Broadway Beacon

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025















MUSIC AND WORSHIP NOTES



Advent Worship Theme: Welcoming Dawn

November 30: Hope; Hanging of the Green
December 7: Peace; Growing a New Kind of Kingdom
December 14: Joy; Greeted by Wonder
December 21: Love; Welcome Newness
Christmas Eve Services: 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Hanging of the Green Service:
The decorations team (Connie Rogers, Cheryl Rago, and Lois Granger) have been hard at work to adorn our Sanctuary for the Advent season. We appreciate all the time, effort, and talent they have generously offered to help us prepare for the birth of Jesus, the babe in the manger.

The children's choir, chancel choir, chancel ringers, Jonathan Oblander, Jennifer Harberson, and Kathy Karr will all participate within the music portion of the service. In addition, Billy and Lilly McGlone will serve as our readers this year!

Music Schedule for Advent:
The **Children's Choir** will sing each Sunday during the season of Advent!
The **Chancel Ringers** will participate in worship on November 30 and December 7!
The **Chancel Choir** will sing numerous anthems during the Advent Season: *Hope for Resolution, Creation Will be at Peace, There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth, All Glory Be to God on High, The First Noel, and Love Came Down at Christmas.*

BROADWAY ARTS ACADEMY

Our Fall Semester Recital/Gallery is December 14 at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

We have had a great group of volunteers for BAA this year. We appreciate all their hours of service to our BAA students and families!

Registration for the next semester, January - May, is now open!

The Spring Semester enrollment is now open at https://www.broadwayartsacademy.org/

To Register for Courses

DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	*2 Pickleball*	*3 Dinner, The Godly Play Advent Story, Choir Rehearsal*	*4*	*5*	*6 A Night in Bethlehem*
7 Sunday School Worship	*8 Deacons Meeting*	*9 Pickleball*	*10 Dinner, Intergenerational Music and Fun Choir Rehearsal*	*11*	*12*	*13*
14 Sunday School Worship BAA Recital	*15*	*16 Pickleball*	*17*	*18*	*19*	*20*
21 Family Advent Breakfast Sunday School Worship	*22*	*23 Pickleball*	*24 Christmas Eve Services (Office Closed)*	*25 Christmas (Office Closed)*	*26*	*27*
28 Sunday School Worship	*29*	*30 Pickleball*	*31*			

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT

Advent Family Breakfast Potluck: Sunday, December 21, 10 a.m.



Join us during the Sunday School hour (10 am) in Friendship Hall, December 21, for a potluck breakfast. The Children's Committee will provide the bacon and we are asking every family to bring a breakfast dish to share. We will eat together and then share in a meaningful and fun telling of Jesus' birth.

Wednesday Nights in December



Our Wednesday Nights in December we are gathering for good food and intergenerational advent activities. Make sure to join us as we celebrate the season of Advent, of getting ready to welcome the Mystery of Christmas!

Wednesday, December 3: The Godly Play Advent Story

As we move together toward Bethlehem and the mystery of Christmas we will gather in a circle and journey with Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and Wise Men to the manger through the telling of the nativity story. We will also have a time where each of us can reflect and then light our own candle thinking about the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that we seek during this season.

Wednesday, December 10: Intergenerational Music and Fun

We will all gather around the tables in Friendship Hall and enjoy beautiful music, and make cards for people we love and our homebound members here at church. It will be a festive time of fellowship and preparing our hearts for the season.

A Special Advent Sunday School for Elementary Kids



During Advent, starting November 30 and running through December 14, children in Elementary School will meet in the Godly Play room for a special Godly Play session during Sunday School. We will journey with Mary and Joseph through the advent story and spend time creating our own Advent Art. This will be a meaningful way for our kiddos to reflect on this important season and the true meaning of Christmas. I hope you will join us for this special time.

A Night In Bethlehem: Saturday, December 7, 5-7 p.m.



Come and join us as we travel back to the small town of Bethlehem as it prepares to welcome the light of the world, the Christ child. Begin the season of Advent by walking through the small town and encounter storytellers, weavers, potters and backers and experience what it might have been like in Jesus' day. You can even stop by the manger as it anticipates the arrival of the new king. There will be crafts, treats and live animals in the stable. Make sure to invite your friends and neighbors for this special event.

How Can I Help?

The Angel tree will be available in Friendship Hall and online through our Meet me in the Atrium Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Susan at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org.

Gifts for Reclaim Recovery

We will be collecting donations to assemble small Christmas gifts for 60 men in the Reclaim Recovery Program. Items we are collecting include: Men's socks, hats, gloves, and deodorant. Please bring items to the Love in Action bins by December 14.

Spring Wednesday Night Dinner

We've had wonderful success with our Fall Wednesday Night Dinner plan and amazing food each week! If you would like to help provide a meal for the Spring Semester (or work with others to help provide a meal), please contact Susan at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org.

Love in Action Bins

Food Donations for Chenoweth Elementary

We are currently packing weekly bags for 151 students from Chenoweth Elementary who are living with food insecurity. Students take these bags home on the weekend to help bridge the gap from the meals they receive at school during the week. If you would like to help, the following items are needed: mac n cheese, rice (ex: Rice a Roni or Knorr), ramen packets, oatmeal packets, canned pasta (like Spaghettios), granola bars, etc. *Please no items with peanuts or peanut butter. Items can be placed in the Love in Action bins in Friendship Hall, the Atrium, or by the office.



Thanksgiving & Christmas FOOD DRIVE



Donations can be left in the Love in Action bins, and gift cards can be given to Susan Reed. We will be collecting food until December 10th.

Here's what we're collecting:

- Canned Vegtables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned or dry beans
- Rice
- Canned Chicken or other meats
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Pastas and sauces
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Dried Stuffing mix
- Coffee or Tea
- Sugar
- Flour
- Powdered or shelf stable milk

$15-$25 gift cards to Kroger or Walmart so families can pick out their own protein (or other needs)

We are also collecting the following:

Men's Socks
Men's Deodorant
Men's Hats and Gloves

A Letter from the Pastor...

Beloved Broadway,

Advent is here, if you can believe it so. Hearing your stories this year, I believe one of the through-lines is a deep sense of gratitude in the midst of an unbelievable amount of change. This path of change we navigate together guides us towards a brighter future, even when the light remains hidden. And, we have shared a lot of love and life this year. Empty chairs at supper tables remind us something has changed. Uncertainty in the days ahead remind us something has changed. Less day and more night reminds us something has changed.

This Advent, we will walk this journey of change through the night. However, the beauty and promise of the Gospel and this season of Advent turning into Christmastide is found in this––God does not leave us alone in the dark. As the great novelist Ernest Hemingway titled his work, "The Sun Also Rises." Despite the darkness of night, we always have the opportunity to welcome dawn when the time comes. Advent is a season of waiting, and wait we must. If we push past the pain of the present in search of a glorious future, countless pearls of wisdom will fall from our pockets in our hastened pursuit. Advent challenges us to wait...to walk...to wonder...so when the sun finally cracks the horizon and we can welcome dawn with all of her brilliant pinks, purples, and oranges. Advent liberates us from the rush this season demands. Advent calls us to contemplation and a stillness of soul where truth, beauty, and grace are ready and willing to tutor us towards the good life.

As we walk the Advent journey this year, may the Holy Spirit clasp your hand through the darkness until we finally can welcome the dawn of the Son, God's only begotten, on Christmas morn.

Advent Blessings & a Merry Christmas to you,

Pastor Kevin

Deacon Ordination and Installation Service

Save the Date! Deacon Ordination and Installation Service will be Sunday, January 11, during our regular worship service.

Deacons being ordained are: *Olivia Goodwin, Marcia Hemingway, Middy Judd, Nettie Oliver, and Edwina Rowell.*

Deacons being installed are: *Curtis Barman, Ken Lundberg and Grace McCoy.*

Youth News





Big changes are in the works in our youth department! A wonderful group of youth parents and adult volunteers are banding together to create a network of Sunday School teachers for both the Middle and High Schoolers. We are so excited and inspired to see what magical things are waiting for us in the coming months as we grow closer to God and engage each other in the Word. Pastor Kevin has worked hard to adopt some brand new curriculum resources for each age group to use and we have also created a new "shadowing" format for our Sunday School leaders. This is a fantastic opportunity for church members who have been interested in connecting with our youth to shadow the Sunday School teacher on a date of their choosing and engage alongside our youth. If you are interested in signing up to be a shadow for middle or high school Sunday School classes in the coming months, please contact Sarah Sparks (sarahwsparks@gmail.com).

We are also coming up with some fellowship themes for youth Wednesday nights in the youth space! The youth can eat dinner alongside their families at 5:30 p.m. and then travel to the youth space with Sarah Sparks until 7 p.m. for a mid-week check-in and fun, social events such as games, listening to music, and arts and crafts. This will be a chill time for youth to get to know each other better through fellowship. Hope you will join us!

Our youth celebrated Friendsgiving after worship on Sunday, Nov. 23 in Friendship Hall. They feasted on dino chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese, mashed potatoes, and so much more while fellowshipping with each other in gratitude. Be watching for information about our upcoming youth Christmas party in December in our new weekly youth email newsletter "Main Things Monday!" If you would like to receive this email, please contact Sarah Sparks (sarahwsparks@gmail.com).

A big THANK YOU to every member who has stepped up to volunteer during this time of transition within the youth department! It truly takes a village to plant seeds of faith for the next generation of church leaders!

Advent Devotional

Don't forget to pick up an Advent Devotional written by our very own members.

Read a devotional each day as we journey together to Christmas.



Flower Ministry 2026

These dates are still available if you would like to sponsor sanctuary flowers in 2026:

Jan. 11, 18

Feb. 1, 22

April 12, 26

July 19, 26

Aug. 16, 23

Please contact Nancy Stopher (nstopher5@gmail.com) to schedule your date.



2025 Year-end Contributions

Please make sure that your 2025 contributions are received in the church office by Tuesday, December 31 or postmarked by that date. Anything received or postmarked after December 31 will be considered a 2026 contribution. If you are making a prepayment this year for your 2026 pledge, please note that clearly on your check. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Wilkinson in the church office.



Thank You!



I wanted to send a huge thank you to the congregation of Broadway Baptist. Having been at Chenoweth for almost 12 years, there has been no better community partner than Broadway. The support and generosity that you have shown to our students and staff have made a meaningful difference in our school community. Whether through volunteering, providing responses, or simply showing up with open hearts, your presence has helped create a nurturing environment. Chenoweth is truly blessed to have you as a community partner. Thank you for working alongside us in our mission to educate and uplift every child. It has truly been my pleasure working with you.

Again, thank you for everything,

Terry Dikes (recently retired Assistant Principal, Chenoweth Elementary)

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