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You are the Salt of the Earth—Matthew 5:13

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## *The Pastor's Pen*

### PRAYING FOR WHAT'S NEXT

As most of you know, Tina and I will be moving back to the Springfield area to be close to our family at the end of June. This was a decision that we spent a lot of time praying and thinking about for us and the girls. But, that doesn't mean we stop thinking about how the church moves forward and I believe in being intentional as a body of people.

As we prepare for what's next at Broadway, let's be intentional in our prayer for the future. Below is a prayer guide to use daily over the next few months.

**1. Read Scripture**

John 4:4-42, Luke 7:36-50, and Luke 19:1-10. Each of these passages tells us the stories of real life people. Each one shows how we can be broken and how we can be forgiven for our mistakes through God's love. Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost. Pray for new people to come to know Christ.

**2. Pray for the next Pastor**

As we prepare for a new season of ministry, pray for the new pastor and their family as they prepare to partner in ministry with Broadway. Pray for inspiration, a new anointing, and that they might be cared for as they come to this new place in ministry.

**3. Pray for our characteristics we are looking for.**

As we talked last Sunday, the leadership thought through what we hope for in the next pastor at Broadway. We are praying for:

- A. A spiritual leader.
- B. Someone who doesn't settle for status quo, willing to push and stretch the church.
- C. A Good preacher/communicator, motivational and growth-minded.
- D. Someone willing to be active in what the church is already doing and willing to be present and active in the community.

**4. Pray For Our Community**

The church is not a building; the church is a group of people. We are God's people, chosen to reach out to others in our own neighborhood and across the globe. Remember those we share life with, and those our church will reach with a message of welcome, comfort, hope and life.

Blessings,  
Joe

Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM  
Praise Team Practice 10 AM  
Fellowship immediately following Services  
BUMC Ringers rehearsal Wednesday @ 6:30 PM  
Sacks to Mats in the Courthouse Mondays @ 6:30 PM  
Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast 1st Saturday  
at 7:30 AM at various locations in Plattsburg

Children's Sunday School 9:30 AM  
Sunday Church Services start at 10:40 AM  
BUMY meets every Sunday at 6 PM  
BUMC Singers rehearsal Wednesday @ 7:15 PM  
BUMM's Breakfast is the Third Saturday at 9:30 AM  
Saltshaker articles are due the **23rd** of every month

Here are the Sunday assignments! If you are unable to fulfill your duties please let the office know as soon as possible so someone else can fill in for you. These are crucial functions of our worship service and play an important part of fulfilling our church family. Also if you wish to be added to (or removed from) a list please let the office know as soon as you can.

Date	Liturgist	Greeter
4/1/2018	Connie Collins	Lisa Q & Kathy S
4/8/2018	Lisa Querrey	S. Boner & S. Burton
4/15/2018	Ken Tongue	Stan & Sue
4/22/2018	Robin Dickerson	Bill & Sandy
4/29/2018	Ben Baldwin	Keith & Kari S
5/6/2018	Connie Collins	Russ & Linda B
5/13/2018	Helen Whitely	Megan & Kylie Storm
5/20/2018	Bruce Hageman	Megan & Kylie Storm
5/27/2018	Kris Torre	Harold & Vi
6/3/2018	Lisa Querrey	Jim & Carmen S
6/10/2018	Ken Tongue	Jim & Donna

With another season coming to a close I look back at our year of success and where I hope to lead our musical ensembles in our next year. This isn't something I take lightly as the music that our church family brings great emotion to the members of the ensembles and to our congregation. Throughout the year, I have pushed our ensembles forward with music that has challenged them to expand their horizons and their skill levels.

The Broadway Ringers had the largest forward push this year with the music they performed at Tour of Churches. The majority of music this ensemble has performed since my arrival has been level 1, out of 5, being the easiest music written/arranged for hand bells. With a great deal of dedication, hard work, and some grumbles the Ringers performed a level 2 and a 2+ with great success while also tackling their fear of performing at the FRONT of the church! While this created some challenges, table height and lighting being key issues, I couldn't be prouder of what this ensemble created in the first half of our season! The second half of our season has been preparing to take the group to both Oakridge and Nick's care homes this spring.

The Broadway Singers have had a full year of making beautiful music together. Similar to the Ringers the music selected for the Tour of Churches pushed musical limits and taught the ensembles new aspects of counting and singing challenges. Just wait until Easter morning, when they sing Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus" in the original Latin, talk about a new challenge. While our choir may be small the effort and performance that they bring is anything but. Their hard work and dedication are amazing!

I would be completely remiss for not recognizing a woman who has dedicated years of her life to our church lending her awesome skills tickling those ivories. Kathy Mattke has been an amazing asset to our congregation and to my first two years here at Broadway. I really couldn't do my job without her. I know I speak for our entire ensemble and our congregation as a whole that Kathy your skills and contribution to our spiritual uplifting through music will be greatly missed, even though your shining smile will still continue to bless us.

Finally, while we have not yet figured out the full solution to losing Kathy we have been given a gift with a new addition to our musical family. To help our congregation grow and move forward, while maintaining our traditions, Thomas Evans has joined our newly transformed Worship Band in addition to our bedrock players Ken and Craig. Over the next year newer contemporary Christian worship music will be infused into our Sunday service not only as the praise songs at the beginning of our service but throughout as well. If you would like to lend your musical skills through voice or instrumentation, please come see me.

To my dear friends and musical colleagues, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our craft. Your talents are God given and it is a joy to be able to work along with you to praise Him through our song.

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world"  
-Martin Luther

Musically in Christ,

Jacob Enderle

## OAKRIDGE/NICK'S SUNDAY SERVICES

On April 8th we will have our nursing home ministry at Oakridge & Nicks, starting at 1:30, the attendance has picked up significantly at both homes. If you would like to see what it looks like for someone to be hungry for God's word, come on out and join us. GOD IS GOOD!

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Easter - all about hope. It's easy to have hope when you are living comfortably and your tummy is full. But what happens when you are hungry (and possibly homeless). It's hard to have hope when faced with those problems. The Food Pantry provides some hope for those who are hungry. Please support the Food Pantry and give hope where it is needed. Right now they are asking for pasta type products such as macaroni, spaghetti, and especially Ramen Noodles. Please try to bring in a donation to help those less fortunate.

## AFTER CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Don't you enjoy getting together after services for a good time of Fellowship? We now celebrate birthdays and anniversaries after services on the last Sunday of the month. We have cake and if someone wants to take a turn providing some form of snacks or food on any other Sunday you are welcome to. Of course since this ministry is not covered in the regular church budget everyone is encouraged to give what they can; either by bringing in goodies to share or by giving a donation to Donna Bonebrake to cover the expenses for this time together. Won't you please consider taking a turn? The calendars are on the bulletin board in the fellowship area if you wish to sign up.

## BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Broadway United Methodist Women helped celebrate birthdays at Oakridge on the afternoon of March 21. They honored three people, one of which was our own Wilma Tippit. Each one received a card and a birthday balloon. All BUMW members, residents and staff were invited for ice cream and cookies. Pastor Joe joined in with a special birthday blessing. It was an enjoyed by all. This Oakridge birthday celebration is hosted by the BUMW once a year with the staff assisting in the set up and bringing all residents to enjoy the fun. Thanks to all for making this a rewarding time!

Also, just a reminder that the UMW will NOT meet in April.

## 4Cs AND MORE THRIFT STORE

We have rotated stock to Spring/Summer Clothing! So stop by very soon to be the first to go over the racks before all of the good stuff is gone. We put out new items everyday so you shouldn't miss out on much. Please stop by soon because you will be surprised at the quality of clothing that gets donated. Debbie DeFreece wants to thank the women for all the extra time they have been volunteering to cover the

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Can you believe summer is almost here? On Sunday April 8, immediately following services will be a meeting to plan for the VBS this summer. Volunteers are needed in all aspects of this children's time so won't you come and see where you can lend a hand.

Americans buy more than 700 million marshmallow peeps during Easter holiday, which makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.

Americans consume over 16 million jellybeans on Easter, enough to circle the globe three times.

76% of people eat the ears of chocolate bunnies first.

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ three days after his death. It is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year.

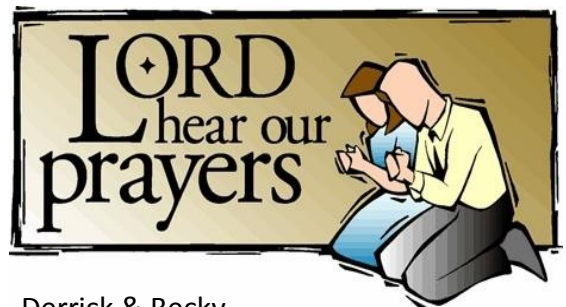
**Celebrations**  
*April*

### Birthday

30 Kylie Mattke

### Anniversary

None on file  
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Derrick & Becky  
DeFreece & son

Terry Miller  
Ben Baldwin, Jr.  
Kate Masters

Terri Ricchia  
Kari Stayton's Sister

Gil Sander  
Bessie Dickerson  
Carine White  
Carine White  
Jackie Swanson

Ken Tongue's Brother

Ryan Soldanel  
Harold Bowling  
Cam Collins

John Lucks  
Sue Hageman's Bro  
Ruth Hoover

Dorothy Ditmars  
Evelyn Green  
Wilma Tippit

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Easter</b>	2	3	4 6:30 Ringers 7:15 Singers	5	6	7 7:30 AM Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 1st Baptist
8 Noon VBS Planning Meeting  1:30 PM Oakridge/Nick's Services 6 pm BUMY	9	10	11 6:30 Ringers 7:15 Singers	12	13	14
15 6 pm BUMY	16 Tax Day	17	18 6:30 Ringers 7:15 Singers	19	20	21 9 AM BUMM's Breakfast  Heat for the Homeless Day
22 6 pm BUMY	23 Saltshaker articles due	24	25 6:30 Ringers 7:15 Singers	26	27	28
29 6 pm BUMY	30					