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SHINE ON

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SHINE ON - MAKING COURAGEOUS COMMITMENTS IN SCARY TIMES

You don't have to explain to anyone what precarious times we are suffering through. Each of us has his or her own story of how the COVID-19 pandemic has been so challenging.

The church has not gone unscathed through this ordeal. In-person worship was suspended and activities for children, youth, and adults canceled. Fewer contributions as a result of reduced programming, participants' lower income, and the reluctance to spend

one's limited funds, has stretched the church but it has not broken. We have been encouraged by the Shine On theme scripture from John 8:12, that "Christ is the light of the world," and "whoever will follow him will never walk in darkness."



Special gifts to the church in June and July, along with funds from the Payroll Protection Program bolstered the General Fund bank account. Reduced contributions, though in August and September, have resulted in shortages of approximately \$18,500 a month even with lowered expenses. Having the healthy bank account described above, the church can operate well into the second half of 2021 with all things remaining the same. It is preferable, and will become necessary, to increase the revenue back to a more normal level and keep watch on the essential expenses for long-term stability through 2021 and beyond.

This is where your courageous commitment comes in. You may not feel you can give more than you have been giving, and that is probably a reality for a number of families. But, as scary and perilous as things seem to be, I hope you will consider what is the most faithful estimate of giving you might make. What is the best estimate that you can pledge that will require God's help for you to complete it?

Please bring your Shine On financial and service pledge cards with you to worship Sunday, October 25. We will pray over all the cards and ask for God's grace to be upon our efforts in support of the church. If you can't be with us Sunday, please mail in your cards or go online at BroadmoorUMC.org, go to the give button and follow the prompts to the Shine On 2021 Pledge.

Thank you for all your generous contributions and personal service. God bless!

Terry Love, Business Administrator

Lay Leader Message

by *Kenny Beauvais*

Each year our church leadership must submit written reports regarding the church to our District Superintendent. These forms include assessments of our pastoral leadership, membership data, lists of key leaders and positions within the church, and financial data.

These reports then become part of your church's "charge conference", which is our link to the annual conference thru a meeting held in which the District Superintendent presides. The Discipline of our church mandates that we hold a charge conference annually.

Below is the report I have submitted as Lay Leader, the "Report of the Laity"

Broadmoor United Methodist Church Report of the Laity October 2020

*This past year Broadmoor United Methodist Church (BUMC) began its first year transforming from the traditional Church Council structure to the streamlined Governance Board organization. As part of this process, the Church Council adopted a resolution to "re-adopt" this new structure in May of each year, by the entire congregation. The intent of this **annual resolution** was to give the membership the reminder that the structure **can be changed** should circumstances require. It was also felt that this would encourage the board to work diligently to ensure the new process would be a success.*

Leadership of the church took aggressive action to be highly transparent with the changes, and to communicate to the congregation at all levels the new structure.

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The Board made certain they were proactive in answering questions and putting forth the information concerning the changes.

Early in the year, leadership continued to move forward with our mission and vision statements to allow us to Know, Grow and Go in God's love as a congregation.

In March, COVID19 disrupted every aspect of BUMC's ministry, leadership, and planning for the year. The Governance Board continued to keep its monthly meeting schedule using virtual technology. The streamlined structure proved valuable in making changes to church ministry and operations, and decisions were fully presented, discussed, and acted on much faster than they could have under the Church Council structure.

Financially, BUMC has been fortunate. Faithful members fulfilled pledges and went beyond pledged amounts to compensate for some of the loss of non-pledge revenues. Reduced operations also contributed to us keeping our budget close to "break-even" in this most tenuous time.

Technology allowed the church to record and stream services to members during the time when in-person services could not be held.

Our Early Childhood Education program (ELC) has continued its operations within the parameters of governmental guidelines. This has been the primary ministry of service during the most severe COVID19 period. As restrictions were lifted, other early childhood education programs were re-opened as well.

Church staff followed strict health guidelines to provide a safe and clean environment for early childhood education and, when allowed, for on-site gatherings and meetings that furthered our vision & ministry.

During 2020, COVID19 was a challenge for our church, but staff and lay leadership responded, adapted, and continued the work of the church to the best of our combined ability.

We praise God for the guidance provided our leadership and members during this most difficult period.



Recently, your Governance Board approved two repair projects on our church campus:

- ♦ Repair of the furnace unit in Anderson Hall – special thanks to Tommy Kerr and his company for saving us several thousand dollars in making a repair of this unit rather than a replacement
- ♦ Due to winds from Hurricane Laura, 135 feet of the brick wall in our parking lot collapsed into our neighbors yards. This is the third repair to this wall in the past 10 years and the repairs involve replacing the (collapsed section) block wall with a wall of concrete. This project should be completed by the end of October, weather permitting.

Also, during the month of October, the Governance Board wishes to gratefully recognize the clergy serving here at Broadmoor United Methodist Church. While they are serving in unprecedented times, and these past months have caused them to rethink and restructure how they serve our congregation and our community, we appreciate their steadfast leadership and guidance. Both Dr. Greg Davis and Rev. Kelly Berne continue to feed us all spiritually, keep us connected as the Body of Christ, and help us to look to a time when we can all worship easily together in the place we call home at Broadmoor United Methodist Church. On behalf of your congregation, thank you!



Kids Hope is moving to a new format for this school year. Since our volunteers cannot go into the school to meet with our students we are starting a new Pen Pal relationship to keep up with our students. While we wish we could mentor face to face, we think mentoring by Pen Pal is a great way for our children to know their mentor is still in their corner, cheering them on and investing in their lives.

In addition the Teacher Encouragers, Friday Friends and PALS are working together to support the teachers and staff at

Broadmoor Stem. We are trying to send treats each month and to have breakfast and lunches several times during the year. We had a back to school breakfast,



an October treat and are now planning a Gratitude Lunch for November. Since Broadmoor Stem staff is much larger than Arthur Circle we are seeking monetary donations to help with these lunches. If



you would like to help, please send a check to BUMC with a memo for Kids Hope.

I would also like to thank everyone for the large response we had for our Back to School Supply

drive in August and the hand sanitizers and wipes for the teachers in September. I am always amazed at how generous our church is and how they support our neighborhood school.

Jan Bookter, Kids Hope Director



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KRISTIN NELSON AT KRISTIN@BROADMOORUMC.ORG

BIBLE TIME!

It's Bible time for our PreK 4 on November 1st!

Three generations receive their 3rd Grade Bible from Broadmoor UMC (1961, 1992 & 2020)



LifeShare

LIFE-SAVING BLOOD DRIVE!

Blood supply is critically low!

**Sunday, October 25th
9 AM - 1 PM
LifeShare Buses
BUMC Parking Lot**

Sign up online or contact:
Jessica Bato @ (318) 861-0586
or
Philip Maxfield @ (318) 935-9838



YOUTH MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KYLE BOSTON AT KYLE@BROADMOORUMC.ORG



The Children's and Youth ministries are excited to be offering yet another chance to come together and have a night of **Family Fun!**

- **October 25th**
- **5 - 6:30 PM Anderson Gym.**
- **Food, Fall Games & Activities,**
- **A chance to show off your Halloween costumes!**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

- ◆ **TEXT-TO-GIVE** | Text 'GIVEBUMC' followed by the amount you wish to give to 877-570-3715
- ◆ **BUMC WEBSITE** | broadmoorumc.org/give
- ◆ **DIRECT DEPOSIT** | Call office at 318-861-0586 & talk to Rev. Terry Love or click on Direct Deposit Form, fill out the PDF form & mail to BUMC
- ◆ **SNAIL MAIL** | Mail to: BUMC, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105

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- Volunteer Youth Justice
- Gabriel's Closet
- HUB
- "Souper" Saturday
- Hope House

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- LA Methodist Home
- UMCOR
- N. Rampart Community Center
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- Dulac Community Center

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- ♦ **Philip & Myrel Jackson** from Irene Skipworth
- ♦ **Charles Bryant** from Patricia Bryant, Bruce & Melissa Simon, Julie Zadeck, Nelson & Judie Bell, Evelyn Rodgers
- ♦ **Fred Goza** from Doug & Kay Robinson, Donna Prater, Capt. Shreve High School Alumni Association, Ron & Eneile Mears

PASSINGS



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- ♦ **Jessica LaVigne** for her grandfather, Russell Martin
- ♦ **Jim Watts** for his grandmother, Lena B. Earnest
- ♦ **Bill Patten** for his brother, Freddie Patten
- ♦ **Sue Thomson** for her cousin, Paul Lydolph