

# Broadway Blast



"I am the WAY the truth and the life." (Jn. 14:6)

## Sunday Worship

February 17, 2019

9:30 a.m. Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Worship

Rev. Rob Hughes

We are starting a new feature for the Blast. Articles will be featured from members of the congregation. If you would like to contribute an article, please let Pastor Rob or the office know.

Each week, The Broadway Blast highlights several people in need of special prayers for healing or strength in the midst of a health concern. Please pray for:

- Ron Hardy
- Kathy Hiatt
- Mary Frances Sneed



Will it snow again on Sunday? Ice? Ice AND snow? Will winter EVER end? In *The Chronicles of Narnia* book series, Narnia remains encased in snow and ice, and the characters call it the land "where it is always winter but never Christmas." As our wintery February gives way to what may be an even more wintery March, perhaps we wonder if spring will ever arrive.

In the remarkable book of Ecclesiastes, chapter three speaks to our seasonal concerns:

***There is a time for everything,***

***and a season for every activity under the heavens.***

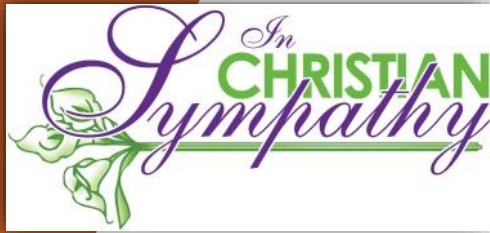
*Ecclesiastes* comes from the Greek word meaning *Preacher* (or the *Assembler* of ideas and wisdom, the *Teacher*), a word used nowhere else in the Old Testament. This assembly of deep ideas asserts that there is a season for everything, which additionally means that no season is permanent.

We may remember certain years as the "year of my graduation", the "year of my best vacation", the "year my child was born"... or the "the year of my surgery", the "year of his/her passing", the "year of regret", or the "year to forget", but perhaps they are best remembered as "seasons". The memories remain in various forms, but as *Ecclesiastes* reminds us, perhaps all of life is best thought of as seasons. And seasons pass. Winter gives way to spring. Happiness gets interrupted by sadness, and sadness yields to happiness; health is interrupted by illness, and illness is overcome by health; grief overwhelms peace, and peace reasserts dominion over grief. We savor the joyful times knowing that interruptions may occur, and we endure challenges knowing that relief will reemerge.

In the central moment of *The Chronicles of Narnia* series, Aslan the lion (the figure of Christ) emerges on the scene and **winter begins to melt**. The frozen grip on Narnia breaks with the presence of Aslan. So it is with Christ. In Him, the winters of life maintain no permanent grip. Crucifixion yields to a resurrection.

See you in worship – rain, snow, or sunshine!

Pastor Rob



Our prayers and deepest sympathy to  
George Cobblah at the passing of his mother  
and  
Luther and Joyce Taylor and their family as they grieve  
the passing of their 21 year-old grandson, Kolton,  
who was killed in an automobile accident in Lincoln.



Lentreat coming soon!  
Watch for details.

Wednesday mornings  
beginning March 6  
7:00-7:45am  
at Immanuel UCC  
Sponsored by PCMA

# Lenten Devotions

*and Breakfast*

Congratulations to Devin & Andrea Gaspard on the birth of their son, Bennett James, born February 7. Bennett is the brother of three proud sisters, grandson to David Gaspard, and great grandson to Jim Callis.



at Broadway Presbyterian Church

Friday, February 15, 2019

Call 888-814-0416 to register for your screening.



Together Tuesday



## PreSCHOOL Fundraiser

Tuesday, February 26 at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall