Group
Youth Meal
Chancel Bells

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, January 23

5:00 p.m. Food Ministry
Distribution

Sunday, January 25

12:15 p.m. Chili Cook-Off

Monday, January 26

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

Nominating Committee Begins Work

Board Officers, Members, Elders and Deacons to be Recruited

Each year, a Nominating Committee is appointed by the Broadway Chair of the Board and Congregation to develop a slate of Board officers, Ministry Area Chairs and Vice-Chairs, Service Representatives, Elders and Deacons for the coming year. The process began January 7, as the Nominating Committee held its first meeting.

Elders and Deacons are recruited for a specific service. A

list is developed containing names of members who attend a particular service. The members of the Nominating Committee will contact potential candidates to serve in these critical positions and contact each of them.

Candidates for open Board positions will also be recruited by the committee, including the position of Board Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair during the 2015-2016 church year (beginning on July 1,

2015) will serve as the Board Chair during the 2016-2017 church year.

Please be in prayer for the members of the Nominating Committee for wisdom and discernment as they serve in these very important roles. If you are contacted by a member of the committee to serve in a leadership capacity, please prayerfully consider giving the gift of your service to the work of Broadway Christian Church.

Broadway Dinner Groups Forming

Broadway's popular Dinner Groups are forming for the spring season. You may choose to be part of a group that shares a meal in a member's home, or join a group that meets in a local restaurant. Dixie Fisher is organizing the groups and would like to have your reservation as soon as possible. You may contact here at 474.3417.

Dinner groups will begin meeting in February. A host will be recruited from each group who will either make a reservation at a restaurant, or provide the entree for a home-based meal. Groups can schedule their meeting dates and times to coordinate with members' calendars.

Year-End Donation Statements Offer Paperless Option

Welcome to the 21st century!

Broadway's end-of-year donation statements are prepared, and for the first time, available in a paperless format. Through our new OnRealm system, Broadway members have always been able to check the latest information on their personal giving. Now, year-end donation statements will be mailed in a downloadable format for your convenience.

Those who do not have an OnRealm account will continue to receive a printed statement. These statements will be placed in church mailboxes by mid-January. If the statements are not picked up by Sunday, January 25, they will be

mailed to member's home.

If you an OnRealm user, and would prefer to have a printed statement mailed to your home, please contact Ingrid at 445.5312 or iluckenbill24@tranquility.net.

Using the paperless option is good for the trees and for the careful management of Broadway's operating budget. If you are an OnRealm user and have made a donation in the past twelve months, but do not receive an emailed statement, please contact Ingrid at the number above.

El Salvador Mission Set for March 21-28

Broadway's partnership with Enlace el Salvador is entering its fourth year. During that time, several groups of Broadway members have made the trek to El Salvador, witnessing the good work being accomplished, contributing to that work and building a bridge between the people of El Salvador and the people of our congregation.

In 2015, Broadway will offer another opportunity for our members to serve in El Salvador. The trip is scheduled for March 21-28, which also happens to be spring break for local colleges and schools.

The team's work will be determined at a later date, but one of the unique aspects of Enlace el Salvador is their commitment to local input and ownership of



mission projects. The communities served by Enlace will help identify the team's priority project, because they will have already done much of the groundwork and preparation to move that project forward to completion. The local congregational and community "buy-in" for proposed projects has meant a high degree of long-term success and sustainability for churches working with Enlace.

Service Ministry hopes to mitigate the cost of this

international trip with funds raised through its Wednesday night youth dinner fundraiser. Each Wednesday, Service Ministry volunteers prepare and serve a meal for Broadway youth and a fellowship meal for adults participating in choir, bells, Bible study (or anyone who enjoys a home-cooked

meal). Proceeds from the meals funded the 2014 trip to Moore, Oklahoma, and it is hoped will provide funding for "in country" lodging and food. This will likely decrease the cost of the trip by almost half.

If you would like more information, contact Debby at 445.5312 or Nancy Miller at 864.2439. More information will be coming soon—but if you are interested, please contact Debby or Nancy soon!

Service Ministry Welcomes You

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to help others? Or maybe it was to become more involved at Broadway?

Here is a tidy solution to both resolutions—become involved with Broadway's Service Ministry, or as it is lovingly called, MOM (Mission and Outreach Ministry). There are many ways that MOM works, often behind the scenes, to help individuals, families and

organizations in our community.

The next MOM meeting will be Monday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Loft. There is always lots to talk about (and Habitat is just around the corner), and your input is welcome. Contact Debby in the church office at 445.5312 if you would like more information about MOM meetings and activities.

Christmas Offering Totals

Christmas Special Offering
\$1456.00

(benefits Regional Ministries)

Christmas Eve Offering
\$4027.29

(one half will support P.E.T.;
one half will support Room At the Inn)

Youth Mission Fundraiser Serves Up Iconic Pizza

A Pizza By Any Other Name Would Not Be...Shakespeares

"To double cheese, or not to double cheese—that is the question."

There are so many ways to have fun with a Shakespeare's fundraiser for our Youth Mission Team—why don't we count them? You will be helping the members of the mission team reduce the cost of their 2015 trip. You will be visiting with some terrific kids when you visit their table in Fellowship Hall this Sunday and next. You will demonstrate your support for Broadway's Youth Ministry. And, you will treat yourself and possibly some friends on Super Bowl Sunday to some amazing pizza—without the two hour wait for

Shakespeare's Pizza

delivery!

Order forms were placed in church mailboxes last Sunday, and there will be a table to accept orders on January 11 and 18 in Fellowship Hall. Each 12" pizza costs \$12, and you may choose from pepperoni, sausage, extra cheese, vegetarian and the new "Panda's Pepperoni." All orders submitted in the Fellowship Hall will help reduce cost for the entire mission team, but youth also have the option of selling

to friends, family and neighbors to raise funds for their own mission expenses.

Pizzas will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, February 1, from 8:30-12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. February 1 is coincidentally Super Bowl Sunday, so you can enjoy a quality Shakes pizza while you are wondering, "Who is Katy Perry?" Remember, your order must be received no later than Sunday, January 18.

Youth Group

Returns January 14

Broadway's Wednesday Night Live Youth Group returns after the Christmas break on January 14. Come ready to eat at 6:00 p.m., with group activities getting underway at 6:30 p.m. And, back after Room at the Inn's transition, OPEN GYM!!

So bring your Christmas stories and share them with your Broadway friends. It will great to be together again!

Workshop Teaches Third Graders Bible Basics

A Broadway Tradition Continues to Flourish

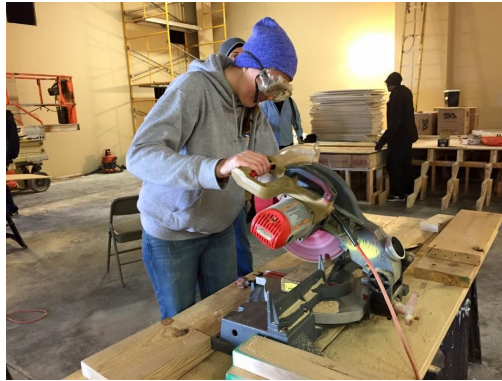
Every year, Broadway third graders are presented with a Bible during worship services. This is the first of their big kid "rites of passage," benchmarks along the path of spiritual formation.

Before receiving their Bibles, our third graders are invited to participate, along with their parents or another important adult in their life, in Broadway's Third Grade Bible Workshop. This year's Workshop will be held on Saturday, January 24, from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bibles will be presented during worship on Sunday, January 25.

Invitations to the Workshop have been mailed to all third graders. Please return the requested information to Barb at 445.5312 or bstephenson09@tranquility.net. If you have a third grader in your home and did not receive the mailing, please contact Barb as soon as possible.

Disciples on Campus Mission Team at Work



Nick Larson and Jimmie Spears from First Christian Church are leading a group of Disciples college students on a winter break mission trip to Mississippi.

Looks like they are hard at work in the windy city—prayers for safe travels as they return later this week.



February Is Retreat Month at Broadway

Boys' Retreat

February 6-7

Girls' Retreat

February 12-14

Men's Retreat

February 20-21

Women's Retreat

February 27-28




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Office hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m.—Noon

Sunday Scriptures

January 11

Genesis 1: 1-5
Get

January 18

I Samuel 3: 1-10
Get Up

January 25

Jonah 3: 1-5
Get Up and Go

February 1

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
Get Up, Go and Say

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