

A Letter from the Pastor...



This Lent, we will be walking the inner journey toward the center of ourselves-a place often in need of spiritual tidying. Below, in the painting, "Lenten Labyrinth" by Mike Moyers, the journey begins with the darkness of Ash Wednesday, and winds through colorful, chaotic depictions of biblical imagery. What symbols from scripture do you see? Our eye finally arrives in the center of the labyrinth where we are met with the bright, clarity of Easter. In our Lenten journey, Clearing the Way for Christ: Seeing with Fresh

Eyes, we are invited to open the dusty drawers in our souls and homes, swing wide the closed closets filled with clutter, and let the fresh air and light of God's love fill our homes and hearts. Marie Kondo writes in The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up, "...when we really delve into the reasons for why we can't let something go, there are only two: an attachment to the past or a fear for the future." Like a labyrinth, we navigate lives filled with souvenirs and memories, to-do's and projects left undone, and the weight of this baggage—emotional, spiritual, or otherwise—hinders us as we walk the winding path with Christ to the quiet, clear center as Hebrew 12:1-2 promises. There is a joy in saying goodbye and clearing the clutter of, "all the vain things which charm me most," to find God in the midst of our mess. What must you clear in your life this Lent to make way for Christ?

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



PASSPORT*kids*...

Passport Kids, Berea College, Berea, KY: **June 23rd - 26th, 2020** We have a limited number of spots for camp. To reserve your spot, please pay a \$50 deposit by March 1.



Babies: Bill and Donna Stevens Toddlers: Jennifer Koch Godly Play: Elizabeth Martin (L) Lesley Lester

MARCH 15

Babies: Debby Griffin, Sophie Naiser

Toddlers: Marynan Mudd

Godly Play: Elizabeth Martin(L), Katherine Devins

Babies: Lilly Davis, Olivia Eberenz Toddlers: Mary Jackson Godly Play: Christine Fuery(L), Alix Davidson

MARCH 22 Babies: Stephen and Jenny Lin

Toddlers: Kasey Durbin Godly Play: Brittany Ritter(L), Emily Allen

Worship Care

MARCH 29 Babies: Sue White, Janis Eberenz Toddlers: Tarah Caliz

Godly Play: Jessica Washer(L), Matt Washer

Save the Date!

Family Retreat

May 29-30 At *Camp Horsin' Around* More details coming soon!





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PASSPORT*choices*

Passport Choices, Greensboro, NC: June 21th - 26th, 2020

We have a limited number of spots for camp. To reserve your spot, please pay a \$50 deposit by March 1.

Supplies Over Seas

Youth Group will volunteer at Supplies Over Seas on Saturday, March 14.

Thank You!



Thank you to all who made and purchased desserts! We raised over \$1,700!



Jason's Deli Fundraiser

Join us on March 10 from 5:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M. at Jason's Deli (St. Matthews)! Come support our fantastic youth! To RSVP please visit the link below: https://www.groupraise.com/events/134829-broadway-baptist-church-at-jason-s-deli Dear Broadway Friends,

As you are reading the March Newsletter, it means we have entered the season of Lent and are on our way to Easter. Perhaps you had a similar upbringing as I and was raised in a Baptist church where the words Advent and Lent were never spoken. Those were things that our Catholic brothers and sisters observed. I don't know how many years ago we started celebrating Advent with the Advent wreath and the lighting of the candles later followed by the Hanging of the Greens service that welcomed Advent. It was later the we began to explore Lent and what it means. Despite attending church regularly as a child and attending a Baptist college I was unfamiliar with the liturgical calendar until the last few years. I recall either Dr. Higdon or Dr. Caldwell explaining the colors of the stole that they wore but most vividly remember Dr Caldwell explaining the liturgical calendar and the period of "ordinary time", that part of the year that extends from Pentecost Sunday until Advent. And for those of you who have been in regular attendance since January who knew that Epiphany is a season, not simply a date (confession: this is the first time in six years that we have been in Louisville during this time and so we may be late to the show). Personally, the celebrations of these seasons have made observance of Christmas and Easter more meaningful to me.

At the Deacons meeting on February 10, we learned that the Lenten theme will be "Clearing the Way for Christ, Seeing with Fresh Eyes". Susan Reed reported that the LifeTimers were sponsoring a Lenten book group that will initially meet on March 3 at 11:00 am for lunch. The book will be Marie Kondo's publication of The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up. This book has probably been valuable to many of our LifeTimers as many have downsized and moved into smaller quarters. During these changes one must decide what provides service and or joy. If neither criterion is met, then maybe it's time to part with that possession. This seemed like an unusual Lenten read until Susan explained the same principles can be applied to our spiritual lives and that we all need to eliminate the clutter so that we can better find what truly works and gives us joy in our relationship to God.

At our meeting we were told of numerous opportunities that will be available in the next two months that will provide opportunities for worship, reflection, fellowship and service. These will involve our journey through Lent as well as our anniversary celebration, both of which will follow in April. So, eliminate some of the clutter in your lives and choose activities that will make your heart sing. Avail yourself of these and your spirit will be lifted and maybe even scrub away some of the gloom of this Louisville winter.

Blessings,

Walter Jones

Commemorative Brass Ornaments

As we approach our 150th Celebration, be sure to get your beautiful brass keepsake ornament. Stop by the sales table in March or April or you may call the church office or email sarah@broadwaybaptist.org for purchase. They make wonderful gifts to give to family or friends and all those who have special memories of Broadway Baptist Church.



MUSIC MINISTRY



First Sunday in Lent

Chancel Choir with String Quartet

Thursday, March 5, 7 pm

Youth Performing Arts School and Vanderbilt University Choir

Sunday, March 15, 11 am

Children's Choir singing

Sunday, March 22, 11 am

Chancel Bells ringing

Sunday, March 29, 11 am

Requiem by Mark Hayes

Presented by Chancel Choir

LifeTimers Events

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, March 3, 11:00am: Lunch and Lenten Book study

Tuesday, April 7, 11:00am: Lunch and Lenten book discussion



Tuesday, May 5, 11:00am lunch and *Candace Runyon Lecture: "Phishing Awareness:* Don't take the bait!" (This will a discussion on scams, frauds, and how to stay cyber safe)









In 2017, members of Broadway came together and created a Prayer Garden, a peaceful place for quiet contemplation. Sunday School classes and individuals supported the Garden with monetary donations, some in honor or in memory of loved ones. Many people dug up plants from their home gardens to share. Over several workdays and lots of dirt, the Garden began to take shape.

This spring we will continue to see the fruits of our labors. After three years the trees are filling out and growing, the plants are established and the bushes will soon burst with blossoms. Our Garden also features painted stones. Many members have placed their stones as tangible reminders of prayers offered.

The Garden is a welcoming spot for all. We invite you to sit and appreciate our piece of God's beautiful world. Paint a rock and leave it as your prayer. Visit the Garden and watch it grow!

The Prayer Garden is located on the east side of the property, between the parking lot and Chippewa Road. You can walk to it from the parking lot (past a magnificent Gingko tree) or drive to it (an immediate right after turning onto Chippewa – park on the grass).











In October 2019, Jeff Sanders, Ken Cox, and I travelled to Morocco to visit one of Broadway's partners, the Evangelical Church at Morocco (EEAM). The goal of the visit, building on earlier trips by Susan Reed, Kristin Belcher, and Alix Davidson, was to learn more about our church partner and how our support impacts their work. Although Morocco is 97% Muslim, EEAM maintains an active Protestant presence there with a central governing body and distributed parishes in 10 cities. Karen Thomas Smith, the president of EEAM, is a native Kentuckian and has recruited KBF churches for support. The

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churches are run locally by students who came primarily from sub-Saharan African nations and are pursing studies in law, engineering, economics, insurance, and other fields. We met many of these student leaders and were impressed by their maturity, their hospitality towards us and the intensity of their faith. We were able to witness this during the Sunday service in Meknes, from the heartfelt choral offering, to a homily given by a church member, and finally Pastor Jurauve's sermon, which he

preached from the book of Acts with the theme: "All are Welcome." We also visited with EEAM church members in the parish in Kenitra. The goal of both churches is to spread the healing word of God to its members and to migrants in their church and community. We met with three of those migrants, heard their stories of struggle and success and how their faith

and the support of the churches have carried them. One migrant, Patrice, was helped by the EEAM church in Rabat, which supported her training to become a hairdresser. Patrice now runs her own hairdressing salon in Rabat and is able to support herself. At Broadway, "Every Story Matters." In Morocco we discovered many stories of students doing God's work and of people leaning on their faith and the church to guide their lives through times of strife and joy.









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Silent Auction, Raffle, and Musical Guests

\$25 per person

\$200 per table of 8 and invite your friends Show your creative side and decorate a table

Please RSVP to Donna Williams Phone: 502-774-0515 or Email: donnaleawilliams@gmail.com All proceeds fund local, state and world-wide missions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lenten Book Group Sponsored by LifeTimers Tuesday, March 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Our Lenten Theme this year is Clearing the Way for Christ, Seeing with Fresh Eyes.

We will explore what that means in our physical space by reading Marie Kondo's book "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidving Up."

This group will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at 11:00 a.m. for lunch and a pre-meeting.

> We will meet again on Tuesday, April 7 at 11:00 to discuss the book.

If you'd like to join, please RSVP to the church office (895-2459) by Thursday, February 27 at noon.

Cost of the Book and Lunch will be \$10.



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3rd Annua RY LYNDON BAPTIST CHURCH



THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020 6:00-8:00 P.M.

8025 New Lagrange Road Louisville, Kentucky 40222

Lyndon Area Restaurants

- Slient Auction
- Live Music

\$20.00 In advance \$25.00 at the door

All proceeds go to the **Baptist Habitat for Humanity House**

For Tickets and more Information visit 3rd Annual Taste of Lyndon on Facebook and Eventbrite

Call (502) 425-7150 vww.l.yndonbaptist.com





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ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE RTR EVENT OR PREPARING LUNCH, **CONTACT SHARON DAVIS FOR INFORMATION AT** *GDAVIS3@BELLSOUTH.NET*

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March 4 Pulled Pork on Buns Hash Brown Casserole Baked Beans Slaw Peach/Mixed Berry Cobblers

March 11

Chicken Marsala Asparagus Oven Roasted Potatoes Italian Garden Salad French Rolls Apple Cheesecake

March 18

Meatloaf Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes Buttered Peas 7 Layers Salad Brownie Trifle Strawberry Trifle

March 25

Chicken in Mushroom Sauce White Rice Green Beans/Sautéed carrots Cobb Salad Rolls Pineapple Upside Down Cake German Chocolate Cake

Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday, March 4

- 5:15 Lenten Bible Study, led by Susan Reed
- 5:45 Dinner Line opens
- 6:15 Stories of Broadway
- 6:15- Elementary Missions, led by Kristin Belcher

Wednesday, March 11

5:15 – Lenten Bible Study, led by Susan Reed
5:45 – Dinner Line opens
6:15 – Stories of Broadway
6:15 – Elementary Missions, led by Kristin Belcher

Wednesday, March 18

5:15 – Lenten Bible Study, led by Susan Reed
5:45 – Dinner Line opens
6:15 – Stories of Broadway
6:15 – Elementary Missions, led by Kristin Belcher

Wednesday, March 25

- 5:30 Dinner Line Opens
- 6:15 Special Guest Tom Owen, Friendship Hall
- 6:15- Elementary Missions, led by Kristin Belcher

Church-wide Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 1, 9:00 a.m.– 9:45 a.m. in the Atrium and Family Life Center. Suggested donation of \$2.00 per person All ages welcome!

Broadway Remembers...

Duke McCall's recollection of two drunk men sleeping in the church pews one Mother's Day:

They came in early, laid down on a nice cushioned pew and went to sleep. By the time they were noticed, ushers decided to let them sleep—after all, they decided, others slept during the service. In the middle of the sermon, one of the men woke up, sat up and lit a cigarette.

Francis Miller was on the pew behind him and reached over and grabbed the cigarette. The man jumped up, turned around and started cursing loudly. Francis pulled out his own cigarette case, took out a cigarette, put it in his

and **1870 1870 2020 2020 1870 2020 150 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE: A STORY WORTH TELLING" Fun Fact:**The church steeple was raised August 16, 1960. It weighs 8,600 lbs and is 58' tall.

mouth, lit it and handed it back to the man who sat back down calmly. The man finished smoking the cigarette and came forward at the end of the service to join.—excerpt, Broadway Remembers, 2001



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
l Church-wide pancake breakfast	2	3 Lenten Book Group	4 "Regular" Wednesday Schedule w/ "Broadway Stories	5 6:30 pm Pickleball	6	7 Church-wide Clean up
8	9 6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	10 Youth Fundraiser at Jason's Deli	11 "Regular" Wednesday Schedule w/ "Broadway Stories	12 6:30 pm Pickleball	13 Habitat for Humanity	14 Habitat for Humanity/ Youth @ SOS
15 Sunday School Class Pictures	16	17 Dare to Care	18 "Regular" Wednesday Schedule w/ "Broadway Stories	19 6:30 pm Pickleball	20	21 WoM Spring Luncheon
22 Grounds Cleanup Day	23	24	25 "Regular" Wednesday Schedule with Special Guest	26 6:30 pm Pickleball	27	28
29 Mark Hayes' Requiem	30	31				

Extreme Build 2020

June 7 - 13

McCreary County, KY

Registration opens in March, stay tuned. Plan now to come for a day or stay the week.

Sunday School Class Picture

On Sunday, March 15 we will take Sunday School Class pictures! You will receive a schedule by March 8 to know what time your class photo will be taken. If your class would prefer a different day for your photo to be taken, please contact Susan at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org

Church-Wide Cleanup Day

Pictorial Directory 2020

A new Pictorial Directory will be compiled in 2020! Pictures will be taken May 8, 9, and 13. More information coming soon on how to sign up!

Grounds Clean-up Day

Join us for Broadway's Spring Grounds Clean-Up Day, Saturday March 22, 12 p.m.– 3 p.m. Contact Nancy Stopher at 502-895-1913 for more information.

On Saturday, March 7 we will have a church-wide cleanup time from 1-4. This will be a great wat to kick off Lent as we clear the way for ministry and see our space with fresh eyes. If you have question or are able to help please contact Susan Reed at susan@broadwaybaptist.org.

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