

Tower Talk

December 2016

Message Series God is with Us

November 27

Pastor Heather Nordgren, preaching
A Reminder of the Future
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;
Matthew 24:36-44

December 4

Pastor Wendy Hansen-Smith,
preaching
A Better Way
Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13;
Matthew 3:1-12

December 11

Pastor Marcus Atha, preaching
Of Course
Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11

December 18

Pastor Marcus Atha, preaching
Let Me Tell You!
Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-25

December 25, Merry Christmas

One Service-11 am
The Best News

January 1

One Service at 11am

Building closed
December 26 and 27
and January 2
Merry Christmas+



**Tree of Giving
for New Life UMC**

Pick an ornament starting on
Nov. 27 and help supply much
needed items to the clothing room.

Bring your donation back to NBUMC
by Sunday, December 18.
Join us to deliver donations on
Wednesday Dec. 21st at 9am.



SHARE THE LIGHT
an alternative giving program

Available
Sundays



December
4th and 11th

(info in the gathering area)



Music at North Broadway Sunday, December 11
PRESENTS... 6:30 pm

**CHRISTMAS
CHEER**

A musical expression of the Christmas season with
Choirs of North Broadway & The Salty Caramels
& dessert reception provided by Youth.



Christmas Eve Worship

5 pm ~ Family Service
including Children's Choir

7 pm ~ Candlelight Worship
with the Chancel Choir

10 pm ~ Candlelight Worship
with the Youth Choir

God is with us

One Service on
Christmas Day and
New Year's Day at 11 am

Congregational Care

United Methodist Men

First Friday Gathering

Friday, December 2, 4 pm at Roosters on Olentangy. Bring a friend.

Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, December 15, 6:30 am in Room 111. Questions? Contact: Andy Hall, achlaw@sbcglobal.net

College Care

Get involved and support students in college through care packages, notes and fellowship. Join us Monday, December 5 at 6:30 pm in Room 111 for a social gathering this month. Questions? Contact Laura at 614-888-0873 or smithky@iwaynet.net.

Broadway Buddies Dinner

Friday, November 25 and Friday, December 23 at 6:30 pm

MCL Kingsdale

Everyone over "retirement age" is welcome!

Contact: Fran McMillen at mcm34@att.net or 614 451-1802.

What is Stephen Ministry?

One-to-One Ministry by trained, caring Lay Ministers who have responded to Christ's call to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2. If you would like to be a Stephen Minister, to have a Stephen Minister visit, or would like more information, please call Judy Skinner at jskinner128@columbus.rr.com.

Book Club

November 22, 2pm, *Pax* by Sarah Pennyparker, and *Wonder* by RJ Palacio. December TBA: Choose in November. Questions? Contact Susan Scherer at 614-582-1384.

Women's Groups

Birchwood Circle will meet for lunch and fellowship at 11:30am Tuesday, December 13th at Smith's Deli. All are welcome. Contact: Nea Brunson

Circle of Light: 11:30am on Monday, December 12 at MCL. Contact: Fran McMillen. All are welcome.

Thursday Morning Theology

This group meets at 7am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and the 5th Tuesday to discuss all types of literature. Contact Mariellen Miller at mrlin6@gmail.com.

12/8: *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio

1/12/2017: Poetry of your choice.

Homebound Communion

Every month a team of church members delivers Communion to members of the congregation who are homebound and unable to come to church to partake in the bread and cup. Being involved in this ministry is a great way to serve God, experience the holy, and build relationships with some amazing people. Training is provided. If you would like to serve on this team or are homebound and would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact Pastor Wendy at 614-268-8626.

Welcome to our New Members who Joined in October and November



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Faith Formation **Connections Advent Study**

God is With Us... a four-week study of

Sunday School Classes 9:45 am Sunday Morning

Questions? Contact Pastor Wendy at 614-268-8626 or whansensmith@north-broadway.org

God is With Us!
Begins November 27
(More information to the right)

New Life: Room 201
Weekly Bible Study using the New Int'l. Lesson Series. Leader: Susan Kyser

Forum Class, Rm. 111
11/27: Advent Series: Reconciliation, led by Dan Struve

Discovery Class, Rm. 203
12/4: Spiritual Traditions — Who was King Wenceslas? Christmas Carol Origins (Joe Blundo)

12/11: Bible Study — What Child Is This? Christmas Narratives and Symbols (Jeff Sharp)

12/18: Helping Others — Discovery Class assists with CRC Breakfast at North Broadway.

the lectionary Bible readings for Advent and Christmas. During this season of waiting, let us join as a community in preparing our hearts and lives for the celebration of God's presence. Readings, discussions and prayers will align with the Advent sermon series, *God is With Us*. Come prepared to claim and celebrate the new hope we have in Jesus Christ! Books are available now. Suggested donation \$9.00.

Sunday mornings: Nov 27, Dec 4, 11 and 18 from 9:45-10:45, led by Pastor Wendy

Wednesday Evenings: Nov 29, Dec 7, 14 and 21, bring the entire family. 6pm optional dinner, 6:30-7:30pm joint New Life UMC and NBUMC adult study in Anniversary Hall, nursery care, and NB Kids' Bible Adventure and Music in Miller Park (3rd floor), led by Pastor Wendy and Pastor Amy (New Life UMC).

Thursday mornings: Dec 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 9:15-10:15, led by Pastor Wendy

Questions? Contact Pastor Wendy Hansen-Smith at 614-268-8626 or whansen-smith@north-broadway.org



JINGLE JAM/PUT A BOW ON IT

Wednesday, December 14.

6pm dinner

6:30-7:30pm program

All families and children join in the telling of the Christmas Story.

Volunteer Opportunity to Sing, dance, act, technical team, hospitality, set-up/tear-down, Refreshments and more!

Contact: Pastor Heather at 614-268-8626 or hnordgren@north-broadway.org

Bible Study at Wesley Glen

An in-depth Bible study meeting at Wesley Glen Retirement Community from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, Thursday afternoons. Pastor David Ziegel is leading. To attend, just show up in the lobby at Wesley Glen and ask the location of the class.

Questions? Contact David at dziegel@north-broadway.org.

Do You Love to Bake?

The Youth Group needs your help to reward persons who are willing to donate toward Work Camp 2017, our Summer mission project.

Suggested dessert items:

- pies
- cakes
- cookies
- cupcakes (no nuts please)

Bring your donations Sunday morning, December 11th. We'll serve them that evening at the Dessert Reception. If you cannot participate with baked goods and you cannot attend but you want to donate, you may do so in a Sunday offering (mark the donation for "Youth Work Camp") or by arrangement with Pastor Heather. Contact Pastor Heather at hnordgren@north-broadway.org



Advent &

Mission and Outreach

Gifts for Seniors

Do you like to make crafts? Join the Mission Ministry Team to create 250 small gifts for Christmas Baskets for the Senior Community served at the Community Resources Center. Anyone can participate on Sunday, November 20 from 9:45am -11am in the Chapel and Gathering Area. Children and youth are working on this project until December 4. Supplies will be provided. Contact: Pastor Heather at hnordgren@north-broadway.org



Advent Community Breakfast Sundays

NBUMC provides a hearty breakfast and hospitality to our CRC neighbors each Sunday during the month of December from 9:30-11:30 am in the lower level of NBUMC. We will prepare breakfast and serve our guests. Can you bring food, cook, serve, provide hospitality, prepare a sack lunch, or clean up? This is an opportunity for everyone to care for our neighbors in need. Some of the attendees are homeless, others need help with the necessities of life, and others just need some friendly conversation.



Music/Prayer at 10:15 am Special Music provided by:

Dec. 4: Spirit Space/NB Kids Sing

Dec. 11: Youth Instrumentalist

Dec. 18: NB Bells and Children's Choirs

Dec. 25: Lisa Miller, pianist

On Sunday, December 25 the Advent Breakfast will move to the Gathering Area for a potluck.

Sign up at church, call the office at 614-268-8626, or contact Kathy

Jones at

kathyjones@columbus.rr.com.



Tree of Giving for New Life UMC

Celebrate the season of giving by bringing joy and happiness to others. To participate, pick an ornament from the Giving Tree beginning Sunday, November 27. Bring your donation back to NBUMC by Sunday, December 18. Join us to deliver donations on Wednesday Dec. 21st at 9am.



Share the Light of Christmas December 4 & 11

"Share the Light of Christmas" is an alternative giving opportunity. "Share the Light" provides an opportunity for people to offer donations in honor or in memory of loved ones, as an alternative to material gifts during the Christmas season. This year the mission partners that are included in "Share the Light" are:

- * **YWCA Family Center**
- * **Community Resources Center**
- * **Haiti-Grace Children's Hospital-Hurricane Relief**

1. Stop by the "Share the Light" displays in the Gathering Area on 12/4 and 12/11 and choose a mission(s) from the "Share the Light of Christmas" brochure. Members of Global and Local Missions will be there to assist you.

2. Make a cash donation (you choose the amount).

3. You will receive a card to give to a friend or loved one and an enclosure that explains how the money will be used for the mission that you thought was "perfect" for them.

This is a wonderful way to provide life-changing opportunities and demonstrate love to our neighbors. We take our cue from the Gospel of Matthew 25:40 *"Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."* If you have any questions or would like to get involved in their work, contact Judy Skinner at skinner128@columbus.rr.com.



Worship and Music

The book of Isaiah reminds us that *every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low*. Indeed, Advent arrives in anticipation of the arrival of the Prince of Peace.

Our children will welcome in the season with a new Introit, "Rejoice, Rejoice", on November 27 at 11am worship, and choirs will share music familiar and music new throughout the following weeks leading to Christmas Sunday on December 25.

Christmas Cheer, December 11 at 6:30 pm

All choirs of North Broadway will present *CHRISTMAS CHEER*, a musical expression of the warmth, joy, and peace of the Christmas season. Traditional selections such as "Carol of the Bells" and "Sing We Now of Christmas" will be shared, along with the jazzy "God's Love Made Visible" and a new arrangement of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Sarah Overdier and The Salty Caramels will be our musical guests. A dessert reception will follow the event, provided by the NB Youth.

Christmas Rehearsal/Pageant

Calling all angels, shepherds and animals! Any preschooler through 5th grade can join with the Children's Choir, directed by Leslie Loomis-Ritter and Pastor Heather Nordgren, for a dress rehearsal, music, craft and snack on Saturday, December 17 from 10-11:30 am.

The Christmas Pageant will be presented during the 8:30 and 11:00 am Worship on December 18.

The Longest Night Service, Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30pm, Chapel

A service intended for those experiencing loss, grief, or for those having difficulty finding joy in the Christmas season for whatever reason. This quiet service includes lighting candles in memory of departed ones dear to us. Jayne Allison (piano, organ) and Sybil Baker (cello) will provide music.

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service, 5pm: A service especially appropriate for young families, with Youth Instrumentalists, Children's Choir, and the Contemporary Choir, directed by Lisa Miller.

Candlelight services at 7pm and 10pm: At 7pm, the Chancel Choir will sing, and flutists Gail Nelson and Courtney Bertsch will share. The Youth Choir will sing at the 10pm service, with additional music being shared by Melanie Richards (clarinet), Jon Szabo (violin), and Jackson Richards-Jarvis (voice).

Christmas Day Worship

One worship service will take place on Sunday, December 25, at 11am. Come as you are, ready to sing more carols, and to celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child! We can't wait to see the kids in their pajamas. Pastor Marcus Atha will give the message.

New Year's Day Worship

Ring in the New Year with one worship service at 11am on Sunday, January 1.



Wesley Glen Christmas Gathering Wednesday, December 21, 2-4 pm, WG Ravine Room

You are invited to a festive gathering for our friends at Wesley Glen, at other retirement communities and who are homebound. Contact: Pastor Wendy at whansensmith@north-broadway.org to get involved. Opportunities to help include...

- Donating light refreshments
- Providing a ride to a homebound resident
- Hospitality before, during and after.

Mission, Justice, Outreach

Mission Invitation to Create Gifts

NBUMC Riverside Methodist Guild 49 members have been knitting, crocheting and sewing since 1955. Join them on the 1st Monday of the month in Room 111 at 7 pm to learn about projects that can be done at home. The hospital furnishes patterns, fabric and needed supplies. In return, benefits include a free garage parking pass, a dinner at Wesley Glen in May, a lovely Christmas ornament plus wonderful fellowship.

The group make heart and neck pillows, stillborn baby dresses and blankets, 50 Christmas baby stockings, hats for newborns, walker bags and many other things. No pressure—sew as you wish! Members and friends are welcome to participate in this small group. There is a real sense of satisfaction in volunteering for this worthwhile endeavor.

Call Charlotte Forquer at 614-459-3101 for more information.

Reconciling Ministry

Let's meet as usual on Sunday, December 11 at 12:15 pm. Everybody bring one non-perishable food item for CRC, and we fast in recognition of those who are hungry. Contact Barb Schneider, bschneider727@gmail.com or 614-440-8106.



“Someone you love is Gay,” is a slightly worn phrase, yet the Reconciling Ministry Team hopes it will inspire conversation and educational opportunities at the Wednesday night Connection starting in January. Come and learn about the Reconciling movement within the United Methodist Church, North Broadway's involvement in the movement, and how you can become a straight Ally of our ministry team. You will be invited to share your stories about the person or people in your lives who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. This will be a small, casual, and safe gathering. Additional small groups will be added when necessary. Contact information: Michael Rex, michael.rex@att.net, 614-263-6517

"Fill up the Grocery Cart" for CRC Food Pantry

With the holiday season upon us, let's fill the CRC grocery cart with items that can be used to help our neighbors prepare their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, such as reusable (cloth) grocery bags that can hold heavier items, turkey/ham foil pans, napkins, and canned fruits and vegetables.

When you're shopping, please consider picking up some additional items and donating them to this local mission. Please place your non-perishable items in the grocery cart located just inside the Narthex on the left.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all!

Questions? Contact Jill Short at jillshort@insight.rr.com or 614-885-1422 or Elaine Hairston at ebhairston@gmail.com or 614-848-7786.

B.R.E.A.D Justice Ministry



The Listening

Process gave our year an excellent start. Many of you shared very important concerns about our community. Our year will be full of research, which is the next step. At the Annual Assembly we heard from Council member Elizabeth Brown to follow up on Jobs and Economic Opportunity. We also heard from Council member Stinziano, who is heading up the work on Municipal ID; and “The Violence Must Stop!” initiative is still in process. All Network members are eligible to join a research team.

We also heard a powerful story about bullying, which is one reason to bring Restorative Practices into the Public Schools. This is closely related to the Restorative Justice initiative that we won a few years ago, which Judge Elizabeth Gill put into place in the Juvenile system. We have learned that this practice has been working very well in schools to reduce student conflict and ineffective punishments; and to help struggling students find a way not only to communicate peacefully, but to find a growing interest in education!

The next opportunity for involvement is the Research Kickoff, December 12, 7pm at First Congregational Church, E. Broad St. Have questions about this ministry? Ask Ron Taylor, Lin Vietz, Michael Rex or Mariellen Miller.

SERRV Holiday Catalog Sale

Orders due December 4

Visit the SERRV shop for fair-trade, hand-made gifts for friends and family. If you don't see what you're after, we will order it for you! Check the catalog on the glass case, or go online to serrv.org, make up your shopping list (item number, price) and email it to me by Sunday, December 4. Or put your list in the SERRV mailbox in the office.

Call Lisa Klein (614-447-9629) with any questions. Email orders to lklein624@yahoo.com.

Your purchase helps us relieve poverty and hunger locally and worldwide.

YWCA Family Dinner Sugar Cookies Needed

Bakers wanted to bake 7 dozen decorated sugar cookies for dinner on Tuesday, December 13.

This is addition to the typical YWCA needs. There are many ways to get involved before, during or after the dinner:

- bring food • cook • serve
- clean up • bake cookies

Interested in getting involved with the YWCA? Contact Judy Skinner at skinner128@columbus.rr.com or call the church at 268-8626.

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Deadline for the January Tower Talk:

Monday, Dec. 19, 2016

A Word from Marcus

Rejoice! We are all in this Birth together!

I write this having spent some good time in the Sanctuary this week. The extra candles from All Saints Day were still there, and I lit them all as I prayed about our coming time together.

I feel like I am in tune with the Holy, while I am listening, observing and waiting here in the Sanctuary. I heard the church bells ring and could even hear hundreds of children playing as I sat there in the candlelight and the sunlight.

My keys are beside me with the key fob attached that says "Contentment" from our time of Stewardship. I continue to think about the gifts and sacrifices so many have given that have led to much that has been birthed this year. I think of all of the wonderful ministry that has taken place and of all that is to come.

With this time of gratitude and Thanksgiving upon us, we realize we have much to be thankful for. There is such a culture of Gratitude here on Sunday morning and through the week at the church. Folks have been commenting on this culture to me and telling me how they are taking it to their offices and homes.

Our time of Advent and the season of preparing the way for the Christ Child is upon us. This powerful time of healing and praying about this Birth is one of the most amazing times of the year.

This Tower Talk is filled with many meaningful and impactful experiences in which we hope to have many fully present in this wondrous time of the Holy and Sacred!

Peace and Thankfulness,
Marcus

Greetings from the Business Office

Stewardship Celebration

Thank you to everyone who turned in commitment cards on All Saints Sunday, November 6, or who mailed them to the office. As of Nov. 14, 114 families (17 new!) have estimated their 2016 giving and made Everyone in Ministry commitments. If you missed it, feel free to drop off or mail in your cards to the church office. There are 65 families who pledged last year who have not yet turned in cards. Thank you for faithfully responding with generosity. Remember, if your circumstances change, you can always contact Jennifer in the office to change your estimate (jcloudbuckner@north-broadway.org or 614-268-8626 ext. 204)

2016 Financial Update

Year-to-date financial statements will be distributed by the first week of December. These envelopes will also contain confirmation of your 2017 pledges. If you have questions about your pledged giving for the year, please contact Jennifer in the office.

Tax-Deductible Year-End Giving by Dec 30

The church office closes at **Noon on Friday, December 30**, the last day to make tax-deductible contributions and charitable gifts to NBUMC for the 2016 tax year. Pre-paying all or part of your 2017 estimated giving before Dec. 31 makes your gift tax deductible for 2016. Consider consulting a financial advisor about tax advantages of supporting our church with your gifts of securities, real estate, life insurance, or IRAs, or through living trusts and wills.

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Bereavement: love, prayers and sympathy to...

Dennis Antle on the death of his sister-in-law, Kay Myers, on October 7, 2016.

Jim and Sally Sexton on the death of Jim's mom, Mary Sexton, who died on October 19.


John and Fran McMillen upon the death of John's brother, Lawrence McMillen, on October 31.

Thank you to Kris Fout and her team for organizing the Red Cross Blood Drive. 17 units were given.

Thank you to Courtney Bertsch and CVS for providing flu shots.

Congratulations to Chris and Amy on the birth of their son Milo Thomas Rehs-Dupin, who was born on October 1.

Congratulations to Jason and Jennifer on the birth of their daughter, Amelia River Buckner, who was born on October 4.



Memorial Poinsettias

It is time once again to order Memorial Poinsettias for the Chancel Area during Advent. Deadline is Noon on Sunday, Dec. 11. Any donation is welcome, but each plant will cost \$15. Please make your check payable to **North Broadway Altar Guild**. Mail donations with this form to Terese Loudner, 48 E. North Broadway, Columbus OH 43214. Members of the Altar Guild will be taking your orders in the Gathering Area on Sundays **November 27, Dec. 4, and 11.**

Name of Donor _____

Memory/In Honor of (circle one)

(Print exactly as you want it in the roster)

I will pick up plant in the Gathering Area after the 11pm service, Dec. 24.

Will not pick up plant. Please take to shut-in.

Can deliver plants to shut-ins on Wednesday, December 28.