

# The VISION

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## NEWSLETTER

### BROADMOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Problem solvers get fixated...



**DR. GREG DAVIS**  
Senior Pastor

The word problem only appears twice in the Bible, both occurrences being in Daniel 5. That doesn't mean there weren't complications in those days, or that hearts didn't break, that sorrow didn't hurt, that love sometimes was unreturned.

The things we see as problems to be quickly resolved the Bible saw as experiences to be lived through, either positively or negatively, either imaginatively or uncreatively.

When we regard a thing as a problem, we often isolate it from the rest of our experience. We carry over into personal relationships an impersonal or mechanical view of life, as though human personality were a machine that had broken down.

It's like this: people don't go to marriage counselors to examine and reform their whole way of living, but simply to remove the small piece of gum that is gumming up the works.



Another example: growing up is not a problem you can solve, it's an experience that must be undergone. Growing up always has some element of complication, is never quite without pain, without loss, without inward struggle.

It always, to put it in the words of the New Testament, involves a rebirth, with all the dismay and discomfort birth entails.

No, human beings aren't problems to be solved. We have lives to live whose edges run out into mystery, whose borders touch the infinite, whose center is an arena of clashing wills and values.

Problem solvers get fixated on themselves. Jesus said to look beyond self. Faith does not try to explain everything. Faith attempts to show that in common, ordinary, daily life there are elements of mystery that are completely baffling, baffling yet very real, unanswerable, yet livable.

*Dr. Greg Davis*

### Food Bowl Painting Party | March 15th from 5:30 - 7 pm!

A new missions opportunity has presented itself to our church!

This year on March 15 from 5:30 – 7pm, we will host the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana's Community Bowl Painting Party!

We'll be gathering in the Anderson Hall Gym to paint ceramic bowls that will later be glazed and fired and used at the Food Bank's 13th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner and Silent Auction. A \$20 donation is requested to paint a bowl.

Look for more details coming soon. Invite your friends and family to come support this cause with an evening of fun! Contact Pastor Peter at [peter@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:peter@broadmoorumc.org) for additional information.



# Events Coming Soon...

**Laity Retreat at the Wesley Center  
"Therefore GO! With Hope – Through Hospitality"**

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**9:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Radical sending is about turning congregations from "Come" congregations to "Go" congregations. The emphasis "Go" is even more important! When new members are introduced to Christ and are not challenged and supported to serve in Christ's mission in their daily lives, the mission of the congregation fails in its mission to serve Christ!

You are invited to join presenter Demi Prentiss on February 24, in exploring what "being sent" can mean for individual disciples. What can congregations accomplish when members know that Christ has sent them?

Demi Prentiss is a life and leadership coach. She co-authored Radical Sending – Go to Love and Serve, published in 2015 by Morehouse. Cost is \$18.50. If you are interested please contact Laura Vaughan by Thursday, Feb. 22 at laura@broadmoorumc.org or 318.861.0586.

**Red Bird Foundation Fundraiser with Paula D'Arcy | Saturday, March 3 | 10:00 am – 2:30 pm | 3:00 pm**

Join us in Anderson Hall Gym on Saturday, March 3 for a Louisiana Fundraiser for Red Bird Foundation featuring: Paula D'Arcy speaking on the topic, "Mending What is Broken" **with special guest musician Ken Medema.** Paula

## Our Sympathy To:

We extend our sympathy to

Larry Embree in the loss of his wife; Gertrude, Katherine, Jonathan and Robert Embree on the loss of their mother;

**Gertrude Schenck Embree**

D'Arcy is an author, retreat leader, speaker, playwright, and former psychotherapist. In 2001 she established Red Bird Foundation, which supports the growth and spiritual development of those in need throughout the world. D'Arcy survived the loss of her husband and young daughter in an accident in 1975. She was three months pregnant at the time. She has written 12 books including best sellers Gift of the Red Bird, Waking Up to This Day, and the award-winning Stars at Night. D'Arcy serves as an adjunct faculty member of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. She has one daughter and lives in Texas. **Cost \$100.**

**Ken Medema Concert | Sunday, March 4 | 3:00 pm**

Join us in Anderson Hall on Sunday, March 4th to hear Ken Medema, a renowned story teller and musician that inspires his audience. "Blind since birth, his sight is limited to distinguishing between light and darkness. At the age of 8 years his parents found a teacher who taught him the classics with Braille music – also teaching him to play by ear. After studying music therapy, he began a career as a performing and recording artist in 1973, founding Brier Patch Music, an independent recording, publishing and performance-booking company in 1985. One of the most authentic artists performing today, Ken custom designs every performance with brilliant improvisation and performs in a great variety of venues. He is a unique blend of poet, theologian, philosopher, comedian and musician." **This concert is part of our Festival Arts Series. All concert series programs are presented free of charge, though donations are gladly accepted.**



**Led by Bonnie and Tom Daniel  
Begins Sunday, March 4 (13 weeks)  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you have probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. **Cost is \$20.**

## VIM TRAINING DATE: MARCH 10

Broadmoor UMC has the opportunity to host a Methodist Volunteers In Mission (VIM) training this year on March 10. We will be opening our doors to those interested in being trained from all over the district. In the immediate wake of disasters, this training and certification is vital to being able to serve areas of greatest need.

VIM needs people for heavy lifting, cooking, and simply spending time with disaster victims. We need 10 people to commit to the training on March 10 to make this opportunity a reality. The cost for the training and certification that you receive as a result is \$45 a person.

Contact Pastor Peter at peter@broadmoorumc.org or Robert Taylor at rltaylor55@att.net to confirm your attendance or for additional information.

## Birth Announcement

We welcome into the world on January 16, 2018  
**Madeleine Mae Nguyen,**  
son of Thang and Jessica Nguyen.



# UMW News

## UMW | 150th Anniversary Celebration

This is a special year as we count down to our 150th Anniversary in 2019. We will hold a special day of celebration as a kick off in our Louisiana Conference. We are celebrating nearly 150 years of putting faith, hope, and love into action as women organized for mission.

Saturday, March 3, 2018

First United Methodist Church

2727 Jackson St. Alexandria, LA 71301

church phone: 318-443-5696

On site Registration: 9:00 - 10:00 AM  
Registration fee: \$15.00

Forms are at the Welcome Center.

Gathering begins at 10:00 AM; lunch will be provided. Event will end mid afternoon. There will be many interesting speakers, special choir music, games, and other activities.



2018 UMW Mission studies will be held on the following dates:

**February 16:** Social Action will be held at First UMC Shreveport called Stand Down for Homeless. They are collecting hygiene kits & eyeglasses for children. 8 am - 2 pm

**February 17:** 4 hour Mission Study Covenant Community at Plain Dealing UMC. 9 am Leader: Peggy Evans

**February 21:** 2 hour Mission Study Part 1, Climate Justice: Butterflies, Bees, and the American Farmer 1st UMC at 411, 2nd Street, Natchitoches, LA 71457 1:00 PM Speaker: Judy McIntyre

**March 21:** 2 hour Mission Study Part 2, Climate Justice: Butterflies, Bees, and the American Farmer. 1st UMC at 411 2nd Street, Natchitoches, LA 71457 1:00 PM

Please let me know if you plan to attend one or more of these activities.

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# THE SEASON OF LENT

at broadmoor united methodist church

## THE LENTEN SEASON

### Final Words from the Cross

Led by Dr. Greg Davis | Begins February 20th and 21st (6 Weeks) | Meeting Room

In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words"—statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves: We will explore these final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. There are two time options: 6 p.m. on Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Wednesdays. **Cost \$20**

### "Among the Gentiles: Greco-Roman Religion and Christianity"

Led by Rev. Peter Gaughan | Begins Feb. 21 (4 weeks) 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Room 200

Luke Timothy Johnson defines religion broadly as a way of life organized around convictions and experiences concerning ultimate power. His work in studying the world of the early church revealed four distinct ways of being religious. These four types of religiousness offer a unique lens into our neighbors' and our own relationship with the divine. This Lent, join Pastor Peter on Wednesday from 6 – 7 pm in Room 200 for an introductory look at Luke Timothy Johnson's "Among the Gentiles: Greco-Roman Religion and Christianity".

**Cost \$20.**

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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## Go for Baroque

Bach  
Handel  
presented by  
Marshall  
Symphony Orchestra



Sunday  
February 18,  
5:00 p.m.

First Methodist's  
Historic Sanctuary

featuring Dr. JuYeon Julia Lee



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## Broadmoor United Methodist Children's Ministry

### The Road to Youth begins with Sky Ranch: Twisted Root Fundraiser | February 25

It's that time of year again when our fifth graders are gearing up for their annual trip to Sky Ranch. This trip marks the beginning of the transition from the Children's Ministry into the Youth Program. During Fellowship time on Sunday, February 25, we will have the opportunity to say hello, write a word of encouragement or favorite scripture and/or make a donation to our fifth graders. After church join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at Twisted Root. A percentage of the lunch proceeds will go to the Children's Ministry. If you are interested in sponsoring a child for the Sky Ranch trip please contact Kristin at the church office or by email [kristin@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kristin@broadmoorumc.org)

### Baptism Class | March 4

"All who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes." Galatians 3:27. Baptism

is a covenant that we enter into with God and our church family. If you are interested in finding out more about this sacrament, join Dr. Greg Davis and Rev. Peter Gaughan on March 4 when they delve deeper into this covenant. This class begins at 10:00 in the Parlor. For more information contact Kristin at the church office or by email [kristin@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kristin@broadmoorumc.org)

### Glory Sounds | New Time March 4!

Starting March 4, Glory Sounds will have a new time. Children will meet in the Choir Room from 9:30 until 9:50 then head to Sunday School. We hope this will allow more of our friends to enjoy this great program of music and fellowship with the fabulous Ms. Tara.

### Fish Fry | March 18

Join us Sunday, March 18 for our annual Fish Fry. Box lunches are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will be available for purchase Sunday March 4.

## Weekday Preschool Programs are now registering for Fall 2018.

**Broadmoor Buddies**, a Mother's Day Out program for infants through 2 years old meets on Tuesday/Thursday from 9:30 – 2:00 is beginning registration for Fall 2018.

**For more information on Buddies, contact Anne Cathcart at 464-8000.**

**Broadmoor UMC Day School** offers 3 day and 5 day PreK3 classes and 5 day PreK4 classes. Day School hours are 9 a.m. – noon with optional extended care until 2 p.m.

**For more information on the Day School, contact Janet Northen at 861-0586.**

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We hope you will consult with your professional advisers on how this gift would fit into your plans.

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