

The Messenger

Renew + Rebuild = Revival!

And so our **Renew + Rebuild = Revival!** Campaign has begun. We approved our capital campaign at a Special Congregational Meeting setting our fundraising goal at \$469,000, which is the total of \$119,000 already received and \$350,000 that our consultant, the Timothy Group, believes we, as a church, can raise. Our architectural drawings were sent to local contractors for bids, and two of the bids received were at or below the \$469,000 budget. Praise God! An e-prayer group has been assembled to focus our prayers on **renewal, rebuilding and revival**. God is at work!

Our vision for this campaign is to build upon the firm physical and strong spiritual foundation that previous generations have constructed for us. We are staying connected to the past while focusing on the future, which incidentally has been my desire since I first began at Broadway. So as we embark on our campaign, let's review the various ways Broadway has experienced **renewal** by staying connected to the past while focusing on the future over the last several years.

Perhaps the clearest example of the **renewing** work has been the establishment of the worship band in the summer of 2006. Our worship services now include newer music led by the band along with hymns led by the organ. In fact, there are times when the band even leads us in singing hymns – what a great way to connect the past to the future! So many people – young and old – so often tell me how thankful they are for continuing to sing “the old songs” as we include new songs that are rich in meaning and connect in deep and moving ways to younger generations, who are the future of our church.

Another **renewing** example is our Constitution and By-Laws that we approved in May 2008. Once again, we stay connected to the past by leaving unaltered important matters like membership requirements while focusing on the future by streamlining our structure allowing us to be more adaptive and flexible as society's changes charge forward and at an increasingly rapid pace.

Parts of our building have already experienced **renewal**. In recent years, we installed carpet tile in Fellowship Hall and repainted the walls and replaced the drop ceiling. The Youth Room received a new design, updated furniture, and fresh paint. The second floor of the education wing was repainted with fun, fresh colors, and, to one of the rooms, we added a new TV, video gaming system, and carpet ball.

Would that we could update our entrances and our bathrooms and replace our air conditioning through our general budget, generous volunteer labor and helpful gifts of equipment and supplies as we have done for other areas of the church. Instead, for us to truly **renew** Broadway by staying connected to the past while focusing on the future, each one of us needs to participate not just relying on the few and committed to do the work. I invite you to reflecting on the ways you can help **renew** our church. Prayer is a great place to start. Everyone, regardless of age or assets, education or income, can pray. Please be in prayer for our collective work at **renewing** our church. In addition, stay united to the body of Christ by worshipping with us. Another **renewal** opportunity is to invite your friends and neighbors to our worship services and activities. Connect with those you haven't seen a Broadway lately and encourage them to come back. In March on Wednesday nights we will launch Alpha, an outreach and evangelism tool that helps answer life's biggest questions. Lastly, each of us needs to consider our financial participation in our **Renew + Rebuild = Revival!** Campaign. You need to join in. We can't do it without you.

Seeking **Renewal** Through Christ,
Pastor Eric

Student Ministries

We're coming up on a new year and our annual holiday gatherings and retreats. As of this writing, we have both progressive dinners happening still as well as two retreats; one in January and one in February. In addition to that we'll be revving up new Sunday School material for second semester along with the regular youth group settings on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

On February 5th, Roots is heading up to Covenant Harbor Bible Camp for Deep Freeze 2010! This is a great experience that blends sports, scripture, music, skits, food, no sleep, ghost stories, sledding, prayer, and talktime together to help us build relationships with Christ and those around us. Kids that have gone in the past have been telling their friends that they need to go this year which is really exciting! Please be in prayer for this retreat as economic times are difficult and the interest level is great! God is good and I look forward to what He has planned! We'll be back on Sunday the 7th around 1pm. Thanks to Kristi Holstein and Dan Schweitzer for their leadership once again at Deep Freeze! Check back next month for the 411!



Let's load em up! Usually Overhaul's OneLife retreat at Covenant Point happens over Valentine's Day weekend. However, due to increased interest of churches in the UP of Michigan, it was decided to split this retreat into 2 weekends to accommodate all the kids! For our group, this means we're switching weekends and heading up over MLK weekend, January 15 - 18th. The guys are requesting the Nature Center again which provides our group with a sweet hangout spot which sparks authentic talktime and change in those present. Please be in prayer for our students as they are challenged and encouraged to live as we're called! Please pray for the speakers, worship band,

and leaders as they prepare for a dynamic weekend. We'll head to Brule mountain ski resort on Sunday (well, I won't, but the rest will!) so please pray for safety of those on the hill! Broadway has made a name for itself in the past as far as injuries are concerned! We're heading up on the 15th and will return the night of the 18th! Thanks to Jason Holmertz, Sylvia Bowman, and Krista Rasanen for their leadership!

Our progressive Dinner/Christmas parties are planned for both groups and our thanks goes out to Ron and Emmy Miller, Wes and Sue Nelson, and Carl and Cheryl Ecklund for opening up their homes to Roots this Friday night! Thanks to Jeff and Christine Lamantia, Dan and Donna Anderson, PJ and Beth Waelti, and Roy and Janel Leidahl for hosting Overhaul on Sunday night! Good times, good food and good fellowship await!

Also, thanks for praying for our Student Ministries. Over the past 6 weeks, I've had the opportunity to talk and pray with Mark Montoya and Jake Hartman as they made the choice to receive Christ as their Savior! Please pray for them! How cool is that??

Peace,

Derek

Mission Report

We have two Alaskan Ministries to pray for this month. The first is **Bob and Joyce Widman**. They are with **Missionary Aviation Repair Center**. Bob is a pilot and flies for MARC. They fly missionaries and pastors and their families into and out the “bush”. They also deliver supplies when they are needed and work crews to help the missionaries and pastors when a need arises. MARC also brings native Alaskans to Bible Camp where many come to know Christ each year and many find healing from the abuse that they suffer at home and the wonder of unconditional love.

The other ministry that we are praying for this month is **KICY Radio Station**. They are a Christian Radio station broadcasting out of Nome, Alaska. They serve Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. They have both an AM Station and a FM station. They have recently increased their power to 50,000 watts, 24 hours a day. This has given the AM station the opportunity to send the gospel into places where other forms of media are not readily available.

Prayer and Praise:

Tim Sales, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

- Praise that the Rock Valley Group has doubled in size.
- Pray for the new small group leaders at Rock Valley
- Pray for the Rockford College chapter as they continue to struggle to form a community that is focused on reaching the campus.

Peter & Ruth Dutton, Thailand

- Praise that the mill they were building is up and running and they are receiving requests for prices and samples.
- Pray for those that are imprisoned because of their faith.

Read their newsletters and other letters from our missionaries in the book by the Missions Board.

Robert & Joyce Widman	Johnna Hayward
Leonid & Leanna Regheta	Peter & Ruth Dutton
Tim & Andrea Johnson	David & Judy Dolan
Steve & Ellen Peterson	Byron & Sue Bruckner
Jim & Barb Mikrut	

Is there more to life than this?

Do you, even as a believer, ever wonder this? Do you have friends who ask this question? Then the Alpha Course is for you, ... and your friends.

Created in an Anglican Church in England, the Alpha Course works across denominational lines, in many languages, and in multiple cultures because it covers those things that unite churches, not those that divide them. Currently the Alpha Course is running in 163 countries, in 108 languages and is effective in churches of all types from Anglican to Roman Catholic to Free Church to Lutheran to Covenant Church and everything in between.

Although primarily designed to be a straight-forward, non-threatening presentation of the basics of the gospel, it is also a great course for believers who want to tune up their faith by revisiting the basics of their faith. Some of the topics covered in the 11 week course include: Who is Jesus?; Why Did Jesus Die?; How Can We Have Faith?; How Does God Guide Us?; Who is the Holy Spirit?; What Does the Holy Spirit Do?; How Can I Resist Evil?.

The full Alpha Course will begin in early March, but we invite everyone to preview the course by joining the Alpha Sunday school class that will begin in January.



Church Family Military News

Please pray for Justin Holmertz during the final weeks of his deployment and transition to the states. We will continue to collect hard candy, body powder, and deodorant, National Geographic – adventure series, phone cards, chapstick and crystal light in the southeast narthex.

Women Ministries News

Reflecting God's Glory is the theme for Triennial XIII to be held July 22-25, 2010 in Washington, DC. Check out the website www.triennialxiii.org for more information. Save \$50 by registering between now and January 15, 2010. Over 400 women have already registered for this exciting event. Why not join them for a life changing experience.

Birthdays

- 1 Wilhemina Kirkwood
2 Michele Johnson
4 Ryan Woodrow
8 Marilyn Hjelm
Michael Woodrow
9 Carolyn Bergmark
15 Cyndy Miericke
Kathy Adams
16 Kathy Knight
Gordon Samuelson
17 Mabel Johnson
18 John Haase
Robin Robinson
18 Ginny Woodrow
25 Fred E. Pearson
26 Tim Braun
Cheryl Ecklund
27 Merrilee Meyers
Lincoln Pearson
29 Lois Ecklund
31 Brett Holmertz

Anniversaries

- 22 David & Karen Holmertz

Remember in Prayer

Alecia Jones recovering from wrist surgery.

Phil Adams and his family in the death of his father, Forster "Bud" Adams.

Justin Holmertz & Justin Murdock serving in Afghanistan and **Craig Anderson** in Iraq.

Thank You

A big thank you to all who donated food and money for Thanksgiving baskets for those in need this year. We also want to thank our young people in Overhaul and Roots for gathering non-perishable foods in the neighborhood. Thanks to a hard working group of volunteers, on Monday before Thanksgiving we packed and delivered thirteen baskets to needy families, and we also brought almost 200 pounds of canned goods to the Rock River Pantry. This is another great way Broadway Covenant reaches out to our community. God Bless, Ron & Emmy Miller

Sunday Morning Prayer Discontinued

There will no longer be Sunday morning prayer time before worship until a greater interest is generated.

From the Building Committee

We have received responses to our bid requests for the building renovation... GOOD NEWS! We have bids that fall within our original estimates! Praise God for His faithfulness to us! Now all we need is a successful Renew + Rebuild=Revival! Campaign and we will be able to:

- Repair and renovate the North entrance
- Expand our gathering space
- Replace and enclose the South East entrance
- Add the elevator shaft for a future car
- Expand and improve the main floor bathrooms
- Replace our failing air conditioner

Please thank your committee members when you see them. The second phase of their work is done. Once the money is raised, the final phase can begin. Building Campaign Chair, Steve Schweitzer

Fellowship Suppers Resume Jan. 6th

The Wednesday Night Suppers will start up the first week of January. Please sign up and join us for a good time of fellowship and food. If the weather turns bad the dinner will be canceled and if you signed up you will be called. Nancy & Dennis

Wednesday Night Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study resumes on Wednesday Jan. 6th at 6:15 in the library continuing the lessons for life from the book of Luke.

60 Plus January Luncheon

Our 60 Plus Group will meet, Tuesday, January 19th @ Perkins Pancake House, 11:30. Please call Peggy Frint, 815-282-0640 with your reservations by January 17th. If you need a ride let Peggy know. **Input needed** - We need your input on places you would like to go for our 60 Plus Luncheons in 2010. Please call Fred and Darlene Pearson, 815-398-3902, Doug and Mary Gibson, 815-399-7070, Peggy Frint, 815-292-0640 or Dave and Karen Holmertz, 815-399-1523 by January 10th.

60 Plus Fireside Christian Concert - We have reserved 28 seats at the Fireside for May 18th to attend the "The Anchormen" Christian Concert and Buffet lunch. The cost is \$34.95 per person and we need your reservation and \$1 deposit to reserve a place for you. Please call Karen, 815-399-1523 with your reservation.



January 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> <i>Office closed</i>	2
3 NO Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Overhaul	4 9:00 Patchwork Quilters	5 8:30 Corporate Prayer	6 12:00 Prayer 4:30 Journey 5:30 Supper 6:00 Crosswalk/Roots 6:30 Choir	7	8	9 9:15 NIDWM board meeting at BCC
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Overhaul	11	12 8:30 Corporate Prayer	13 12:00 Prayer 4:30 Journey 5:30 Supper 6:00 Crosswalk/Roots 6:30 Choir	14 6:30 Homeless Breakfast Pgrm	15 Sr. High leave for "One Life"	16
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Overhaul	18 9:00 Patchwork Quilters Sr. High return from "One Life"	19 8:30 Corporate Prayer 11:30 60 Plus lunch Perkins Pancake 6:30 Leadership Team Meeting	20 Messenger News Due 12:00 Prayer 4:30 Journey 5:30 Supper 6:00 Crosswalk/Roots 6:30 Choir	21	22	23
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Return Service Requested

Christmas Card Greetings From:

Wally & Lois Sorensen
Dave & Karen Holmertz
Mary Ann Egler
Kathy & Kelsey Melin
Barbara Rehnberg
Wes & Sue Nelson
Candice & Kevin McCulloch
Bob & Jonathan Brown
Doug & Joan Boettcher
George & Evelyn Elia
Darlene Edwards
Wayne & Carolyn Augenson
Katie Rowl
Gene & Colleen Felts
Jerry & Charmel Jacobs
Keith, Kathy, Brett, Justin & Jason Holmertz
Gladys & Al Damrose

Betty Lockett
Aina & Dan Hitchcock
Fred & Darlene Pearson
Bob & Arlene Schweiger
Roger & June Carlson
Alice Nelson
Thelma Melquist
Peggy Frint
The Jon Penne Family
Ron & Emmy Miller
The Rasanen Family
Gordon & Pearl Wienke
Louise Larson
Kent & Jean Drews
Rowlie & Eleanor Holmertz
Theresa & Perry Gregory
Werner Hoffman