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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

## Pastor's Pen:

As I prepare for my last Sunday at Broadway, I have been reflecting on my time spent with you over the past 6 years. From new births and baptisms to deaths and funerals, we have laughed together, cried together, and lived together as a family through every mountain and valley that stood in our midst. Familiar faces have parted ways and new friends have emerged. The history of Broadway spans more than a century and a half, so six years feels like only a blip from a birds-eye view, but on my personal ministry journey, this town, this church, and each of you as individuals have left a permeant mark on my heart and spirit that has shaped not only who I am as a pastor, but also who I am as a child of God. My "Pastor's Pen" isn't a big enough space to even begin to recount the memories I have with you. I began my time here fresh out of seminary, never having served a full time appointment. Over the past 6 years, I have grown both personally and professionally and you have allowed me to both lead and fail with grace. I am proud of the work you have done while I have been here and your endless capacity and desire to connect with the larger community. During my initial round of listening tours, I asked you "if Broadway no longer existed, would the community even notice?" Friends, Plattsburg would notice if this church wasn't here. May God continue to bless you for years to come.

My favorite benediction goes something like this:  
*My friends may you grow in grace, And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior. My friends may You grow in grace And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory, now and forever. Now and forever, Amen.*  
*I pray tonight if we learned from one another, May we glorify Him. And if the Lord should bring us back together, May we be in His arms till then.*

Friends, may you keep growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Cassie

## You're Invited

to a bittersweet  
**'See Ya Later'**

Help celebrate Pastor Cassie's journey at Broadway and her upcoming success in her new appointment. We will have a special church service followed by a small luncheon/reception in the Susan L. Hageman Community Kitchen.

June 23rd,  
2024



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### 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.

## General Conference:

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church gathered in Charlotte, NC from April 23-May 3, 2024. Join us on Sunday, June 2 as Pastor Cassie [attempts to] unpack General Conference and how these legislative decisions impact the local church. Check out this graphic prepared by the Arkansas Annual Conference for few highlights and key decisions that came out of this quadrennial meeting.

**General Conference Highlights**  
prepared by Rev. Corey Read, Arkansas Annual Conference  
updated 05/02/2024

### **Regionalization Passes by 78%**

This means that while we will remain united by our shared doctrine and theology, this legislation will allow each area of the world to do ministry in its own context.

### **Full Communion with Episcopal Church Approved**

This will allow for the sharing of clergy and recognition of sacramental rights.  
\*Awaiting Episcopal Church Vote

### **Lower Annual Conference Apportionments**

U.S. Annual Conferences will be asked to pay lower apportionments compared to what delegates passed at the 2016 General Conference. Conferences will shift from the current base rate of 3.29% to a base rate of 2.6% for 2025 and 2026. Then, if the apportionment collection rate is 90% or higher in those years, the base rate will jump to 2.9% for 2027 and 2028.

### **First Black Female President of the Council of Bishops**

Bishop Tracy S. Malone, resident bishop of the East Ohio Conference, is the first black woman in the history of the worldwide denomination to be elected president of the Council of Bishops!

### **First Native American Bishop to Preside at General Conference**

Bishop David Wilson, resident bishop of the Great Plains Conference was elected the first Native American Bishop in a historic election in 2022 and thus becoming the first bishop to preside at a General Conference in our history!

### **40 Year Ban on Gay Clergy Lifted**

With a 93% approval rate, General Conference votes to remove the ban on ordination of clergy who are "self-avowed practicing homosexuals."

In addition, delegates voted that superintendents are not to penalize clergy or churches for holding -- or refraining from holding -- same sex weddings.

### **Social Principles Revised**

General Conference delegates supported a revision of the Social Principles that deletes the phrase "the practice of homosexuality... is incompatible with Christian teaching."

### **Deacons Granted Sacramental Authority**

Deacons can now offer Holy Communion and conduct baptisms where they have been appointed to serve, whether that is a church, outreach ministry or mission.

for more information, visit [umcnews.org](http://umcnews.org)

## Scholarship:

On Sunday, May 19th, Dana Jorgensen was presented with the Broadway United Methodist Church Scholarship. Dana has been a proud member of our church since her confirmation in 2022, but has been active in the church since she was very young. We are so excited to see how Dana continues to do God's work in her school and personal life. Best of luck to you, Dana!



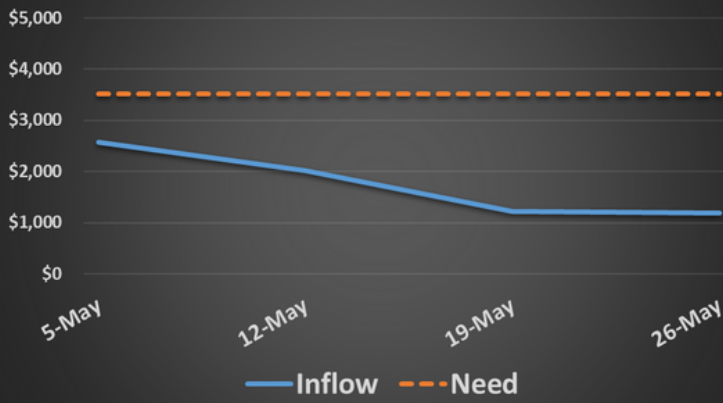
## May Board Meeting:

- Pastor Cassie will be hosting a Giving Tree meeting on June 2nd to discuss roles that will need to be taken over after her transition
- The board voted to award Dana Jorgensen with the \$250 BUMC scholarship
- Good Grief is set to begin another session on September 16th, more details and marketing to come
- The 2024 church directory design is underway, details on when to expect your directory will be shared soon
- Annual Conference is June 7-9 - Pastor Cassie, Bruce Hageman, and Bella Hofmeister will be in attendance
- The board has scheduled a walk through of the parsonage with Pastor Cassie to discuss repairs as she moves out
- Craig received a quote for building security - currently looking to other companies for additional quotes



# BUMC Giving Summary

BUMC Weekly 2024



**Weekly Attendance:**  
**5/5: 42**  
**5/12: 40**  
**5/19: 53**  
**5/26: 34**

## JUNE 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.

### BIRTHDAYS:

Zach James - 02  
Keith Stayton - 05  
Naomi Graham - 07  
Betty Lou Shoemaker - 14  
Christel Gollnick - 22  
Peggy Shoemaker - 22  
Lisa Sims - 25  
Kari Stayton - 27  
Shirley Johnson - 30

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Gil & Carol Sander - 08  
Lisa Sims - 22  
Matt & Maisie Clifton - 25  
Chloe & Justin Eubanks - 30

### PRAYER LIST:

Betty Shoemaker  
Betty Swanson  
Peggy Shoemaker  
Rita Kilgore  
Ben Baldwin, Jr.  
Gil Sander  
Charlotte Atwater  
Mary Goldberg  
Harold Bowling  
Russel White  
Gary McQuerrey  
Aimee McLallen

### LITURGIST SCHEDULE:

6/2: Ken Tongue  
6/9: Lisa Querrey  
6/16: Jake Enderle-Miller  
6/23: Bruce Hageman  
6/30: Amanda Schaffer

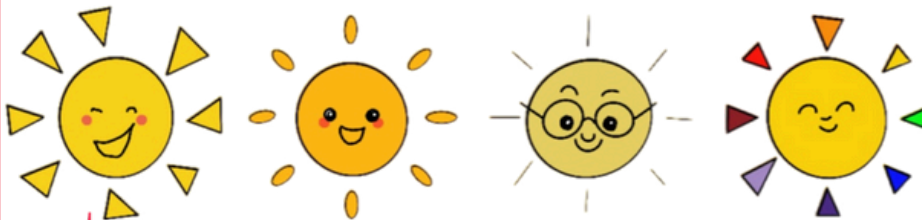
### Food Pantry Data:


In April, the Plattsburg Food Pantry served 126 individuals from 44 different households. 21 of those individuals were new to the pantry, making up 8 new households. 560.6 pounds of food was donated. 140 volunteer hours were logged. **The 2nd Harvest Mobile Food Pantry will be at the First Baptist Church in Plattsburg every 2nd Monday of the month @ 10:00am, beginning June 10th.**

### T-Shirt Contest Winner:

Thank you to everyone who voted in our T-Shirt contest for our children's ministry shirts. Our design winners are Sophia and Amanda Schaffer! These shirts will be used each year for VBS and various activities (see design below). If you'd like to purchase a shirt, the approximate cost is \$17. Please sign up at church by July 7th if you would like to receive a shirt in time for this year's vacation bible school.

Every light shines here



 **Broadway United  
Methodist Church**

# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2  Giving Tree Meeting after Church	3	4	5	6  AA Meeting 6:30pm	7  Annual Conference: June 7-9	8   Pride Parade
9	10	Methodists on a Mission: Local Mission Week June 11-15				
		Council meeting @ 7:00pm		AA Meeting 6:30pm		
16  Oakridge Service	17	18	19   Juneteenth	20  AA Meeting 6:30pm	21	22
23  Pastor Cassie's Last Day - reception after church	24  Dinner on Broadway @ 5:30pm	25	26	27  AA Meeting 6:30pm	28	29
30  Celebration Sunday			<b>Office Hours</b> Tuesday/Thursday - 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday//Wednesday/Friday - By Appointment  <b>Sunday</b> Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship - 10:40 a.m. Youth Group - 6:00 p.m.  <b>Wednesday</b> Bells- 6:30 p.m. Choir - 7:15 p.m. Praise - 8:00 p.m.			

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