

Broadway Beacon

Youth Basement Makeover!



The Youth had great time painting a wall purple in the youth basement after a lunch of Qdoba. Everyone chipped in and got the job done and had some fun and time for fellowship as well.

April 16: Youth will help at the Easter egg hunt at church Saturday morning.

May 1: Youth group after church

Coming Soon: **Passport camp: June 26-July 1**



Beloved Broadway,

We have much to share, so allow me to “cut to the chase,” as they say!

I want to begin by thanking our two interim ministry teams who have made our Family Ministry transition as a gust of fresh wind and fire through our family of faith at Broadway, and share with you what is happening in the ministries and in the search process.



In our **Youth Ministry**, Alix Davidson, our Interim Youth Minister, and Sue White (Youth Committee Chair) along with the whole Youth Committee (YC) of the “quick” wins which was identified by our Youth representative on the YC, Harrison Aberle. The quick win was a desperate need for a refresh of the space our Youth call home at Broadway—the Basement. On February 27, the Youth, parents, and stakeholders met for a listening session to hear from the parents and youth (together and separately with the youth with Alix and Cassie Lyles and the parents with me) about their hopes, needs, and concerns for the Youth Ministry moving forward. Since gathering everyone, our folks have re-upped on participation, and Alix along with a rotating cast of delightful committee members, have been leading Youth Sunday School with music, Bible Study, and a series of relevant topics generated by the Youth themselves. In addition, on March 27, the Youth chose for their All-Committee Gathering project to refresh and repaint the Youth Basement with our very own Decoration Team Coordinator, Connie Rogers, who popped down to help pick colors and make plans (with a lot of late-night help from Steve Naiser who came up to patch holes and prep the accent wall!). So, thank you to our Youth, our Parents, to Alix, Sue, and the YC and Leaders who have already put in so much time and love into our Youth Ministry.

In our **Children’s Ministry**, Brittany Ritter (Children’s Committee Chair) along with the Children’s Committee (CC) are working hard with our volunteer Interim Children’s Coordinator, Beth Kimbell, to help Broadway be open for business. On January 30, the CC met at the same time as the YC to trouble-shoot, problem-solve, and go from “Pony Express” to “Wells Fargo Wagon” (pulling together in the same direction)! The “quick win” identified by the group was the very practical, logistical need for adequate childcare during worship to provide developmentally-appropriate formation for babies, children, and parents.

On February 27, we hosted a listening session with parents, leaders, CC members, and even a few of our glorious grandparents! On March 6, the CC hosted a Spring Sunday School Kick-Off, complete with Children’s Church led by our own beloved George Coleman leading a Kid-Friendly version of his Lord’s Prayer study...and a Food Truck and Bounce Castle, too!



Our son has been alone in the nursery for quite some time but on March 6, there were 7 little ones in the nursery alone, with 13 in Children's Church. Additionally, we relaunched the Stained Glass Sunday School class, which I have been teaching during Lent, and our first week we had 24 people from all walks of life, including many of those parents whose children are racing through the halls and hearing the Good News of God's love in these walls.

Back in December, our current, incoming, and outgoing Deacons met for a "Mini-Retreat" to identify the strategic needs of the church on which we need to focus in this season of life.

Those **three Strategic Foci** were identified as such: **1) Deepening Connection Together** (reaching in to tend the relationships in our midst); **2) Communicating Identity Together** (telling the story of who Broadway is to the larger Louisville / Kentuckiana community); and **3) Missional Engagement Together** (discerning opportunities and working together for God's mission as Christ's hands and feet on earth).

On March 27, we met with our Committees and Team Leads for an All-Committee to share these three Strategic Foci and challenge the Committees and Team to make plans and goals which align with the strategic needs of our church.

Lastly, on January 10 our Deacon Chair, Vicki Buster, called for the formation of a **Family Ministry Subcommittee**, which was populated by our Personnel Committee, which includes our Finance Committee Chair, with representatives from our Children's and Youth Committees. Their dual charge was to explore and make recommendations to the Deacons on 1) our Interim Plan (which I have shared the fruit of that plan above) and 2) our Search Plan. After much prayer, reflection, reading, and meeting, the recommendation to the Deacons was to split the combined Family Ministry position into two separate roles—one full-time and one part-time.

Now, we are prayerfully preparing to form two search committees. The **Children Search Committee** will conduct a nationwide search for a full-time, theologically-trained Associate Pastor to Children and Families. The **Youth Search Committee** will search for a part-time Minister to Youth. This might be a person passionate about Youth Ministry who is working full-time in the area or is a Master of Divinity student living within driving-distance Broadway. We do not yet know. However, what I believe in the marrow of my soul is God is already calling these unique, gifted, passionate individuals into a new season in their vocational journeys and in the life of our church family.

I ask you to join me in praying for our Search Committees and for the people who the Holy Spirit is calling to join us in the good work of bearing Christ's Good News of peace, reconciliation, and love in the world.

With Gratitude to God and for You,

Pastor Kevin

Lenten Theme: Full to the Brim

Our Lenten journey has been enriched by this theme as we have lived in the fullness of God's grace. The artwork, devotion books, and other materials used during worship have enhanced our experience. As we enter Holy Week, may the sights and sounds continue to call us to forgiveness, grace, and love.

Resurrection Sunday, April 17

We will gather outside, weather permitting, and enjoy the symbolism of the newness of the blooming trees and flowers that surround us as we celebrate the Resurrection. We will sing familiar hymns and listen to the sounds of The Kentucky Brass as we raise our voices to the Risen Christ! This will be a great day to invite friends and neighbors to worship with us at BBC!

Organist Search

We have been searching a long time for our next church organist here at BBC. Currently, the music committee is in the process of interviewing a few candidates who have applied for our open position. We are both hopeful and excited about how this will enhance the music ministry.

The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir have resumed rehearsal and we hope to add a Children's Choir offering soon as well.

Small Group - Prayer Experience

Throughout the month of April we will have a small group meeting on Mondays at 2:00 in Friendship Hall or prayer garden. This group will learn about different tools to guide us as we pray (Lectio Divina, the Prayer Labyrinth, guided prayer, etc). You're welcome to come for just one week or join us for the entire month! The schedule is listed below:

Monday, April 4 - Guided Prayer, Prayer Garden (weather permitting)

Monday, April 11 - Prayer Labyrinth, Friendship Hall

Monday, April 18 - Lectio Divina, Prayer Garden (weather permitting)

Monday, April 25 - Praying in Color, Friendship Hall

During Holy Week, the Prayer Labyrinth will be available in Friendship Hall during office hours for those who would like to walk the path. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Reed at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org.



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Sunday School Worship	4 Small Group– Prayer Experience	5	6 Wednesday Night Dinner Bible Study	7	8	9
10 Sunday School Palm Sunday	11 Small Group– Prayer Experience Deacon's Mtg	12	13	14 Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service	15	16 Easter Egg Hunt
17 Sunday School Easter Worship	18 Small Group– Prayer Experience	19 Lifetimers Game Day	20 Wednesday Night Dinner Bible Study	21	22	23
24 Sunday School Worship	25 Small Group– Prayer Experience	26	27 Wednesday Night Dinner Bible Study	28	29	30

Coffee Time has resumed!

We will have coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and a few pre-packaged snacks in the Atrium each Sunday from 9:45 - 10:00. This is a great time to catch up and get caffeinated before Sunday School. If you are looking for a Sunday School class to join, please contact Susan at susanr@broadwaybapist.org or 895-2459.

Flower News

Two dates are still available for sponsoring sanctuary flowers: June 19 and Oct. 30. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Stopher (stopher@bellsouth.net)

Floral vases will be available on:
Monday, April 4

The February 26 sale was the biggest ever! 400 shoppers and 50 volunteers transacted \$13,000 in sales in 6 hours! Wayside Mission picked up a truck load. Kentucky Refugee Ministries picked up a truck load. Eight other non-profits received items such as eyeglasses, medical supplies/equipment, and bicycle helmets.



Our volunteer team is amazing! We are particularly grateful for

the younger (read, "people in their thirties and forties") who bring energy, enthusiasm, innovation, and muscle. We are always looking for new volunteers.

As always, the proceeds are split between Deaf Teen Quest and Partners in Development, Zambia. Five teens and two adults were invaluable during the sale. DTQ uses the money to supplement the cost of Christian summer camp for local students and to hire summer college interns as they train the next generation of leadership. Partners in Development (retired CBF field personnel Lonnie and Fran Turner) use the money in remote villages to provide safe water, medical clinics and tuition for high school girls. Every dollar is spent wisely!

We already have a pile for the next sale in spring of 2023. See any team member if you want to drop off donations.

Thank you, Broadway, for the space to hold this good fundraiser! It is a pleasure to invite shoppers to other Broadway events...so blessed to be back on campus.

Thank You— From Dr. Higdon

It is difficult to find the right words to express our gratitude for the thoughts and prayers of the Broadway congregation. Michael has made an amazing and rapid complete recovery from his stroke and heart procedure. We have no doubt that these prayers helped sustain and encourage us through a difficult month of wondering and waiting. We will be forever grateful.

Ron and Pat Higdon



Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service

JOIN US FOR **DINNER AT 6** AND THEN AT **7** FOR A **SERVICE** OF SHADOWS AS WE REFLECT ON CHRIST'S LAST SUPPER AND CRUCIFIXION IN THE PASSION STORY. TO RSVP CALL THE OFFICE OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE!

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 16TH AT 10:00 A.M.

JOIN US FOR SOME AGE-APPROPRIATE HUNTS DESIGNED FOR BABIES/TODDLERS, PREK, LOWER AND UPPER ELEMENTARY. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! FREE KRISPY KREME DONUTS WHILE THEY LAST!



Outdoor Easter Service

April 17 at 11 a.m.

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