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PICNIC IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, JULY 3RD

★ 5-7PM A.C. STEERE PARK ★

Picnic in the Park | Sunday, July 3

Broadmoor UMC will host a neighborhood "Picnic in the Park" at A.C. Steere Park on Sunday, July 3 from 5-7 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out and celebrate Independence Day with food trucks, live music from The Hollow Decks, inflatables, games, a kickball tournament, face paint, contests, a bike/stroller patriotic parade around the track, and more! Bring lawn chairs or a picnic blanket for guaranteed seating.

Schedule of events:

5:00 Event begins. You are welcome to bring your own picnic dinner or purchase food from a food truck (Jester Catering, Ribs & Tips Express, and Happy Belly). Complimentary soft drinks and water will be provided. Register for kickball tournament, contests and raffle. Bouncy house & cornhole open.

5:15 Sack Race **5:30** Kickball tournament

6:00 Pickle Eating Contest **6:15** Pie the Pastor

6:30 Bike & Stroller Parade. Decorate your bike, wagon, trike, scooter, or stroller with red, white, and blue for the 4th of July! Bring your decorated "vehicle" to the track at 6:20 and we will have a patriotic parade beginning at 6:30. Prizes will be awarded for best decorations and most spirit!

If you would like to invite friends or family to the event, pick up a postcard invitation at one of our Welcome Centers. Raffle tickets to "Pie the Pastor" (Dr. Greg Davis or Rev. Peter Gaughan) will be for sale beginning Sunday morning, July 3, at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Area for \$1 per ticket.

If you are interested in being on a volunteer committee for this event (particularly set-up and/or clean-up), it's not too late! Contact Carrie Restel at carrie@broadmoorumc.org or 861-0586 to find out the different areas in which you can serve. There will be a brief meeting for ALL Picnic in the Park volunteers directly following the 11:00 services on Sunday, July 3 in Anderson Gym. Get ready for a great celebration!



FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dr. Greg Davis

Technology is wonderful, but it comes at a price. The greatest problem technology creates is the encouragement of a superficial attitude towards life. I may have a thousand friends and followers on social media, but really, how deeply do I know more than just a few of them? Perhaps this superficiality is best understood for what it encourages us to forget: the inner life. If we obsess over all things digital, we have little time for looking within ourselves. Technology has the potential to rob us of our contact with the center of life.

Evidence is found in our busy lives. (I'm writing this on a computer after checking my calendar on my mobile device, which is a micro-computer, answering several emails, Facebook messages, and texts, and checking over the minutes from a meeting my secretary just received on her computer and printed on the laser printer.) We find ourselves overloaded by so much information these days...and it's fast! We stay so engaged that we don't have time to celebrate life. We do not have time to know each other and care for each other. This is partly why prayer has been pushed aside – we have lost contact with our inner life. When we forget the inner life we seek quick and easy answers, and we forget that real living does not focus on easy answers but on the frequently unanswerable – or partially answerable – mysteries life presents us.

Another phenomenon of life today created by technology is our constant desire to avoid all pain, the pain of not having, the pain of not knowing, the pain of missing out on something.

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From the Pastor, *Continued*

This causes those who are going through pain to become isolated, and it makes it difficult for us to use suffering to transform ourselves and the world.

Therefore the church must be a healing community, where problems and pain are not just mentioned or cured, but the place where problems and pain are seen as an opportunity to gain a new vision of life. The church becomes the place where people do not seek to deny pain but the place where people join together to share their struggles and find in them new life. This church is a place of welcoming and openness. A place where the power of God is focused to change the human heart and influence human society, tasks which are not separate.

I give thanks for this church, which has an openness to accept me and the power to transform me. Unfortunately, technology has not ushered in an age in which all our problems will be overcome, but the church is giving me a way of moving beyond them.

See you Sunday.



BRANDON WININGHAM
Director of Youth Ministries

CSM Denver: A Word of thanks to our Supporters

This Sunday the Youth Ministry will take 20 students and 4 adults to Denver for a week of service with the Center for Student Missions. This is our third year in a row to serve with CSM and I can honestly say that this is a life-changing experience for both our students and our adults. CSM is an organization that is present in 11 of America's largest cities and their mission is to provide an effective urban ministry experience that transforms lives, influences churches and communities, and honors Christ. We will be working with several different ministries in Denver that help solve the problems of poverty, homelessness, and discrimination. Our egos will be made smaller and our

worlds bigger as we work with children, teens, and adults from a completely different walk of life. From the work that we do to the food that we eat, this will be an immersive experience outside of our comfort zones. It is in these spaces that we find Christ. Please be in prayer for our adults and students that we may be transformed through the work that God has called us to do and thank you so much for helping us fund our trip!

Memorials & Honorariums

BUILDING FUND

In memory of **Evelyn Davis** by the Women of Faith UMW Circle, Ann Cook, and Gay & Gary Gaskins.

In memory of **Jackie Risinger** by Dr. & Mrs. Juan Watkins.

LIBRARY FUND

In memory of **Jackie Risinger** by Ann Spikes.

UMW FUND

In memory of **Evelyn Davis** by Elaine Camp.

New Members



Mandy & Jack O'Dell

Births

We welcome into the world:

Cassandra Lucille Drake,
daughter of Alex & Fred Drake,
born June 3;

Charlotte Marie Carr,
daughter of Justin & Heidi Carr and
granddaughter of Mary Alice and Phillip
Templeton, born June 16; and

Lucy English Porter,
daughter of John & Mary Claire Porter;
granddaughter of Kenny & Nancy Beauvais,
Mark & Kate Porter, and Karen Laird
Porter; and great-granddaughter of Dean
English Hurley, Glenda English Laird, and
Jane Porter, born June 18.

Sympathy

Remember in prayer the family & friends of

Jackie Risinger,

who passed away on June 17. Jackie is survived by her daughter Ann Landry and her husband Chuck; her son David Risinger and his wife Megen, and grandchildren, Tyler and Mallory Landry, Jeremy, Erin, and Emily Risinger, and Hannah Haworth.



Summer Sunday School: Camp Meetings

On each Sunday during the month of July, join us from 9:45-10:30 in Anderson Hall for a church-wide "Camp Meeting" featuring gospel songs led by Adam Phillee, a message by Dr. Ray Branton and fellowship with Dr. Davis and Rev. Gaughan! Take a break from teaching and mingle with other classes as we gather to learn and grow deeper in our journey of faith. Casual dress encouraged! Dr. Branton will speak on **God's Freedom Agenda: The Ten Commandments for Today:**

- July 3: *I Come First. Don't Fence Me In.*
- July 10: *Show Me Some Respect. Keep My Day Special.*
- July 17: *Honor Your Parents. Don't Murder.*
- July 24: *No Cheating On Your Spouse. No Stealing.*
- July 31: *No Lies. No Lust.*



LAURA VAUGHAN
Director of Discipleship

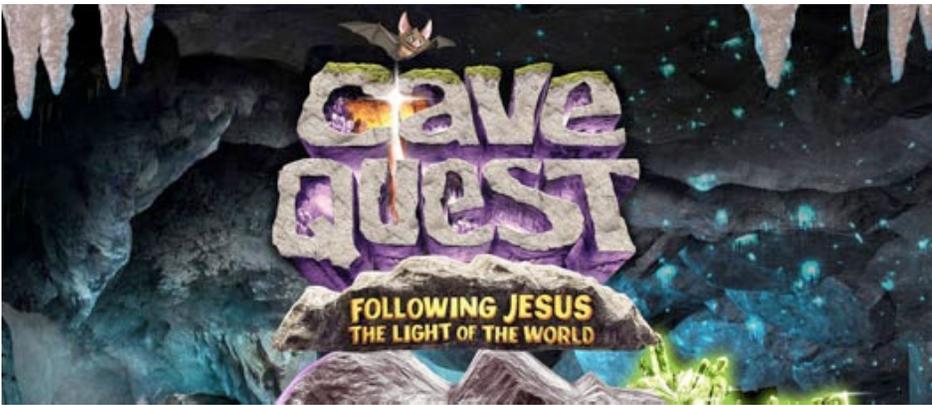
How Can I Grow in the Spirit?

This spring and into the summer we have had great sermons from Dr. Greg Davis and Rev. Peter Gaughan on the **Fruit of the Spirit** in both Traditional and River worship services. One of my favorite authors is Henry Nouwen and I receive a daily devotional from his website. The following is from one of his devotionals:

How does the Spirit of God manifest itself through us? Often we think that to witness means to speak up in defense of God. This idea can make us very self-conscious. We wonder where and how we can make God the topic of our conversations and how to convince our families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues of God's presence in their lives. But this

explicit missionary endeavor often comes from an insecure heart and, therefore, easily creates divisions. The way God's Spirit manifests itself most convincingly is through its fruit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22). These fruits speak for themselves. It is therefore always better to raise the question "How can I grow in the Spirit?" than the question "How can I make others believe in the Spirit?"

What are some of the ways you are **growing in the Spirit?**



Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest | July 25-29

Gear up for a great adventure this summer at **Cave Quest** VBS! Kids will build on the foundation of God's love and learn how it will carry us through even the darkest of times. This exciting adventure begins on Monday, July 25, and goes through Friday, July 29, 9 a.m.-noon every morning. Vacation Bible School is open to kids ages 4 to those just finishing 4th grade. Registration forms are located at the Welcome Centers in the fellowship area, Anderson foyer, and office area. The \$12 registration fee includes a t-shirt. We minister to over 150 children during VBS each year, and it can't happen without the help and support of volunteers! You may volunteer at one of our Welcome Centers or online. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Watts, awatts1125@gmail.com or 347-8939. If you would like to make a donation to help offset the cost of VBS please see Kristin Nelson or Terry Love. Let the adventures begin!



Summer Russia Delegation

James Gillespie and a delegation from Louisiana traveled to Ekaterinburg, Russia for Vacation Bible School June 14-17. They served over 120 children and provided the necessary supplies to lead VBS. The reach of this year's VBS went beyond FUMC and included children from 5 other churches in Ekaterinburg, influencing families all over the city!



RED: Remember Everyone Deployed

Broadmoor UMC is now collecting items to send to our troops stationed overseas. Drop items off in one of the red collection bins located in the Fellowship Area by the sanctuary, Office Reception Area, or Anderson Foyer. You have one week left to donate items! A \$20 monetary donation to aid postage costs will get you a cool RED t-shirt! Plan to join us for a RED packing party on **Sunday, June 26** at noon in the gym!

Needed items include:

- Drink mix-ins (such as Crystal Lite)
- Hand Fans
- Socks (white)
- Underwear
- Food in individual packs (tuna, chicken, corned beef, vienna sausages, crackers, pretzels, and microwavable items such as soups, popcorn, and mac & cheese)
- Batteries
- Games (nerf balls, crosswords, sudoku)
- CDs & DVDs (movies and TV shows)
- Books, magazines, comic books
- Floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Shaving cream, razors
- Deodorant
- Baby wipes
- Chapstick
- Sunscreen
- Eye drops
- Hand and body lotion
- Insect repellent, fly paper, fly swatters
- Disposable cameras
- Magnetic photo frames
- Blank cards
- Pencils
- Paper
- Notebooks

Please be in prayer for our deployed military, including Broadmoor member **Will Rhodes**, who is currently serving in Qatar/Afghanistan.



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Widows' Support Group | Wednesday, June 29

Our new Widows' Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29 in the Parlor. This group offers a place to know that you are not alone and the comfort to be around other women who have experienced a spouse's death. Come and enjoy new friendships and the encouragement of others. This month we will do some scriptural coloring while we visit and then head to Piccadilly on East Kings for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

iPsalms in the River | Begins Sunday, July 3

Join us in The River Contemporary Service on Sunday mornings in July at 11:00 as we take a deeper look into the Psalter, sharing the different ways we feel and speak to God. The Psalms remind us of wisdom, express our unbridled emotions, be they pain, or gratitude and or praise. We will see how Scripture illustrates that it is acceptable to feel a wide range of emotions and express them to God!

The Beauty of Nature in the Psalms | Begins Tuesday, July 5

The poetry in the Psalms contains the whole realm of human experience: joy as well as sorrow and fear; worship for God's mercies as well as prayers for deliverance. Psalms speak the same message the whole Bible speaks: God made the world and loves it and it demonstrates his character and attributes. This 4-week class will explore the beauty of the allegories of nature in the Psalms, led by Keith Asszony on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00** beginning July 5. Bring your Bible, and a notebook will be provided. Cost of class is \$10. Sign up and pay online or at one of the Welcome Desks.

Gymboree Play Date | July 17

Join us at Gymboree on Sunday, July 17 at 4:00 for a play date open to kids ages 2-6. Enjoy some time with your little one while making new friends! Space is limited, so sign up as soon as possible at one of the Welcome Desks or online. The cost is \$10 per child. Contact Children's Director Kristin Nelson with any questions at kristin@broadmoorumc.org.

Music Camp for Kids | July 18-21

Do you like to sing, dance and have a good time? Come join the fun at Music Camp for kids grades 1-5, July 18-21 from 9:00-noon. Each day there will be lots of singing, games, crafts and snacks! We will also begin working on our Christmas musical because Christmas will be here before we know it! Sign up at one of the Welcome Desks or online. The cost is \$10 per child.



Huge thank you to Amber Robinson and Jennifer Powers for their hard work in putting together our fabulous Inside Out Family Night!



Hannah and her monster! Come join us for fun at our last Story Time for kids this Monday, June 27th at 10:30 in the Children's Music Room.



Lois Hindman turned 100 years old on June 8! Greg and Cynthia Davis and her 2by2 partner Debbie Noone helped her celebrate at The Glen.



The Celebration Singers youth choir visits the Texas State Capitol while on choir tour. They sang their way through Austin, San Antonio and Houston!