

# Broadway Beacon



## Music and Worship During Advent

### **The Hanging of the Green Service**

Sunday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

### **Louisville Youth Choir Concert**

Friday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Chancel Choir presents “For Us A Child Is Born” by J.S. Bach**

with instrumentalists from the Louisville Orchestra

Sunday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.

### **Louisville Orchestra’s Holiday Concert**

Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion**

December 24 at 5:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.



## 2018 Advent Theme

### *Stories of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*

**Advent Blue** The blue of Advent is meant to inspire in us the hope of faith, and to encourage us to keep watch for the promised light of Christ; changing night into day, darkness into light, and filling our lives with hope, love, joy and peace.

Advent is a season of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ (Christmas) and focuses our attention on the expectation of the coming of Christ (past, present and future). Thus, the symbolism of the color blue is one of hope, expectation, and anticipation.

### ***An Evening of Christmas Cheer***

**December 7, 6:30p.m.**

#### **Friendship Hall**

Dinner by Gracious Plenty

Tickets \$25 per person

**Reservations and payment  
required by Dec 3rd**

Call Broadway’s office 895.2459 or

Donna Williams 774.0515

Memo on check: *for Christmas Party*

### ***Christmas Meditation and Lunch***

**Tuesday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m.**

#### **Gheen’s Chapel**

Join us for our annual Christmas Meditation service and experience a peaceful, spiritual break in the holiday season.

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair will lead the Meditation

Lunch will be served in Friendship Hall following the service.

Please make your reservations with the Church Office by Friday, November 30.

Cost for lunch is \$9 (tax included).



## MISSIONS



The Angel Tree will be located in Friendship Hall beginning November 21. If you would like to provide Christmas presents for children and youth in need in our community, please take an angel from the tree. There will be instructions attached to the back of your angel. All gifts need to be brought to the church by **December 9**. If you have questions please call Susan in the office at 895-2459.

### CHRISTMAS MISSIONS TREE

Throughout Advent, the Missions Tree in the Atrium will collect items for Samaritan's Patrol. Please donate adult-size socks, gloves, hats, coats, and batteries by placing them either on the tree or in the bin next to the tree.

Please bring items by **December 23**.



### Christmas Food Donations

Each year Broadway collects non-perishable items for Christmas food baskets. The youth sort these items, add in perishable items, deliver the food to Cochran Elementary, and help distribute the food to families in need. The donations, sorting, packing, and delivery combine the efforts of our Broadway family to help 35 families in our city have a Christmas Dinner.

***We need your help!***

*Please bring the items assigned to your Sunday School class to the plastic bins in the Atrium, Friendship Hall, and the Church Office by Wednesday, **December 12**. If you are not currently in a Sunday School class, please bring any items listed. If you can donate money to help purchase the perishable items, you may do so by placing a check in the offering plate or sending it to the church office with the memo line: "Christmas food donations."*

#### **Items needed:**

**Aluminum Foil and Tea** - Armstrong Class, Carver Class, and Emmaus Class

**Sugar and Boxed Cake Mix** - SALT/Ed Perry Class, Women of Grace Class, and Discovery Class

**Canned Vegetables or Fruit and Canned Beans** - Youth Group and Children's Sunday School Classes

**Flour and Corn Meal** - Lydia Class, Ruth Class, and Seekers Class

**Coffee and Potatoes** - Theophilus Class and Stained Glass Class



Seasons Greetings of Grace and Peace,

Advent was introduced to me while I was in college. In my church growing up, we launched into Christmas as quick as we could jingle a bell. There was no drama or build up to the birth of Jesus. We harked our heralds and decked our halls as soon as we ran out of Halloween candy. Advent was a whole new world of waiting for me.

What captured my imagination about Advent was the power of paced, patient storytelling Sunday to Sunday. We sat with the Hebrew people as they longed for Messiah. We waited with Mary and Joseph who hung all their hopes on the promise of God. We longed with our groaning creation for the coming of the Christ child. We learned through the gift of the Advent journey that good things take time.

This season, we are going to be listening to the Stories of Advent here at Broadway.

Stories of Hope. Stories of Peace. Stories of Joy. Stories of Love.

I invite you to take time this Advent season to slow down and listen to each other and the Holy Spirit, who shouts and whispers to each new generation the hope-filled promises of God. I pray you will find time to recline and join us in hearing the Stories of Advent.

On the administrative side of church matters, I am pleased to announce Kristin Belcher was unanimously voted in during our Quarterly Business to be our permanent Associate Pastor to Families. Kristin brings to our Pastoral Team a Masters of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a Masters of Science in Social Work from University of Louisville and is a Certified Social Worker. Her broad array of professional and pastoral experience including her gifts for organization, strategic thinking, detail management, and crisis-level pastoral care will be an exceptional addition. On a personal note, I deeply value her honesty, humor, and steadiness as a gift which will enrich us all.

Also, with the counsel and consent of the Personnel Committee, we have hired a new part-time Administrative Assistant, Linda Stoll. Linda comes to us with ten years of congregational experience as a clergy and administrative assistant at Keneseth Israel Synagogue. She was born and bred a Baptist, and while she enjoyed learning and working outside of her faith tradition, she is enthusiastic to join our team at Broadway. I hope you will join us in offering Linda a warm, Broadway welcome!

There is truly much to celebrate and thank God for around Broadway these days.

A blessed Advent journey to you and yours this season,

Pastor Kevin

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**Parent's Night Out** for ages birth - 5th grade will be held on December 8 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you'd like to reserve a spot, please **RSVP** to Kristin Belcher by **December 1** at kristinbelcher1@gmail.com Cost is \$10.00 per family.

***Don't miss the Family Advent Breakfast***

**Sunday, December 16, 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center**

Join us for breakfast and advent service projects for families with children birth through 5th grade!

Future Pickelball Superstars!



*Thank you to these children (and their families) and many other friends who helped support our Youth Group Fundraiser at Salsarita's!*

## COMING IN JANUARY....

**Family night in the Family Life Center**

**January 3, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

We'll have an open gym for children and their families. Come run around inside (when it'll probably be too cold to run around outside!) And feel free to stick around after for Pickleball from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.





# YOUTH MINISTRY

In November, Youth from Broadway joined with youth from Buechel Park Baptist Church for our annual Disciple Now weekend. They learned of how we need to wake up to God's call in each of our lives.



## Upcoming Youth events:

December 16 – Youth Christmas Party

December 22 – Youth Food Donation Delivery



**Save the Date!**  
**Trivia Night**  
**Fundraiser**  
**Saturday January 19**  
 Begins at 5:30 p.m.

*Youth Group volunteering at Family Scholar House during Sunday afternoon youth group time.*





The church office will be closed the week of December 23 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

The church campus will also be closed Tuesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

### **Inclement Weather Closing Policy**

Broadway Baptist Church is concerned with the safety and well-being of all of its members and employees. From time to time, inclement weather may necessitate cancelling worship or other scheduled activities, and/or closing the church office. In such instances, the Pastor and/or the Church Administrator will determine whether conditions warrant such cancellations or closings.



*Notifications of cancellations or scheduled changes will be communicated to members via REACH Alert notices and posts on social media.*

## **STEWARDSHIP REMINDERS**

### **2018 Contributions**

Please make sure that your 2018 contributions are placed in the offering plate on Sunday, December 30, or received in the church office by Monday, December 31. Contributions sent through the mail must be postmarked by December 31. Anything received or postmarked after December 31 will be considered a 2019 offering. If you are making a prepayment for your 2019 pledge, please note that clearly on your check. If you want to check your 2018 pledge balance, please contact Betsy Cherry in the church office by December 20.

### **Matching Contributions**

Did you know that many companies support causes that are important to their employees by matching their charitable contributions? Check with the HR department at your company to see if they will match your contribution to Broadway. It is usually a simple process that takes little time, but it makes your donation have an even bigger impact. Every donation is appreciated!



## Save the Dates:

Thursday, January 3 - Family Open Gym  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 4 - Canasta Night

Wednesday, January 9 - 6:15 p.m. Deacon  
Ordination and Installation Service

Saturday, January 19 - Youth Trivia Night  
Fundraiser



**First Friday Flicks** will take a brief winter break and plans to return in March. Stay tuned for future movie information!

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Lisa and X.D. Hu

Joined November 4, 2018



Genie Gray

Joined November 25, 2018



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

### Wednesday Studies and Guest Speakers

November 28 - December 19

5:15p.m. - 5:45 p.m. There will be a series on Advent, led by Susan Reed in the Friendship Hall breakout room. Please bring your Bible!

The serving line will be open at 5:45p.m. each week (per our “regular” programming schedule). Followed by prayer time at 6:10 p.m.

6:15 - 6:45 p.m. On these weeks our emphasis will be on missions.

\*on December 19 the preschool choir will sing in friendship hall followed by some favorite Christmas Carols

<u><b>DECEMBER 5, 2018</b></u> SALISBURY STEAK MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY VEGETABLE MEDLEY GREEK SALAD ROLLS BERRY COBBLER	<u><b>DECEMBER 12, 2018</b></u> TURKEY TETRAZZINI ROASTED VEGETABLES GARDEN SALAD KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS SALAD FRENCH BREAD RED VELVET CAKE
<u><b>DECEMBER 19, 2018</b></u> CHICKEN MARSALA ASPARAGUS OVEN ROASTED POTATOES ITALIAN GARDEN SALADS APPLE CHEESECAKE SQUARES	<u><b>DECEMBER 26, 2018</b></u>  NO MEAL/ NO SCHOOL

## COMING IN JANUARY....

Wednesday night meals will resume January 9. On January 9 the serving line will open at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Deacon Ordination and Installation Service in the Chapel at 6:15 p.m.





# FROM THE DEACON CHAIR.....

Friends,

The season of Thanksgiving gives me an opportunity to give thanks for all of you and the faithful stewardship of your time, talents and treasure. I am thankful for the wonderful sermons we are hearing from our new pastor, for the continuing beautiful sound of music from our music ministry and the thoughtful, diverse opportunities for learning, serving, and growing spiritually together.

Your deacon body met on Monday, Nov. 12, and addressed several issues for consideration and affirmation. We voted to present Kristin Belcher to the congregation as our permanent Associate Pastor to Families, thereby removing the "interim" piece that has been in place for several months. Kristin brings a strong theological background as well as impressive organization and strategic planning skills. Our parents, children, and youth are excited to affirm Kristin in this role, as are your deacons.

The personnel committee shared the decision to fill the vacated position of administrative assistant in the office. Kevin has received well over 40 resumes and has narrowed the search to three individuals whom the personnel committee will consider. It is the hope and the plan of the personnel committee to have that person in place by December 1, just in time for the very busy Advent season. The committee also will begin a trial period of Friday office closing. This will allow us to present a more attractive part time package to the new administrative assistant position and reduce the number of volunteer positions that need to be filled. The church, of course, will be open and Kevin will be in the office working on sermon preparation. The committee is also working to install a new phone system which will allow greater security as well as forwarding capability to our ministers.

The deacons approved a proposal to move the yearly ministerial housing allowance claim for the IRS to the personnel committee to handle along with their work on the yearly benefits package. This will streamline the process of bringing it first to the deacons for approval and then to the congregation for approval. The deacons and congregation, will, of course, be apprised of any changes made to the housing allowance.

I give thanks to Reba Cobb for writing our latest proposal to the Gheens Foundation. The request of \$41,370 was submitted Nov. 15 for the replacement of the mechanical relays and electro-pneumatic switches as well as all coupling and switching functions and additional features that maximize the capability of the organ by upgrading the control system. Assisting Reba throughout this process were Robin Riddle and Robert Gammon. Janet Hymer worked to learn the process in order to prepare for writing the next grant.

The deacons approved the budget presented by the finance committee and when you read this, you will also have had an opportunity to review and approve the budget. Our increase in stewardship has allowed us to allocate funds to programs that had been operating under reduced funding for 2018. The finance committee will continue to monitor income and expenses throughout the year, making adjustments and recommendations to the church as needed.

I want to thank Charlie Baker for his work on our church security assessment that he did in early 2018. Recommendations to the deacons have been implemented. These include the closing of the perimeter doors on Sunday's at 11:00 with access only through the front sanctuary doors. The door on the left side of the sanctuary from the outside has been replaced with a crash bar door allowing us to lock that door during the service.

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We are working on bids for security cameras to be installed at 8 strategic locations around the building and your deacon offering coordinators are seated in the Narthex with radios during the 11:00 service. Charlie recently attended a session offered to churches by the LMPD and earlier this year I attended a session on church security offered by Southeast Christian Church. The measures we have taken and are taking have all been consistently recommended through both trainings.

I know we all give thanks for the work of the nominating committee and the many members who have agreed to serve in the coming year. I look forward to serving with our new deacons and give thanks to Mark Riddle, Teri Veal, and Steve Naiser who will serve as the deacon officer selection team. They will present an officer slate to the deacons for approval at the December meeting.

We continue to fellowship with great joy, grieve for but celebrate the life of our beloved members whom we have lost this year, pray for and support all those who are facing difficult days, and join hands in love and with thanksgiving for all our Lord's many blessings.

*Debby Griffin*



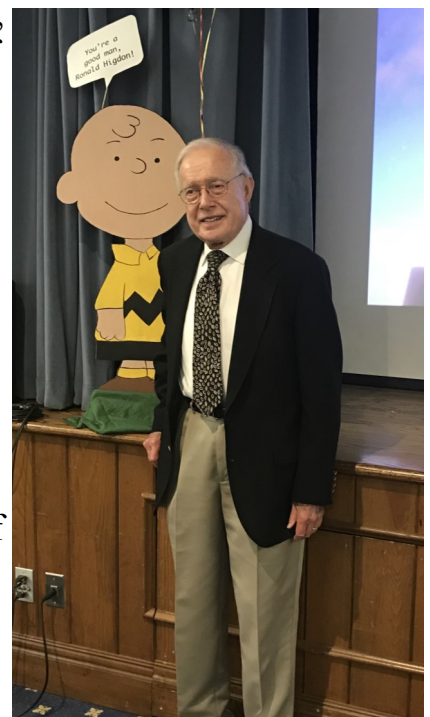
I had intended for this “Thank You” to be included in last month’s *Beacon*, but Pat’s heart attack, surgery, and on-going recovery caused me to miss the deadline. I see that missing as providential because now the gratitude has wider dimensions.

It is impossible to find large enough words to fully express my deep appreciation for the many kind words, the affirmation of the interim, and

the extremely generous gift I was presented on September 23. Thanks to that generosity, we have already scheduled a visit to Williamsburg in October of next year and have booked three nights at the Williamsburg Lodge (located within the historic area).

Pat and I both want to express our gratitude for the many cards, calls, visits, and food following her hospital stay. The “Broadway Family” continues to be just that for us. We look forward to our time ahead as members of a fellowship that has always been marked by its love, concern, and demonstrations of compassion and care.

With our love and appreciation,  
Ron and Pat



# December 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 11:00 Hanging of the Green Service	3	4 11:00 Christmas Meditation and Lunch 4:00 Pickleball	5	6 7:00 Pickleball	7 6:30 Christmas Cheer Dinner and Music	8
9	10 6:00 Deacon Meeting	11 4:00 Pickleball	12 Angel Tree and Food Donations Deadline	13 7:00 Pickleball	14 7:00 Louisville Youth Choir Concert	15
16 9:30 Family Advent Breakfast 11:00 Chancel Choir With Orchestra	17	18 4:00 Pickleball 7:00 Louisville Orchestra Concert	19	20 7:00 Pickleball	21	22
23	24 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29
30	31 Church office OPEN Deadline for year end contributions					



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#### Deacons on call

December 2 - December 8      Ron Newcomer

December 9 - December 16      Ellen Waddle

December 17 - December 22      Ken Cox

December 23 - December 29      Tom Burress

December 30 - January 5      Ron Newcomer