

May 15, 2020

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ,

“Humble yourselves, therefore under Gods mighty hand, that God may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on God because God cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6-7

Hello and we miss you! As we continue with our social distancing and new ways of communication and worshipping together, we wanted to reach out and give an update of all that has been happening in our churches.

Even though North Broadway UMC started in 1924 and the Short North Church started in 2018, we are, in a way, continuing new church start development work as we navigate new ways to be the church!

Here are just a few things we wanted to share and celebrate with you:

- Each week we are **averaging 300 devices** logging in with families and individuals gathered around worshipping with our two churches.
- North Broadway UMC is hosting 3 Blood Drives in May (19, 26, 27) after 2 successful in April. THANK YOU to those who donated!
- We are collecting donations for the Clintonville Resource Center (CRC) to assemble homeless kits for our communities. See the North Broadway weekly email for details.
- Vacation Bible School! will happen this summer just in a new way! Pastor Heather and Jess will share some exciting information in the coming weeks.
- Short North Church continues to respond abundantly with donations of men’s clothing to the New Life Community Outreach.
- Our Justice Ministries team is busy planning new ways for us to celebrate PRIDE in June.
- Kris Shoaf, Director of Communications, was blessed virtually and officially as new Deaconess on Monday, May 11th. Congratulations Kris!
- Many made thank you signs for our first responders, health care workers, and other essential employees that covered North Broadway’s lawn.
- North Broadway Children’s Center will open soon as a Pandemic Child Care Center.
- A Reopening Task Force consisting of staff and lay people from both campuses are meeting weekly to strategize the changes as we travel through these unknown territories and plan for the day we can safely worship together in our churches.

Many small groups (Sermon Shapers, Soul Sisters, Writing Circle, DIVA’s, Youth Groups, etc.) continue to worship together virtually throughout the week. Please reach out to Pastor Wendy (whansensmith@north-broadway.org) or Pastor Amy (amy@shortnorthchurch.org) for more information.

We also express sincere gratitude for the continued offerings that have been happening. Not only are your monetary gifts continuing but acts of kindness and care for others are growing in

number and creativeness! Thank you for the many ways you are giving, and your support continues to be critical.

Remember, for some Love is a stranger, so may they find in you to be very, very generous friends!

With Hope,

Marcus Atha, *North Broadway Senior Pastor*

Amy Aspey, *Short North Church Lead Pastor*

Katie Laux, *Leadership Board Chair*