



#### Dr. Greg Davis Senior Pastor

#### **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Before I share a story that reflects upon Christmas, it is my duty to report that we are still behind for 2018 - we have made considerable headway, but we still remain about \$50,000 behind, actual income to expenses. Please make an effort to defray this gap by giving to BUMC. Thank you.

Now, here's a story that becomes an instructive parable for the Advent/Christmas season. A group of people in Kansas decided they would give a dear friend a surprise birthday party. They put their heads together to make it the perfect celebration. They were super-organized, even setting up three subcommittees to run food, decorations, and entertainment. There was lots of excitement and anticipation leading up to the big event.

Finally, the evening arrived. Everything was perfect. The hall was decorated finely. The food was mouthwatering. The entertainment had been highly recommended. All the guests were there in plenty of time.

Everything was squared away...with one huge exception. They forgot the single most important thing. They had forgotten to invite the guest of honor...so they had the party without him.

Think about Christmas for a moment: Do we sometimes forget what it's all about? Do we sometimes leave Christ and his Church off our Christmas gift list? Do we sometimes omit the single most important thing?

# Annual Women's Ministry Retreat | "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" | Led by Rev. Kelly Berne, Rev. Julia Farrell, Amy Love and Laura Vaughan | Saturday, January 12, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM in Anderson Hall Cost \$30

Poet Mary Oliver asks, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" As we begin a New Year, what would you like to see present in

your life? How can you create your best year yet? Rev. James Martin, S.J. writes, "Your deepest desires, the things that you're drawn to, the person you are called to be are really God's desire for you. How else

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would God call us to something? Do you want to be more open, more loving, more free, that is a call!" We will combine the practices of journaling and creativity as we prayerfully reflect on our own hopes and dreams as well as our own purpose and mission for the New Year through the creation of our own personal visioning journal.



#### Holiday Office Hours and Emergency Contact

The Church Office will be closed at NOON on Christmas Eve through January 2nd. Gifts will be received by staff members December 27th & 28th at the church office from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. & the 31st from 10 AM - NOON.

Please have any donations you want in 2018 delivered to the church or post marked by December 31, 2018.

If you need to get in touch with a pastor, please call this number 318-347-9506 and leave a message with a phone number and your call will be returned.



#### Refresh

We hope that you will join us for UMY on January 6th at 5pm as we kick off the New Year. Our theme for the coming year is REFRESH. How can we use the New Year as an opportunity to refresh ourselves? Come join us as we discover together!





We hope you will join us for this year's Christmas Parties on Sunday, December 16th at 5 PM.

- 6th / 7th Grade at the Watt's
- 8th / 9th Grade at the Belanger's



CHRISTMAS CAROLING Tuesday, Dec. 18th Meet @ 5:30 PM

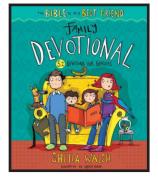


# Turkey Bowl Thank You!

Thank you to all those who helped make this year's Turkey Bowl a success! On top of our overflowing boxes of donations, we raised \$320 to help purchase turkeys and other goods for the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank!

## **CHILDREN**

For more information contact Kristin Nelson at kristin@broadmoorumc.org



# To kick off the new year, we will celebrate our 1st graders and their families.

During our 11:00 services we will honor them with a family devotional. This devotional is a great way for families to spend time learning, growing and connecting in God's Word throughout the year. It offers weekly devotionals and family challenges that are fun and will fit into the busiest of schedules. First graders won't want to miss this milestone and opportunity to gather as a family and spend time in God's Word. For questions or more information contact Kristin at the church office or by email kristin@broadmoorumc.org

#### **Save The Date!**

## Sky Ranch and Fifth Grade Mentoring Meeting January 27th



There will be a parenting meeting on January 27th during the Sunday School hour to discuss the Sky Ranch Retreat and the mentoring program. Our 5th graders are reaching the home stretch of their elementary school years and their time in the Children's Ministry. We want to celebrate them by taking them on a fun-filled retreat to Sky Ranch. We also want to make the transition from Children's Ministry to Youth Ministry as easy as possible for them. We have created a mentoring program where 5th graders will be paired with a 9th or 10th grader during the Spring semester. Our hope is that they begin to build relationships with youth and slowly integrate into some of the youth activities. For questions or more information contact Kristin at the church office or by email kristin@broadmoorumc.org

# **NEW MEMBERS**



#### **WELCOME TERRI!**

Please extend a warm, Boadmoor welcome to Terri Wehlander who joined us back in October from Noel UMC.

Terri is a retired RN. She is interested in Small Groups, Women's Ministry, Senior Adults, Congregational Care, Bible Study and Health and Wellness.

# Coming Events...

#### **Grace Cooke UMW Circle will meet on** Saturday, December 15 at Common Ground to wrap presents for their **Christmas Store.**



We will meet at the church at 9:30 for those who want to share a ride, and wrap from 10 AM - NOON.

- Lunch will follow at Bistro Byronz at 12:15 PM.
- Please contact Diane Valentine at 318-617-7896 to let her know how many plan to have lunch or for any
- Common Ground is located at 6806 Southern Ave, Shreveport, LA 71106. Please bring wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift bags or bows to use for wrapping.



#### District Leadership Training | January 20th, Benton UMC 2:30 - 5:00 PM

Interested in learning and growing more as a leader of the church? There are many workshops offered including ones about missions, church finances, young adults, dis-

cipleship and disaster preparedness and more. To attend and to learn more contact Laura Vaughan at laura@broadmoorumc.org.

#### New Member Luncheon | January 13th, 12:15 -1:30 PM in Pearce Hall

If you have joined the church in the past year, please join us for the opportunity to hear from our pastors, enjoy a delicious meal and learn more about next steps you can take on your own Discipleship path! This is a family friendly event and all family members are welcome to



attend. RSVP to Laura Vaughan at laura@broadmoorumc.org.

# FORGET THE THINGS DOING

#### **HAVE YOU SET YOUR CHRIST CENTERED GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR?**

Take some time during this holiday season to reflect back on 2018 and look at how you spent your time and energy. As a member of the Broadmoor family, we are called to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

- Ask yourself, where are you in your faithful journey as a disciple of Christ?
- As you look forward to 2019, where is God calling you?
- What do you need to pay attention to in the coming year to continue to grow deeper in your relationship with God?
- What Christ-centered goals are you making for the New Year?

## **MEMORIALS**

#### **Building Fund**

*In memory of:* 

- · Dr. & Mrs. Heinz Faludi from Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Faludi
- Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Townsend from Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Faludi

#### **Endowment Fund**

*In memory of:* 

• Myrel Jackson from Dr. & Mrs. Pope Oden

#### Festival de Noel

In memory of:

- Becky Daniel from Tom & Bonnie Daniel
- Ann Green from Bruce & Melissa Simon

#### **Youth Fund**

*In memory of:* 

• Myrel Jackson from Tom & Bonnie Daniel

#### Missions Fund

*In memory of:* 

· Warren Williams & Dr. Richard Williams from Mary Ann Williams

#### **Kids Hope Fund**

*In memory of:* 

- Gwen Branton from David & JoNell Blakey
- Walker Thurmon from David & JoNell Blakey
- Myrel Jackson from David & JoNell Blakey

# **HONORARIUMS**

#### Festival de Noel

In honor of:

• Adam Philley from Bruce & Melissa Simon

# **PASSINGS**

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- Cynthia and Greg Davis and family with the passing of Cynthia's mother, Ann Green.
- The O'Dell family with the passing of Jack and Mandy's son-in-law's mother, Aleta Leblanc.



#### Led by Suzanne Stabile | January 24 - 26 (Jan. 24, 1 - 5 PM. / Jan. 25 -26, 9 AM - 5 PM) | Registration \$375

Join Suzanne Stabile, co-author of The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery (with Ian Cron), author of The Path Between Us: An Enneagram Journey to Healthy Relationships, and host of the popular podcast, The Enneagram Journey as she discusses the Enneagram and Relationships. Her teaching will include the best of each number, the uniqueness of each personality, the ways one number relates to another, and what each personality would want others to know.



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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

- Cornerstone
- Covenant Tigers
- Searchers
- Upper Room

#### **MEMORIALS**

#### IN MEMORY OF:

- Mae and John Bray from the Bray daughters
- Oscar E. Cloyd and William R. Peal from Martha Cloyd Peal
- Becky Daniel from Bonnie and Thomas Daniel
- Ann Green from Melissa and Bruce Simon
- Dean Hurley from Lynda Beauvais Jones
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- Jane and John Porter from Anne and Dale Cathcart and Carol McKenzie
- · Jerry Wray from Allison and George Wray

#### **HONORARIUM**

#### IN HONOR OF:

- Adam Philley from Melissa and Bruce Simon
- Adam Philley & the Chancel Choir from Shirley & Jim White

## **Order the Disciples Devotional Book for New Year**

If you would like a copy of the Upper Room Disciples for 2019, please bring your check to Laura Vaughn, Director of Discipleship, made out to Broadmoor United Methodist Church for either \$15 for regular print or \$18 for large print.

# Thanks For Your Continued Support

Statements were sent out last week to everyone who has made an identifiable contribution in 2018. If you were expecting to receive a statement and did not, contact Terry Love at the Church Office. Please review your statement and advise us of any corrections. We are very grateful for your efforts in this matter as we prepare our final entries for the year's end.

If you have a balance outstanding that you would like to pay, or if you would like to make an additional gift to assist with end of the year expenses, we will be receiving gifts in the Church Office through noon on December 31st. Revenue has been less than expected this year so any additional assistance you might have available will be appreciated. Remember that it is only through your gifts that ministry is possible at BUMC.

May God continue to bless you through this year and into the next.

#### Terry Love