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# The Saltshaker

BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PASTOR CASSIE O'BRIEN GRAHAM

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*YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH  
MATTHEW 5:13*

## The Pastor's Pen

I have been deeply encouraged over the past several months with all of the wonderful ministry opportunities and outreach events taking place at Broadway. Since the completion of the kitchen, we have hosted our grand opening, a community leader dinner, two free community dinners, and a "kids cook" event for local families in partnership with Parents as Teachers. Additionally, we more than doubled our attendance this year at our Maundy Thursday dinner. I am grateful for leaders and volunteers who continue to prioritize our mission to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and to reach out to our neighbors. If you have yet to come to one of these events, please plan to do so soon!

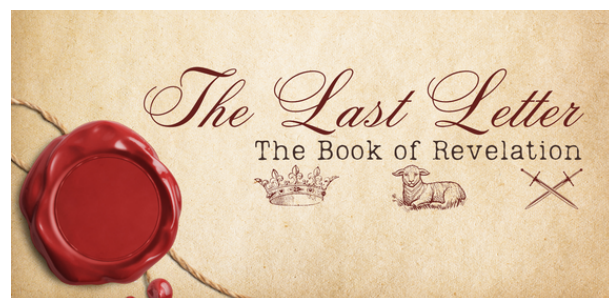
On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your prayers and support over the past two years as I have worked to complete my Master of Business Administration from Dakota Wesleyan University. I completed my final class in May and am graduating this month. It is truly a joy to be your pastor and to serve along side you in ministry. I am excited about the future of Broadway and hope you will continue to worship, serve, and grow as disciples while sharing the love of God with our neighbors.

Blessings,  
Pastor Cassie

## NEW Worship Series

**April 30 - May 21**

The Book of Revelation is often cited as one of the most confusing books found in the biblical cannon. John's vision is full of perplexing (and sometimes terrifying) imagery and symbols which when presented to us we are tempted to try to unravel and decode to try to predict with ultimate certainty when Christ will come again. But what if we read Revelation differently? What if we read it not from a place of fear but one of hope. The Last Letter both encourages and challenges us to participate in God's preferred future for us and all of creation. Let's dive in together as we unpack Revelation. The end is only the beginning...



## In this Issue:

- APRIL RECAP - COMMUNITY DINNERS AND AN EASTER CANTATA
- CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATE
- NEW BOOK STUDY OPPORTUNITY!
- FOOD PANTRY NEWS

### MISSION

To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### VISION

To grow in the faith of Christ by reaching out and connecting with others through intentional service and witness.

The kitchen had a busy month in April! On April 7th, Pastor Cassie led a Maundy Thursday Love Feast celebrating the final meal Jesus would have shared with his disciples. On April 9th, Easter breakfast was served before Church. And lastly, on April 17th, the kitchen hosted its 2nd Dinner on Broadway. All events were a major success, leaving a packed dining hall with smiling faces and full bellies.



The Broadway Singers led service on 4/23/23 with an Easter Cantata.

After Church, they headed to Oakridge to share the Easter story there. If you missed it and would like to watch, you can view it on Facebook or our website.

**Congratulations** to Jaxson Grayson! He will be graduating this May from Park Hill High School with the class of 2023. We look forward to watching your next journey unfold and wish you the very best!



**Mission Week:**

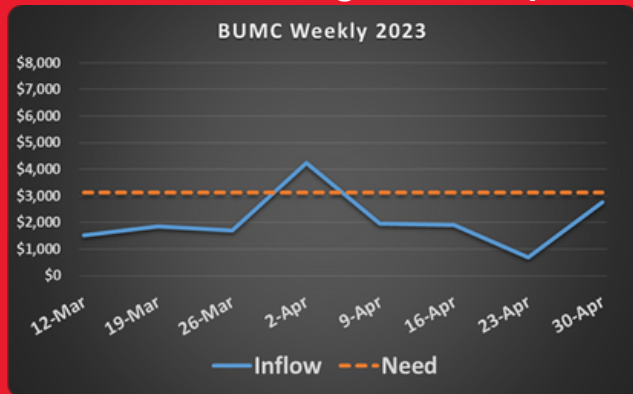
- June 25th-30th
- Located at St Mark's - Independence

**Vacation Bible School:**

- Thursday, July 27, 5:30pm - 8:00pm (with dinner)
- Friday, July 28, 9:00am - 3:00pm (with lunch)
- Saturday, July 29, 9:00am - 3:00pm (with lunch)
- Sunday, July 30 - kids to perform VBS songs as part of worship, followed by lunch



## BUMC Giving Summary



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

4/2: 51  
4/6: 40  
4/7: 19  
4/9: 64  
4/16: 48  
4/23: 44  
4/30: 36

## MAY CELEBRATIONS

Celebration Sunday is always the last Sunday of the month. We invite those with birthdays and anniversaries during the month to "Feed the Fish" and make a special offering to support the Plattsburg Food Pantry.

## Food Pantry News

There are some big changes coming this summer at the food pantry, Maureen Bodenhausen and Marian Freeman will both be resigning. The pantry has been blessed to have had their willingness to volunteer for so many years. Thanks very much to the both of you! Connie Collins will be stepping into the treasurer role for Marian.

## BIRTHDAYS

Kara McQuerrey - 1st  
Aaron Graham - 2nd  
Martha White - 4th  
Vi Bowling - 8th  
Julian Quintero - 14th  
Lacey Lewis - 17th  
Colby Melton - 18th  
Chloe Eubanks - 25th  
Mary Lois Anderson - 28th

## Reconciling Ministries Book Study

**Who:** anyone looking to learn more about our Reconciling Ministries group, dive into scripture related to the LGBTQ+ community, and/or discover what we can do to repair and replenish relationships with those in the LGBTQ+ community.

**What:** A five week book study led by Cassie O'Brien Graham. Based on the book "Those 7 References" - A study of the references to "homosexuality" in the bible and their impact on the queer community of faith, by John F. Dwyer.

**When:** Wednesday evenings @ 7:00pm, May 10th-June 7th.

**Why:** To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**How:** Reach out to Cassie, Jacob Enderle-Miller, or Chloe Eubanks to RSVP \*a donation of \$15 is suggested to cover the cost of the book\*



Use this QR code to sign up online!

## ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Susan Hageman - 21st  
Bob & Brenda McCush - 26th  
Debbie & Terry DeFreece - 27th  
Ronnie & Callie Aitkens - 30th

## PRAYER LIST

Rita Kilgore  
Russell White  
Betty Shoemaker  
Peggy Shoemaker  
Betty Swanson  
Ben Baldwin Jr.  
Charlotte Atwater  
Gil Sander  
Mary Goldberg  
Valisa Jackson  
Harold Bowling  
Clyde May

## LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

5/7: Jacob Enderle-Miller  
5/14: Bruce Hageman  
5/21: Amanda Schaffer  
5/28: Nichole Hageman

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion	8 Council Meeting 7:00pm	9	10 RMN Book Study @ 7:00pm	11 AA Meeting 6:30	12	13
14 	15	16	17 RMN Book Study @ 7:00pm	18  Ascension Day AA Meeting 6:30	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Home Delivered Meals						
28  Pentecost Celebration Sunday	29 	30	31	<b><u>Weekly Activities</u></b>		
				<b>Sunday</b> Children's Sunday School - 9:30am Adult Sunday School - 9:30am Coffee hour 10:00am Youth Group - 6:00pm		<b>Wednesday</b> Handbells- 6:30 Choir - 7:15 Praise Team - 8:00pm

## **Office Hours**

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 3:30pm  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday - By Appointment