

The VISION

NEWSLETTER

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Senior Pastor

Feeling helpless is the pits. We've been experiencing it the past few weeks. It came up as we watched people struggling through high water trying to hold a child or a pet and keep up with a handful of possessions tossed into a plastic bag. Helplessness haunts us as we view images of flooded neighborhoods and destroyed towns. And helplessness nags us as we wonder what we can do that will make any real difference in this massive sea of suffering.

Is there any word from the Lord that touches the deep flood of helplessness we feel?

Remember the burning bush, where Moses hears the Lord say, "I have clearly seen my people...I heard their cry." (Exodus 3:7) The good news is that God is not absent or indifferent. God is not blind, insensitive or hard of hearing. The God of infinite compassion sees, hears, feels, and shares our suffering. We are not alone.

Recall when the disciples felt helpless when they were caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. (Mark 4:35-41) Jesus heard their cries. He spoke the words, "Be still!" and "the wind settled down and there was a great calm." The calming of the water was equal to the calming of their fears. The calming word for our helplessness is that God is with us. We are not alone.

Is there a word from the Lord when we see other people's suffering from a distance? We cannot stop the storm. We can't erase the impact of increasing coastal populations or the absence of city planning that led to paving over the earth that might have absorbed more of the rain. We can't replace all that has been lost. Are we helpless, too?

As it was for Moses, the word of the Lord for us is, "Get going." (Exodus 3:10) We aren't helpless! The compassion of God that moved the Samaritan to do what he could for the helpless man on the side of the road calls us to get going; to do whatever we can to relieve some part of the suffering we see.

Sometimes everything we have to give seems like tiny drops of compassion dropped into a massive flood of loss and suffering. But God has a miraculous way of using small gifts to bring great healing, hope, and the strength to go on.

Every "flood bucket" or "hygiene kit" we send, every gift we give to UMCOR or Hopeforhoustonnow.com, every prayer we offer becomes the expression of God's love and the witness of God's presence for the people who receive them.

Church, you've done amazing things the past 2+ weeks. Hats off to Kenny Beauvais and everyone else who've "Gotten going". The funny thing is, the more love you give away, the more love you have.

A Goodbye and A Thanks

Saying our goodbyes provides closure and the opportunity to express our thanks. Please join me starting at **9:30AM this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall area** outside the traditional Sanctuary as we say goodbye to our Director of Youth, Brandon Winningham. Brandon will be leaving BUMC to begin his education career next week. I know you join me in wishing him the best.



Free Concert in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, October 1
6:30 pm**

**at Broadmoor United Methodist Church
(3715 Youree Drive)**

Memorials

Building Fund

In memory of **Marjorie Caldwell** from
Louise Jackson

In memory of **Charlie Chalfant** from Bill
& Tina Anderson, Dr. Tobin H. Grigsby,
Randall George, & Jerry & Mary
Catherine Gooe

In memory of **Eloise Galloway** from
Benny & Laura Vaughan

In memory of **Christopher Lamendola**
from Benny & Laura Vaughan

In memory of **Jane Porter** from Benny &
Laura Vaughan & Bob & Brenda Haley

In memory of **Ken Rodgers** from
Randall George, Willis Neal Ross, &
the Millicent Place Home Owners
Association

UMCOR Hurricane Relief Fund

In memory of **James Rhea Love** from the
Broadmoor UMC Staff

Festival Arts Fund

In memory of **Charlie Chalfant** from
Deborah Griffith

Evangelism Fund

In memory of **Dr. Chad Hargon** from
Benny & Laura Vaughan

Library Fund

In memory of **Mae Bray** from Benny &
Laura Vaughan

Honorariums

Building Fund

In honor of **Margaret & Ronnie Free** from
Bob & Brenda Haley

Our Sympathy To:

Amy Love and her family on the death
of her father, **James Love**
Terry and Martha Love on the death of
his brother, **James Love**

Coming Soon in Missions...



Curiosity Shoppes at Broadmoor Oct. 20 & Oct. 21

This is an up-scale garage sale that will benefit Missions and Women's Ministry. Save any treasures you have to donate to this event. There will be treasure chests set out to collect costume jewelry. There are twelve shoppes which cover everything from jewelry, accessories, and clothing and shoes for adults, kids and babies. Just look through your seasonal items, linens, household goods, home decor, sporting goods and tools. There is also spacing for books, kid's toys, games and baby equipment. Furniture is also being collected. Make sure things are in good order, and clothes are on hangers. Small items & clothing may be brought starting October 1st. Larger items will be brought the last week before the event.

Events Coming Soon...

Understanding John Wesley | Led by Dr. Greg Davis | Sundays, Sept. 24 & Oct. 1

Dr. Greg Davis will share interesting information and insights about John Wesley who was an English Anglican cleric and theologian who with his brother Charles and fellow cleric George Whitefield founded Methodism. Join him from 10:00- 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

Mary, Seeing God through the Eyes of a Mother | Led by Laura Vaughan Beginning October 2

Fear. Anticipation. Heartache. Joy. Mary knew the struggle of bringing new life into a hurting world. Still she willingly opened herself to be vulnerable to God's purposes. From her simple faithfulness



Mission Meeting Wednesday Sept. 27 at 5:30 pm

Mission Meeting in the conference room by the offices. Text Diane Valentine at 617-7896 for questions.

"Souper" Saturday | September 30

Hope House Meals October 1 after 11:00 am Services

Come join us as we put together 60 meals to share with folks at Hope House. They will be delivered on October 2.

Service Day | November 11 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Be a part of service day on November 11th, 2017 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. It will be a musical salute to veterans at the VA Hospital, Veterans Lighthouse and NW LA War Veterans Home. We need all musical members to join the BUMC Patriotic Singers. We will be providing music, treats, cards and visits. Plan on being a part of this special event! Contact Adam Philley at 861-0586 or adam@broadmoorumc.org or Diane Valentine by texting to 617-7896

as a young woman to her soul-piercing anguish at the foot of the cross, journey with Mary through the sorrows and the joys of saying yes to God. This will be a four week study beginning on Monday evenings from 5:45 – 7:00 at the home of Laura Vaughan. We will be using Eugene Peterson's book, "Mary, Seeing God Through the Eyes of a Mother. This is a new four week series where we will study scripture, ponder questions as we color together pages that relate to the story. Cost is \$20

Painting and Pastries | Led by Reverend Peter Gaughan | October 20 6- 8 p.m.

Peter will give us step-by step instructions on creating a one-of-a-kind masterpiece as we enjoy painting, mocktails and delicious appetizers and pastries in Pearce Hall. Cost is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples.



What is generosity? What is a “generous person”? What does generosity look like? Are we generous as individuals? As a church? As a community? How can we be more generous in our daily lives?

This new column will explore in coming weeks these and other questions pertaining to generosity. Hopefully, this column will shed some light on how each of us as individuals, as well as a church, can be more generous in our daily lives.

Gratitude is the genesis of our generosity. As we experience and appreciate God’s generous gifts of time, talent, service, etc., it ignites in us a desire to generously share those gifts with others.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and

ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. | Timothy 6:17-19

Being conformed to the image of Christ includes emulating his sacrificial, giving nature. We can use our own generosity as a gauge for our own spiritual health. How open are we to give? How sacrificially? Generosity is a gauge of our gratitude as individuals and as the body of Christ.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Is it any wonder that the scripture that so explicitly expresses the loving gift we have received in Christ Jesus would also communicate God’s gracious generosity? Because God loved the world, he gave. Love inspires generosity—always.

The Generosity Committee



GENEROUS FRIEND OF BUMC

A generous friend of BUMC was car shopping recently. He happened to see a nice van and thought of the church. So he called the pastor and asked if the church could use a new van.

Given that both vans are over 10 years old, the pastor said, “YES!” The van has been outfitted and is ready to go! Much gratitude for this cheerful giver. Be generous!

Book Chats | Led by Nancy Beauvais

Read and discuss a new book each month with friends. Chats are facilitated by Nancy Beauvais and are open to all. This group meets the 4th Thursday of each month from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Coming Up in Book Chats:

September 28th The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks

October 26th The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

November 30th Camino Island by John Grisham.

Come and Hear Randy Frazee | Wed. November 8 at 6:00 p.m. FUMC

We have been invited to join First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:00 p.m., in Bain Hall to hear Randy Frazee, author of The Story and Believe. Several of our Sunday School Classes have or are using The Story during the Sunday School hour. Randy will share his own story and the importance of the

Gospel message, as we seek to think, act, and be like Jesus! Randy is a renowned author, passionate about spiritual formation and community. He serves as the Senior Minister of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio where Max Lucado is the Teaching Minister. There is no charge for this event which includes dinner but you will need to register by going to the following link: <http://firstshreveport.org/events/>.

Lay Servant School | October 27 & 28

Have you ever wanted to be a more effective church leader; a more confident Sunday School Teacher; or just a better servant for your church? Broadmoor will host the Shreveport District Lay Servant School, which exists to develop the skills and enhance the spiritual gifts of lay leaders and potential lay leaders in our church. This training can also prepare a layperson to preach when a pastor is not available in a local church. Registration forms will be available in the church office. Cost is \$45.



REV. TERRY LOVE
Pastor of Administration

Blessed to be a Blessing

Blessed to be a blessing is a foundational thought when we consider our generosity to the church. Our gifts are a response to the blessings God has put before us. As such, the most joyful givers give back to God first and find that the rest of their resources are adequate to cover their regular expenses. Managing our resources is a spiritual matter. When we approach it that way and faithfully ask for God’s guidance there is a synergetic blessing that brings a joyous satisfaction to our journey. Give to God first and experience the joy!

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Dear BUMC,

If you're in the downtown area on October 7 at 10:40 in the morning, look up to the top of the Beck

Building. If you have your binoculars handy, you might be able to see me, your friendly neighborhood pastor repelling 232 feet down the side of the building!

Last month, the call went out for brave souls to go "over the edge" for the Fuller Center, a local non-profit organization focused on building homes, lives and communities. I pledged to do my best to raise \$2000 for the Fuller Center. If I made it half way, I could repel down the Beck Building.

I'm both nervous and excited to announce our first goal of \$1000 has been reached! With your help, we've raised almost \$1200! If you'd like to make a donation and have not yet had the opportunity, you can write a check to Broadmoor UMC and put Fuller Center in the memo.

Thanks to everyone for lending a hand and supporting the Fuller Center!

Grace and peace,

Peter

P.S. Don't worry. I'll be careful.

**over the
EDGE**



**REV. PETER
GAUGHAN**
Associate Pastor



Continuing Hurricane Relief

As a church, we've collected thousands of dollars to support those affected by the hurricanes this month. We've shipped tools and needed supplies to Houston and Orange, Texas. We even managed a warehouse on Courtesy Lane for several weeks to provide a place for our community to drop off supplies they'd purchase at their convenience. As the rate of donations declined, we began storing donations in our own bus barn here at the church.

Hello BUMC family!

A bittersweet announcement: On September 14, Captain Shreve High School offered me a social studies position and I accepted! As many of you already know, early this year I began the certification process to begin teaching high school social studies. While it is earlier than what I expected or planned for, the opportunity is one that I could not pass up. I will begin at Shreve on October 2.

The last 4 years at BUMC have been an incredible, life-changing experience. I have learned so much from working with the students and their families, and I am eternally grateful. They are the most fantastic group of students I have ever met. It has been a blessing to be in community with them!

Our Youth Ministry will remain in great hands. I have full confidence in our search team to find the right person to fill the role of Youth Ministry Director. In the meantime, our team of dedicated Youth Ministry volunteers will continue to love our students and keep all of our programs moving forward.

I am very excited to begin this new journey in the field of education and look forward to the new challenge and experiences. BUMC is still my church home and I am looking forward to seeing our ministries continue to grow. Thank you to all who have supported me along the way!

Brandon Winningham

Hopeforhoustonnow.com still has the most up to date list of needed items.

This weekend, of Sept 22, 23, and 24 will be the last weekend where we will open our doors to accept deliveries. We will have a trailer out in front of the church also for Sunday worship one more time to collect donations. If you can help us welcome our community members this weekend, please sign up via www.broadmoorumc.org or call the office to let us know you'll be assisting.

On behalf of the recipients of assistance, thank you for all the love you have shown through your generosity with your gifts and time.

