

Broadway Beacon

January 2026

A Season of Giving!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Food Drive and Angel Tree this year! We were able to provide food for 42 families and gifts for 27 students!

Dear Broadway Baptist,
Thank you so much for all your help with our Thanksgiving food boxes and gift cards. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.
Sincerely,
Chenoweth Elementary Family Resource Center, Courtney and Ireland

Dear Broadway,
Thank you for helping build not just a house, but a home. Your hard work, kindness, and generosity have given us a foundation of hope that we will cherish forever. We are deeply grateful for every hour, every nail, and every act of love you put into this project.
Laura and Steve
Habitat for Humanity





Advent Reflections:

As we traveled along the advent journey, our decorations team, Lois Granger, Cheryl Rago, and Connie Rogers, did a fabulous job inspiring us through their thoughtful attention to detail with the decor and enhancing our theme, *Welcoming Dawn*.

We involved 100 + lay people at the Hanging of the Green service.

After all their time of preparation in countless hours of rehearsals, the Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and Handbell Choir led us to a more profound understanding of the advent journey in worship.

We were blessed by the musical offering of our talented accompanists, Jonathan Oblander and Jennifer Harberson as they offered their musical offerings in worship.

Looking to join a choir in 2026?

Chancel Choir will resume their rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, January 14

Children's choir will resume on Sunday, January 11 at noon

Preschool music activity will start back Sunday, January 11 at 9:45 a.m.

Chancel Ringers will resume on Wednesday, January 14

BROADWAY ARTS ACADEMY

We just finished our 7th semester at BAA! We had a great semester of teaching, learning, and building community. All semester long, our volunteers greeted students and families alike with a welcoming smile and a kind and helpful spirit.

Amidst frigid temperatures and difficult road conditions, we pressed on with our semester ending recital on December 14. Much to our surprise, there were over 250 people present at the 3 different recital venues. It was pure joy to hear the music, observe the art work, and build community! Congrats to all involved!

Our new semester begins in January. Please follow the link/QR code to register asap! Individual lessons will begin the week of January 11 and group lessons will begin the week of January 18.





It's been a busy month in the youth department! Our talented youth have been flourishing, performing in shows and plays, wrapping up successful sports seasons, and representing our church during worship through carrying banners, singing with the children's choir, and speaking and leading us on the mic and in the AV booth. Our kids are alive with energy and it's a pleasure to work with them and get to know each of them better in their individual strengths and talents.

We are looking for more willing adults for our new Sunday School shadow program. If you have been wanting to connect and get involved with our youth, but don't know where to start or what to do, this is the perfect opportunity to show up for our kids and get to know them. Sit alongside the youth as the teacher leads the lesson, and respond and listen with our youth to see what a typical lesson is about and what is on the minds of our youth. For more information and to book your shadow dates, contact Sarah Sparks at sarahwsparks@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone for showing up for the youth Christmas party after church on Dec 21! The kids played games, ate delicious food, swapped gifts, and fellowshiped with each other in this fun hangout coordinated by Tammy Callan.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for upcoming events in the new year! DiscipleNow: Xtreme games edition will be a lock-in you won't want to miss on Friday, Jan. 23- Sat Jan. 24. Also get your teams and table decor ideas ready for the return of Trivia Night on Sat Jan 31st- our biggest fundraiser of the year.

BBC Youth Trivia Night

On January 31 at 4 p.m., table decorating begins, with trivia starting at 5 p.m. Brush up on your knowledge for BBC Youth Trivia Night—we want our entire Broadway community to be there! It's all about the FUN in fundraising, and supporting Broadway's next generation. Kids & families will work together at tables to pick a movie or movie theme and show it off. Decorating is optional but encouraged! —from full Hollywood premiere energy to “we tried but life is chaos,” just have fun with it! If you don't have a group, just ask and we'll find you one!

Don't have a theme or a kid to help, the BBC youth are here for you! Bring food to share with your table (snacks, finger foods, or your legendary family favorite). We'll provide water, tea, and lemonade. This night is all about being together—laughing, playing, and enjoying a true night out as a family. Expect friendly competition, big laughs, surprise trivia knowledge and fun drawings throughout the night! Curtis Barman, our MC extraordinaire, keeps the whole show and laughter rolling. Come for the trivia. Stay for the fun. Leave with a feeling of joy & great memories! Please RSVP by January 23rd by scanning the QR Code to the right. Contact Sara Ortego for questions!



NEW BUILDING USAGE POLICY

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Dear Church Members,

We are writing to update you on a few changes to our building use policies. We are thankful for our beautiful facility and committed to both utilizing and protecting it.

Please note the following changes:

Sundays are designated for church activities only. All outside activities will be scheduled Monday through Saturday as available.

Request process: To request building use, fill out the form on our website. This is located in the members tab. Please call Candace if you need the password or if you need assistance filling out the form (502-895-2459).

We will review your request and respond as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Hale (ann@broadwaybaptist.org) or Mark Howell (mark@broadwaybaptist.org). Thank you!

-BBC Staff

[Click Here to access the form!](#)

KIDS NIGHT OUT

FEBRUARY 27

CONTACT REV. AMANDA LANGLANDS TO RSVP

We had a wonderful month full of all things Advent! Thank you to everyone who helped and came out for Night In Bethlehem and our Advent Family Breakfast Potluck. Both these event were wonderful opportunities to create the space to help get us ready to welcome the Mystery of Christmas! Now that we have welcomed the light may we find rest so that we may go into the new year ready to share that light with others.

Saturday, January 10th - Parent's Night Out

Come spend the evening enjoying good food, live jazz and lively conversation. Instead of our traditional parent's meeting we will gather around the table and talk about how our ministry can help best meet the needs of our Broadway community as well as ways we can serve and help in the community at large. Childcare is not provided, however, if not having childcare will prevent you from joining us, let us know. We will work to make sure that you are able to be there with us! We will gather at Lesley and Lee's house around 5 pm and plan to be done by 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 25th - Kids On Mission

We are back with our Kids on Mission! All children (4 years-5th) are invited to stay after church. Elementary aged kids will have choir from 12 - 12:45 while the younger children gather in Mr. Curtis and Ms. Melissa's classroom. Then the children will enjoy a pizza lunch and some time learning about missionaries that serve through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. We will learn about ways they serve the people around them and talk about how we might be able to serve those we encounter everyday.





Beloved Broadway,

I want to turn my newsletter column over to a guest writer, who clandestinely appeared at the church house one wintery Saturday during set up for Night in Bethlehem. He was short on details when he caught Rev. Amanda Langlands and Sarah Sparks, but his subsequent email came through crystal clear:

Dear Broadway Baptist,

Congratulations to the beautiful Southern Red Oak Tree, admired by many, for its certification as a Kentucky Champion. After its nomination, an official from the Kentucky Division of Forestry measured the tree's circumference, height, and limb spread, resulting in an index score of 354. It topped the existing champion from Allen County by 10 index points, making it the true champion. Since the two trees differ by less than 5% in scores, they are officially listed as Co-Champions. But we know who the biggest is!

Kentucky started the Kentucky Champion Tree Program in 1968 to raise awareness of the need for more large trees for their beauty, as carbon sinks, and as sanctuaries for biodiversity. The program is competitive, with someone always coming up with a tree larger than yours to knock you off the pedestal. Also, if a tree dies, it is removed from the list, and a new tree can take its place. In 2022, Jefferson County had 8 Kentucky Champion trees; today, it has only 4. Now it is back to 6 with the two new additions, this tree and Swamp White Oak on Tiffany Lane in Rolling Fields. The forester commented that he had never seen two Kentucky Champion Trees located so close together.

Thanks for letting me nominate your tree. Paul Capiello from Yew Dell commented that he had been watching the tree for years and called it a "Magnificent" tree.

—Dr. John Hubbard, Master Gardener, Board Member of Creasy Mahan Nature Preserve

Talk about being surprised by joy! This fascinating arboreal news (which is always bad news if there is any news about trees on your property) was wonderful to hear. This is a testament to the many hands which keep our grounds pristine and pruned; to the now-deceased Gheen's family whose love of green space and their generosity through the Gheen's endowment in our Trust supports the beautification of our grounds. Our Red Oak is truly a living lesson to us about the power of creation and stewardship. None of us, in our lifetimes, with endless resources or energy, could ever create something so glorious and fecund as our Red Oak. We truly own nothing. We are merely stewards of all the good gifts God has given us. As we enter 2026, I wonder, what mighty oaks are just now being planted in your life? What good greenery is growing around you that only time and tending can bring forth?

Happy New Year, friends!

Pastor Kevin



What it is?

RITI Louisville provides temporary overnight shelter during the coldest months of the year (January –February 2026).

Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral (Downtown): up to 15 women and children

Grace Immanuel United Church of Christ (Butchertown): up to 15 men

RITI supplies all bedding, towels, and materials.

We need:

Volunteers from area congregations to cover three shifts each evening through the morning.

Volunteer Shifts

Welcome Crew (4:30–9:45 PM): Set up, welcome guests, share dinner, and create a warm, hospitable environment.

Overnight Crew (9:45 PM–5:00 AM): Remain on-site while guests sleep. At least one female at the women's shelter and at least one male at the men's shelter.

Breakfast Crew (5:00–7:00 AM): Help guests prepare for the day, serve breakfast, and clean up.

Each shift requires two volunteers. Congregations are also asked to provide a dinner for the 15 guests plus the two volunteers.

How it works:

Each congregation designates a congregation coordinator to organize volunteers and schedule dates via RITI's scheduling link (we'll share it directly once you're confirmed).

RITI provides training and support for all volunteer roles.

RITI partners with UP and St. John Center for guest screening and intake, and for additional guidance and logistical support. We believe Room in the Inn – Louisville can help meet our community's need for additional overnight shelter beds—through the generosity of congregations and volunteers. It's a simple but powerful way to offer warmth, dignity, and hospitality to our unsheltered neighbors. Any questions? Contact Janis Eberenz at 502-599-7637

Flower Ministry

If you are interested in sponsoring sanctuary flowers on February 22, April 12, July 26, August 16 & 23, please contact Nancy Stopher (nstopher5@gmail.com).

Chili Cook-off

For our First Wednesday Night dinner of 2026, we are starting with a Chili Cook -off!! The Outreach Committee invites you to break out the crockpots and test your skills for a friendly competition on Jan 21st. There will be two age groups this year, under and over 18, so the whole family can get involved. Everyone will be able to vote for their favorites in both age groups. Please use the sign up link on the website to let us know you will be entering. Looking forward to some great chili and wonderful fellowship. Reach out to Emily Walz if you have any questions: emilyfwalz@gmail.com or 502-718-9209. [Click here to RSVP](#)



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Sunday School Worship	5 Staff Meeting	6 Pickleball	7 Chenoweth Food Delivery	8	9	10 Parents' Night Out
11 Sunday School Deacon Ordination Worship	12 Staff Meeting Deacons Meeting BAA Begins	13 Pickleball	14 Chenoweth Food Delivery	15	16	17
18 Sunday School Worship Children's Choir	19 Staff Meeting	20 Pickleball	21 Chenoweth Food Delivery Chili Cook-off	22	23 DiscipleNOW	24 DiscipleNOW
25 Sunday School Worship Children's Choir Kids on Mission	26 Staff Meeting	27 Pickleball	28 Chenoweth Food Delivery Supper	29	30	31 Youth Trivia Night

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT BBC!

Resumes on
January 21



Dinner begins at
5:30 P.M.



Wednesday Night Programming
begins at 6:00 P.M.



Children's Activities
begin at 6:00 P.M.



Choir Rehearsal
at 7:00 P.M.

Please call the office no later than the Monday before to make a reservation!

Mission Opportunities

The MISSIONS SALE is March 6-7-8. We are accepting donations in the gym (along the sidewalk wall.) If you want to join us in pricing, see Sue White, Janice Smith or Mary Jackson for training and schedule. Please mark your calendar to volunteer on sale weekend ;-) As always, proceeds are split between Hope Signs (formerly known as Deaf Teen Quest) and Partners in Development, Zambia.

Broadway's DARE TO CARE day is the fourth Friday of the month. We meet in our west parking lot at 8:45 and are back by 11:30. Our next date is January 23. To join our team, please contact Mary Jackson. We RSVP on a month by month basis (no scheduling commitment.) Our job is to put food items into a long line of cars at the Derby City Flea Market on 7th Street Road, rain or shine. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and to interact with our neighbors.

Coming up this month, I LOVE MOROCCO DINNER sponsored by CBFKY. This annual event supports pastors' salaries in several congregations in Morocco. The catered meal is underwritten so all proceeds go straight to the churches. Karen Thomas Smith will give an update on our partners and share some exciting news. Let's have a few tables of people from Broadway! Saturday January 10, 5:00pm at Deer Park Baptist Church. Register through [CBFKY website](#)

There are opportunities to engage with WEST END SCHOOL, which is a missions partner founded in the early 2000s with the significant support of Jeannie Wakefield and Margaret Barlow, who provided two meals a week for several years. Current needs are: (1) Lower School Library Coordinator, to organize volunteers, who have already committed, in a similar way to the Middle School Library model; (2) Improve staff workrooms for lower school staff. These two rooms need some TLC in both function and appearance. (3) Office volunteers from 9:00-noon Monday through Friday; you chose the frequency. For more information, see Robin Thomas, assistant to the Director of Admissions, or Mary Jackson.



Spring Missions Sale

March 6-7, 2026

Pay Double Preview- Friday, March 6th 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, March 7th 8 a.m.- noon



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

If you are not already enrolled, please take a moment to register your Kroger Plus Card with Broadway Baptist Church - Louisville.

Here are the instructions below:

Visit www.kroger.com/communityrewards Click on the orange button that says 'View Your Rewards Details' Scroll down to the 'Community Rewards' section and click on the blue 'edit' button Search for Broadway Baptist Church - Louisville and select it as your organization & save



SAVE THE DATE!

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA NIGHT

02/06/2026

6:00 P.M.

\$5 DONATION, DRINKS, SNACKS, AND
DESSERTS PROVIDED
RSVP TO TERI VEAL AT
TERIVEAL5@GMAIL.COM

All skill levels welcome!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 18 AT 6:15 P.M.

JOIN US FOR THE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL. THIS IS A WONDERFUL TIME OF REFLECTION AS WE BEGIN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY TOGETHER. DINNER WILL BE SERVED BEFORE THE SERVICE (AT 5:30) IN FRIENDSHIP HALL.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A DINNER RESERVATION, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY NOON ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16.



Quarterly Business Meeting

FEBRUARY 25 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN FRIENDSHIP HALL

ONLINE OPTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE!
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
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