

THE VISION

BROADMOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Beans & BINGO



Event to raise funds for youth choir tour

The “Beans & Bingo” fundraiser for the Celebration Singers youth choir will offer an evening of fun and fellowship from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 in Anderson Hall.

Bring \$6 and get one Bingo card, a serving of red beans and rice, and a chance to win some great prizes. Additional cards will be \$1 each.

Members of the youth choir are collecting door prizes, so if you have something you would like to donate, please contact T. Wes Moore at twes@broadmoorumc.org.



Two Ash Wednesday services to be held

Broadmoor United Methodist will hold Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6 p.m. Feb. 22 in Kilpatrick Chapel.

Along with the imposition of ashes, Holy Communion will also be celebrated on Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season.

Child care will be offered during the 6 p.m. service.

See next week’s Vision for more on Lenten activities.



More on Lenten services, Page 3

Church offers a place for family to give, receive

Anne Lamott tells the story of a little girl, about 7, who got lost in the town where she lived. She couldn’t find anything familiar-looking, and became very frightened. Finally a police officer saw the girl in distress and put her in his car and began to drive around. The girl pointed out the window when she spotted her church. “You could let me out now. This is my church, and I can always find my home from here.”

And Lamott comments, “And that is why I have

stayed so close to mine — because no matter how bad I am feeling, how lost or lonely or frightened, when I see the faces of the people at my church, and hear their tawny voices, I can always find my way home.”

Has that ever happened for you? The world can be large and overwhelming sometimes, and the landscape of our lives change so



FROM OUR PASTOR

Rev. Ken Irby

drastically that nothing looks familiar. But then we remember we have a family, a church family, a place to call home. And the people of God become that orienting presence that helps us press on.

Have you ever been that for someone else? That’s why I’ve never really bought the whole “I can worship God at home, or the golf course, or fill in

the blank” argument for do-it-yourself spirituality. When we aren’t at church, we miss the opportunity to be that familiar face, that comforting word, that warm embrace for some child of God who has lost his or her way.

Sometimes we come to church because of what we need to get. And sometimes we come for what we need to give.

Hope to see you Sunday,



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

FEB. 5

Bill Baldridge
Roy Hurley
Karen Lanius

FEB. 6

Landrum
Anderson

FEB. 7

Harper Cox

Gary Gaskins
Debbie Noone
Jemma Seaton

FEB. 8

Carolyn Anderson
Thomas Cochran
Kendall Townsend
Karley Ware

FEB. 9

Jed Blackburn

Emily Davis
Robert Dunkelman
Madeline Fegert
Sarah Payne

FEB. 10

Jennifer Eaton
Sue Ottesen

FEB. 11

Pam Kimbrough
Ava Taylor

THIS SUNDAY IN WORSHIP

At 8:30 and 11 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

Christian Chameleon

Rev. Ken Irby preaching on
I Corinthians 9:16-23

11 a.m. The River

The Will of God series: God's Will Undone

Rev. Matt Rawle preaching
on Genesis 3 (selected verses)

Acolytes

8:30 a.m.: Emily Davis,
Kaili Taylor

11 a.m.: William Humphreys,
Angelina Watkins

Liturgist

8:30 a.m.: Amy Sudduth
11 a.m.: Sharon Lanius

Ushers

8:30 a.m.: Janet Hyatt, Charles
& Kay Allen, Gaylyn Bell,
John Reisz, Robert Taylor

11 a.m.: Bonnie Vos, Nancy
& Kenny Beauvais, Ann
Spikes, Stan Vickrey, John
Hubbard, Mary Mitchell,
Jim Griffith

Greeters

8:30 & 11 a.m.: Upper Room
Sunday School class
The River.: Pat Young, Wendy
Kelly, Kristin Nelson,
Catherine Credeur

Share your news in The Vision

Send Vision news to
Angela Cason at angela@broadmoorumc.org by noon
on the Tuesday before the
Thursday publication.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

General Memorial Fund

In memory of **NICK
NICKELSON**, by Cal and
Gaye Cranor and by John and
Marge Hayter.

Missions

In memory of **DONNIE
BEAUVAIS** and **ERNIE
BEAUVAIS**, by Larry and
Olivia Hiller.



JAN. 29
ATTENDANCE

Members in worship: **451**
Visitors in worship: **53**
Total in worship: 508
Sunday School: **289**
Nursery & Wee Worship: **34**

HOSPITAL LIST

Highland
Audrey Zahm
Willis-Knighton North
Doris Powell
Grace Home
Betty Ingram
Daphne Thompson
Live Oak
Bob Dunkelman
Mary McClanahan
Pathways
Anne Purcell
Spring Lake
Phyllis Madden, Lu Pippen
Discharged
Jean McCullough
Betty Pearce

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious and loving God,
as I come to you in prayer
I lay my heart before you.
I admit to you my own
shortsightedness. But, you
already know, I think more of
myself than my neighbor next
door, let alone my neighbor
that lives around the world.

I get so caught up in the
needs in my own house I
forget to think about, much
less pray for, people whom
I've never met. As I try to
pray for starving children in
countries I cannot place on
a map, as I attempt to join in
solidarity with women being
sold into slavery, as I struggle
to comprehend the motivation
of men who abuse or neglect
their families, the chasm
between my quiet, sheltered
life and their lives of turmoil
becomes clear.

How, O God, can I believe
that I know how to pray for

their needs, when I honestly
have no idea what those needs
may be. And so, humbled, I
come before you now, placing
my faith in you, trusting that
you know those needs which
are obscured to my short-
sighted eyes, believing that in
your love and mercy you will
reach out and touch the lives I
cannot comprehend.

Lord of Life, may my
squinting glance across the
chasm of miles, language and
culture, my desire to see your
will done on earth as it is in
heaven, my prayer for my
neighbor, not end with these
words, but continue day by
day, moment by moment, in
my actions. May this prayer,
through your grace, become
for me the way I am connected
through your love with all
creation. May all my words
and deeds, all of my being, be
an offering to you. Amen.

MUSIC NOTES

*Director of Music Ministries T. Wes Moore shares notes
on hymns to be included in Sunday worship.*

This may be a shock
to you, but I have many
favorite hymns and songs.
There are several that I can
tell you when I first heard
them. For example, I was
about 3 when I heard "Holy,
Holy, Holy." When I was 9,
I discovered "Praise to the
Lord the Almighty." Several
years later, I was introduced
to Wesley's "And Can It
Be" in church. Just over
two years ago, I was taught
in my church music class
Kenneth Morris' "Yes, God Is
Real" and fell in love with it.
Unfortunately, I cannot recall
the first time I heard "Sing
Praise to God Who Reigns
Above" (*UMH* 126), but I can
tell you when it became one
of my favorites, and that was
back in 2005.

Why is this a favorite of
mine? Well, as Fred D. Gealy
states in "Companion to the
Hymnal" (1966), "Sing Praise
to God Who Reigns Above"
is a hymn that "both demands

and releases power." In
other words, it is a balanced
hymn. The first half of stanza
one and all of the third and
fourth stanzas demand praise
to God: "I sing aloud thy
praises," and "both soul
and body bear your part."
However, from the last half of
stanza one through all of two,
we are reminded what God
has done and continues to do:
"With healing balm my soul
is filled" and "God gently
leads the chosen band."

I have said it before and
I will say it again that God
is active. God is head of all
creation and God still creates.
God fills us when we are
empty and, like a mother, God
gently leads us on the journey.

Since God is active, then
why not have our souls,
bodies, and voices do their
part in worship? Therefore,
as loudly and proudly as
possible, we would then
"Sing praise to God who
reigns above."

Changes ahead for UMW circles

A group of women representing each circle of Broadmoor's United Methodist Women met on Jan. 28 to work together to vision for the future. Bonnie Daniel led the group through a process to look at where they are now and where they want to be in the future. Using the UMW Purpose, the group looked at four different areas. Below is how the group views Broadmoor's UMW:



- **Community:** General meetings and six circles. Enjoy lunch together. Caring for each other.
 - **To Know God through Jesus Christ:** Studies, programs, prayer, UMW Sunday, speakers.
 - **Fellowship:** (same as community) movies, out to dinner, serving.
 - **Missions:** Pledges, local, state and worldwide missions, programs.
- Below are ways the group wants to grow, in addition to those things they are now:
- **Community:** all ages, more visible, hands-on, outside the walls of the church, small groups, reach out to local nursing homes, contacting new church members.
 - **To Know God through Jesus Christ:** Bible studies, more outreach, pray about God's will.
 - **Fellowship:** Circles with a Purpose, Mother/Daughter Tea, Spa Retreat, Birthday Bash.
 - **Missions:** Hands-on, Mission Gift Fair, Advent Boxes, auction pies, seed money, pot scrubbers, bag of coins/tokens.
- The group set three short-term goals for 2012:
- Hold a Cookie Stroll, coordinated by the Grace Cooke Circle.
 - Provide Advent Boxes

to homebound and nursing home residents, with participation from all circles but coordinated by Lunchtime Fellowship.

- Have a Mother/Daughter/Friend Tea to benefit the Layette Ministry, with Diane Valentine, Kenda Fite and Marliese Griffith serving as coordinators.

The group also set three long-range goals to take place between 2012-2014:

- Develop "Circles with a Purpose," to include women ages 20-30 and teens, to be coordinated by Ruby Stewart.
- Hold a Mission

Gift Market, coordinated by Bonnie Daniel.

- Hold a Spa Day (Day Retreat), coordinated by Khaki Simank.

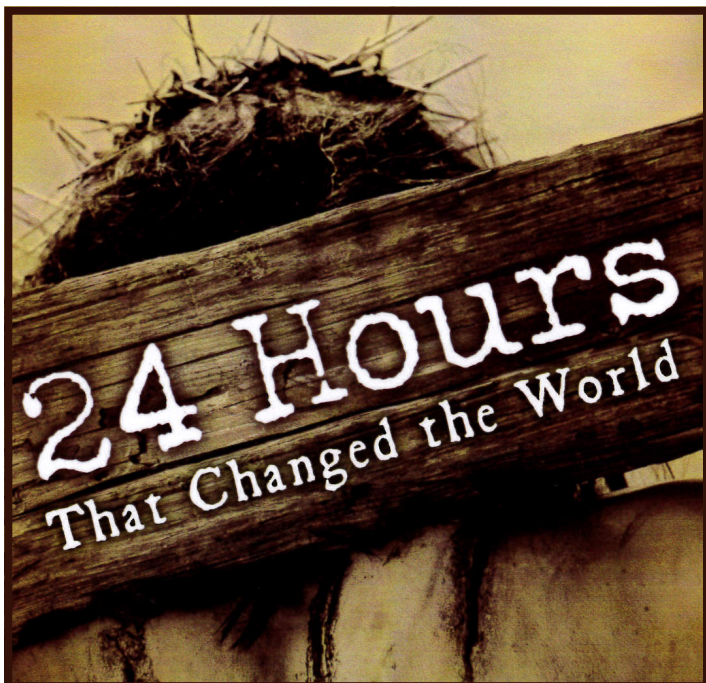
Other planning included: Visioning Day will be an annual event to be held in January each year. Representatives from each circle will participate.

Better communication is key. Those circles who use e-mail have found it an effective way to share information. Those circles not using e-mail are asked to have phone trees to ensure that everyone gets the word.

Advertise women's programs using the terminology: "sponsored by UMW and Women's Ministries."

As for monthly General Meetings, the group will have programs that are "required" by United Methodist Women. On other months, the group may just enjoy fellowship over lunch.

Ada Roddy has agreed to provide lunch for General Meetings through May. UMW will pay Ada directly. Cost is \$8 per plate.



Explore Christ's last moments through Lenten series in River

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Using Adam Hamilton's moving series, "24 Hours That Changed the World," Rev. Matt Rawle and Rev. Kathy Wafer will lead the church on a journey through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life with the Lenten sermon series in The River contemporary service.

Each worship experience is designed to help us experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a

way we never have before. Please join us for this powerful Lenten series at 11 a.m. Sundays starting Feb. 26 through April 8 in Anderson Hall.

- Topics will include:
- **Feb. 26:** The Last Supper
 - **March 4:** The Garden of Gethsemane
 - **March 11:** Condemned by the Righteous
 - **March 18:** Jesus, Barrabas, and Pilate
 - **March 25:** The Torture and Humiliation of the King
 - **April 1:** The Crucifixion
 - **April 8:** Christ the Victor

NEW MEMBER



MARY VIRGINIA TAYLOR



FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of

RYAN HARNER

from Marcie, Emily, Collin & Benjamin Harner, and Sam & Renee Hilburn

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Food Bank wins with 'Souper Bowl'

While the New York Giants and New England Patriots gear up for the Super Bowl rivalry, Broadmoor youth will prepare to spread caring in the community with the annual Souper Bowl of Caring Offering to be collected after worship services this Sunday, Feb. 5.

Youth will be at the doors at the end of each service to collect this offering for the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank. Please consider donating \$1 or more to help the hungry in the area.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-led, grassroots movement, the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities. To learn more about this effort, visit www.souperbowl.org.



Super Bowl party to be held Sunday

The Giants will take on the Patriots this Sunday, Feb. 5, and the youth group will celebrate with a Super Bowl party from 5-7 p.m. at the Davis residence, 137 Clear Brooke Drive.

Parents needed to organize fundraiser

Parents are needed to help coordinate our Mardi Gras parking lot fundraiser for the youth group. The youth will take donations from those using the church parking lot during parades. To learn more, contact Matt Rawle at matt@broadmoorumc.org.

Next payment due for trip to Disney

For those signed up for the Disney spring break trip, the next \$75 payment is due this Sunday, Feb. 5.

A parents' meeting for those with youth attending the trip will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 in Pearce Hall. Vital information regarding the trip, including a packing list and medical release and permission forms, will be distributed at the meeting.

Even if you've paid your deposit, please still confirm your spot for the trip with Susan Davis at susan@broadmoorumc.org. To learn more, contact Matt Rawle at matt@broadmoorumc.org.

MP Kids to meet this Sunday

Mission Possible Kids for children in first through fifth grades will meet this Sunday, Feb. 5. All agents should gather in the Anderson Hall gym after the 11 a.m. services. Please bring \$3 for lunch – the group will enjoy pizza!

This month's mission is "Sowing Seeds of Love," benefitting people who live on the Miskito Coast of Honduras. These people survive mainly from the crops they grow in the jungle, and getting seeds is very difficult. Each agent is asked to bring two packets of some type of vegetable seeds, which can be purchased at Lowe's.

Any children currently not an MP Kid may join at any meeting. For more information, contact Bonnie Daniel at 861-0586 or at bonnie@broadmoorumc.org.

Noel ministry in need of toiletries

Sunday, Feb. 5, is a Communion Sunday, when Broadmoor members return food donations in our red Broadmoor bags. Susan Foster, director of the food bank at Noel UMC, is very appreciative of all our church donates to this ministry! In addition to the items listed on our bag, Susan says they are always in need of toilet paper, Kleenex, shaving cream, and dish soap.

Noel also provides start-up items for people who have lost their homes. If you have gently used bed linens, towels and washcloths that you no longer need, please clean out your closets so that your donations can help someone in need.

