



BROADWAY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 a.m.

January 8, 2012

Epiphany Sunday

Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us today.

Visitors: Please record your **complete address**, as well as your name, on the registers. We'd like to send you a greeting! If you would like to take a short tour of the church building and grounds, meet one of our greeters at the Welcome Center after the service.

Childcare for pre-school children is available during our worship service. We invite **school-age children** to participate in our morning worship with us, as well as to participate in Kaleidoscope Choir at 9:45 am and our 10:15 am Children's Education Time.

Children's Activity Kits We have Children's Activity Kits that can be used during the worship service. These kits include crayons, a coloring sheet and books that can keep your child occupied while in the service. When you enter the service, just let an usher know that you need one and they will get it for you and you can turn it back in at the conclusion of the service.

Children's Church (for children who leave the sanctuary after the Time for Young Christians) Children's Church is an opportunity for Broadway's **children ages 3 and up** to play games, hear stories, do crafts, and sing songs that all relate to a Biblical lesson or theme for the day. Leaders are volunteers from the congregation who have an interest in sharing God's word with our kids.

Inclusive Language Here at Broadway we have an inclusive language policy that recognizes and affirms the full range of diversity among persons engaged in the communication process. We are intentional that our imagery of God as well as our liturgy reflect that inclusiveness. The pastors are available to answer any questions you might have regarding the policy. The entire inclusive language policy can be found on the website. A further resource by Paul Smith, *Is it Okay to call God Mother?* is available through the church office.

Large print hymnals and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Stewardship Cards: As you worship with the Broadway community today, you are invited to share in a personal way. The orange card that is in the pew pockets is for you to express how you are or might be in service to God and community this week. It is also a place for you to share prayer concerns. Use as much or as little of the card as you like. The cards will be viewed **ONLY** by the pastors. By placing this card in the offering plate you are symbolically acknowledging your gifts of time and talents to the glory of God.

Song numbers with the designation "FS" refer to selections from *The Faith We Sing* books. All other selections are from the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

Words of Centering

Epiphany: a festival observed commemorating the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles; an appearance or manifestation of a divine being; a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something; an intuitive grasp of reality through something (as an event) usually simple and striking.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY IN GOD'S STORY

The Music of Gathering

"We Meet You, O Christ"

Carl F. Schalk
[Tim Barnes, organ]

***The Call to Worship**

The magi came from many places, following a star.

We come from many places and the star sheds light on our lives.

The magi brought gifts to offer the Child.

We too bring gifts – ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.

Shepherds and magi – the meek and the mighty – all were welcome in Bethlehem.

We, too, come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing.

***The Hymn of Praise**

"Jesus, the Light of the World" see green insert

The Celebration of Community and Connection

Welcoming of Visitors and Attendance Registration

THE STORY HOLDS US ACCOUNTABLE

The Call to Confession

The Spirit of Light calls us to a life of authenticity and re-birth.

So we come to recognize our own brokenness, our own failings, and to trust God with them.

The Prayer of Confession

Let us pray.

O God, your love is a light that breaks the shadows of lies and deceptions and helps us realize the truth. We must admit it is painful. Your light exposes our attempts to live on the surface of life – afraid of the depths, trying to hide the deep needs within us. It exposes our stubbornness, our selfish concerns, our indifference to the suffering of others. It reveals the lies of our world telling us falsely what it means to be strong or wise or successful. Yet we know that this same love-light is the source of our healing, our wholeness and our hope. Forgive us God, and let your light shine in our gloom that we may have wholeness and life. Through Jesus Christ, who has shown us the way.

The Silent Prayers

To all of our prayers let the people say,

Amen.

The Words of Assurance

The hurting places, the needy places, the places of shadow, gloom and even chaos are real.

But so is the promise and the light.

God has made a choice and so must we.

We choose God's promise. Let the light shine!

* Those who are able, please stand.

(**Bold type** within liturgy indicates congregational response.)

HEARING THE STORY

God's Story in Scripture

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come! the glory of YHWH is rising upon you! Though darkness still covers the earth and dense clouds enshroud the peoples, upon you YHWH now dawns, and God's glory will be seen among you! The nations will come to your light and the leaders to your bright dawn! Lift up your eyes, and look around: they're all gathering and coming to you — your daughters and your sons journey from afar, escorted in safety; you'll see them and beam with joy, your heart will swell with pride. The riches of the sea will flow to you, and the wealth of the nations will come to you — camel caravans will cover your roads, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of YHWH.

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word.

Amen.

A Time for Young Christians

[During the Time for Young Christians, you are invited to use the Prayer Cards in the pew pockets to indicate prayer concerns you would like lifted up in prayer during this week. They can be placed in the offering plate or posted on the prayer wall. Children are invited to Children's Church in the Wesley Room following the Time for Young Christians.]

The Story in Music

"The Lord's Prayer"

Mark Miller

[The Broadway Choir]

God's Story in Scripture

*The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth — which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod — astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the newborn ruler of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage." At this news Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem. Summoning all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him. "Here is what the prophet has written: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, since from you will come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Herod

called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report back to me — so that I may go and offer homage, too." After their audience with the ruler, they set out. The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and paid homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Story Interpreted

"Making it Real: Coming to the Light"

Rev. Vernice Thorn

THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN THE STORY

The Hymn of Response

"Carol of the Epiphany" FS 2094

The Offering of Prayers

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

[After each Joy or Concern:] God, in your care, **Receive our prayer.**

The Morning Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus.....# 895

[You are invited to say this prayer in the language of your heart.]

The Sung Response

“Spirit Song” # 347 (refrain only)

The Mission Minute

Church of the Reconciler

The Offering of Gifts

[Broadway is committed to the financial support of its identity, vision, and ministry by tithing. Consider making an offering this morning of 10 percent of your income from this past week.]

The Offering of Music

[Mark Slima, piano]

The Presentation of Offerings

***The Doxology** # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray.
Loving God, we are marked by your spirit and challenged by your call. Receive our offerings of prayer and money as signs of our gratitude and commitment. Let our concern and dedication be a light of hope to the world. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE COMMUNITY KEEPS WRITING THE STORY

Announcements, News of the Congregation, and “Sign-ups”

***The Hymn of Sending**

“Like a Child” FS 2092 vs. 1-2

***The Benediction**

Go forth into a new year.

We go renewed by God’s word.

May you know and experience the light that Christ offers us.

We go realizing that the light of Christ is all we need to “make it real”.

With the peace of Christ, go into the world as ministers of that light and continue witnessing for justice, wholeness and the connection of all creation. Amen?

Amen.

***The Sung Response**

“Like a Child” FS 2092 vs. 3

***The Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

[Mark Slima, piano]

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TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS

<p>Ministers: All the People Liturgist: Loraine Edwalds Gospel Reader: Tim Barnes</p>	<p>Pianist: Mark Slima Children’s Church: Charolette Lill and Vincent Wiggins</p>
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Village People: 2011 Giving Update — Broadway's budget is used to sustain Broadway's mission and ministries, which are supported by basic expenses like utilities, staff salaries, and ministry supplies. Our budget also includes giving to the General UMC in "apportionments" to support global mission and other projects.

Budgeted for 2011: \$290,284 To date, received in 2011: \$260,396 Total: (-\$37,511)

Pledges made for 2011: \$173,784 To date, pledges received in 2011: \$149,178 Total: (-\$24,606)

Mission Minute and outside donations received in 2011 (does not go toward budget): \$7,623

Thank you for your commitment to God's purposes through our faith community!

DONATE

You can now donate [online!](#) Simply go to our website and click on a "Donate" button. Please contact the office with any questions.

Our Mission Minute for January is Church of the Reconciler.

Church of the Reconciler (www.churchofthereconciler.com) is a multicultural, multiracial, mission church, serving over 900 homeless people in Birmingham, Alabama. We have offered our financial support to Rev. Kevin Higgs and our sister church that boldly proclaims itself to be "A Church in Mission to Homeless," in Birmingham over the past several years.

Our Mission Minute Sunday is today, January 8, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope "Church of the Reconciler" or "Mission Minute." You can also donate [online](#).

Celebrate, Re-dedicate: 2012

Thanks to all who felt ready to make a pledge, committing to the regular financial support of Broadway's identity & mission for 2012. **So far, we've received promises for 2012 from 77 households of our worshipping community, totaling about \$168,000** — getting us started toward what we need to continue to do the amazing ministry to which we're committed. If you have not done so yet, please find a pledge card on the table outside the Sanctuary, and return to the office as soon as you can so we can best predict how we'll put together a budget for 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2012

TODAY — SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

Adult Education Hour: Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott, **Sundays at 10 am.** (also Wednesdays at 7 pm) *We're born broken and we live by mending. The grace of God is glue. Maybe you don't think you're a "book study" person...well...this class is for YOU! Come discover how one writer's life journey – in all its raw messiness – opens wide the door of faith. You'll read about Anne's own journey from alcohol & drug addiction as an isolated single Mom to her discovery of the power of a faith community called "church." Anne Lamott's Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith. Sundays @ 10 am: January 8, 15, 22, 29. Wednesdays @ 7 pm: January 4, 11, 18, 25. When God is going to do something wonderful, He or She always starts with a hardship; when God is going to do something amazing, He or She starts with an impossibility. Borrow a copy from the Library. Buy a second-hand copy. Or just come and add to the conversation with your own life journey's insights. We're hoping Anne shows up...*

Chomp and Chat We would like to extend an invitation to the next Chomp and Chat **today after the 11:00 service** in Friendship Hall. Please bring your choice of one of the following to share with our community of friends: side dish, veggie tray, chips, beverage or dessert. We look forward to seeing you there. Questions? Contact Fran Markwardt at frankmarkw@att.net or Diana Davis at 773-960-9142. All are welcome!

Rich Rituals Meeting Please join us **today at 1:00 pm (following Chomp and Chat)** to work on worship planning for Lent. Contact Carol McPherson at carol.mcpherson@garrett.edu if you have questions or would like to participate but cannot attend.

THIS WEEK — JANUARY 9 TO 14, 2012

"After God's Heart" Bible Study Come for a relaxed, informal Bible study – no homework required! We read together and discuss what we're learning about God and God's people. This fall, we've taken a look at the two-volume narrative of the lives of Hannah, Samuel, Saul, and David – these stories are a midpoint between the call of Abraham and the birth of Jesus, and they help us understand what it means to be human, says Eugene Peterson. For these characters, "God is the country in which they live." Supplies needed: a Bible (if you need one, please ask!) Led by Student Pastor Ben Bower. **Mondays at 10:30 am. (note time change!)**

FELDENKRAIS not Felden Christ and Holding Onto Hope — A Confidential Support Group are being re-evaluated for 2012. Stay tuned for more information!

Stratesqueer," Chicago's queer choir Stratesqueer joins voices and hearts in song to create stronger community and selves. Rehearsals are held **Monday nights at 7 pm** in the Wesley Room on a weekly basis, and everyone who thrives in and appreciates queer space is invited to attend. They are open to all ages and sing a wide range of musical styles from rap to gospel to country and beyond. They look forward to sharing space and song with you. Stratesqueer is led by Jackie Boyd.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Sanctuary Prayer is open to the church and community **each Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm.** Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for prayer and consultation.

Guided Meditation in the Pillow Room at **6:00 pm on Wednesdays.** If you're interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation. If you have questions, please see Vernice or Lois.

Education Hour: Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott, **Wednesdays at 7 pm.** (also Sundays at 10 am) Please see "Adult Education Hour" announcement under the "today" section above.

THIS WEEK — JANUARY 9 TO 14, 2012

Register Now! Winter Warming It's not too late to register for Winter Warming workshops & Worship -- go to www.winterwarming.com. Many from Broadway will be going to Oak Park for the activities on **Saturday, January 14**, so please talk with Lois if you would like to be part of a carpool.

NEXT SUNDAY — JANUARY 15, 2012

Guest Preacher: Mark Miller

Lectionary: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Special Guest Next Sunday we welcome Mark Miller who will preach and offer musical leadership.

Making "The Dream" a Reality... Bishop Hee-Soo Jung invites all NIC members to a Conference Wide Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his message. When & Where: **Sunday, January 15, 2012** at Hartzell Memorial UMC (3330 S. King Dr., Chicago). **4pm** Gathering with light refreshments, **5pm** Worship Service & Special Music. Speaker: Dr. Myron F. McCoy. Reception to follow.



Dr. Myron F. McCoy became the fourth President of Saint Paul School of Theology in August of 2003. Bringing more than two decades of experience in local church leadership, including serving as a District Superintendent, Myron McCoy came to Kansas City from Chicago, Illinois where he served as Senior Pastor of Saint Mark United Methodist Church from 1992 until 2003. McCoy earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration from Ohio Wesleyan University (1977), his Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (1982), and his Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary (1991). He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Baker University (2005).

COMING SOON

MLK Day As you can see from today's bulletin insert, it's that time of year again for the Annual MLK Day Chili cook-off and Dessert competition and Poetry Slam! Be sure to sign up for chili, dessert, or side dishes on the sign-up sheets in Friendship Hall so that we can get closer to a head count for this special Annual Celebration -- thanks!

Pride Month Planning Meeting WE ARE BELOVED AND PROUD! This is one of the possible themes for PRIDE 2012 at BROADWAY! If you'd like to be a part of the planning and the sharing of ideas and the collaboration of creativity it takes to plan PRIDE MONTH...please attend our first brainstorming session on **Sunday, January 22nd, immediately following the 11:00 service**. If you aren't able to attend but have some ideas and want to share them and make them heard at the meeting...e-mail Sean-Edward Hall at seanedward2@yahoo.com. We will be finalizing t-shirt designs, planning what events we host (new and old), possible worship service alternatives and new ways to show our RADICAL LOVE and our fight for JUSTICE and EQUALITY! WE ARE BELOVED AND PROUD!

Broadway UMC Calendar: Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday	8:45 a.m. Service of Prayer & Preaching [Sanctuary]
January 8	9:45 a.m. Kaleidoscope Children's Choir [Wesley Room] 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour [Friendship Hall] 10:00 a.m. Adult Education Hour: Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith + [Pillow Room] 10:15 a.m. Children's Education [Room A] 11:00 a.m. Festival Service [Sanctuary] 12:30 p.m. Chomp and Chat + [Friendship Hall] 1:00 p.m. Rich Rituals meeting + [Wesley Room] and POC / ARWC meeting [Area C] 5:00 p.m. Dignity Mass* [Sanctuary and Friendship Hall] 6:00 p.m. CMA Group* [Area C]
Monday	9:30 a.m. Toddlers' Playhouse [Area C]
January 9	10:30 a.m. "After God's Heart" Bible Study + [Wesley Room] 6:30 p.m. Money Ministers meeting 7:00 p.m. Stratesqueer (Queer Quoir) + [Sanctuary] 7:30 p.m. AA Group* [Area C]
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Toddlers' Playhouse [Area C]
January 10	5:30 p.m. LAC Board Meeting [Wesley Room] 7:00 p.m. AA Group* [Room B] and NA Group* [Wesley Room]
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Toddlers' Playhouse [Area C]
January 11	12:15 p.m. AA Group* [Wesley Room] 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary Prayer + [Sanctuary] 6:00 p.m. Guided Meditation + [Pillow Room] 7:00 p.m. Education Hour: Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith + [Pillow Room] 8:00 p.m. Candlelight AA Group* [Wesley Room]
Thursday	9:30 a.m. Toddlers' Playhouse [Area C]
January 12	7:00 p.m. The Broadway Choir [Sanctuary]
Friday	9:30 a.m. Toddlers' Playhouse [Area C]
January 13	12:00 p.m. LAC Youth Task Force [Wesley Room] 6:00 p.m. AA Group* [Area C] 7:30 p.m. Alanon Group* [Area C]
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Dignity* [Wesley Room]
January 14	1:00 p.m. Winter Warming + [off-site] 4:30 p.m. Youth Lounge [Area C]

Bold face indicates BUMC sponsored activities

*Community Group

+ see announcements

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”



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