

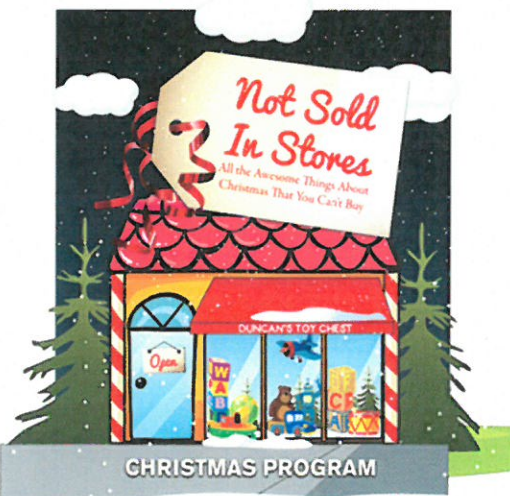
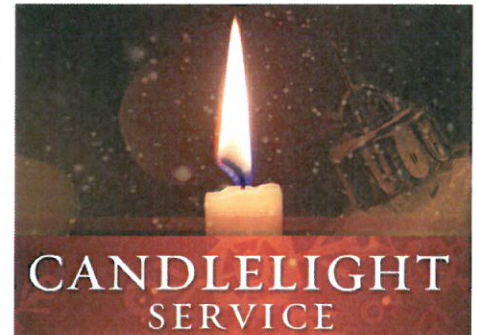


Broadway News

Pastor Mick Foster
 Traditional Worship 8:15 am
 Praise & Worship 10:45 am
 Sunday School 9:45 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Sunday, December 24th at 7:00pm Celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ

The shopping is done, presents wrapped and now it's time to stop and focus on the true reason for the season. Jesus Christ, who came to earth as a human child to forgive mankind for its sins, is why we gather on this holiest of nights. This is going to be a special service! We will have our Wesleyan Choir, Praise Team, Children's Choir and more. Invite your friends, neighbors and family. The nursery will be available on Christmas Eve.



“Broadway’s Family Christmas Dinner & Children’s Program”

Make plans to attend Broadway’s Family Christmas Dinner on **Sunday, December 3rd, @ 4:30pm**. There is no better way to usher in the Christmas season and celebrate the birth of our Savior. Our theme this year will be, “*Not Sold in Stores*”. We will begin with dinner in Spencer Hall at 4:30pm followed by the Children’s Program in the Sanctuary.

Please be sure to sign-up for dinner in the narthex. We need to know how many will be attending and if you would like to bring a covered dish. The meat, rolls and drinks will be furnished. Sign-up by December 1st.

**“MONEY BRINGS HAPPINESS?”
THE PARSON’S PICKET
DECEMBER 2017**



The paper had an article in it about Christmas sales. It said that it is difficult to predict how much people will spend this year. The financial success of many businesses depends on having good sales during the Christmas Season. So, they are trying to move you to spend your share.

We know that Christmas is largely what it is today in our society because it has been so commercialized. Everywhere you turn there is pressure to buy decorations, food, goodies, and of course gifts. Some people have added travel and vacation expenses on top of that. Many have been convinced, therefore, that having a good Christmas will be determined by how much they spend and what it will purchase.

While big spending will make some people happy, it will bring added strain to many others who are already burdened with high debt or are on fixed incomes. I personally know of families who put their Christmas spending on credit cards planning for their income tax return to pay for it. Why? They think the gifts will convey their love and care, and bring those they care about happiness. They think that they cannot, no, they will not withhold those blessings from their family and friends. I hope you realize that when the reasoning is peeled away the principle they are abiding by is, “money brings happiness”.

Most believers have realized by now that, in the long run, money and the stuff it buys do not bring happiness. Where do you get it? “God gives wisdom, knowledge, and joy to those who please him” (Ecclesiastes 2:26 NLT). Joy and happiness come from God!

It seems to me, too much time, energy, and money are invested on the wrong side of Christmas. Most of us need to scale down spending and focus more on the real reason for the season-- Jesus Christ. We are the ones who must help others find Christ in Christmas. Everyone wants to have a good Christmas and we can show them how.

“For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11 KJV).



Come browse our Bake Shoppe...

Broadway Missions Workers are having a Bake Shoppe Sunday, December 10th. All goodies will be available before 8:15am worship and until they are gone in Spencer Hall.

The Christmas season is a busy time so plan on swinging by the Bake Shoppe! We will be selling Cookies, Candy and lots of Goodies baked by our ladies. Let those who love to make

Christmas goodies take the load off your baking needs.

All funds go toward the Broadway Mission Workers' local missions and nursing home and homebound visitation.

Share-a-Christmas

We are asking for your help of donations of **NEW!** hats, gloves, socks and underwear for low-income families in our county. Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services has for many years joined forces with T-4-C in an effort to provide food, toys, and clothing to low-income families at Christmas-time.



We have placed a large bin in Spencer Hall to place your donations. (NEW! Hats, gloves, underwear and socks. All sizes, from Infants to Small adult).

We will accept donations until **Sunday, December 10th**.

Haiti Fundraising update

We are a little over half way toward our goal of about \$12,000 and I would like to thank all of you who have been supporting our fundraisers. It is much appreciated! We will be selling pizzas again starting in January, have another scrapbooking event in February and a rummage sale in April.

Young-at-Heart

The Young-at-Heart luncheon will be Wednesday, December 13th. Lunch will be held here at the church in Spencer Hall at Noon. Lunch prepared by Patsy Shepherd & Patty Housel. Free will donation will cover cost of food and extra will go toward Broadway Mission Workers projects: Harbor House, Arise Sponsored Child, Nursing Home Visitation Ministry, Church Ladies Retreat, etc.

Contact Patty Housel (330) 339-2753 or Patsy Shepherd (330) 339-3786 for reservations.

Nursing Home &

Country Club Nursing Home

860 East Iron Avenue Ext. Dover 44622

Pearl Quine (Donna Deedrick's mom)—Room 36

Ethel Beavers-Room 115

June Casto (Elaine Goddard's sister)

Nancy Leggett

New Dawn Health Care & Rehab

865 East Iron Avenue Dover 44622

Bea Taylor (Cindy Akers' mom)- Room 501

Joyce Pipes-Room 507

Judy Miller-Room 509

Northwood Village

5799 North Wooster Ave. Dover 44622

Estelle Myers—Room 320

Dave Myers—Room 502

Harold Swauger—Room 114

Marian Denison (Denise Larkin's grandma) Room 614)

Park Village Southside

1019 Oldtown Valley Rd. SE New Phila. 44663

Norma Laner-Room 21F

Phone: (330) 440-6052

Hennis Care Center

1720 North Cross Street, Dover, 44622

Helen Denison

Homebound Friends:

Sandy Mast

523 Harger Street Dover 44622

Christmas & New Year Schedule for Bible Studies



The last Bible study of 2017 will be Tuesday, December 12th, @ 9:00am & Wednesday, December 13th @ 6:15pm.

We will then take a break until Tuesday, January 2nd, @ 9:00am and Wednesday, January 3rd, @ 6:15pm. If we have bad weather, please listen for school closings. We will not have Bible Studies if New Philadelphia school closes. If they have school, but cancel the basketball game for that evening, we will **not** have evening bible study. We will also be canceling through the One Call.

Hangings of the Greens

The Altar Guild would like to invite you to help them with the Hanging of the Greens on **Friday, December 1st starting at 9:00am**. Won't you please join us to help make our Church beautiful for the coming King?



Christmas Tree Loaded with 300 White Crosses

Pairs & Spares has purchased these hanging White Crosses for you to take for your tree, give as gifts, or hang on your car rearview mirror. You are encouraged to take as many as you would like. We would like to see all the crosses gone before Christmas!!

We also have several sizes of the desk or dresser crosses left for you...put a note in the Pairs & Spares mailbox outside the office and we'll get them to you...until we run out! Merry Christmas from the Pairs and Spares Class!

Operation Christmas Child

Because of your faithfulness and dedication to Operation Christmas Child ministry we had another successful shoe box packing party on November 2nd. We had 60 men, women, and children packing shoe boxes. The total packed 880 in just two hours. The total shoe boxes taken to the collection site was **1010**, thank you for your faithfulness.



Our Thanksgiving Offering helped with the \$9 cost of shipping our shoe boxes. Again thank you for your faithfulness. Our shoe boxes will be delivered to Charlotte NC for processing.

On November 26th we have 10 members and 3 friends representing Broadway Church on a mission trip to Charlotte, NC. They will help process the shoe boxes (maybe we will process some of our own boxes) before they are sent on their journey to children world wide. Those going are Christa Demuth, Sondra Demuth, Kathy Gibson, Cindy McCombs, Maggie Rose, Rebecca Roth, Rita Roth, Nelda Sedares, Marcia Taylor, Mary Tweddle, Brittany Teems, Mary Wells, and Elaine Widder. Please pray for safe travels and to be a blessing to all those attending. Thank you for your continued support of this Gospel Opportunity throughout the year. Packing shoe boxes won't happen until next November, but we continue all year long buying items for shoe boxes. This is a year round mission. We are so blessed to be a part of this Gospel Opportunity of presenting Jesus Christ to a hurting world.

"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me not only welcomes me but my father who sent me" (Mark: 9:37 NLT).

Christmas Witness—by Don Gibson

Merry Christmas—A typical greeting we use at Christmas time. As believers, we may even wish people a blessed Christmas. There are a variety of things to say. As believers who care for others' souls, we may find ourselves praying for an opening to witness for Christ—even in very brief conversations. Even though this is true year-round, Christmas time gives us an opportunity beyond the rest of the year, because people are already talking about Christmas. So this month's "Your Witness" article is "Christmas Witness."

Here's an invitation to listen to what others say about Christmas—then see if God might lead you to ask someone a question like...

"What makes Christmas a special time for you?"

"What will you, family, and friends be doing this Christmas?"

The point is to get people talking about Christmas. Hopefully, they may answer from a Spiritual point-of-view. That's our door opener to learn about their faith in Christ. Of course if we already know people are believers, we're likely to be more direct in referring to Christmas as the birth of Jesus, our Savior; and what it means to us.

But if we ask what Christmas means and we hear a secular, "Oh, it's just a bunch of stress that I can't wait to get through every year." Or, "The kids or grandkids have so much fun with Santa and their gifts," we can use that as a door opener to say something like, "We really enjoy exchanging gifts, too, but Jesus as God's gift to all of us is what makes Christmas so special to me."

When we have an opportunity to say something like that to people when we're not sure if they know Christ as Savior, let's pray they might ask us, "What do you mean?" Or they might say, "I've never gotten into religion so I don't know much about that." And our reply could be, "Neither did I till I was in my 30's. But my faith in Jesus is real now. Be sure to carry a New Testament or a Gospel tract and ask them if you may show to them a Scripture like Matthew 1, then Romans 6:17-23 and Romans 10:9-13.

This column repeats monthly. Got a witnessing testimony to share with your fellow Broadway believers? We learn from each other. Call me at 330-260-7837 or email dgibson@linkpointplanning.com, or contact Tammy in the office. Thank you! – Don

December Birthdays

December 1	David Seabrook
December 4	Maggie Rose
December 5	Troy Miller Mary Tweddle
December 6	Emma Demuth
December 7	Patty Housel
December 8	Carole Finzer
December 9	Kipton Reichman
December 10	Mary Kay Laner Maxine Reichman Lona Roll
December 11	Barb McCauley Brian Rose
December 13	Nancy McQueen Emily Mossor
December 14	Lois Jarvis
December 16	Jerry Beaber
December 18	Kathy Whitson
December 19	Joyce Greco Dillon Thomakos
December 22	Marlene Miller
December 25	Dan Mamula Sr.
December 26	Karen Jones Ted Polka
December 27	Helen Ballard
December 28	Norma Laner



Happy Anniversary!

December 11	Chuck & Sondra Demuth
December 13	Rick & Erica Andrews



Today is the last day to order Christmas ornaments hand-made by the Haiti team. They are \$5 each and will be available December 3. Order forms are on a table by the coat rack. Please pay at time of pick up next week.

Attendance

The average attendance for the Sunday services

October 29, - November 19, 2017

8:15am Traditional Worship—106

Sunday School—79

10:45am Contemporary—103

Which includes Junior Church
(Nursery-God Squad) - 28

Not Forgotten

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, the God who is our salvation. God is to us a God of deliverances; and to God the Lord belong escapes from death." Psalm 68:19-20

High in the mountains of Haiti is the Abricot Ecole (Apricot School). The Broadway Haiti team worked on the foundation of the new school building this past June. Many of the children we have met during the last two years attend this school.

Apricot School started as a dream of a man in the community to see the children educated. This is a poor, rural community in the mountains, long-forgotten if ever known, by the government. I will never forget what our Praying Pelican staff Jacky Delva said to me when I asked him if the government supported the school. He laughed and then said simply, "The government doesn't do anything for us."

That's what life is like in a third-world country, the poorest in the western hemisphere. According to *Operation World*, a prayer guide for every nation, in 2010 around 75% lived on less than \$2 a day. But there is no self-pity on the part of those who live in this community. If something needs to be done, they try to do it themselves.

The school is supported by what little the parents can give towards the children's education and donations from churches. The \$2,000 extra our church provided for our trip this year paid for the construction materials and Haitian workers for the new school building (see the pictures on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall).

I asked the principal Berrier Pierre Paul who I now correspond with whether the children get any religious education. He said that he tries to ensure that God and Christian values are also taught. Since they don't have many books, part of what we hope to do in 2018 is visit homes and give away Creole Bibles that we will buy with ministry money. This is part of what our fundraising is for.

As I think of this little school and its needs, I remember how big our God is. He sees these children. He never forgets them. He cares about their futures. He daily bears their burdens, just as He bears ours. He is a God of deliverance for their material and educational needs, but most importantly for their spiritual needs. He does provide them escapes from death, as they live with distant medical care, untreated water, poor, rocky roads, no traffic lights and the hurricane season.

We will be God's hands and feet for a little while to remind them and to remind us that God loves them and they are not forgotten.

Lotus McCleery for the Haiti team



Dear Broadway Church Family:

Though this thank you is long overdue, I'd like to offer my deepest appreciation for the care package that was sent back in October. I was very touched by the congregation's thoughtfulness and as the card states, to remain in daily prayer.

Upon receiving notification of my deployment, I was angry and afraid. Angry that I was deploying again when I deployed only a year ago. Afraid because of what I've seen and heard about Baghdad – mainly the safety aspect. I know God's always watching out for me but even with that certainty, I still questioned why I was chosen yet again. God

had a plan as He always does and when I want to ask questions, I turn to *Jeremiah 29:11. For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.* What an amazing verse!

Moving forward 3 1/2 months, my deployment is halfway through. I couldn't feel more grateful to have been presented with such amazing leadership, great responsibilities and opportunities of a lifetime like teaching English to four Iraqis. My leadership and my team have made this deployment my favorite and definitely one to remember. There's a brotherhood/sisterhood within the military – and it's an indescribable feeling that will never leave one's heart or mind.

Once again, thank you for keeping me and other military members in your thoughts and prayers as well as taking the time to send us care packages!

May God Send His Blessings to All,
Taylor Smith, U.S. Air Force

Picture of Heather Bauders with her Sister Taylor Smith



December Mission of the Month

The mission of the month is the Good Samaritan Fund. This fund provides assistance in our church and community for short-term, emergency situations. We help with rent and utilities.

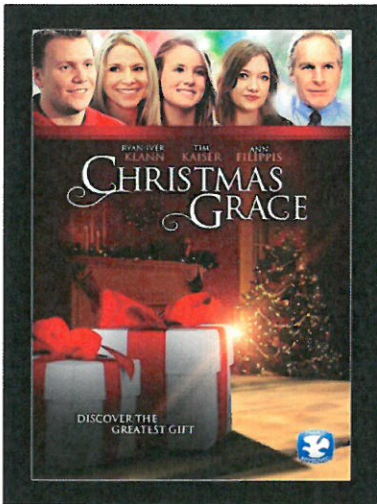
As always, please pray about your giving to these ministries! Designate gifts to this mission by marking the amount on the monthly mission line on your tithing envelope.

Veterans Day Service Held at Park Side South

Dale & Judy Fincher held a special Veteran's Day Service at Park Side South on Sunday, November 5.

There was a great turnout that day-we had called ahead so the Veterans would come. 14 veterans received the same token as we gave here at the church. It was a blessing to see them all being appreciative. Some even said it was the first time for them to hear a "Thank You".

With tears in our eyes we left with a great feeling that we were able to provide this for them.



Dinner & "Christmas Grace" Movie Sunday, December 10th @ 5pm

What a great way to kick off the Christmas season!

Dinner and the movie "Christmas Grace"

Sunday, December 10th starting @ 5pm.

This is a wonderful outreach event. Invite a friend and sign-up in the narthex so we have a head count for dinner.

Christmas Grace tells the story of two rival toy store owners during Christmas time. Gary, who runs an honest business and treats his customers well is the owner of a small toy shop in town. Everything is running smooth for Gary until he hears of a new bigger store opening up across the street from him. This owner, Jim, is a ruthless businessman who will stop at nothing to grow his business and eliminate his competition. Since his most immediate competition happens to be Gary's store, he sets his target on him. As the story unfolds it becomes very clear that God is at work in the lives of these tow men, and Gods Grace and Providence work out in ways neither one of them could have imagined.

2018 Offering Envelopes Coming Soon!

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Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Discipleship Wednesdays
5:30-7:30pm

Fellowship Sundays
Noon-2:30pm

First Friday @ Roxford Dec. 1st
6-10pm

SOCIAL MEDIA

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are finishing up our series on being “Thank Full” and then plan to spend some time talking about the promise of Jesus being fulfilled for the month of December. Plus, we have some Christmas parties and other events on the schedule as well. There’s no sign of slowing down for us!

As we head into the holiday season, we are reminded to remain vigilant and stand strong in our faith. We should be mindful to not get caught up in the world’s views on what this holiday season has become. There will be flashy advertisements, big sales, the latest gadgets and gizmos...all distractions in a world that constantly tries to pull our attention away from Jesus Christ. Sure, that new iPhone X looks shiny and new (we all like shiny and new) but once the shiny and new wears off, what are we left with...just another item in a long list of things in this world that cannot sustain or fulfill us. Only the living water of Jesus can do that. **John 4:14 says, “But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”** WOW! That sounds much better than any gift that you can buy in a store.

I pray that you all have a wonderful Christmas and that your lives are filled with the peace and love that knowing Jesus brings. Keep your focus where it should be and tune out the distractions of the world. As Pastor Mick often says, “Keep your eyes on Jesus!”

Ryan Best
Youth Director



Christmas Offering: Salvation Army Red Kettle Ministry



2017 Christmas Offering

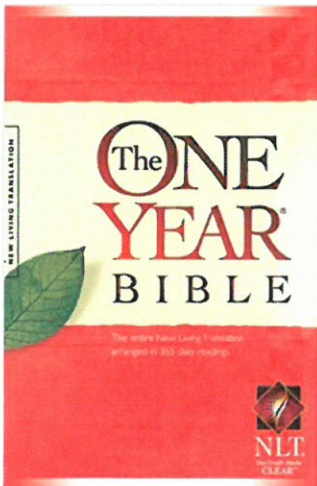
“You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”

II Corinthians 9:7

The Mission Committee has chosen to collect funds for the Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Christmas Campaign as our Christmas Offering. The Campaign enables The Salvation Army to provide food, toys and clothing to members of our local community.

The Red Kettle Campaign first started in San Francisco in 1891 and has traditionally been the Salvation Army’s most prominent fund-raiser.

If after prayer you are led to support this Christmas Offering, please use the envelope provided with your tithing envelopes or write “Salv. Army” on your monthly mission line on your tithing envelope. God Bless!



One Year Bibles for Sale

The Bible is the most important and essential book in history, because it is God’s Word and His revelation of Himself, His precepts, and His purpose for our lives. As a Christian, you cannot and must not function without it!

The One year Bible daily readings consist of passages from the Old Testament, New Testament, and a Psalms or Proverbs. This arrangement of Scripture brings variety and a fresh approach to each day’s reading, while providing a clear understanding of the Bible’s larger message.

In the year ahead, ask God each day to speak directly to you from the Scripture portions you read. Be expectant, and let your continual exposure to God’s Word reshape your attitudes and behavior as you gain a better understanding of every part of His written testimony to us.

The One Year Bible is a great Christmas gift only \$15.00 and available in the Narthex.

Broadway has a new WiFi system

We have a new wifi system that provides three primary advantages over our old system. First, our WiFi is now building-wide with seven access points. They are the round devices with a blue circular light you see mounted on ceilings throughout the building. Secondly, our WiFi signal is eight times more powerful. Thirdly, the system is well-secured and requires a password. We will publish *password updates in the bulletin* as needed on separate networks for members, committees and staff. Once you enter the current password for your network in your device, you should not have to re-enter until it is changed. Thank you trustees!

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Membership Classes

If Jesus has called you to grow and serve him alongside believers here at Broadway, you can confirm that all by joining others in the Membership Class led by Pastor Mick. Anyone from age 13 to 103 is invited to come. We will begin January 8th, in the Pastor's study, during Sunday school, looking at basic beliefs for Christians.

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Pastor Mick Foster
Worship times: 8:15am Traditional
Nursery care available (birth – 3 years old)
10:45am Praise & Worship
Nursery & Junior church available
(birth – 12 yrs. old)
9:45am Sunday school
Classes for children, youth and adults

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9am Hanging of the Greens	2 9am Prepare Salv. Army meals 9am Haiti in Youth Rm.
3 Noon Youth 4:30pm Christmas Dinner & Kids program	4 6:15pm Cub Scouts Youth Rm. 7pm Boy Scouts	5 7:30am The Fellas 9am Bible Study 9am OSUEO 6pm Karate 6pm Gideons 6:30pm Cub Scouts	6 1pm OSUEO 5:30pm Youth 6:15pm Bible Study 6pm Kids Club 7:30pm Choir	7 9:30pm BTEC 5pm Golden Rule Spencer Hall 6pm Karate	8 Friend- ship Class in Spencer Hall	9
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