



Broadway Presbyterian Church

# Broadway Visitor

Where we build relationships  
and expand connections

## God’s Door is Open — Who Are We to Stand in the Way?

This was our theme on Sunday, May 27, as we celebrated worship and received 18 new members through baptisms, confirmation, and re-affirmations of faith. Indra Biswa, Tulasa Biswa, Andrea Elliott, Bhalu Ghishing, Krishna Ghishing, Phul Maya Ghishing, Suk Maya Ghishing, Tshesing Ghishing, Ritti Gurung, Suk Gurung were received as new members of Broadway by re-affirmation of faith. In addition, Chandra Chrtri, Gopal Chrtri, Kharka Chrtri, Nara Chrtri, Geeta Gurung, Laxmi Gurung, and Talman Gurung were baptized and received as members, and Robert Ducey was confirmed. After worship, we enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship at a potluck.

Rev. Sue Krummel, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Great Rivers, preached. We greatly enjoyed her presence, and she enjoyed her time at Broadway, as well. She shared her impressions and observations of the worship celebration in the May 29 edition of the Presbytery news. As Rev. Krummel said, “We saw the story of Pentecost enacted, with its joy.” Please take a moment to read many of her



comments on the following page—she was very encouraging about what Broadway is doing.

Join the celebration of the growth God’s bringing to Broadway, and please be sure to welcome and congratulate each of Broadway’s new members!

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## From “General Presbyterian’s Perspective”

Rev. Susan Krummel, General Presbyterian, Presbytery of Great Rivers

*excerpted from Presbytery of Great Rivers Newsletter, May 29, 2012.*

As you might remember, I have a big perennial garden and it has gotten bigger this year. . . . This is my seventh growing season in this yard and the fruit of all of the hard work in those previous six growing seasons is really paying off. It looks beautiful.

But yesterday morning I was doing the kind of work that I would usually be doing in July. It was as hot as July so I needed to keep hydrating and wiping the sweat off of my glasses. . . . Usually at this time of year I would still be planting new annuals, attending to the vegetable garden, and transplanting / splitting perennials. All of those things were done weeks ago. If I acted like the weather this year was what it usually is, I would not be taking care of the garden in the right way. If I assumed that it was business as usual this year, then I would not be helping the garden to achieve its maximum growth.

It occurred to me while I was out there in the heat that part of what we need to do as a church is to realize that it is not business as usual. Our context is not the same as it was even a few years ago. If we continue to do things that we did well in another context and do them in exactly the same way, we are not helping the church to respond at its optimal potential to its call to tell the good news.

Perhaps this especially struck me as I reflected on Broadway Church in Rock Island where I was preaching and baptizing on Sunday. This has been a very traditional PCUSA congregation for a long time. Very traditional building in a neighborhood that has changed—that could describe many of our churches. Over the last few years they have added refugees and immigrants from several places—including about 20 Nepalese this Sunday. I got there very early and watched as people gathered. The mostly elderly Caucasian people arrived about 15 minutes early for worship. The Nepalese people were in the basement cooking part of the meal we had afterwards and arrived a few minutes late. The Hispanic people also arrived at a time that most PCUSA members would consider to be late. We heard a song in Nepalese and one in Spanish, we sang with the organ, we sang with a praise band. I preached a pretty traditional sermon and then baptized people who each pronounced their name to me as I baptized them so that I could attempt to pronounce it correctly.

It was not all sweetness and light. A few older white women said to me on the way into the church, “I am so glad you are here; we really need your help.” There was a noisy child in worship—someone whose parents were not born in Rock Island. During the sermon I commented about how nice it is to hear children in worship. On the way out of worship one of the older white ladies said to me, “I don’t know how you could concentrate on anything with all that noise!” So, they still have a little work to do. But they know, to use the gardening analogy, that it is not a typical spring. The context has changed and they have changed the way they do things in that church in order to meet their new context. We saw the story of Pentecost enacted, with its joy and with people questioning exactly what all of this means. Most fun I have had interacting with a congregation in a long time!

## Broadway's New Health Ministry Coordinator

Welcome to Mary Pedersen, RN. Mary is Broadway's new Health Ministry Coordinator. She will begin to set up health teams that will see to the needs of our congregation and community.

One of Mary's first ideas is to have each of you fill out a confidential health survey. You don't even have to fill in your name, but the surveys will help her evaluate her priorities. Please return your survey ASAP to the church office.

Mary is anxious to meet each of you and will be "hanging out her shingle" very soon!

## Bandits Game Fundraisers

A major fundraiser for Broadway the past few years has been working at the Bandits' concession stand during games.

Proceeds from working the concession stands pay for our free Concerts on the Lawn—an important community outreach, help our sister churches in Nepal and Acapulco, and help build our General Fund.

Volunteers are still needed—a list of dates and times are on the closet in the Great Hall. We offer our thanks to those who have helped so far. Ask them how much fun the fellowship can be during these fundraisers!

## Concert on the Lawn: Christopher Sheridan

Our annual Concerts on the Lawn start Sunday, June 17 from 4:00-6:30 pm. Our first artist of the season will be Christopher Sheridan, with a blend of acoustic rock and folk.

Donations will be accepted for refreshments, but the concert is free, so bring your lawn chairs or blankets, and bring friends, family, and neighbors. Be sure to join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and free music!



Don't miss  
Christopher Sheridan  
at this year's first  
Concert on the Lawn  
on June 17!

## Karon Book Club

For the month of June, the Karon Book Club will be reading An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff. We will meet at O'Melia's at 11:30 on Wednesday, June 13 for lunch and discussion.

*"Excuse me lady, do you have any spare change? I am hungry."  
When I heard him, I didn't really hear him. His words were part of the clatter, like a car horn or someone yelling for a cab. They were, you could say, just noise—the kind of nuisance New Yorkers learn to tune out. So I walked right by him, as if he wasn't there.*

*But then, just a few yards past him, I stopped.*

*And then—and I'm still not sure why I did this—I came back.*

When Laura Schroff first met Maurice on a New York City street corner, she had no idea that she was standing on the brink of an incredible and unlikely friendship that would inevitably change both their lives. As one lunch at McDonald's with Maurice turns into two, then into a weekly occurrence that is fast growing into an inexplicable connection, Laura learns heart-wrenching details about Maurice's horrific childhood.

Sprinkled throughout the book is also Laura's own story of her turbulent childhood. Every now and then, something about Maurice's struggles reminds her of her past, how her father's alcohol-induced rages shaped the person she became and, in a way, led her to Maurice.

As their friendship grows, Laura offers Maurice simple experiences he comes to treasure: learning how to set a table, trimming a Christmas tree, visiting her nieces and nephew on Long Island, and even having homemade lunches to bring to school.

It is the heartwarming story of a friendship that has spanned thirty years, that brought life to an over-scheduled professional who had lost sight of family and happiness and hope to a hungry and desperate boy whose family background in drugs and crime and squalor seemed an inescapable fate.

*He had, inside of him, some miraculous reserve of goodness and strength, some fierce will to be special. I saw this in his hopeful face the day he asked for spare change, and I see it in his eyes today. Whatever made me notice him on that street corner so many years ago is clearly something that cannot be extinguished, no matter how relentless the forces aligned against it. Some may call it spirit. Some might call it heart. Whatever it was, it drew me to him, as if we were bound by some invisible, unbreakable thread.*

*And whatever it is, it binds us still.*

— Review from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

## Presbyterian Women

This is the time of year that everyone is busy with all things of summer—graduations, gardening, family gatherings, vacations, and we can go on and on. We wish all a good and prosperous summer.

May was our last Circle Meeting until Fall—September we will be back to study our new book, and back to our Circles. Please mark your calendars for the September meetings.

A “thank you” to our Circle Leaders and all members of the Coordinating Team, you have made our Circle Meetings successful.

Any woman that attends Broadway Church and does not attend one of our Circle Meetings and would like to get in on our Bible Study should contact us. My phone is 787-4750 or 236-6205.

*“Blessed are those that can give without remembering and receive without forgetting.” – Unknown*

- Shirley Nelson,  
PW Moderator

## We Need Pies!

Fruit Pies are needed for  
the Starlight Revue  
Ice Cream Social  
on Tuesday, June 26.

Please bring homemade or  
store-bought fruit pies to  
the church by noon  
on June 26.

For more info,  
contact Pat Cross.



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Thanks to Jerry Moates (See Genesis 6-8)

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HEY NOAH ... HAVE YOU SEEN THE  
MOSQUITOS?

## June Lectionary



June 3

Is. 6:1-8

Ps. 29

Rom. 8:12-17

Jn. 3:1-17

June 10

1 Sam. 8:4-11 (12-15),  
16-20 (11:14-15)

Ps. 138

2 Cor. 4:13-5:1

Mk. 3:20-35

June 17—Father's Day

1 Sam. 15:34-16:13

Ps. 20

2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mk. 4:26-34

June 24

1 Sam. 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49  
and Ps. 9:9-20

- OR -

1 Sam 17:57-18:5, 10-16

and Ps. 133

2 Cor. 6:1-13

Mk. 4:35-41

## Our Thoughts and Prayers

We pray for the health of Marion Lardner and Mary Cleveland, as well as Ram Gurung's continued recovery.

*Please note: If you or a loved one is hospitalized or scheduled for surgery, please notify the church office as soon as you are able.*



## **"BROADWAY VISITOR"** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please place completed newsletter articles in the newsletter mail box on the wall in the Great Hall or email to Karen Fialek (Karen.Fialek@BroadwayQC.org)

***All July 2012 newsletter articles are due June 15.***

Any submissions received after this date will only be included if available space allows.

## June Events

|                  |                                |   |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| June 3 (Sun.)    | 1:00                           | Baby Shower                                     |
| June 7 (Thurs.)  | 4:00                           | QCAIR Clearinghouse                             |
| June 13 (Weds.)  | 6:00                           | Project NOW                                     |
| June 14 (Thurs.) | 12:00                          | Friendship Manor Circle                         |
|                  | 6:00                           | Session   |
| June 15 (Fri.)   | ** Smart Choice Orders Due! ** |   |
| June 17 (Sun.)   | 4:00                           | Concert on the Lawn: Christopher Sheridan       |
| June 19 (Tues.)  | 9:00                           | Lincoln's Challenge                             |
|                  | 5:30                           | QCAIR Education                                 |
| June 20 (Weds.)  | 2:30                           | Worship Team                                    |
| June 21 (Thurs.) | 6:30                           | Rebekah Circle                                  |
|                  |                                | Broadway Historic                               |
| June 26 (Tues.)  | 5:00                           | Starlight Revue Ice Cream Social (Lincoln Park) |
| June 27 (Weds.)  | 6:00                           | Project NOW                                     |
| June 30 (Sat.)   | 10:00                          | Smart Choice Distribution                       |

## Weekly Events

|        |       |                       |         |       |                      |
|--------|-------|-----------------------|---------|-------|----------------------|
| Sun.:  | 9:30  | Traditional Worship   | Weds.:  | 10:00 | Express Yourself     |
|        | 10:45 | Mosaic Worship        |         |       | Youth Program        |
|        | 11:45 | Servicio de           |         | 1:00  | Nepali School        |
|        |       | Adoracion y Reflexion |         | 4:15  | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
|        | 1:00  | Nepali Worship        | Thurs.: | 10:00 | Express Yourself     |
| Mon.:  | 10:00 | Express Yourself      |         |       | Youth Program        |
|        |       | Youth Program         |         | 1:00  | Nepali School        |
|        | 1:00  | Nepali School         |         | 5:30  | TOPS                 |
|        | 5:30  | Cub Scouts            |         | 8:00  | AA                   |
|        | 6:15  | DeMolay               | Fri.:   | 10:00 | Express Yourself     |
| Tues.: | 10:00 | Express Yourself      |         |       | Youth Program        |
|        |       | Youth Program         |         | 1:00  | Nepali School        |
|        | 1:00  | Nepali School         |         | 8:00  | AA                   |

*For more information on any of our events, please contact the church office (309.786.2631 or [broadway@broadwayqc.org](mailto:broadway@broadwayqc.org)) or see our website ([www.BroadwayQC.org](http://www.BroadwayQC.org)).*



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