

# 2010 KWANZAA CELEBRATION

December is almost synonymous with the word celebration. Even those of us who find this to be an extremely troubling time, for various reasons, cannot deny the festive feel in the air. It is certain we have individual impressions of what it means to celebrate, yet, most of us participate or ritualize the holidays in some manner during this month.

Christmas Day we celebrate new birth and God's continued presence in the world. So it is very appropriate that we come together as community to celebrate Kwanzaa, a commemoration rooted in the first harvest celebrations practiced in various cultures in Africa. Kwanzaa allows us, especially in our diversity, to embrace a message of hope and solidarity. The seven principles are values and goals that affect all of us, regardless of race or ethnicity. They are celebration stories, each principle affirming our awareness of God, strengthening our trust in our Creator and each other, as we work together to bring about healing, justice and wholeness. With conviction and passion the principles help us to face life with determination, unity, creativity, purpose and faith.

Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration which continues to evolve into an invitation to all people to celebrate the beauty and the contributions of people of African descent. Broadway United Methodist Church, friends and family are invited to celebrate all seven principles beginning Sunday, December 26th, and ending on Friday the 31st with a community potluck and the sharing of homemade gifts. Last year was an exciting time and this year will be that plus more. Kwanzaa is hosted by People of Color Discussion Group and The Anti-Racist White Caucus.



## **Kwanzaa 2010 Schedule:**

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| <b>December 26th</b>      | <b><u>One</u> Sunday morning service <u>at 10:00 am</u></b>                              |
| <b>December 27 – 30th</b> | <b>7 pm (Wesley Room)</b>  |
| <b>December 31st</b>      | <b>Potluck and gift exchange <u>at 6:30 pm</u><br/>(Wesley Room and Friendship Hall)</b> |

We hope that you will consider sharing in this time of remembering and visioning as we move together into a new year!



## 2010 ADVENT Celebrations from the BUMC Family



In Celebration of .....The Gay Men's Discussion Group..... Given by Anonymous  
In Celebration of .....Ellen Grimshaw, my mother, on her 100th birthday.....Given by MJ Grimshaw  
In Celebration of .....My granddaughter Jayla's first Christmas..... Given by Vernice Thorn  
In Celebration of .....The Peace that we all pray for..... Given by Richard Johnson

In Honor of.....Howard Parr, Clayton's Father ..... Given by Lois and Clayton Parr  
In Honor of.....Dale Lea, the joy of my life and devoted partner of 31 years..... Given by Robert Gorman  
In Honor of.....Good friends Rick Newbury & Bryce Bandstra..... Given by Charolette Lill  
In Honor of.....Mrs. Dean Berkey ..... Given by David Berkey  
In Honor of.....Mr. Dean Berkey..... Given by David Berkey  
In Honor of.....My nephew & nieces, Harvey Andrew, Meredith Anne & Margaret Eleanor Barnes.....

Given by Tim Barnes

In Honor of.....Doris Widebeck ..... Given by Bill Buckland & Don Aubrey  
In Honor of.....Jesus Christ, who said nothing against homosexuality..... Given by Helen Nagel  
In Honor of.....My mother, Pearl Lohse Harper ..... Given by Randy Harper  
In Honor of.....Agnes Moorehead ..... Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek

In Memory of.....Relatives and friends no longer among us ..... Given by Fran Markwardt  
In Memory of.....Maggie Lee Henson, Bill Richardson, Dina DeAcetis, and Aida Guss Given by Judy DeAcetis  
In Memory of.....Anne Silverstein Conner & Lula Smith..... Given by Sarah Conner Smith  
In Memory of.....Jean T. Johnson..... Given by James J. Johnson  
In Memory of.....Joaquina Barrios & Joel Barrios..... Given by Elina Rodriguez  
In Memory of.....John P. Van Hying, brother ..... Given by Mark W. Van Hying  
In Memory of.....Reedy and Mavis G. Melton..... Given by Reed Melton  
In Memory of.....J. Herbert & Viola Williams..... Given by Matthew Williams  
In Memory of.....Rev. Glen & Mary Sutton ..... Given by Rev. David & Anita Herr  
In Memory of.....Barbara Buckland..... Given by Bill Buckland & Don Aubrey  
In Memory of.....Rev. & Mrs. John G. P. Sherburne ..... Given by Theo Lambos  
In Memory of.....Irene Girard (my aunt)..... Given by Irene Bourgeois  
In Memory of.....My son Lawrence & siblings Albert, George and Rosetta, and mother Florence.....

Given by Floretha Reid

In Memory of.....Bernice Raidonis, mother..... Given by Perle Raidonis  
In Memory of.....My parents..... Given by Helen Nagel  
In Memory of.....My father, Raymond Brock Harper 1923 - 2002 ..... Given by Randy Harper  
In Memory of.....Quintin Vanden Hoek & Loretta Star ..... Given by Jim Bennett & Terry Vanden Hoek  
In Memory of.....Mom, Dad, Betty, Gerry, Grandma and Mickey ..... Given by Robert Gorman  
In Memory of.....Our parents: Lenora Haab Parr; Jim and Jinny McCullen.... Given by Lois and Clayton Parr  
In Memory of.....My parents, Bert and Anne Johnson..... Given by Richard Johnson

**Coming in January**

**Saturday 1 January**

Christmas Open House at the Parsonage,  
1-5 pm

**Sunday 2 January**

Planning Meeting for MLK, Jr Community  
Dinner, 12:30 pm

**Tuesday 3 January**

Gay Men's Discussion Group begins again, Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm

**Wednesday 5 January**

Authors Jack Seymour and Margaret Ann Crain (*Yearning for God*) will join Book Study, 7 pm

**Saturday 8 January**

Environment Room Clean-Up and Organization, 10 am-2 pm

**Sunday 9 January**

Congregational Forum, 12:30pm -- envisioning our future for "every member in ministry"

**Wednesday 12 January**

Haiti Memorial Service, 6 pm, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

**Saturday 15 January**

Multicultural Seminar, 10 am-1 pm

Reconciling Ministries Winter Warming Gathering 4-7 pm; carpool to Euclid Avenue UMC

**Sunday 16 January**

Worship Alive! Workshop in Rogers Park, 2-5 pm

**Monday 17 January**

Celebrating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in our Annual CommUNITY Dinner

**Tuesday 18 January — Tuesday 25 January**

Week of Prayer

**Saturday 29 January**

Education Rally, 10 am-1 pm

Sowers Retreat, 1-5 pm

**Sunday 30 January**

Church/Charge Conference at 12:30 pm



*More details on January events can be found in our January newsletter, which can be found on our website.  
([www.broadwaychurchchicago.org](http://www.broadwaychurchchicago.org) under "Resources" and then "Newsletters")*

# **BROADWAY**

## **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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