

125 YEARS OF BROADWAY

Established on July 12, 1890 – Christ's Chapel at 1673 N. Halsted, which was the west side of Halsted, between School and Melrose St. (the street numbering system was changed at a later date.)

February 1891 – Moved to Oak Hall on Clark St. with 15 persons received on probation; in ten years, membership was 175.

July 1891 – Corner of Evanston Ave. and Buckingham Place was selected as site for building.

June 1, 1902 – Formal dedication with 275 members.

1914 – Name changed to *Broadway Avenue Episcopal Church* as the street name changed.

Mid 1950's – major remodeling of church sanctuary.

Mid 1960's – Purchased small Victorian house at 618 and vacant property at 627 Buckingham to expand our parking lot area when needed. After the fire, the 627 property was sold which helped finance and kick-start the rebuilding. The 618 property became our church meeting place for several years after the fire.

1963 – Church name changed to *Broadway Methodist Church*.

1969 – Church name changed to *Broadway United Methodist Church* as the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren denominations merged.

February 12, 1983 – Fire gutted the church building.

March 1987 – Construction began on new building with Rev. Louise Mahon as pastor.

Easter 1988 – First service in the new church.

Fall 1988 – Official move to new building. Church parking lot was completed.

Sept. 16, 1990 – Service of Consecration for the new building and celebration of 100 years of Broadway.

Early 1990's – Refinanced new building and completed the basement with working elevator, AC, carpeting, bathrooms and classrooms.

Fall 1995 – Voted to be a Reconciling congregation.

September 1998 – Rev. Greg Dell officiated at the Holy Union of two gay church members. This was consistent to Rev. Dell's ministry, but the Methodist Church Book of Discipline decreed such service a violation of the discipline. A complaint was filed against Greg later in the Fall of 1998.

Fall 1998 – An organization, "In All Things Charity," a network of clergy and others in the denomination was formed to support, organize media contacts, raise money for a trial, and be the center of work needed to be done to support Rev. Dell.

Fall 1998 – *Church Within a Church* movement was created to instruct and ordain folk who are not accepted for ordination within the United Methodist or other denominations.

Spring 1999 – Church Trial for Rev. Greg Dell. The trial was held at Downers Grove UMC. The trial lasted for two long days and Rev. Dell was found guilty late Friday night. A sad Palm Sunday celebration followed on Sunday.

July 1999 – Rev. Dell began a one year suspension from official ministry; Rev. Jenny Weber, who had earlier served as our seminarian intern, was assigned our pastor for that year.

July 2000 – Rev. Dell returned.

September 2001 – Rev. Vernice Thorn came to Broadway as a student intern from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Vernice officially joined the pastoral staff as pastor upon her seminary graduation in 2003.

July 2006 – Rev. Dell took a medical leave. Rev. Jenny Weber came as pastor to Broadway.

August 2009 – Rev. Lois McCullen Parr was called to Broadway and served as co-pastor with Vernice.

July 2015 – Rev. Alka Lyall accepted the pastorate at Broadway.

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