



Broadway United Methodist Church  
701 Broadway  
Paducah, Kentucky 42001



**ALIVE**

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR  
*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*

**DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT BROADWAY**

**Sunday, December 4: 10:30 a.m. Worship, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Holy Communion  
Rev. Sky McCracken, preaching  
Fellowship Ringers & Chancel Choir

**Sunday, December 11: 10:30 a.m. Worship, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
Susan Engle, preaching  
Organ, Brass & Chancel Choir

**Sunday, December 18: 10:30 a.m. Worship – Cantata –**  
**The Chancel Choir, presents The Wonder of Christmas** The choir, assisted by many others in our congregation, have been rehearsing diligently since September for a very special performance Sunday, December 18, at the 10:30 service. The best way to describe our Christmas Cantata this year is in the words of its creator, David Hamilton: **“The Wonder of Christmas** seems to capture the broad range of emotions I felt in this music—a reflection of the countless ways we respond to the glorious truth of our Savior’s birth.”

Soloists: Janie Collins, Linda Lofton, Leslie Bate, Judy Hayes, Pam Collins, Janice Cowherd, and Holly King.

Narrators are: Anne Bidwell and John Sparks.

Additional accompanists are Bethany Beal, percussion; Bob Ragland, guitar and Kim Tipton, keyboard.

The Fellowship Ringers are Leslie Bates, Jim Elwood, Debbie Gandy, Mary Giltner, Brad Pont, Amy Smith and Gayle Wilcox.

**Saturday, December 24: 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service**

Ladies Trio and Soloist: Sara Williamson

Duet: Chris Beal and Nancy Ryan

**Sunday, December 25: 10:30 a.m. Worship Christmas Day**

Manger Medley (congregational singing with accompanist Jon Cowherd)

Handbell Duet: Leslie Bates and Jim Elwood

Duet: Anne Cowherd and Jon Cowherd

Duet: Chris Beal & Nancy Ryan

We hope that many of our congregation will be able to attend these services in honor of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Meeting To Be Re-Scheduled**

The All Call Lunch Meeting Scheduled for December 4 has been postponed until Rev. Beal can attend.

**We are pleased to present**

**Eric Horner in Concert**

*Christmas In America*

**Broadway - Iger Hall**

**December 14, 2011**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Please Join Us and Invite A Friend!**



**LIVE NATIVITY AT BROADWAY UMC**

**December 22 & 23**

**6-8 P.M.**

**Needed Children and Adults as Joseph, Shepherds, Kings, Angels and the Little Drummer Boy.**

**See the sign- up sheet in McMurry Hall.**

# BUMS PAGE

Broadway United Methodist Student Ministry



## THIS MONTH

**Dec 3: Christmas Parade—WE NEED YOU!**  
**Youth Walking with Broadway Family**  
**(Everyone walking MUST dress as a nativity character- shepherd, king or angel)**  
**Dec 4: BUMS Sunday Nights (6-7:30)**  
**Dec 11: Christmas Caroling (6-7:30)**  
**Dec 18: BUMS Christmas Party (6-7:30)**  
**Dec 22-23 BUMC Live Nativity**  
**Dec 24-Jan 1 CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Calling ALL 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!!!!

### UP AHEAD: Confirmation Class

Feb 1-Mar 28 (Wednesday Nights after Meal) 6:15-7:15

Confirmation Sunday: March 25

Lakeshore Confirmation Retreat: February 3-5



In November, some of the women from Ladies Living Free came to Broadway to help us prepare for the Advent Walk and the Christmas Parade. Ladies Living Free is a Christ based 6-month addiction treatment program under the umbrella of the Lifeline Men's Ministry. While these precious women were here, one lady in particular caught my attention. Her name was Crystal. Crystal was on fire for Christ and unashamed to share her excitement about worshiping and serving Him. I love that! Although her spirit was what drew me to her, I believe she had a message for me, and maybe for you. You see, Crystal shared with me about the day she came to Ladies Living Free. She told me about pulling onto the premises after being in jail for a year. She knew God had allowed her to get into this program but what had caught her immediate attention was the majesty of the oak trees. As time has passed, she has walked and studied the oaks and God has shown her that these trees began from small acorns. What Crystal didn't know is that God speaks to me through the beauty of his trees too. When I was in my late teens and early twenties, I did not believe in God. In fact, I thought that religion had been an amazingly intelligent way to control the masses with a moral baseline. My mom and I would go round and round and she would always say to me, "Becca, I don't know how anyone can look at the trees and not believe in God." That made no sense to me, but this nature lover started paying a lot more attention to the trees and secretly hoping for a sign of God's existence.

Years went by, and many stories took place...some sad, some joyful. The trees were ever present. I watched them change with the seasons. I still didn't get what my mom meant. It took the heartache of divorce, the death of my original plans, the destruction of my self-sustainability to realize that I needed God. I was humbled enough to finally see that I could not make it, and if God was there, I needed him. I cried out to Jesus. He was right there the whole time, but he couldn't help me because I didn't really want his help.

Sometimes things start out small, like an acorn, but with nourishment and time, they become strong and majestic like the oak tree. We are in the Christmas season. Jesus was sent as a tiny infant, not as the mighty warrior many Jews had anticipated. He was the seed of God, placed on earth, to ultimately become our Savior, through God's nourishment, direction and strength. May we learn from both examples.

Merry Christmas,  
Rebecca

## Members in Action

Broadway offers something for everyone!

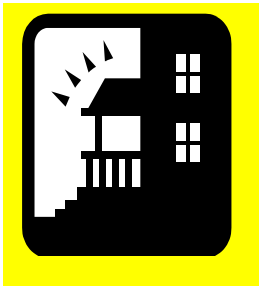
Contact the church office at 443-2401 for more information on these opportunities.

### Porch Visit Team

December 4: Betsy Pickens  
 December 11: Bob Johnston  
 Kate Johnston  
 December 18: Barbara McGinty  
 December 25: Betsy Pickens

### Bread Baker Team

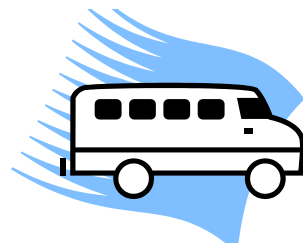
December 4: Debbie Davies  
 December 11: Karen Jackson  
 December 18: Barbara McGinty  
 December 25: Stacy Johnson



### Van Drivers

Additional van drivers are always welcome. No special license is required, just a valid driver's license.

December 4: Bob Ragland  
 December 11: Bob Bohle  
 December 18: Logan Gay  
 December 25: Tom Hines



**December 4:** Bob Bohle, Tom Brown, Bert Jody, Mike Buckner, David Sparks, Rowland Hancock, Ben & Joni Hogancamp, Barry Smith, & John Wampler

**December 11:** Jay Collins, George Boland, Ricky Ball, John Dunn, Mike Gentry, Jack Johnston, Paul Carroll, & Larry Hantle

**December 18:** Rodger Lofton, Lanny King, Gail Giltner, Tom Hines, Blann Hancock, & John Lynn.

**December 25:** L.V. McGinty, Lynn Habacker, Bob Hayes, Gary Houston, Bob Johnston, Mark Whitlow, & Bill Williams



## GREETERS

Each Sunday morning, greeters are stationed at the sanctuary doors in the Narthex. We have many doors at Broadway and would love to have greeters stationed at each door. A smile and a handshake are all you need to be a Broadway Greeter!

December 4: Bob & Cindy Ragland  
 December 11: Larry & Pat Bruce  
 December 18: Martha Baker & Inez Stiner  
 December 25: Shell & Carol Marshall

*If you are unable to greet on your Sunday, please change with someone else on the list.*

### Card Ministry at Broadway UMC

We have a "Card Ministry" at BUMC where we send a note each month to long time Broadway members that have moved away. Most of those on the list are elderly. The cards and postage are provided. A list of names is kept updated through the church office. Would you be willing to help by writing a card or cards 1 or 2 times a year?

Please contact Jennifer Gay or notify the church office. Thank you!

## Community Kitchen

Each Sunday, BUMC's Community Kitchen offers a free meal from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Iger Hall.

**Meal Providers include:**

December 4: Church Council  
 December 11: Gandy Team  
 December 18: Grace Episcopal 3  
 December 25: Collins/ Russell Team

## Paducah Cooperative Ministry

### Emergency Food Pantry

PCM asks that members of our congregation bring one meal –in-a can item such as Stew, Spaghettios, or Chili to church each Sunday from now until

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## Gifts To Broadway United Methodist Church

In Memory of Dr. Curtis Bippert ; Anna Frazier; William H. Dyer;  
William W. Dyer; Sonny Ralston ; Sonny & Doris Ralston; Howard  
Gray ; Dr. Clark Hall; Terry Shively ; Lafon Craft ; Ray Bledsoe;  
Douglas Campbell ; Carolyn ; Martha Miller ; Carl LeBuhn;

In Honor of Veterans and United Methodist Men; Durwood  
McKnight's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday; Rev. Henry E. Russell's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and  
Hank & Grace Russell.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE

Our thoughts and prayers are with the members or relatives of Broadway UMC members who have been deployed to hazardous duty because of the war: Andy Mutchler, grandson of Dr. Brad Mutchler; Charley Curtis, grandson of James Curtis; and Kaelin Thistlewood, nephew of Billy Thistlewood.

### SYMPATHY

With Donald Shively and family on the death of his father, Terry Shively.

With the family of Martha Miller on her death.

### Special Gifts

Broadway UMC Foundation recently received a generous gift from the estate of Marjorie Wynn.

Jennifer & Gary Gay donated 204 new place settings of silverware for the kitchen in honor of their granddaughters Scarlett Gay Kreutzer & Alice Rosaline Bradley.

### First Step Addiction Counseling Ministry

Providing the community the hope of God's salvation, despite the disease of addiction. Clients are offered licensed, professional counseling in regards to addiction, as well as family support. Services include Christ-driven individual and group sessions, education and referrals, when necessary. For more information contact Janean Tinsley at 270-408-1489 or firststepministry@comcast.net. Office located at 702 Jefferson Street.

### New Directions Counseling

**Stress Sadness Abuse Rocky Relationship**  
**Everyone needs help every now and then!**  
**Call: Carol Harmon, MA ,LPCC (270-217-2753)**  
**Office Hours By Appointment Only**

# Children at Broadway



## Family Advent Workshop

Broadway's Family Advent Workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:15 p.m. following supper. This year families will work together to make a manger and Baby Jesus to go with the Mary and Joseph figures from last year's Advent Workshop.

If you did not participate last year, come anyway to "put Jesus in the manger". All are welcome as long as supplies last! The Workshop is a time to make a keepsake your family, be it large or small, will enjoy for years to come.

## Children's Christmas Party

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

**For Broadway children and friends –**

**Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

This year's Children's Christmas Party will be held during **God's Own's** regular time on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 14. Pick up will be available from Clark, Community Christian and Lone Oak Elementary Schools. Christmas activities will begin as soon as the children reach the church. We will have a good time baking and eating Christmas cookies, making crafts and playing games, and will finish with a reminder of that very first Christmas.

All Broadway elementary children are invited and may bring a friend. Please e-mail Patty at [childrenbumc@hotmail.com](mailto:childrenbumc@hotmail.com) to let us know the number of children coming and who will need to be picked up.

## Christmas Parade – Dec. 3

Broadway United Methodist Church will be part of Paducah's Christmas Parade this year. We are going to drive the two church buses. Parents will be needed to accompany children age 5 or younger.

Inside seating is limited, but we want to have our buses full!! Older children, youth and adults can walk with our buses everyone walking needs to dress in Christmas attire (we suggest nativity characters – shepherds, angels, kings!)

Please contact Jan Haynes at 217-2748 –we MUST know who plans to participate. The buses will leave the Jefferson St. parking lot promptly at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 to line up for the parade! Everyone must be there

*Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child. We filled 85 shoeboxes for children around the world.*

**KEYS II Christmas Opportunity**

We have 9 children in the KEYS II program this year and they are a great group. We need items brought to the church so the children can Christmas shop for their families. These items can include candles, ornaments, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. Thank you Broadway . . . all 9 children have sponsors for personal Christmas gifts!!! Thank you in advance for your support of this vital program in our church. Phyllis Russell

**Life Line Ministries - Christmas**

Men in the Life Line Ministry are struggling with addiction and are working to get their lives back through a journey with Jesus. If you would like to help provide Christmas for children of these men, please contact Debbie Gentry, 744-0196.



**Ruth Group  
December 6 -9:30 a.m.  
Church Parlor  
Lunch follows at Paducah Country Club  
Reservations needed by December 1<sup>st</sup> call  
Nancy Ryan at 898-7542  
All ladies invited.**

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**Mutchler –Fellowship Sunday School Class  
Christmas Meal  
IHOP Restaurant  
December 10, 10:00 a.m.**

**Our Stewardship**

Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$15,080.00

**October 30, 2011 Offering**

Budget: \$15,503.00

Building: \$10,571.00

**November 6, 2011 Offering**

Budget: \$16,064.00

Building Fund: \$3,326.00

Communion – First Steps Addiction: \$596.00

**November 13, 2011 Offering**

Budget: \$9,936.00

Building Fund: \$920.00

Thanksgiving: \$215.00

**November 27, 2011 Offering**

Budget: \$9,512.50

Building Fund: \$977.00

Thanksgiving: \$27.00

**Worship Attendance**

**November 6: 267**

**November 13: 259**

**November 20: 258**

**November 27: 258**

**Broadway’s Community**

**Kitchen Served:**

**November 6: 101**

**November 13: 127**

**November 20: 128**

**November 27: 105**

**Upcoming Events Include:**

- December 1: Girl Scouts Lunch–Igert Hall
- December 3: Christmas Parade – NO CHILI SUPPER THIS YEAR
- December 5: Paducah Federal Credit Union – Igert Hall
- December 6: Lions Club Lunch – Igert Hall
- December 7: Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 p.m. Vegetable Soup  
Advent Family Workshop
- December 8: Staff Christmas Party
- December 11: Christmas Caroling 6 p.m.
- December 11: United Methodist Men 6 p.m.
- December 14: Last Wednesday Meal for this year 5:30 p.m.  
Eric Horner Christmas Concert in Igert Hall
- December 14: Godz’Own Christmas Party 3:30-5:45 p.m.
- December 15: Poinsettias Delivered
- December 18: Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
- December 18: Chancel Choir Christmas Party
- December 20: Finance Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- DECEMBER 22 & 23: LIVING NATIVITY AT BROADWAY 6-8 p.m.
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.
- December 25: 10:30 Worship Service – NO Sunday School  
NO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER!

## From The Pastor

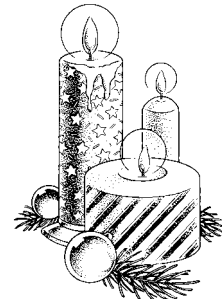
Tis' the season of waiting and watching with patience for the coming celebration of Jesus' birth. It is a holy season of thanksgiving for all good gifts that God gives. Among my gifts is the Broadway family—I am so thankful to God for blessing my life as part of that family. Before my recent surgery, I shared during Sunday morning worship that God desires for us "to know what love is, and He wants us to show it." Tears come to my eyes as I reflect on just how much everyone has shown that love to me. It has come in the form of cards, calls, visits, flowers, prayers, and unending support and encouragement. It has come in the form of the staff at Broadway keeping everything moving forward as I continue to heal. Through all of you I remain aware of the many praises, concerns, and prayer requests of my Broadway family. As I express my appreciation of the outpouring of love you have shown me, please know that my thoughts and prayers for you remain constant. I love you, "and I want you to know it!"

The gift of being connected with each of you is an example of the connectational nature of the Methodist Church. During my surgery and in the immediate days following, I was greeted in Memphis with visits and blessings from David and Nancy Comperry and from Richard and Pat Smith. They made sure that Evie and I were shown the best care available. At one point, I looked up from my hospital bed and saw Eloise Webb along with Pat Smith who visited with me. At another point, the CEO of the Memphis Methodist Hospital came to visit—he and his family are members of the Germantown church where Dr. Smith currently serves. During the day of my surgery, Mike and Debbie Gentry stayed by our side and ensured the family was in good hands. Between my Broadway family and the connectational Methodist Church family, you have made me know what love is and you have all certainly shown it. I am truly grateful for that gift.

As I ask for continued prayers for recovery, I look forward to a continued ministry at Broadway and look forward to being back as soon as possible. It is an exciting season for Broadway and for a connected church. What an expression of God's desire to "show us what love is" that we are given the gift of baby Jesus in a manger. During the journey to Christmas morning, let us give thanks to God for that love and remember that we are called to continually show it! Thank you again for showing it to me.

Peace and Grace

--Bro. Joe



We are very happy to have several people join us in worship while Bro. Beal is recuperating from surgery.

Rev. Sky McCracken, District Superintendent for the Paducah District will lead us in worship on December 4, 2011. Holy Communion will be served at this service.

Susan Engel, Paducah District Lay Resource Leader will lead us in worship on December 11, 2011.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services will have special music from Jon and Anne Cowherd. Jon and Anne both spent their early years at Broadway Methodist Church.

Jon received a Bachelor's degree in French horn and piano from Loyola, New Orleans and a Master of Music from Manhattan School of Music in New York City. He is a professional free lance pianist and composer.

Anne received her Bachelor's degree in voice from Murray State University. She has sung professionally in our area and NYC and has toured internationally as a member of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Singers.

Chris Beal and Sara Williamson, both graduates of Paducah Tilghman, students at Transylvania University and members of our Broadway church family will provide special music on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



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**January Issue: December 21**

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