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Children and Family Ministry

BY REV. AMANDA LANGLANDS

PROMOTION SUNDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

Our annual promotion Sunday will take place this year on Sunday, August 9th. All children preschool through senior year are invited to bring their backpacks to be prayed over. All children will gather in the 1st- 3rd grade classroom for Sunday School where we will give Bibles to our rising kindergarteners and rising 5th graders. We will pray over our backpacks and the school year ahead before we say a very bittersweet farewell to our rising 6th graders. We will then dismiss our new Sunday school classes. We hope everyone will be able to join us for this very exciting Sunday.

GODLY PLAY REFRESH RESCHEDULED - SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Godly Play's Mission is equipping adults and organizations to center and nurture children as we engage the big questions of life and the mystery of God together. Broadway has been using the Godly Play curriculum in some capacities for over a decade. It uses Bible stories to engage children's imagination and helps them to wonder about who God is and how God is still present in their lives today. If you have ever wondered what Godly Play is about, are interested in learning more, or would like to be a part of this ministry here, I invite you to our Summer Godly Play Refresh that we do every summer. Usually held mid-July, this year's refresh has been rescheduled for after worship Sunday, August 16th. We will meet over lunch in the Office Conference Room and end our time together in our Godly Play room. We would love to have you! For any questions, email me: amanda@broadwaybaptist.org

SEPTEMBER FAMILY FUN DAY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH 5:30 - 7:30

This year for our Family Fun Day Outing we will be heading to Blackacre State Nature Preserve and Historic Homestead where our own Kimberly Woods works! We will spend the evening eating dinner together, petting the goats and other animals, playing games, and enjoying one another. It is a perfect event to invite your friends and introduce them to our Broadway Baptist family. We hope you'll make plans to join us!



Youth Ministry

by Sarah Sparks
(Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator)

<u>Youth Fundraiser</u>
These shirts are a fun way for youth, parents, chaperones, and supporters to represent our youth group both inside and outside the church. Best of all, every purchase helps support our youth ministry. Available in your choice of color!

As the end of the summer speeds our way, our youth continue to grow closer together as we prepare to kick off the school year with a clean slate. We are leaving old ways behind us and firmly embracing the opportunity this interim period brings of writing our own history and making each of our stories matter. We embrace new friendships and connections, bring ideas to the table for how we can invest our time and presence in improving our church, and pave the way to our future with fresh perspectives and experience to share.

As August approaches, we will invite new adult faces into the youth space to shadow, teach, and mentor our youth. We will improve our space to function for our youth in ways that engage and inspire them. We will work with new teams of church members alongside Ministry Architects to build a strong foundation for whoever God calls to youth ministry in our church in the near future. If you have ever wanted to step up and get involved, now is seriously an exciting time to join us! Read on to see how you can get involved and contact Sarah Sparks to find out more.







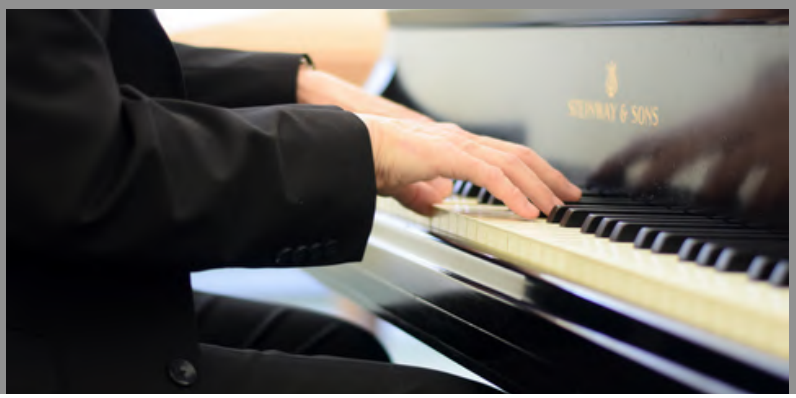
Music Ministry

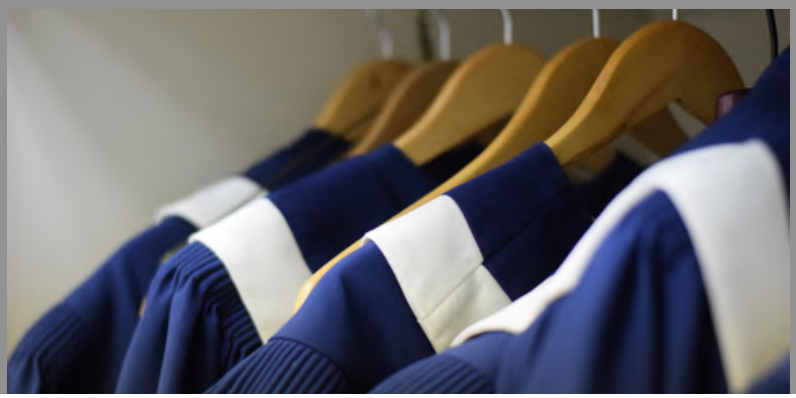
BY REV. ROBERT GAMMON

Music Notes:

Beginning Wednesday, August 5
7 p.m. Chancel Choir
Beginning Sunday, August 16
9:40 a.m. Preschool Music Activity before Sunday School
12:05 p.m. Children's Choir
Beginning in Mid-August
Youth Choir/Ensemble
Beginning Wednesday, September 9
6 p.m. Chancel Bells







A Word from Pastor Kevin

Beloved Broadway,

I want to take a moment to give you a heads-up on some of the highlights to round out our journey through 2026. This Fall is going to be full of opportunities to connect and discover, so here are a few things for your calendar:

–**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER:** We will focus on deepening our connection within our church family by introducing our new church membership database and photo directory. Join us on August 23 after worship to learn about Realm, our new church directory platform, then be sure to sign up for a slot on our photo directory days September 24-26. While we have tried different options in the past, we found a group called Re:Member who is able to turn around photo directory books in around 6 weeks for no cost to the church operational budget. These pictures we took previously have been uploaded to Realm and while they did not print as well as we hoped, they work great on the digital platform we will roll out and train you on at the Ministry Fair on August 23.

–**OCTOBER:** We will discover more about our fellow followers of Jesus across denominational divides. Through a series of ecumenical conversations on Wednesday nights October 7, 14, and 21, we are looking forward to learning more about our broader Christian community with our "All in the Family: Meeting Our Christian Siblings across Denominational Divides" series. Then, on October 18 at 1 p.m., we have been invited to a joint worship service with Burnett Avenue Baptist Church, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, and others for worship after we conclude our regular 11:00 a.m. worship service here at Broadway.

–**NOVEMBER:** We will explore the broader expressions of world religions with our "Won't You Be My Neighbor?: Making New Interfaith Friends" series on the Wednesday Nights of November 4 and 11 with guest speakers from other religious traditions outside of our Christian family of faith. Then, on November 11-13, anyone who is interested is invited to participate in the Festival of Faith's 30th Anniversary here in Louisville. This is a marvelous opportunity to learn more about religious diversity in the Commonwealth and grow in our faith as followers of Jesus as we learn more about our neighbors.

Thank you, and as always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or crazy ideas, please don't hesitate to share them with me. I am so deeply grateful for the life we share in Jesus' name here at Broadway.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Kevin

Church Happenings

BY REV. SUSAN REED

LifeTimers Kentucky State Fair

August 25 is Senior Day at the Kentucky State Fair! 55 and older are free. We will meet in the Friendship Hall parking lot at 9:30. Transportation is provided. RSVP to Rev. Susan Reed by Sunday, August 16.

Service in September: Sunday, September 13, immediately after worship, all ages are welcome! You can sign up for the project you are most interested in at the Ministry Fair!

LifeTimer's New Name Contest!

For those who were able to attend the planning lunch for LifeTimer's in June, we discussed a variety of ideas for a new name. The top two vote getters were: "Act 2" and "Encore." If you plan to participate in at least one event with this group in the upcoming year, then you get a vote on the new name! Please submit your vote to Susan Reed at Susanr@broadwaybaptist.org or text at (502) 409-3825 by August 15. The new name will be revealed at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, August 23!

Wednesday Night Dinner Sign-ups!

For Wednesday Night Dinners we're asking church members (or groups of church members) to sign up to provide the meal (with reimbursement for expenses). Here's the plan:

- If you'd like to provide a meal, please sign up with Susan Reed (susanr@broadwaybaptist.org)
- If you aren't able to provide a full meal but would like to help with providing a side dish, that's great too!
- We will continue to take reservations (due by the Wednesday prior) so you'll know how many people to plan for.
- The kitchen team will be available each week to help with set up and clean up.
- The serving line will be open at 5:30 and close at 6:00.
- We're asking for a suggested donation of $10 per adult or $25 per family.

We'll have the sign up sheet available at the Ministry Fair. Please contact Susan with any questions!

Morning Prayer in the Prayer Garden

We will be meeting for Morning Prayer in the Prayer Garden at 9:30 on Tuesday, August 18 and Tuesday, September 15. You're welcome to bring your own chair and meet for a 30-minute time of reflection and prayer. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the sanctuary.







Upcoming Events

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS & PROMOTION SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 9, we're celebrating a special morning of blessings for educators, students, and families during worship. Children and youth will also move into new Sunday School classes, meeting their teachers as we pray for and encourage all who are starting a new school year.

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Ministry Fair

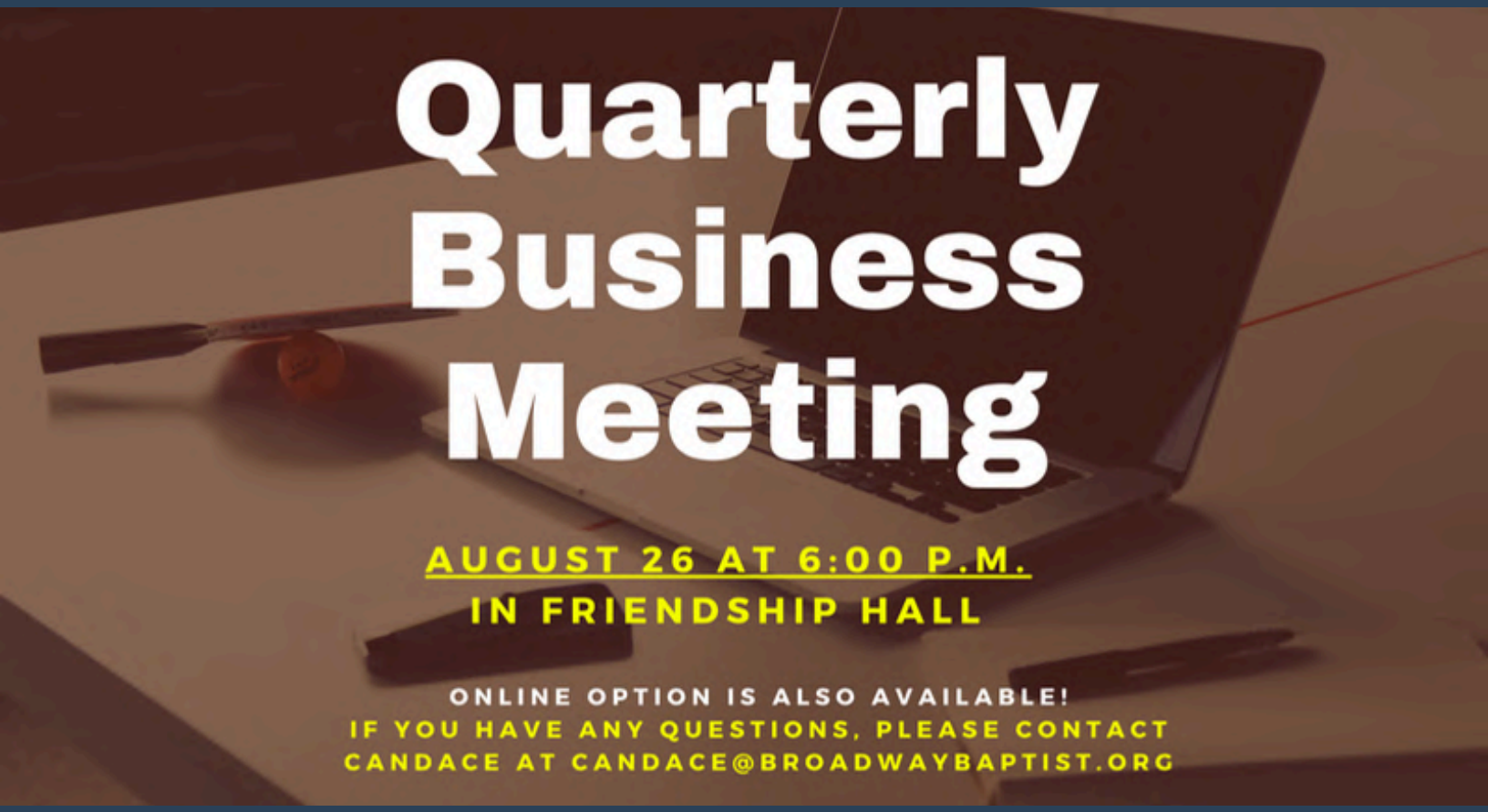


Sunday, August 23

After worship in Friendship Hall.

If you'd like to host a table for your committee, team or ministry area, please contact Susan at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org

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New Photo Directory



PHOTO DIRECTORY

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

SAY CHEESE!

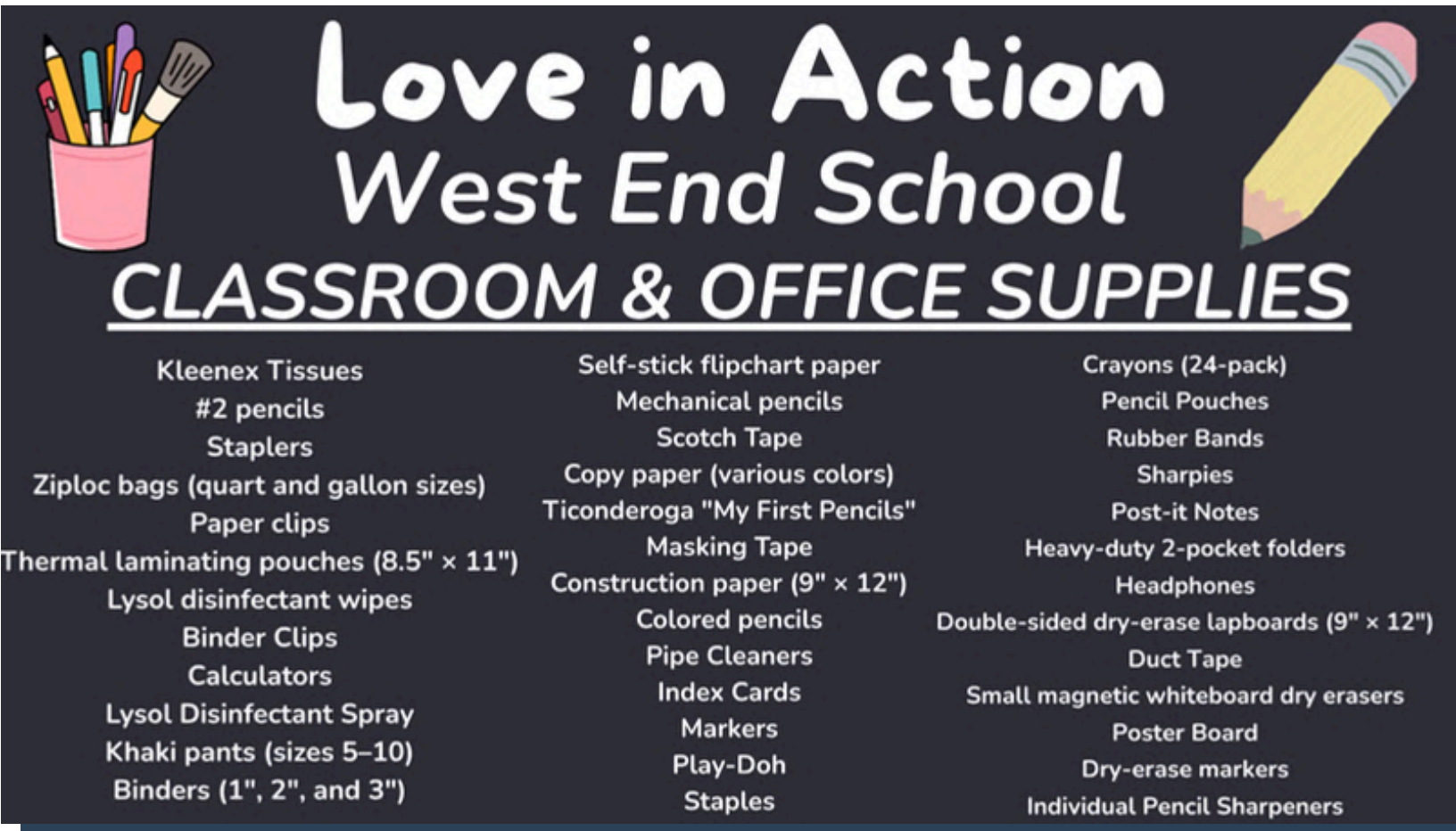
SEPTEMBER 24-26

Broadway Baptist Church is doing a new pictorial directory! We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete.

Communications



Service in Action





Broadway Arts Academy

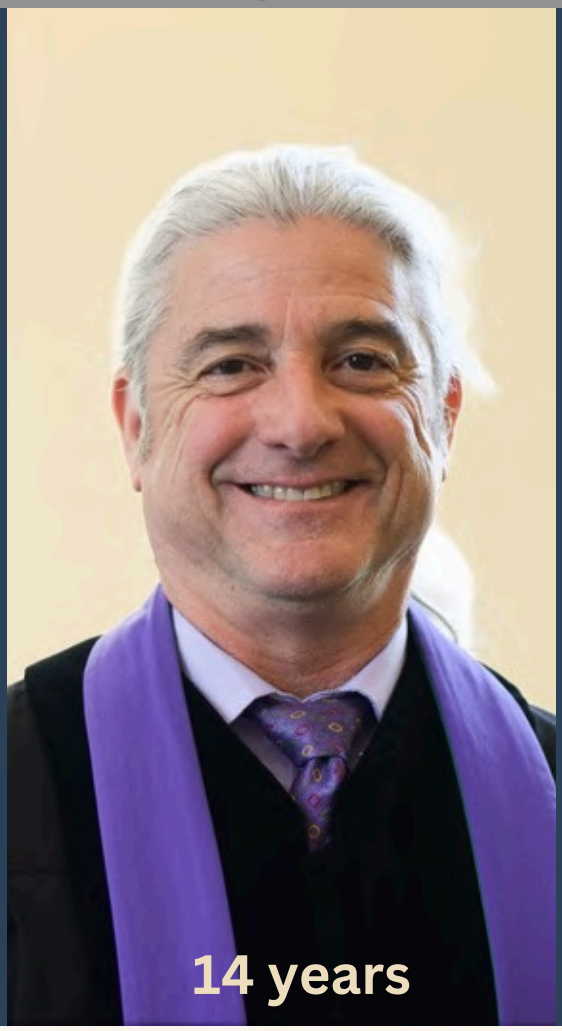
BY REV. ROBERT GAMMON

AS WE EMBARK UPON OUR FIFTH YEAR HERE AT THE BROADWAY ARTS ACADEMY, WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE GROWTH WE HAVE EXPERIENCED AND THE LIVES WE HAVE ENRICHED THROUGH THE ARTS. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR EXCELLENT FACULTY AND THANKFUL FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ENGAGED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ARTS. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE MEMBERS OF BBC FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THIS MISSION. SEVERAL OF YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO SERVE AS GREETERS, ATTEND RECITALS, BAKE COOKIES, OR PROVIDE FINANCIAL GIFTS. TRULY, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THIS MILESTONE TOGETHER. IN ADDITION, TO OUR NORMAL SEMESTER-ENDING RECITALS, WE WILL HAVE SHOWCASE RECITALS BOTH IN THE FALL AND SPRING THAT ARE OPEN FOR ALL TO ATTEND!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE LESSONS THIS COMING SEMESTER, PLEASE FOLLOW THIS LINK TO OUR REGISTRATION PAGE. WE BEGIN THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10.
HTTPS://WWW.BROADWAYARTSACADEMY.ORG/REGISTRATION-INFO



Staff Workaversaries

July 31	August 1	August 20
 7 years	 14 years	 3 years



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