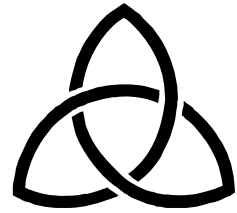


"...ON BROADWAY!"



PENTECOST AT BROADWAY!

by Pastor James Campbell

I find it hard to believe, but here we are again, approaching the lazy hazy days of summer and the close of another program year at Broadway United Church of Christ. *And what a year Number 169 has been!*

I write these words as we hover between the last Sunday of Easter and Pentecost Sunday. The first Easter proved that Jesus was alive, but Pentecost proved that Jesus was alive in those who follow him. The spirit of Jesus in those early Christians changed their community in profound ways. Just days earlier they had been locked behind closed doors, fearful for their lives. But after Pentecost, they were in the streets proclaiming Good News to anyone who would listen. And thousands of people were added to the fledgling Christian community.

We haven't added thousands, but we have certainly been infused with new life. Christ-in-us is changing the way we look and the way we relate to each other and the world. It's the work of the Spirit, blowing through our community "like a mighty rushing wind" and filling us with a message of Good News. Here are just a few of the highlights of our Pentecost:

CHURCH GROWTH

- Our worship attendance has been steadily increasing, with some Sundays surpassing our traditionally big turnout on Gathering Sunday.
- Easter Sunday's attendance was a recent history record.
- Overall membership has increased approximately 25% in the past three years.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

- More than three times as many people pledged to the church this year as pledged to the church last year.
- Pledge income for this year is more than double what it was last year.
- The general level of volunteerism and enthusiasm has steadily increased.

OUTREACH

- We instituted a bi-weekly Taizé Service on Thursday evenings, led by Wade Mitchell. This service regularly draws people from the neighborhood who are not part of our congregation.
- Our relationship with Advent Lutheran Church is healthy and lively. We had our first-ever official pulpit exchange in January. Another is planned for next year, along with more shared opportunities for mission and fellowship.
- We have found more ways to be involved "hands-on" with Mission (i.e. Habitat for Humanity work days, collection for Trinity Place Shelter, an increase in the number of volunteers for the Sandwich Line, involvement with the New Sanctuary Movement, etc.).

We are no longer those timid folks hiding behind the locked doors of declining numbers and long ago "glory days." The Spirit is moving among us with *new* vision, *fresh* hope and a *stronger* faith. It is nothing less than the wind of the Spirit. And for that, and all the goodness that is yet to be, let the whole church say: "Amen!"



TAIZÉ SERVICE



Based on the style of worship made popular by the Ecumenical Community of Taizé in France, this will be a short, contemplative service of song, silence, and candlelight. ALL are WELCOME, and we especially offer a warm invitation to the Advent Lutheran congregation to join us in this special service during Pentecost!



June 4th @ 7:30 p.m.

June 18th @ 7:30 p.m.



A Board of Stewards Report

by Gay Brookes, President

The Board met in April and May to conduct regular business, which includes reviewing expenditures and hearing reports from committees and from the Pastor.

Pastor Campbell reported he is setting up new member classes in May in response to a number of people who've expressed interest. New members will be received on Sunday May 31. The church office has just printed a new directory of members and friends, available through the church office. Happily, it will already have to be revised.

The stewardship campaign, culminating on Commitment Sunday, May 3, succeeded in bringing in more pledges than in past years. The pledges served to inform the Budget Committee which has been working on developing a budget for church work for next year. The budget will be approved by

the congregation at the annual corporate meeting on Sunday June 14, and it will be sent out to members in advance. Three new members of the Board of Stewards, President, and Clerk will be elected at that meeting.

The Board agreed to pilot online credit card giving, and members will be informed when that is available. In addition, the website has new animation and contains lots of information, including sermons.

For summer, the Board chose five Sundays when supper will be served and dates for the pastor's summer vacation schedule and coverage. These dates will be included in the calendar when confirmed. Committees are asked to prepare annual reports, available at the June corporate meeting.

The Spirit blow through us...

UCC Staff Member

Reprinted from <http://www.ucc.org/pentecost/>

Pentecost! The birth of the church! We've come a long way since that ancient beginning.

The biblical passage for Pentecost suggests that the Christian church did not arise from a clear, single-mindedness of purpose. Our tradition, instead, burst into the world in a rush of wind, a blaze of fire, and a cacophony of voices and languages. There was no "golden age" of unity and harmony.

The mystery and miracle of the Jesus movement is that it rapidly gave birth to a vast array of interpretations, beliefs, and practices of faith. It may well be that this is, in part, what the passage in Acts 2 is trying to convey – that the speaking of tongues to the nations gathered in Jerusalem opens up the possibility that each nation will find its own unique way to express and to live out discipleship in Christ. All of those folks gathered around Peter and the first followers are going to go home and tell the story in their own language and with their own variations and nuances. Indeed, that has been the history of Christianity throughout the centuries. We may be called to be one in the Spirit, but certainly not one in practice!

Bernice Powell-Jackson once wrote, "Our present-day vision of Pentecost includes not only a vision of people speaking different languages and understanding each other, but of people of differing sexualities, abilities, races and income levels understanding each other."

The first Sunday following Pentecost is usually a celebration of the Trinity – an opportunity for Christians to reflect on God's threefold being as "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," or "Creator, Savior, and Sanctifier."





MISSION UPDATE

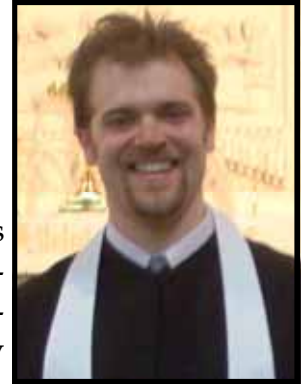
by the Reverend Kyle Carnes

As an on-going process to better connect the work of the Mission Committee with the congregation, there is a conversation being started by the Committee. In this month’s newsletter Rosetta Marie Gibson and Betsy Harris have both written articles about organizations to which they feel particularly connected. The following two blurbs are about a project and an organization with which Broadway Church currently has a particularly strong bond. Both the Sandwich Line and Trinity Place Shelter represent the Mission Committee’s, and, I believe, the whole congregation’s desire to support the immediate needs of people in our neighborhood. Betsy’s and Rose’s articles both represent our church’s desire to be active in advocacy ministry. Both are vital aspects to our mission and outreach work. There is indeed a need to address social structures and bring about systemic change; and in the meantime, the people suffering under the system need our

attention.

I hope these blurbs provide a taste of the organizations that we support at the moment. I pray that they might plant new seeds of involvement and participation within this community. And that those seeds might grow into trees that will bear greater fruit than what we already have and do.

Many blessings,
Kyle



93rd Street Sandwich Line

The Sandwich Line is the one mission outreach project with which Broadway Church has the most intimate connection. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 4PM a handful of those who are hungry in our neighborhood gather on our doorstep, and we pass out 50 sack lunches each day. We operate the Sandwich Line in conjunction with the Franciscan Community Center on 97th street. They purchase the sandwiches, bag them with juice and cookies and deliver them to us to distribute. As we work for systemic change, this is one small way that we address the immediate needs of our neighbors suffering under the broken system.

Trinity Place Shelter

The mission of Trinity Place Shelter “is to help homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender [questioning or queer] (LGBTQ) youth in New York City to safely transition out of the shelter system and grow into independent, positive, and productive adults.” Trinity Place has ten beds they offer youth along with a safe place to store belongings, to eat, and access transportation. There are currently over 10,000 homeless LGBTQ youth in NYC and only 250 beds offered to them. The shelter has regular volunteer opportunities and is always in need of basic needs items.

The New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City

by Rosetta Marie Gibson

The New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City is a branch of the national New Sanctuary Movement. We began in May, 2007, and are currently led by six families facing deportation, who stand in partnership with over 20 faith communities and supporting organizations.

Our "sanctuary families" have come from Haiti, China, Jamaica, Senegal, Ecuador, Mexico and other places; we are as varied as the population in NYC.

Broadway UCC has signed the Sanctuary Pledge which is a commitment to educate ourselves about immigration issues.

I became active in this organization after hearing about it through Broadway Church. I went to a NSC retreat last fall and met so many awesome people. I knew that night that I wanted to work with them. I grew up here in New York City on the Lower East Side and I recognized the city is multiculturalness. To me this growing and constantly changing diversity is how I identify NYC and what makes it strong, beautiful and competitive. I am committed to NSC because I believe that Jesus' teaching "Love our neighbor as our self" inspires me to show hospitality to the strangers among us. I am appalled at the current level of hostility against

immigrants, and angered by the human dilemmas created by the flawed immigration laws in the United States and the hostile ways they are being enforced.

NSC believes (and I likewise) that through personal interactions, we will find ways to change the national discussion about undocumented immigrants from hostile to caring, and ultimately help organize support for the movement to put human rights and family unity at the center of the United States immigration system.

Here are some upcoming NSC activities:

Vigil outside Varick Street Detention Center

Fri Jun 12 7pm

201 Varick St, Manhattan

This monthly vigil sponsored by our partner "Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice" (<http://www.ympj.org>) is an opportunity for our NYC community to give public witness to and protest the raiding, detention, and deportation of our sisters and brothers.

<http://www.newsanctuarynyc.org/>

Volunteer at Village Care of New York

Reprinted from the VCNY.org website

Do you have a special interest, hobby or talent? Village Care has many opportunities for those who want to share some time with those in our programs. We are completely dedicated to promoting the health, dignity and comfort of the individuals we serve, and volunteers are a vital component of our efforts.

Volunteer opportunities for nearly all age categories exist in our programs. Whether it's providing companionship, leading an activity, providing entertainment, or lending a hand...there is a lot you can do. The rewards of volunteering are many.

Whether you can give an hour a week or an hour a month, your volunteer help is appreciated.

For more information, please e-mail volunteers@vcny.org

For additional information about opportunities at Village Nursing Home and in our SeniorChoices programs, you may call our Volunteer Hotline at 212.243.3229. You may also call 212.539.6366 to inquire about opportunities at Rivington House and in the Network of AIDS Services.





Women’s Advocate Ministry (WAM)

by Betsy Harris

The Mission Committee of this church has supported for many years the work of WAM, where the Rev. Annie Bovian, a former member of Broadway Church has been Executive Director since 1993. The mission of WAM is to provide “... active outreach intervention, referral, and supportive services to incarcerated women and their children. In 2007, WAM implemented a new program for the children of the incarcerated by starting a mentoring service, one-on-one, for those in need of additional services.”

Founded in 1983 by the Rev. Dr. R. Elinor Hare, a United Methodist Minister, WAM has been focused in particular on women at the Rose M. Singer Facility on Riker’s Island in New York City. Most of these women (over 1500 held daily) are “young, unskilled, single parents from minority groups, whose crimes

were based on survival.” WAM is unique in standing beside each client “throughout the arrest, court, jail/prison and the re-entry experience.” WAM now serves over 600 incarcerated women and their children, “...by providing a variety of services including education about parental rights and responsibilities, acting as a liaison with lawyers and families, and referrals to a wide variety of services, including housing and substance abuse treatment.”

“One of the most troubling realities in the criminal justice system today is the sheer number of women who are going to prison... The United States continues to imprison a greater number of people than any other country in the world, and women are the fastest-growing population under custody.” (Women’s Justice Alliance in NYC)

A Thomas Family Update

Reprinted from the *Thomas Family Newsletter* sent from Jeff, Barb, Chris, & Coleman Thomas

This is our last newsletter from India, but not the end of our joint work here. We plan to continue contact with and support of people and projects that we helped over the last four years. We also plan mission interpretation when we return to the U.S. to re-connect with family and churches, and get Christopher comfortably started in university. What is next? We ask for prayers for discernment and opportunity as we wend our way back to the land of potable water and traffic lights, stable electricity and safe roads. We trust we have brought some measure of peace and God’s light to the lives of our students, their parents and families, and our myriad neighbors in this remote part of God’s kingdom. And we appreciate your partnership throughout, leaving you with this scripture from Philippians 1:3-5:



Barbara and Jeffry Thomas

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

ANNOUNCING:



Broadway's Summer Drama Camp!

We are happy to announce
**"PLAY OUT LOUD - RETELLING
 STORIES OF FAITH"**

a week-long neighborhood ministry this number being led by our Children's Education Coordinator, Stephanie Hughes. Registration is \$10.00 and will include lunch each day.

WHO: All children, ages 7-12 (and 2-4 adult volunteers)

WHAT: A week-long drama camp based upon Bible stories, culminating in a performance on Friday afternoon, August 14.

WHEN: Mon., **Aug. 10** – Fri., **Aug. 14**, 10 am – 2 pm
 (Kick-off at the 5 pm worship service on August 9th)

WHERE: Broadway United Church of Christ, Undercroft

In addition, we are in need of the following:

- 1) someone to build a simple backdrop
- 2) donations of fun 'dramatic' used clothing
 (i.e. scarves, hats, ties, skirts, vests, etc.)

Please spread the word! Stephanie will be coordinating other efforts to get the news out to the neighborhood families. And look for a new banner on the front of the church announcing the camp!

For more information, contact the Broadway UCC office:

Office@broadwayucc.org or 212-316-5700

1st Annual BUCC/ADVENT Picnic in the Park

On June 20th, 2009 the two congregations of 2504 Broadway will be play together as one body of Christ in our first annual **Picnic in the Park**. All members, friends, and staff of both congregations are invited to bring food to share and an appetite for fun and fellowship.!

- *WHAT:* Picnic - Please bring food to share.
- *WHEN:* **June 20th, 2009** (come whenever)
- *WHERE:* **TBD**
- *WHO:* Anyone affiliated with Broadway UCC or Advent Church, their family and friends!
- *WHY:* Come and find out for yourself, you'll see!



Please sign-up in the back of the sanctuary to bring food and drinks (no alcohol allowed in the park) and to let us know the number planning to attend. Bring the whole family, bring your friends; it's going to be a great time!

Any questions, please contact either church office.



AREA Update

by Brent Nicholson Earle

On Sunday, May 17, 2009 more than 45,000 caring New Yorkers participated in the 24th Annual AIDS Walk New York. By walking 6.2 miles and by requesting contributions from our friends and families we were able to raise more than five and a half million dollars for the fight against AIDS. We may continue to collect donations until the end of the first week in June but any funds submitted past June 12th by the AIDS organizations participating in the Community Partnership Program (CPP) will not count for our team totals. With these additional weeks following the Walk, it's quite likely that the funds raised by the Walk to benefit GMHC and the CPP groups will exceed six million dollars.

I will submit a brief update in the next newsletter with the final amounts raised by the entire Walk and by AREA's team specifically. On behalf of AREA's Board of Directors and volunteers, please allow me to offer our heartfelt thanks to the members of Broadway United Church of Christ for your support of our efforts

through your contributions to our AIDS Walk team. We receive more than just financial support through the AIDS Walk. At a time when AIDS awareness in America has eroded to a dismayingly low level, we need the encouragement, activism and sense of a united community that the AIDS Walk provides now more than ever.



AREA Aids Walk Flag 2009

Although our regular post-worship suppers will end for this program year on June 28th, light suppers following worship will be (tentatively) served on...

July 5th, July 19th, Aug. 9th, and Aug. 23rd

Regular suppers will resume with a festive meal on

**GATHERING SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13th**

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JOIN BROADWAY CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE NYC HERITAGE OF PRIDE MARCH

(Compiled from the Heritage of Pride Website & Pat Crawford's "Save the Date" blurb)

by Richard Adams



Pat Crawford reports that Broadway Church will again this year

Details about our meeting location in the 50's off Fifth Ave. will be available soon. Please let Pat Crawford know if you plan to take part, or contact the church office at 212-316-5700, ext. 10.



be marching behind our church banner in the NYC Heritage of Pride March as part of the religious contingent. Everyone is invited to join us for all or part of this march down Fifth Avenue from the 50's to Greenwich Village. The march began in 1970 as an annual civil rights demonstration after the 1969 Stonewall Riots, which have been credited with sparking the modern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender liberation movement. Broadway Church's participation in the march each year is a demonstration of our Open and Affirming stance as a congregation of the United Church of Christ.

The Stonewall Riots were named after the Stonewall Inn, a Greenwich Village gay bar outside of which riots took place June 27-29, 1969 protesting the routine arrest of same-sex couples for dancing together, kissing or showing other signs of affection. Over the years, the annual Pride March has broadened to include recognition of the fight against AIDS and to remember those who have been lost to AIDS or to violence and neglect. It has also evolved as an annual joyful celebration by members and supporters of the LGBT community.



In 1986, the Moment of Silence was introduced as part of the March in response to the AIDS crisis. At 2 pm March participants are asked to stop, stand and remember those lost to AIDS. Many participants also hold aloft ribbons with the names of loved ones written on them.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, STARTING AT 12 NOON

Rosetta's Book Club Goes on Vacation July & August

Please meet this Monday, June 1st in the Undercroft at 6:30 pm for the last book club meeting before "Summer" break.

Look for a synopsis of the September book in the July-August newsletter and on the back table starting around July.

Happy Summer Reading!



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS...

*I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS.
- EPHESIANS 1:16*

SUPPORT STRENGTH & COMFORT FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF...

loved ones, including the soldiers and civilians killed in the wars around the world
Dean and Raymond and all who mourn the loss of Don Cook
Jeff Bosacki as he mourns the loss of Russ Marley
All the students of Bronx Science who mourn the death of one of their own
Ompar Feliné who passed away in Puerto Rico from unfortunate circumstances for the family and friends of Nikita Sebastian

PRAYERS of HOPE & HEALING FOR...

Anita Mennella, residing at the Hebrew Home
Annie Martin’s leg pain
Bob who recovers from an illness
Brad Roupp recently diagnosed with cancer
Jaz’s grandmother (Bernice) who is suffering from cancer, for Jaz’s mother (Lorraine) who is caring for her, and for their whole family
Caitlin, Charlie, & Loyland and for all who love and care for them
Danny Souza as he battles prostate cancer
Eddy Diaz
Edgard Frankel
Eric Lamp’s partner Angel
The Furey Family
Hailey Eimer, her parents, and all who care for her
Ida and her family
Ilse Strauss, who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer
Jaz, struggling with pain and a number of health issues
Julia Mills battling an eating disorder
Linda
Dr. Len Brennan and his wife, Helen, as they face Len’s ongoing memory loss
Nicole, Hugh, Tommy, Brook, Andrew & Teddy
Olipa K., for healing of body and soul
Peggy, for healing from a fall
Randall & Dorothy Sledge (Martha’s parents) as they move into a retirement community - may the transition be smooth
Samson Adera, hospitalized upstate
Sebastian who is very sick and is in the hospital
Susan whose cancer has returned
Sohaib Qureshi, Hussan’s teenage son, who continues a slow recovery from a severe head injury, and for his whole family
Virginia Mitchell

PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING FOR...

Our church, the ministries of Advent Lutheran (our sister congregation), Greenpoint Reformed Church, and all churches worldwide
Rosetta and her family here in the church and at home
The return of the Longs’ from Florida

PRAYERS of HELP & STRENGTH FOR...

The economy
Annie Martin, as she seeks a ministerial call in the UCC
Joseph Calabro and his fight with addiction
Matt and Stephanie as they move to the Bronx
Meredith in her struggle for sobriety
Nick Lerangis who graduates from college and the family for a safe journey to and from the celebration
Rocky, as she continues her recovery
Robert Varnon as he searches for a job
Peter Mott – Emily’s father looking for work
Ken McKenna & family as Ken looks for work
Sara, and all who love and care for her
The Thomas Family, mission workers in India, as they try to discern their next calling on God’s path
all who fight addiction or face physical abuse
all those facing unemployment
all those who are sick and suffering
the needy and hungry
the earth itself and all her inhabitants, as they grow in their resolve to achieve a more sustainable way of life
the people of Zimbabwe as they struggle with their cholera epidemic
the people of Kenya who suffer from severe drought

PRAYERS of SAFETY & PEACE FOR...

Connie Conklin, a long-time Broadway Church member living at the NY Congregational Home
The people of Israel and Palestine
All people suffering from war and political struggles – along with prayers that the world’s leaders will work towards and find solutions that lead to a just and lasting peace
The elderly, seniors in nursing homes, & pastors and ministers

WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF US TROOPS KILLED IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN DURING APRIL 2009:

Ray Spencer II	William Comstock	Brad Davis	Benjamin Moore Jr.	Leroy Webster
James McIlvaine	Mark Wojciechowski	Tyler Trahan	William Vile	James Pirtle
Ryan King	Jeremiah McCleery	Jake Velloza	Shawn Sykes	Randy Agno
Justin Hartford	Omar Albrak	Steven Hutchison	Lukasz Saczek	Michael Yates
Jacob Barton	Christian Bueno-Galdos	Matthew Houseal	Charles Springle	Ryan McGhee
Carlie Lee	Esau de la Pena-Hernandez	David Schaefer	Roslyn Schulte	

Pictures and Humor



T aizé S ervice
led by Wade Mitchell
& the Rev. Carnes
T hursday, May 21st at 7:30 p.m.



Do you have photos of a UCC event that you would like to submit?
Please send them to office@broadwayucc.org

McHUMOR.com by T. McCracken



The longest day in County Claire in Ireland
A beautiful picture of the sun glistening behind a cross.



June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Rosetta's Book Club 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2 German Dinner Time 5:00 pm</p>	<p>3 David Seiple </p>	<p>4 Taizé@ 7:30 p.m. Christopher Lew, Tocy Friend, & Julie McCoy </p>	<p>5 Steve Harper </p>	<p>6 Food Pantry 9:30 am – 11:30 am UCCNY Conference Annual Meeting</p>
<p>7 Trinity Sunday </p>	<p>8 Board of Stewards @ 6:30 p.m. Kevin Armington</p>	<p>9 Mission Committee @ 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Adrienne Brockaway </p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Andrea Cano & Peter Herman </p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Corporate Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Carlos Ramos</p>	<p>15 Kurt Ackermann </p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Taizé @ 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Peping Antonio </p>	<p>20 1st Annual Picnic in the Park 12 noon to 5 pm</p>
<p>21 Faith Journeys @ 6:15 p.m. Father's Day </p>	<p>22 July / August Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Eric Lamp </p>	<p>27 Community Lunch 9:00 am – 2:30 pm</p>
<p>28 Pride March Heritage of Pride</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>				



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*No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey
— you're welcome here!*

June's Lectionary

June 7, 2009 Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June 14, 2009 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20 or Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15;

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 or 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34

June 21, 2009 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20 or Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32;

2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 28, 2009 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm or Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-158, 2:23-24; psalm 30;

2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

