



**Pastor's Message** Dr. Greg Davis, Senior Pastor

## The Return of Sunday School!

### On Sunday, September 20, Sunday School for all ages will begin!

The Sunday School classes have been surveyed: some will resume, some will continue meeting on Zoom, others will continue not meeting. This reflects the culture at large: some are chomping at the bit for the restoration of normal life, others remain extremely cautious. And many persons have underlying conditions or care for loved ones with underlying conditions. So, all positions are understood and respected. If you want to come back – praise the Lord! If you need to stay on the sidelines – the Lord loves you! It's okay either way.

A warning: no coffee, no food offerings. Grind up your No-Doz and stop at Dunkin' D's on the way to church.

Look, one of the challenges has been working out basics, like disinfecting toys. Our dedicated staff will use the aerosol backpack to literally spray down the rooms before and after Sunday mornings. Everyone needs to exercise common sense: keep your mask on, especially in hallways. Don't linger in hallways. Maximum of two persons occupying a restroom continues. Practice social distancing. You know what to do, and you know the best way to love your neighbor is to first do no harm.

We are confident we are taking the right steps to reopen Sunday School safely. Please be in prayer for our church as we slowly inch back to the things we took for granted.

**Please note: the Sanctuary 8:30 Worship Service will reopen on October 4<sup>th</sup>!** We want to get a couple of weeks of Sunday School under our belt before reopening. In plain-speak, we want to work out the kinks!

As your pastor, I want to express my gratitude and admiration for your flexibility and understanding through all this mess. It's going to get better! "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

### **A Better Option Than Slow Mail**

Recently our mail delivery has been somewhat sporadic. For a few weeks we were getting only 3 or 4 deliveries a week. The option of recurring giving through a direct bank deposit, also known as an ACH, is an arrangement we can make for you with your bank and your contribution will come to the church electronically once a month without mail delivery.

More and more of your friends at church are signing up for this method of payment because of its convenience and the confidence they have in the process.

When giving through direct bank deposit, a donor authorizes an amount for gifts to the General Fund and/or the Building Debt Retirement. The electronic donation normally incurs no fees from the donor's bank and the cost of the draft to the church is minimal.

Recurring giving is not only a convenient way to donate, it's faithful assurance that you're consistently investing year-round in life-changing ministry that happens all year long even when you are not able to be present. No more worries about falling behind due to a missed Sunday or two. And, it helps your church as ongoing ministry receives steady funding.

For additional information, or to get started, email <u>ashley@broadmoorumc.org</u>, or <u>terry@broadmoorumc.org</u> or call 861-0586 and they will get a Direct Deposit Authorization Card to you and set up the process with your bank. Direct deposits are made between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. You can make changes to your draft at any time by contacting the church.

Thanks for your continued support of Broadmoor United Methodist Church. God bless, Terry Love



For more information contact Kristin Nelson at Kristin@Broadmoorumc.org

# Our Back-to-School Family Celebration!

Children and Youth Ministries gathered together Sunday night for some socially distanced fun. The **Back-to-School Family Celebration** was a great way to kick off the new school year and cover our students and their families in prayer. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as well as they navigate this unusual year.





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**SEPT. 13TH AT 5:00 PM!** 

Please wear your mask, bring a bottle of water, and help us celebrate being together for the first time in several months! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone!

For more information contact Kyle Boston at kyle@broadmoorumc.org





## **Red Bag Collection**

We recognize this has been a difficult time for many of our members. Normally we collect for Noel Food Pantry the first Sunday of every month. However, with COVID, many of our members do not feel comfortable coming to worship. With this is mind, we are now offering TWO additional ways to donate to Noel Food Pantry! The first opportunity is a drive thru collection from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the first Sunday of every month. You will drive up to the Sanctuary entrance where a staff member will be

waiting to collect your donation.

The second opportunity will be a drive thru collection at the office door Friday Sept. 4th, October 2nd, October 30th, and December 4th during normal business hours. All you will need to do is drive up to the church and give the office a call at 318.861.0586 and a staff member will meet you outside to collect your donation.

Current September needs: toothpaste, tooth brushes, and any kind of paper goods. While we appreciate the donation of mouthwash, we are unable to give out any mouthwash that contains alcohol.

Grace and Peace,

Mary Caldwell & Rev. Kelly Berne

## **September Missions Opportunity**

Your Missions Team recently met and has decided to partner with Common Ground.

Common Ground is located in the Cedar Grove neighborhood and is committed to making a difference through compassionate outreach and



acceptance of all people. This partnership offers us more opportunities to serve children and families in God's neighborhood.

After speaking with Deacon Sarah Shoup, we learned that Common Ground is in need of people helping them pack food boxes. Broadmoor UMC is looking to put together groups of volunteers (no larger than 5 people at a time) to help pack food boxes at Common Ground during the weekdays.

If this is something you would be interested in doing, please email Rev. Kelly - kelly@broadmoorumc.org or call the church office 318.861.0586 and ask for Rev. Kelly.

Times and days are very flexible!





### **THANK YOU!**

Many, if not all, of the staff and administration of the elementary side of Broadmoor STEM came from Arthur Circle. They called out for help and you not only heard their call but responded above and beyond! In July we collected school supplies and in August we collected cleaning supplies. Both collections had a huge response. Our PALs (Provide Another Love) team gathered and packed over 100 grab and go snacks for the teachers during their Professional Development Day.

Your love has not gone unnoticed! The staff and administration of Broadmoor STEM are so appreciative of our continued support.

WAY TO GO BROADMOOR! -

Rev. Kelly Berne





### **AUGUST 2020**

# THE MOM GROUP | SUMMER THE MOM GROUP IS BACK! Wednesdays | 9 to 11 AM

During the summer we will have play dates on the church playground, weather permitting. If the weather is too hot or it is raining, we will meet in Anderson Hall Gym.

For more information please email Rev. Kelly Berne at kelly@broadmoorumc.org

# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (6 WEEKS)

IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THAT WAY by Lysa Terkeurst Led by Betty Hochstetler Begins August 13th | 5:30-7 PM, Pearce Hall Cost \$20

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# WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (6 WEEKS)

CHASING VINES by Beth Moore Led by Bonnie Daniel Begins Sept. 14th | 10 AM Pearce Hall Cost \$20 (for materials & books)

## BROKEN & BLESSED (6 WEEKS)

Led by Rev. Kelly Berne & Kristin Nelson

The Bible tells us God created each of us for His purpose but so often we see ourselves as broken and wonder how God could possibly use us. In this 6 week book study we will explore Jessica La Grone's book *Broken* & *Blessed* where she takes a closer look at the first family in the book of Genesis. Despite imperfections that weave their way throughout this family's history, God turns their brokenness

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into blessings for the world. Join Pastor Kelly Berne and Kristin Nelson to see how God can bring blessings from our own brokenness.

Sept. 15th - Oct. 20th Tuesdays | 6 - 7:30 PM \$15 (for materials & books)

### **BIBLE STUDY**

1 SAMUEL Led by Dr. Greg Davis Sept. 16th - Nov. 11th Wednesdays | 10 AM & 6 PM \$20 (for materials & books)



## **BROADMOOR METHODIST DAY SCHOOL**

The Day School is now registering for the 2020 - 2021 school year. We have openings in our PreK3 (3 day and 5 day) and our PreK4 (5 day) classes. If you would like more information please call Janet Northen, Director, at 861-0586.

Janet Northen, Director
Broadmoor UMC Day School and Early Learning Center