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Raafat Girgis

Broadway Church is blessed to welcome Rev. Dr. Raafat Girgis, PCUSA Associate for Multicultural Ministry on September 8 and 9. Watch your mail for details on this exciting opportunity!

For the last eleven years, Raafat has been on the staff of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, formally known as the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He holds two undergraduate degrees and three Masters degrees in Social Sciences, History and Theology in addition to studies leading to the Ph.D. (ABD). His cross cultural experiences, interfaith relations and multidiscipline academic backgrounds bring vast insight to the classroom and the sanctuary. His work experience includes ministering churches, teaching in undergraduate and graduate schools, counseling, and lecturing in a variety of conferences in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and North America. As an ordained minister since 1982 Raafat has served diverse groups of people in different multicultural settings. He envisions a culturally proficient church where a holistic message of the Gospel with its two wings, spiritual transformation and social justices, is proclaimed to the whole world and the good news is provided in a cup that people recognize with great appreciation, respect and celebration of their gifts, talents and cultural backgrounds. Raafat is married to Phoebe Girgis, a RN II at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. They have three daughters, all in their teens. They are involved in the church, play a couple of different sports and music.



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Vision 2012 Update

We have made a great deal of progress on our Vision 2012 goals so far this year. Here are some of the highlights:

Diverse Ministry

- *Become a light house to all races and ages: Search creatively for one or more part-time advocates toward building a diverse congregation.*
- Three elders attended the National Multicultural Conference of PCUSA to gain additional information and network for pastoral support. Expanded fund-raising activities (serving at baseball concession stands, etc.) supported the 2012 Broadway Summer Concert Series and multicultural outreach ministries. Broadway joined the Presbyterian Multicultural Network, and supported youth in their fund-raising activities to send 13 youth and 2 adults to a Nepali Youth conference.
- *Implement other creative staffing changes to facilitate the above.*
- We began a search for individuals to serve the needs of three areas of the congregation (**Nepali, Spanish, and Seniors Ministries**), and pursued training for interested Ruling Elders to be Commissioned for Multicultural Ministry; supported Tika Bista's and Juan Salinas' pursuit of training as Commissioned Ruling Elders in service to Broadway Presbyterian Church, and hired Mary Pedersen as **Health Ministry Coordinator**, a part-time position.

Transportation {COMPLETED by Session action on 2/9/12}

- *Complete a capital campaign to purchase a minibus by the end of 2012.*
- We purchased a reconditioned 15-passenger minivan from a bequest and gifts.

Worship

- *Resolve to respect and recognize Worships as Worship, regardless of form.*
- We hired Craig Clough as **Organist**.
- *Investigate creative ways to support diversity in all Worship.*
- We authorized a Worship Service in Nepalese on Sundays at 1:00 pm.

Spiritual Growth

- *Christian Education will be available by way of many outlets (class, small groups, etc.).*
- A class on the Genealogy of Jesus is being offered each Sunday at 11:35 am, temporarily replacing the Spanish-language service.

We continue to work toward our goals in the areas of **God's House** and **Leadership**. We plan to complete remodeling projects (Entry / Narthex, 1st Floor Hall, and Parlor Kitchen) by the end of 2012. We also plan to lead the congregation in pledging, worship attendance, education, mission, and will invite and encourage the membership to join us, and will challenge the congregation intentionally.

- Session: Tika Bista, Mike Clark, Leila Geist, Rick Leppert, Sue Liggitt, Brian M^cMaster, Matt McGrew, Juan Salinas, and Helen Smith

Presbyterian Women

This is the month we start our Study Circles back up. September 13th is the Friendship Manor Circle at Friendship Manor at noon for lunch. And September 20th is the Rebekah Circle at the church at 6:30 p.m. Find your book you ordered last spring and prepare for our first lesson.

Fall Gathering of PW in the Presbytery is Saturday, September 15th at St. Luke Union Church, Bloomington, IL. Reservations to Lois Larson, 764-3968 by September 7th.

Keep September 24th, 5:30 p.m. open for our Broadway Fall Gathering, and ladies from other local churches will be invited and you may invite your friends.

Reservations must be made to our Secretary, Lois Larson, 764-3968 by September 20th.

Quote from Robert Byrne — “The purpose of life is a life of purpose.”

- Shirley Nelson,
PW Moderator

Session Summary—August

- **Actions taken:**
 - Serve communion during the 1:00 pm Worship Service (in Nepalese) on September 2 with Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle officiating.
 - Complete necessary repairs to the Pastor’s Office and landscaping of the church for the cost of materials (labor for both was donated).
 - Schedule a Unified Worship Service to correspond with a visit by representatives of the General Assembly Mission Agency (September 8-9—watch for details in the mail!)
- A potential local pastor to serve in Temporary / Interim capacity was identified (details yet to be finalized).
- A Mission Study Planning Committee was formed: (*elders*) Tika Bista, Mike Clark, Sue Liggitt, Matt McGrew, and Helen Smith; and (*members*) Andrea Elliott, Christie Liggitt, Cali Smith, and Eileen Williams-Jackson. Others will be invited as the process continues. An organizational meeting was to be held on Sunday, August 12, 2012.

For more details on any of these items, see a Session member.

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Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles

The above is the title of the PW Bible Study for 2012-2013. This is a different type of a study for us. Instead of one book of the Bible, we will study six books. The General Epistles (letters) were addressed either to provinces in Asia Minor (1 Peter), to individuals (2 John, 3 John), or to believers in general (2 Peter, 1 John, Jude). These are short books that offered followers of Jesus in

first-century Asia Minor words and images of God that expressed hope and assurance in the face of adversity.

Please prepare for your first Circle meeting by reading the [Introduction](#) and [Lesson One](#).

- Gini Houlton,
PW Coordinator of Studies

Book Club

This month we are reading [The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club](#) by Wanda E. Brunstetter. We will meet at Red Lobster in Davenport at 11:30 on Wednesday, September 12th to review the book. Here is a little preview of the story.

[The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club](#)
by Wanda E. Brunstetter

Lives Are Transformed ... One Stitch at a Time

As Amish Widow Emma Yoder contemplates the task ahead, her thoughts center on one: What if she fails? Longing to remove a burden from her family by becoming self-sufficient, Emma has offered to hold quilting classes in her home. But when she sees the patchwork of faces assembled for the first lesson, her confidence dwindles as doubt takes hold.

There's Star Stephens, a young woman yearning for stability; Pam and Stuart Johnston, a struggling couple at odds in their marriage; Paul Ramirez, a widowed father hoping to find solace in finishing a quilt; Jan Sweet, a rough and tough biker looking for something creative to do; and Ruby Lee Williams, a preacher's wife seeking relaxation amid mounting parish problems.

While Emma grows to realize her ability to share her passion for quilting and her faith, the beginning quilters learn to transform scraps of fabric into beauty. And slowly, their fragmented lives begin to take on new shape—some in unexpected ways—with the helping hands of each other and the healing hand of God.

- Judy Medley

Broadway Issues Class Kicks off September 9th

Wow how time flies! The last Issues ended on June 10th. At that time, most of the class thought that the Summer would be long, hot, and drawn out. But it appears that, so far, when talking to some of the class members, the Summer was, yes, briefly hot, somewhat eventful, but not drawn out. So when class begins again on September 9th, all present and new class members should be ready for another insightful school year.

The Broadway Issues Class is a time to talk about how we, as Christians, confront and better understand not only our day-to-day challenges such as work, illness, or personal relationships, but some of the larger community issues, from local to international. The WIRED WORD, a weekly Christian

training guide, is used as the basis for the class dialogue. And, several times throughout the school year, there will be guest speakers. Last school season we discussed a wide range of subjects from senior relationships, the Arab spring, genocide in Africa, local deer hunting, the national election, and immigration, to consumer banking. The goal at the end of each class is to spiritually strengthen each member and enjoy the fellowship.

Members and visitors are welcome each Sunday to attend. Don't miss out! The class starts each Sunday about 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Traditional Service (approx. 10:30 a.m.) For more information, please contact the church office.

- Yancy Bolden,
Issues Class Leader



OCTOBERFEST AND HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, October 20
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
At Broadway Church

Games and Fun for EVERYONE!

Health care organizations and representatives will be available from key community resources such as Social Security, Western IL Agency on Aging, Smart Bus, Veteran's Administration, SHIP and many more. Call or Email Mary at the Church office with questions.



Thank You!

To all who helped make our
Bandits' Concessions Fundraisers
and our
Summer Concert Series
successful!



September Lectionary

September 2

Song 2:8-13

Ps. 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9

Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Ps. 125

James 2:1-17

Mark 7:24-37

September 16

Prov. 1:20-33

Ps. 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

September 23

Prov. 31:10-31

Ps. 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 30

Esth. 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Ps. 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Our Thoughts and Prayers

We continue to pray for Marion Lardner, Nomie Budelier, Carole Lloyd, Cassidy Hedeem, and Andrea Elliott.

We also pray for Sue Liggitt's family on the death of her Aunt Mary.

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.



September Events

Sept. 10 (Mon.)	10:00	SEFS Resumes
	3:00	Long-Term Seed Saving Techniques Class (RICGC)
Sept. 13 (Thurs.)	12:00	Friendship Manor Circle
Sept. 14 (Fri.)		** Smart Choice Orders Due **
Sept. 15 (Sat.)	3:30	Wedding
Sept. 20 (Thurs.)	6:30	Rebekah Circle Broadway Historic
Sept. 24 (Mon.)	3:00	Herb Gardens & Plants for Health Class (RICGC)
	5:30	PW Fall Gathering
Sept. 29 (Sat.)	10:00	Smart Choice Distribution

*For more event information, please contact the church office
or see our website (www.BroadwayQC.org).*

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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 October 2012 newsletter articles are due September 15.

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

Weekly Events

Sun.:	9:30	Traditional Worship
	10:45	Mosaic Worship
	1:00	Nepali Worship
Mon.:	3:00	After-School Program
	5:30	Cub Scouts
	6:15	DeMolay
Tues.:	3:00	After-School Program
Weds.:	3:00	After-School Program
	4:15	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.:	3:00	After-School Program
	5:30	TOPS
	8:00	AA
Fri.:	3:00	After-School Program
	8:00	AA



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