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THE SALTSHAKER

Michael's Moment: Backpacks and Blessings

I have a work bag that goes with me just about everywhere. It's got everything I need for work: my Bible, notebook, pens, tablet, computer, phone—and lots of other stuff I forgot I threw in there. Now I know why my mom always carried such an enormous purse! My “work bag” goes with me from business meetings to worship, from celebrations to moments of grief. I wear this backpack so often that I feel “naked” without it!

For our children and teachers headed back to school, backpacks will hold books, pencils, tablets, and lunches. No matter our stage in life, we carry things. We also carry hopes and worries, responsibilities and expectations, joys and disappointments. Sometimes the bags get heavy.

On Sunday, August 23rd, we'll celebrate Back to School Sunday. We'll pray for our students, teachers, school staff, and families as a new school year begins. Teachers and students, bring your bags for a backpack blessing. We'll also celebrate a grant from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation for Storytime on Broadway, helping us create opportunities for children and families in our community to read, learn, and grow together.

Whatever you are carrying, remember that we never travel alone. God is with us, and God calls us to go with one another. Whether you're carrying a backpack, a work bag, or burdens no bag could hold, remember that it is God who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you.” –Deuteronomy 31:8

Come, worship God with us.

Pastor Michael





Vacation Bible School Recap

July 23-26 Broadway took on 13 kiddos for a VBS marathon. Over 10 volunteers helped guide the kids through crafts, experiments, games, worship, dancing, Storytime, and meals. Worship was centered around Philippians 4:13; 'I can do all things through him who strengthens

me.' The marathon concluded at Sunday worship service, where the kids showcased their knowledge and their dance moves for the congregation. As always, we owe immense gratitude to Kyle Enderle-Miller for organizing and putting on this amazing event. And thank you to all of the volunteers who cooked, decorated, taught, led, and more. Lastly, thank you to the children, who make it all worth it.



SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

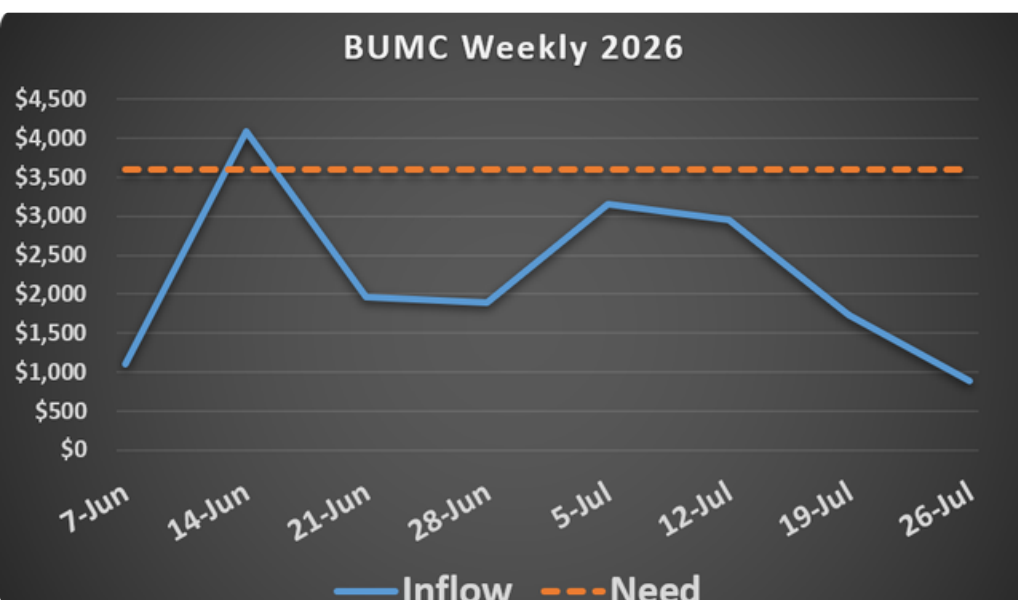


Storytime News

Storytime at Broadway is being recognized by the Missouri United Methodists Foundation with a \$3000 grant! The grant will be awarded on Sunday, August 23rd during worship service. The funds will be used to purchase toddler tables and chairs, bookshelves, books, and new developmentally appropriate toys for free play. The remaining funds will be used to supply sack lunches for years to come.

One easy way to expand this ministry would be to begin offering Storytime (or a variation of) 2x a month instead of only once per month. If you are interested in hosting Storytime, or have ideas for how we can expand this ministry, please reach out to Chloe or Pastor Michael.

Lastly, Storytime in August will be held a week early, on August 17th @ 10:30am due to school starting the following week.



August Celebrations

Birthdays:

Kyle Enderle-Miller - 01
Debbie DeFreece - 09
Hudson Schaffer - 11
Kathy Soldanels - 19
Max Davila - 28

Anniversaries:

Craig and Kathy
Mattke - 10
Ken and Kim Tongue -
16

PRAYER LIST

Russell White
Gary McQuerrey
Jerry Moore
Jaxson Grayson
Stan and Sue Hoover
Kim Tongue
Stephanie Renee Cannon
Pam Clifford
Davila Family
Vonnie Vanderau
Juanita Zewalk
Norma Hendren
Felva Lollar
Marcia Brewer
Ken Angelo
Family of Lorna
Pearson
Jerri Morris
Becky Johnston
Mary Alice Roberts
Bruto Family

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

8/2: Connie Collins
8/9: Ken Tongue
8/16: Lisa Querrey
8/23: Bruce Hageman
8/30: Amanda Schaffer

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

7/5: 36
7/12: 44
7/19: 41
7/26: 59

Dinner on Broadway Serves 3000

On July 27th, Dinner on Broadway hit another historic milestone, serving our 3000th meal. This ministry continues to bless our church and our community in ways we didn't even know were possible. On July 25th a local family lost their home in a devastating fire. On the 27th, community members donated \$1600 to Dinner on Broadway to be given to the family. We are proud to be able to offer monthly meals free meals, fellowship, community, and assistance in times of tragedy. Thank you to everyone who prepares food, serves, cleans, and more in the background, you've blessed many more than 3000.

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sundays:

- Sunday School - Summer Break
- Worship - 10:40am
- Youth Group - Summer Break

Thursdays:

- AA Meetings - 6:30pm

3rd Sunday of the Month:

- Nursing Home Service - 12:30pm

4th Monday of the Month:

- Storytime - 10:30am with Free Play from 11:00am-12:00pm
- Dinner on Broadway - 5:30pm

Office Hours:

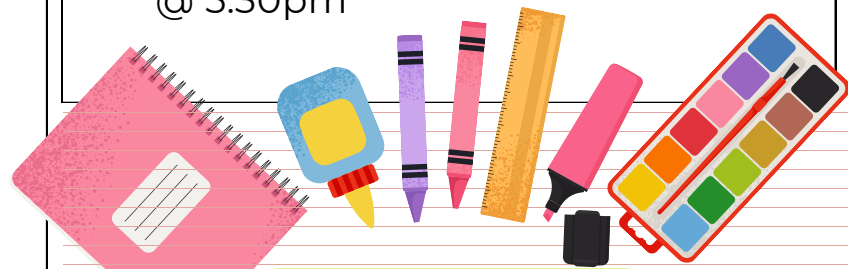
- Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday by appointment only



Summer 2026

Coming up at Broadway:

- August 17: Storytime @ 10:30am
(one week early due to school starting)
- August 18: Board meeting @ 7:00pm
- August 23: Storytime Grant Presentation
- August 23: Backpack Blessing Sunday
- August 24: Dinner on Broadway @ 5:30pm



Bring your bags for:

Backpack BLESSING

=Sunday=

August 23rd, 2026