



# Broadway News

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

## Broadway is hosting a Shoebox Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Time to pack shoe boxes! **Thursday November 2nd, @ 5:30.** Come for a light meal and then pack shoeboxes about 6:30pm in Spencer Hall. This will be a fun night of fellowship and packing. Gift-filled shoeboxes are a powerful way to introduce children to God's greatest gift, salvation through Jesus Christ.



You can also pack at home, all shoeboxes need to be in by Sunday, **Nov. 12th.** They will then be taken to the collection site. From the collection site they will be taken to the processing center. At the processing center each shoebox is opened and inspected to make sure all items are appropriate to send. From there they will be taken to the shipping docks for departure to over 100 countries. Last year our shoe boxes went to Columbia!

A donation of \$9 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give and you discover the destination of your shoebox. We will use the labels at the shoe box packing party on November 2. Adopt 1 or more shoeboxes for \$9 each, write on your envelope on the line marked **Other** (adopt a shoe box or OCC shipping.) You may adopt your shoe boxes now until the packing party on November 2. Your **Thanksgiving Offering will go toward OCC postage.** Thank you for your continued support to the Operation Christmas Child shoe box mission.

**What goes into the box is fun and what comes out of the box is eternal.**

*“Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me.” (Mark 9:37 NLT).*

## “Priority Times with Fellow Believers” PARSON’S PICKET



The holiday season is rolling around again. As I look ahead I think of reasons why this time has become so important to us. It is a special time to share with others. It is a time through which we value relationships—ours with God and with those we deeply care about.

Actually, all the special times of each year are times we want to spend with those we love: New Years, Valentine Day, Resurrection Sunday, Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July, birthdays, Labor Day weekend, vacations, weddings, funerals, Thanksgiving, Christmas and others.

I suppose you know by now Who wants to spend these precious times with you more than anyone else—God himself. He loves you more than anyone else does and He knows you better than anyone else does, because He made you. That’s why special times in the life of the Church are also precious to us who love God back: baptisms, special Sundays, revivals, communion, Sunday worship, and times of deliverance, healings, salvations, recommitments, fellowship in small groups and more. We value our relationship with God!

You did notice that most of our special times with God are not with him alone, although our times alone with Him are very precious. No, most take place when we gather with God and others who love Him. These are precious times. We value our relationships with our brothers and sisters in God’s family, those with whom we will spend eternity.

Special times with God’s family are also beneficial to us. They are good for us. In fact, we will never be who God made us to be without those relationships. Because of this, God says we must give them high priority.

For many, it is difficult to draw close to others in God’s family. It feels like you are sticking your neck out where someone may chop on it. It is safer, or not, to hang out with your blood family or old friends. Yet, Father God says these people in the Church are family and they may need you even more than you need them. So, stick your neck out. I know God wants more people to make this a major focus in our church family. We must continue to build intimacy with one another. That is scary to some of you, but God says it is necessary. Do you trust Father God? He knows how to build relationships that are so valuable they last forever.

***“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you” (John 15:11-12 NAS).***

# BEHOLD THE LAMB

“Homecoming Series!”

Presented by: Pastor Bob Mathias

October 8, 9, & 10, 2017

Pastor Bob Mathias opened his messages with a few humorous stories of his past while growing up on the Southside of New Philadelphia and attending Broadway Methodist Church. One of my favorite ones: Bob and “friends” always sat in the balcony of the old church (1960’s) and when the service began left the church very quietly and raced down Church Avenue to watch wrestling on TV at one of their homes. They somehow had it timed to race back to the Church in time to greet Bob’s Mother, Jean, at the bottom of the stairs leading to the balcony. She would notice he was out of breath and sweaty and say: “If it is that hot in the balcony perhaps you better sit downstairs with me next Sunday”. To which Bob would reply “oh no. It’s ok Mom”. I think Mom knew exactly what was going on!

An average of 110 were in attendance for each of the services. Classmates, some members of Pastor Bob’s former churches, couples he performed marriage services for, new and old friends (Pastor Mick and Becky) and Broadway folks all combined for a warm and loving atmosphere.

Regarding being warm, Pastor Bob first appeared with a jacket on and a tie in his pocket. He was remembering Rev. Jim Spencer’s thoughts on never being on the platform addressing the congregation unless you were properly dressed (jacket, and tie). Despite his love and appreciation for Rev. Jim he promptly removed his jacket and looking upward said “Get over it!”

Three subjects Bob’s dad, Dick, told him to avoid talking about were politics, sex life and religion. He got them all right but one!

Pastor Bob’s precious wife of 51 years, Ginny, always does/says three things when he leaves the house. 1. Gives him a kiss 2. Tells him she loves him 3. Tells him to Guard his heart.

On Tuesday night Pastor Bob said there were two things he was missing. His mattress and his dog, Socks.

“One of the problems coming home is people remember who you were not what you have become!” He was a sinner saved by grace through faith! We thank Jesus and give him all the praise and glory for sending Pastor Bob to be “ on Broadway “ to present the “Homecoming Series!” God placed on his heart that which he shared with us.

Question we need to ask ourselves: Do you know for sure that you know you are forgiven? Are you saved? If you are then praise the Lord! If you are not, you need to know you can be. Ask Jesus into your heart today and meet the Lamb of God.

**MIND GOD**

## ***“The Shepherd’s Lambs” by Donna Deedrick***

*Jesus asked Simon (Peter), “Son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him” (John 21:15).*



All over the world today, Jesus’s lambs are in danger, or already suffering from their faith.

The “Evil one” is using his human servants to harass, endanger, injure, discourage, or kill followers of Jesus, for he knows his time is growing even shorter.



Sara, a Christian wife and mother in Egypt was present at the Palm Sunday service in her church this spring when it was bombed by Islamic terrorists. Suddenly she heard a loud explosion and people screaming. Sara began making her way to the front of the church through pools of blood, and bodies of dead fellow church members. In shock, she found her husband, in his deacon’s robes, also lying dead among the others. She says, “Despite everything, God has put comfort, peace, and great grace in my heart.” She knows her husband is with the Lord Jesus whom he so loved, and victory is hers through our Lord

Jesus Christ.

War in Syria and Iraq has been devastating to the Christians living there.

In the 1990’s, Christians made up 9% of Iraq’s population, but in 2017, this has decreased to .6%! Many have been killed, or forced to flee, as have multitudes of Christians in Syria.



“Father Thabet” feels led to stay in Iraq to help rebuild a devastated community, through bombs still in Iraq to help rebuild a devastated community, though bombs still thunder in the distance, saying “All I can do in trust in God!”

Syrian “Miriam” and her family was forced from their town and lived for a long time in a tent as refugees. When finally able to return to their homeland, they found everything destroyed. They are trusting in God.

The Christian relief organization “Open Doors” reaches out with help to suffering, displaced, or persecuted Christians.

Interestingly, the number one request from these folk is for prayer!!

(Syria is #6 on World Watch List, and Iraq is #7)

### ***World watch list***

#41 Mexico

#42 Comoros

#43 Kazakhstan (KAZAKHSTAN)

#44 UAE

#45 Sri Lanka



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# Youth Ministry

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Discipleship Wednesdays  
5:30-7:30pm

Fellowship Sundays  
Noon-2:30pm

First Fridays Roxford  
6:00-10:00pm

## SOCIAL MEDIA

[www.facebook.com/broadwayumcyouth](http://www.facebook.com/broadwayumcyouth)

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

October sure flew by! We continued our lessons on wearing the armor of God, living life with the fruits of the Spirit, standing firm in our faith, resisting temptation, and how we should shine bright... to be a beacon of light in a world of darkness.

In November, we will finish our Back-to-School series by discussing how important it is that we spend time with God, by reading our bibles and with prayer, in order to know Him more. Matthew 6:6 says, "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Then we will learn about maintaining our focus throughout the school year, on the one thing that matters most. Matthew 6:33 tells us, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." After we finish that series, we will begin our Thanksgiving themed lessons and spend time learning how to be thankful for everything!

Please pray for our youth. They stand on a spiritual battleground every day in their schools. Peer pressure, competition for their attention, temptations, choices, and many things try to pull them away from Jesus. Pray that they stand firm in their faith and march to victory, for as Matthew 7:14 says, "But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it."

Ryan Best, Youth Director



# 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

*Nita Graff*-Room 105

*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*

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## Homebound Friends:

**Sandy Mast**

523 Harger Street Dover 44622

## Broadway's "GIVE ONLINE"

In less time than it takes to write a check, you can contribute online! Especially when you have it withdrawn weekly, monthly-whenever you choose! We have many things going on here at Broadway—and (as you know) it takes money!! As Mom used to say, "Money doesn't grow on trees!" Please consider starting your account today and make Broadway grow.



**Don't forget to change your clocks Saturday, November 4th, to one hour back for Daylight Saving Time!**

**Worship times are**

**8:15am Traditional or**

**10:45am Contemporary.**

**Sunday school @ 9:45am**

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**Church Council Meeting**

**Monday, November 13th, @ 7pm  
in Spencer Hall.**

**Everyone is invited to attend!**

## Your Witness / Ready or Not - by Don Gibson

"I need to work on a few things before I accept salvation—I'm just not ready to take that step yet." That's what a 35 year-old man told me when I asked him if he was a believer in Christ for his salvation yet. My response..."What do you mean you have to work on a few things?" And he replied, "There are things I need to straighten out first. I'm not so sure God wants me this way."

Ah, the very point of Christ's free gift on the cross. God wants us just as we are. Rev. Billy Graham always closed his sermons with everyone singing "Just As I Am." Christ died for every single person because every single person is guilty (Romans 3:23) and there is nothing any of us can do to make ourselves un-guilty. It takes the supernatural hand of God to pay the sin penalty for us all—unrighteousness cannot cleanse itself. It must be made righteous by an outside source—namely Jesus Christ's death on the cross (Romans 5:17-19).

So how can we persuade people like this to believe in Christ? It's simple. We can't. But God's Word can. Show them God's Word. Use a Gospel tract—there are many copies of an excellent one in our literature rack in the airlock—free to take. I have others in the AV room I'll give you if you ask. Use a Bible. Use a pocket-size New Testament/Psalms/Proverbs. Get one. The Gideons give them away. Ask one of our Gideons. Ask me. They are upstairs, too.

### Two points about personal witnessing

**#1 I knew this man and saw him regularly, so he is our primary target.** Pray about it. I was able to follow-up with him, too. Many of us know and work with others who are the one's God wants us to share Christ with. They could be friends. They could be family. Ask God to lead you to ask others. Trust God. Here are some approaches God may give you: Tell them your testimony briefly. Tell them how God blessed you. Tell them how you are counting on God for something. Anything God leads you to ask or say. Then ask them where they are in their faith or if they are believers yet. There's your door-opener to talk with them about the Lord.

During that conversation I showed this man Scriptures. I gave him a pocket size New Testament. He read Scriptures FROM THAT TESTAMENT with me right then. He said he would think about it and pray about it. He did. Because weeks later he believed in Jesus by asking Christ to save him—not with me, though. He told me about it. Maybe another witnessed to him, too. I don't know. God will send whoever and however many He sends. God is God. God knows His plan for those to whom He sends us.

**#2 This man was a member of Broadway Church** and attended somewhat regularly—another reason he's our primary target. God wants us to care for our fellow worshippers. Many you and I know are saved because of their words, commitments; and we talk with them. But many we haven't talked with—about their faith. What a great way to get to know someone!

**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](mailto:dgibson@linkpointplanning.com), or contact Tammy in the office. Thank you! – Don

## November Birthdays

November 4	Jake Miller
November 5	Vic Schrader
November 8	Patsy Shepherd
November 11	Marilyn Stutz Katelyn Ballard
November 12	Cindy McComb
November 14	<b>Pastor Mick</b> Daryl Sowers Rita Roth Mia Akers
November 15	Sondra Demuth Olivia Thomakos
November 18	Mary Sears Katelyn Mamula
November 19	Charles Aubihl Elaine Goddard Tim Larkin
November 21	Bob Hile
November 22	John Das
November 25	Sue Whitmer
November 27	Elizabeth Brantley
November 28	Ruth Burky
November 30	Dorothy Pierson



## Happy Anniversary!

November 1	Mike & Cindy McComb
November 10	Tom & Nancy McQueen
November 17	Bob & Judy Thompson
November 19	Bob & Marilyn Stutz
November 20	Dennis & Kathy Whitson



The Haiti team is taking orders now for wooden Christmas ornaments they are making. They are \$5 each and will be available December 3. Please see Brennan Baker, Diane Bell, Christa Demuth, Lotus McCleery, Cindy McComb, Arielle Reichman and Brian Rose.

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### Attendance

The average attendance for the Sunday services

October 1, - October 22, 2017

8:15am Traditional Worship—100

Sunday School—80

10:45am Contemporary—115

Which includes Junior Church  
(Nursery-God Squad) - 34



## God's Generosity

*"And I have been with you wherever you have gone and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth...and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also declares to you that the Lord will make a house for you."*  
(2 Sam. 7:9,11b).



After David became king, he thought it would be a good idea to make God a house. After all, David said to the prophet Nathan, David was dwelling in a "house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains." (2 Sam. 7:2). Nathan thought it was a good idea, but then that same night the Lord spoke to Nathan. God said to tell David, "Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in? For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle." (2 Sam. 7: 5, 6).

God then proceeds to remind David of how he raised him up from being a shepherd to be His king and how He had given David victory over his enemies. He tells David that He will make David great and give Israel their own place where they will "not be disturbed" (2 Sam.7:10). Lastly, God promises to raise up David's descendant and establish his kingdom forever.

David thought he would do a good deed for God. And it was a good thing, but it was not God's will for David. In fact, God was going to bless David instead – and not with one action, but with many blessings, the greatest being that David would have a descendant – the Messiah who would reign forever.

Isn't that just like God? He just blesses us far and above what we deserve. We think some times that we can give Him stuff- maybe our time and service and that some how that is worth a lot and will make Him happier with us, but it really doesn't. What can we give the God who owns everything? Who has given us everything? Who is the one who knows us intimately and has created us? Anything and everything we do is paltry, like the tiniest piece of sand on a beach. But isn't it just like God to love us *despite* our trying?

He does not want offerings and sacrifices from us as He did not want the sacrifices of Israel during Jeremiah's day. "For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them, saying, '**Obey, My voice**, and I will be your God and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.'" (Jer. 7:22, 23)

That's what the Haiti team is doing. We are going not because it is some great act of service we can give to God. Honestly, He doesn't need our service. We are going, because we believe He wants us to go. It's obedience.

It is not too late to join us. If God is calling you, please obey.

Lotus McCleery for the Haiti Team 9

## Haiti Mission Team

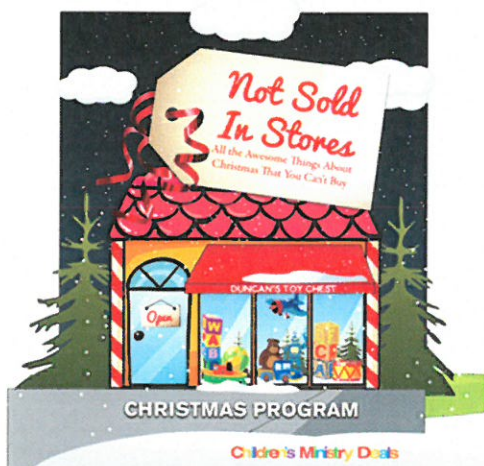
The Haiti Mission Team will be having a Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 14th, 2018

from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in Spencer Hall.

If you have anything to donate, call Cindy McComb (330) 440-7210.

If you have anything large that needs to be picked up. We can arrange pick-up. Contact Cindy for questions and more details.



This year the Christmas Program will be held after the Annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. This Christmas play is to remind us all that God who is the giver of every good and perfect gift, freely offers those intangible Christmas presents. "Not Sold in Stores" explores four of God's greatest gifts to us. Come and see what the four greatest gifts are! I am in need of a few actors/actresses. You do not need to be a professional. This play is in need of an elf, a tween boy; Bryson and his mother Jill. Let

Micki Coon know if you would be interested in being in the play.

Children all ages are welcome to participate in the Christmas Program. We will be singing and leading the congregation in Christmas songs. The children will help in acting out the Christmas story. If your child would like to participate, we are practicing the songs on Wed evenings at 6 pm and again on Sunday morning during the opening at 9:35 am.

## Kids Choir & Kids Club

Parent's when school is closed due to inclement weather we will not have choir or club that evening.

We will not have choir and club on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> due to Thanksgiving and we will not have choir and club Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> –Jan. 3. We will resume on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Choir will not be singing on Nov.26<sup>th</sup>.

## Christian Parenting Classes continue

Christian Parenting Classes will continue on Wednesday, November 1st, and Wednesday, November 8th. This will end the General Parenting Workshops.

The next 6-session classes focus on age's **birth to 5 years old**. The first five years of parenting! It addresses ages and stages of development, parent-child bonding, and effective discipline.

**Save the Date: Wednesday, January 10th**, is the first session from 6:00 pm-7:15 pm in the Adult Sunday school classrooms.

**The next sessions will be targeted toward parents with children 5-12 years of age.** It focuses on helping parents/family raise responsible, confident children. It provides tools for parent and families!

**The last session is an Active Parenting of Teens.** Perfect for parents of tweens and teens! This session provides tools for families to help navigate through the teen years. Teen issues (technology, drug and alcohol use, bullying) and risk prevention strategies are discussed. Watch for dates!

**Parents drop the kids off for Kids Choir & Kids Club and join in the parenting class or Pastor Mick's Bible Study!!**



## **Necessities for local kids!**

### *Mission of the Month of November, 2017*

The church was contacted about an immediate need in the community. The children in our local community are in urgent need of basic daily every day necessities.

For example, kids don't have shoes, underwear, socks, jeans or sweatshirts. The need is for sizes for kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Also some adult small and adult medium sizes.

They are also asking for donations of gently used clothes. We will have a bin in the Narthex for anyone who would like to donate clothes. Monetary gifts given to this mission will be used to purchase additional necessities.

Please prayerfully consider giving to this mission. Designate gifts to this mission by putting the amount on the monthly mission line on your tithing envelope. You can also give online for the Mission of the month.



**Pictures from Fall festival**

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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