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The season of Lent kicks off on March 1 with Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6:00 at Broadmoor UMC. What is Lent all about?

The word "Lent" comes from a German word for "springtime." The 40 days of Lent in the Christian calendar recall the 40 days of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Since the fourth century A.D., the Church has observed Lent as a time of "spring cleaning for the soul." During this season, we imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for 40 days.

Lent is a time to evaluate ourselves in light of God's Word, to abandon sin, and to receive God's forgiveness and strength.

But really, why "do" Lent? Our lives are filled with distractions that take us away from living a life with Christ. We try to fill the emptiness inside us with mindless TV, going out to eat, lots of exercise, stimulants, alcohol, too many activities or other irrelevant stuff. We run away from life and from God. Lent is a great time to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a 40 day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. You might try one of these practices for Lent:

FASTING: Some people have been known to go without food for days. But that's not the only way to fast. You can fast by cutting out some of the things in your life that distract you from God. Some Christians use the whole 40 days to fast from candy, TV, soft drinks, cigarettes or meat as a way to purify their bodies and lives. You might skip one meal a day and use that time to pray instead. Or you can give up some activity like worry or reality TV to spend time outside enjoying God's creation. What do you need to let go of or "fast" from in order to focus on God? What clutters your calendar and life? How can you simplify your life in terms of what you eat, wear or do?

SERVICE: Some Christians take something on for Christ. You can collect food for the needy, volunteer once a week to tutor children, or work for reform and justice in your community. You can commit to help a different stranger, co-worker or friend every day of Lent. Serving others is one way we serve God.

PRAYER: Christians also use Lent as a time of intentional prayer. You can pray while you walk, create music or art as a prayer to God, or savor a time of quiet listening. All can be ways of becoming more in tune with God.

I hope that you will join us at Broadmoor UMC as we ask God to change our hearts and lives during the liturgical season of Lent.

Burnt Offerings: Spring Fling Sunday, March 12

Join us at 5:00 p.m. in Anderson Gym on the evening of Sunday, March 12, as we celebrate the springtime with food, community and music! At Burnt Offerings: Spring Fling, you will have the opportunity to sample over 30 different appetizers, entrees, soups, salads and desserts prepared by master chefs from our own congregation, and vote on your favorites.

There are many ways to be involved with the Spring Fling! Be a chef (prepare your signature dish and serve "sample sizes" at the event), donate a silent or live auction item, help set up or clean up the event, and encourage others to attend the event. Sign-up forms for chefs, auction donations, and volunteers are located at the Welcome Center and Reception Desk. Tickets will be available beginning February 19 at the Welcome Center and Anderson Foyer on Sunday mornings. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children/youth, with a \$35 family cap.

All funds raised by Burnt Offerings will support the Missions Ministry of Broadmoor. Missions are a major way that our community of faith shares the love of God with our neighbors in the Broadmoor community and around the world. You won't want to miss this signature Broadmoor event, so invite your friends and family and join in the fun for a good cause!

Memorials & Honorariums

Building Fund

In memory of **Julia Edgar Beckett** by Russell & Susan Ogilvie, Rowena Jones, Tom & Bonnie Daniel, Carol Evans Witt, Dick & Norma Davenport, Randall George, and The Lindsey Rau Family.

In memory of **Mae Bray** by Russell & Susan Ogilvie.

In memory of **Jeri Edwards** by Dr. & Mrs. William Blakely and Dick & Norma Davenport.

Children's Ministry

In memory of **Julia Edgar Beckett** by Caroline Phillips.

LA Methodist Children's Home

In memory of **Julia Edgar Beckett** by Donald Brittan.

Layette Fund

In memory of **Julia Edgar Beckett** by Jack & Audrey Zahm and Irene Skipworth.

Library Fund

In memory of **Julia Edgar Beckett** by Johnny Coody.

Memorial Fund

In memory of **Mae Bray** by L. Chris Johnson, Tim & Lynne Givens, Dru & Mark Florsheim, Nancy & Bia Sale, Sara & Henry Hearne, Mr. & Mrs. John Hayter, III, Pat & Rob Scheffy, Allison & Jerry Montgomery, Jane & Paul Cooke, Lee Teston, Gretchen Pope, John & Marjorie Hayter, Walter & Joan Phillips, Sue H. Jackson, and Larry & K.K. Miller.

Special Projects

In memory of **Julia Edgar Beckett** by Peggy Rosson, Mrs. John T. Porter, Faye C. Moore, J & C Rogers Foundation, and David & Polly Evans.

Vacation Bible School

In memory of **Mae Bray** by Kristin Nelson.

Youth Ministry

In memory of **Julia Edgar Beckett** by Betty Jopling.

2016 Financial Statements

If you contributed to Broadmoor UMC in 2016 and have not yet received a contribution statement, please notify Rev. Terry Love, Pastor of Administration, by email (terry@broadmoorumc.org) or phone (861-0586). Statements were mailed at the end of January, but some have not been received.

COMING SOON...

Centering Sounds Prayer Retreat with Walter Jr. | Saturday, February 18

Join us on Saturday morning, February 18, from 9 a.m. to noon as jazz musician Walter Jr. leads us in a time of Audio Divina and Centering Prayer followed by a Hope and Healing Service. Cost is \$15. Contact Laura Vaughan for info: laura@broadmoorumc.org.

Mardi Gras Parking Fundraiser for Youth | February 18 & 25

The Youth Ministry will be selling parking spots for both Mardi Gras parades again this year! All proceeds will fund youth summer missions. The parking lot will open at 2:00 on February 18 (Centaur) and February 25 (Gemini). Parking spots are \$10 each.

Wesley Heritage Tour Interest Lunch & Meeting | Sunday, February 19

Dr. Greg Davis is hosting a Wesley Heritage tour in July 2017 with Educational Opportunities Tours. This trip to England departs on July 11, 2017 and returns on July 19. We would like to extend an invitation to all who are currently signed up as going as well as ALL who might have interest in going for a luncheon on Sunday, February 19, at noon in Pearce Hall. Kathy Brouhard, the expert from EO tours, will be there to provide us lunch and answer any and all questions. Please RSVP to Carrie Restel at 318-861-0586 or carrie@broadmoorumc.org for a lunch count.

UMW: Learn About The LightHouse | Tuesday, February 21

The LightHouse is coming to Broadmoor! Learn who they are, who they serve, and how their programs are like a beacon of light for some of the least in our community. Women of Faith Circle invites you to their meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 200. Our featured speaker is Carolyn Hammond, spokesperson for the LightHouse. All are welcome, so consider this your invitation to join us for some "light" refreshment for body and soul!

World Day of Prayer Service | Friday, March 3

World Day of Prayer and National Day of Prayer are intended to bring together congregations from all over to pray for the well being of our world. Broadmoor UMC and Noel UMC are embracing that intentionality by coming together on those days to pray. Members from all congregations are invited to gather at Noel UMC on March 3 and join in prayer at Broadmoor UMC on May 4. As Lent begins, join us on Friday, March 3 (World Day of Prayer) for a time of quiet and reflection in Lane Chapel at Noel UMC, located at 520 Herndon Street. It will be a perfect way to begin the season of Lent. The chapel will be open from 12-1 p.m., with a short guided Lectio Divina at 12:15pm. You are welcome to come and go during the hour as you are able.

Red Bag Sunday | Sunday, March 5

Sunday, March 5 is Red Bag Sunday! In our Red Bag Ministry, Broadmoor provides reusable grocery bags with a shopping list of needed food items for those who are hungry. We encourage people to fill the bags with items and bring them to church on the first Sunday of each month. The bags are then donated to the Noel UMC Food Pantry! Special needs for March include long grain rice (1 or 2 lb. bags), canned fruit (15-16 oz.), side dishes (mac & cheese, Rice-a-Roni, etc.), and bags of apples and oranges.

Twisted Root Lunch Fundraiser for Sky Ranch | Sunday, March 5

Spring is almost here, and so is the time for our fifth graders to transition from the Children's Ministry to the Youth Ministry. Each year fifth graders enjoy a weekend at Sky Ranch Camp as a way to celebrate their time in Broadmoor's Children Ministry. On Sunday, March 5, fifth graders will be in the Fellowship Area and Anderson Hall, where we encourage you to stop by and write words of encouragement, your favorite scripture, or make a donation to the Sky Ranch trip. We will share your thoughts with this group at Sky Ranch. After church you are invited to enjoy lunch at Twisted Root (8690 Line Ave.) between 11:00-2:00, where a percentage of the lunch proceeds will go towards the Sky Ranch Retreat. Thanks for your support!

Church Council Meeting | Sunday, March 5

Broadmoor UMC will hold a Church Council Meeting on Sunday, March 5, at 5:30 p.m. in Pearce Hall. Everyone welcome!

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THE LENTEN SEASON

Ash Wednesday Service | Wednesday, March 1

You can't get to the heart of anything if you don't begin the journey. Ash Wednesday is a time when we begin the journey toward Jerusalem with Jesus in the season of Lent. Receive the gift of ashes at noon in the chapel and 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The ashes serve as a reminder of our mortality as well as an outward sign that we mourn our sinfulness and the brokenness of the world.

Lenten Check Up Series | Begins Sunday, March 5 in The River

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. That's true, until it's time for a check up. Then we go see the doctor! Even if we feel like we're in perfect health, a check up is a good idea. It is a proactive way to make sure we stay healthy. Our spiritual health needs a check up every now and again too. That's one of the benefits of Lent. It serves as a spiritual check up. We give something up, or pick up a new habit for at least 40 days. These Lenten practices can help us examine what, how and why we do the things we do. They also help us to answer the question, do we do what we do for the glory of God? This Lent in the River, the stories of Jesus will guide us as we give our spiritual lives a check up. We're not bad, in trouble, or even sick. It's simply time for our Lenten Check Up. Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 in Anderson Hall.

Prayer Writing with Pastor Peter | Begins Tuesday, March 7

We are a congregation that prays together for and with each other. But which words do we use? It is easy to say we use our words, just as we lift our unique voices to God in prayer. Still, when someone looks to us and asks us to pray, we feel less than prepared to offer words of prayer. This Lent, let's equip ourselves with the skills to offer those prayers. Join Rev. Peter Gaughan on Tuesdays during Lent for an hour to learn the basic structures of prayer so that when someone asks for prayer, you will be ready. Join us every Tuesday, March 7-April 11, at 11:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. in Room 200.

Forgiveness: A Lenten Study | Begins Wednesday, March 8

Forgiving others and humbly asking for forgiveness are central disciplines for all Christian believers. Lent, a time to reflect on our Christian journey, is an appropriate time to deepen our understanding and practice of forgiveness.

- Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive?
- Is forgiveness a matter between individuals, or is it meaningful only in the context of communities?
- Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured?
- How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness?

Benny and Laura Vaughan will lead this study using Marjorie Thompson's book *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*. We will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Cost is \$15 and includes the book. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or on the Kiosk.

Lenten Prayer Retreat for Women | March 10 & 11 at Asbury UMC

We had a wonderful time in January with retreat leader Lisa Frost as she guided us to begin the New Year with a "Rule of Life." There was so much wisdom shared between the over 60 participants.

We are partnering again with Noel UMC and Asbury UMC for another retreat with Lisa that will be held at Asbury UMC on March 10 and 11. We will meet Friday evening from 5:30 – 8:15 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lisa is a member of University UMC in Baton Rouge and a certified Spiritual Director who has led retreats throughout Louisiana and Ireland.

Cost for the retreat is \$25 per person and includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. You can register on the kiosk or by signing up at the Welcome Center and turning in your \$25 check made payable to Broadmoor UMC to Laura Vaughan, Director of Discipleship.

Creed by Adam Hamilton Lenten Sunday School Study | Begins March 12

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

The Searches class is hosting this study beginning March 12 at 9:50 in the Chapel. Come explore what Christians believe, why they believe it and why it matters.

Save the Dates: 2017 Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday | April 9

8:30 & 11:00 in Traditional worship in the sanctuary // 11:00 in The River Contemporary Service in Anderson Gym

Maundy Thursday | April 13

6:00 in the sanctuary

Good Friday | April 14

Noon in Anderson Gym

Easter | Sunday, April 16

8:30 & 11:00 in Traditional worship in the sanctuary // 11:00 in The River Contemporary Service in Anderson Gym

Invite your friends and family to join us at Broadmoor UMC for Holy Week 2017 as we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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Centenary CLC Fundraising Dinner feat. Suzanne Stabile | Thursday, March 16 Nancy Beauvais to Receive Christian Leadership Award!

Centenary College's Christian Leadership Center (CLC) invites you to its 11th annual Fundraising Dinner featuring internationally renowned teacher and retreat leader Suzanne Stabile on Thursday, March 16, at 6 p.m. in the Centenary College Fitness Center.

Suzanne Stabile is the author of *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey of Self-Discovery*. She is a master teacher of the Enneagram (a powerful tool for personal and collective transformation) and draws up on her educational background at Southern Methodist University, as well as her life skills learned as a mother of four, a social worker and a minister's spouse. Her refreshing teaching style is an unforgettable blend of humor, honesty and authenticity. Stabile recently visited Broadmoor UMC in January to lead an in-depth Enneagram workshop for the Shreveport area.

During this event, the Christian Leadership Center will honor our very own Nancy Beauvais with the Christian Leadership Center award. Nancy has served as the Chairman of the CLC Advisory Board and has been a mentor, confidant and cheerleader for dozens of students who have been enrolled in the program and interned at Broadmoor.

You can register online at <http://centenary.edu/clcfundraiser> or by calling Maegan Habich at 318.869.5112. Tickets are \$45 individual or \$300 for a table of 8.



We Are Not Troubled Guests with Scott Erickson | Sunday, March 5

Broadmoor is partnering with Noel UMC to host a "live art" experience to begin the Lenten season. On Sunday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the worship center of Noel UMC, artist Scott Erickson from Portland, OR, will be performing his multi-media show titled *We Are Not Troubled Guests*. Through spoken narrative, live painting, and curated video, Scott will share his most personal experience with faith, doubt, depression, and the solidarity of karaoke. Often funny with moments of brutal honesty, we begin to see our own journey through Scott's vulnerability and are given the gift of seeing how we really belong in the world. Admission is free, finger foods & beverages will be provided, and run time of the show is about 70 minutes. Childcare will be available!

March Book Chat | Thursday, March 23

Read and discuss a new book each month with friends! March's selection is *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie. Join us from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the parlor!



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