

THE MESSENGER

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Inspiring people to KNOW, GROW & GO in God's love!



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Governance Board Message

Amy Sudduth

Governance Board Update...

The month of November is a good month to remember how thankful we should be. With the challenges this year has brought, for many of us, being thankful may seem like a difficult task. I can certainly appreciate that, working in the healthcare field in the midst of a pandemic! But I recently read something that made me think of our church and our recent stewardship campaign – “Shine On”, and how it ties into being thankful. It discussed the concepts of grace, gratitude and generosity. And it made me consider how my actions of grace, gratitude and generosity are reflected to those around me.

Do I let my light shine through these concepts? Or am I hiding my light as I try to face the sometimes trying circumstances of the day?

As a member of our Governance Board, I invite you to consider these questions. Are grace and gratitude in short supply or can we be generous with them? As we count our many blessings this month and each day of the year, is Broadmoor United Methodist Church close to the top of your list? If it is, and you haven't already done so, please consider turning in your pledge card to express your planned generosity to your church. If you are able to make an extra gift to help defray costs of projects we have recently incurred, show your generosity in that way. Invite others to participate in worship services, either through links on social media or through in-person worship as they are able. There will be volunteer opportunities in the coming weeks that might allow you to give generously of your time. I encourage you to find ways to shine your light as you demonstrate your thankfulness!

Broadmoor United Methodist Church's mission of *Inspiring People to Know, Grow and Go in God's Love* gives us all a framework for showing how thankful we are to be part of a church which defines its mission field as “Serving children and families in God's neighborhood”. This month, as we give thanks for all we have, please know that the Governance Board at BUMC gives thanks for each of you. As we approach the Advent season in anticipation of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the eternal light in our world, I hope you will continue to “Shine On”.

Amy Sudduth

FIRST GIFT

A Way to Honor the Christ Child

It has been a long-standing practice at Broadmoor United Methodist of requesting that members and participants give the FIRST GIFT of the Advent season to honor the Christ Child and all the hope he represents. These gifts are used to support the General Fund of the church.

This year, being like no other that we can recall, has seen an 18.5% reduction in contributions to the church. We have been able to reduce our expenses by 15% to help offset much of the deficit, and relief funds from the SBA have been helpful to reinforce our financial position. The fact remains that a shortage of revenue over expense does still exist for the year. This situation will require additional modification in the funding of the church for long-term stability and strength.

We have been extremely blessed through all the months since COVID-19 surfaced. We have been diligent in following the best information available to provide a safe place for worship and limited participation in activities at the church. We have been able to keep all our employees and pay our expenses while reducing the debt significantly. We continue to pray for God's guidance and wisdom to offer the insight necessary for each of us to stay well.

Please consider your generous FIRST GIFT to Broadmoor United Methodist as we continue to honor the ministry and sacrifice of the Christ as we seek to inspire people to know, grow and go in God's love.

Terry Love



Something to Celebrate!!!

I don't know about you, but I could really use some good news and something to celebrate! Our staff has worked hard to think outside of the box and bring you some joy this Advent season. See ALL the details below. It will surely be an amazing night and not one you will want to miss! I'm looking forward to sharing in the joy of the season with you!

Dinner plates will be: Brisket, salad, mac and cheese, and a roll with desert.

RSVP by Sunday, November 22nd to office@broadmoorumc.org

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Kelly Berne

CHURCH WIDE ADVENT KICK-OFF!

The Advent Season is right around the corner and is a great time to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world.

We will begin the season with a **CHURCH WIDE ADVENT KICK-OFF!**

- ◆ November 29th
- ◆ Anderson Hall
- ◆ 5 - 6:30 PM

Keeping with the tradition of *March to the Manger*, we will watch the nativity story unfold, enjoy special music and break bread together. We are also collecting gifts for **Roy's Kids** to help local children in need experience a merry Christmas. Advent boxes will be available for pick up that evening. These special boxes will contain activities that will help us keep the focus on Jesus during this Advent season.

Reservations are required by Sunday, November 22nd to properly plan for dinner and setup.

If you would like to help with this event, make a donation to help with the cost or have questions contact the staff at office@broadmoorumc.org



Advent-in-a-Box!



This year, you can pick up a box of Advent supplies for your family to enhance your Advent experience!

You will find an Advent calendar of activities, a Scripture Sheet, a Talking About sheet, a Hands-on Activity sheet, an Interactive Prayer sheet, a Real-Life story, and a Shine Your Light Challenge. Everything you need to do the activities is in the box (aside from a couple of normal household supplies). Do the suggested ideas all at once or spread them out throughout the month.

You will also find communion juice and wafer and a candle for **Christmas Eve's Outdoor Christmas Candlelight Service**. These boxes will be available at the **Advent Kickoff on November 29th at 5 PM**, before or after worship during Advent, at the church office, or special arrangements can be made through office@broadmoorumc.org



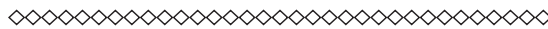
This Season, Let HIM Be Born Inside Your Heart

Broadmoor United Methodist | *Missional Opportunities for Christmas 2020*

Common Ground Christmas Market

DONATE TO THE CHRISTMAS MARKET AT COMMON GROUND

- NEW TOYS, CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS, AND SPORTING EQUIPMENT FOR ALL AGES—CHILDREN, TEENS, AND ADULTS. **No item should be valued at more than \$25** (SEE GIFT IDEAS ON FB, WEBSITE & POSTERS)
- WRAPPING PAPER, GIFT BAGS, TISSUE PAPER, AND TAPE.
- MAKE A MONETARY DONATION



Angel Tree Gifts

Benefiting the Louisiana United Methodist Children & Family Services



Available **NOVEMBER 29th**

IN-PERSON ANGEL TREE: INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ SELECT A GIFT TAG FROM THE ANGEL TREE FOR EITHER A GIFT OR A GIFT CARD.
- ◆ WRITE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK OF THE CARD AND PLACE THAT CARD IN THE GIFT BOX ON THIS TABLE.
- ◆ RETURN YOUR UNWRAPPED GIFT OR GIFT CARD TO THE ANGEL TREE ON SUNDAYS OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK BEFORE THE **DEC. 15th** DEADLINE.

DEADLINE DEC. 15th



Thanks to the 122 families for returning your ShineON pledges for 2021!

If your estimate of giving is still on the counter and you are planning to complete it, please take a few minutes and place it in the mail. You can also find the ShineON 2021 form **online** at BroadmoorUMC.org

Thanks for your help and God bless!

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UMW VIRTUAL COOKIE STROLL

SUPPORT LOCAL AND STATE METHODIST CHARITIES

FUNDS COLLECTED NOVEMBER 8TH - NOVEMBER 22ND

CASH OR CHECKS TO BROADMOOR UMW ARE WELCOME!

Thank you for your support of past Cookie Strolls!



UMW REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Broadmoor UMW invites you to give to others this christmas by filling a box with the items below. The collected items will be donated to the food ministry.

Fill your own box or join with others to fill a box. Add an item daily until the end of the list.

OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND PANTRIES THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

- November 22 - box of cereal
- November 23 - jar of peanut butter
- November 24 - box of stuffing mix
- November 25 - box of dry potatoes
- November 26 - box of macaroni and cheese
- November 27 - can of fruit
- November 28 - can of tomatoes
- November 29 - can of tuna
- November 30 - box of desert mix

*Find items through DEC 15th on
WEBSITE & FACEBOOK*

Deliver items to the Anderson Hall door on Wednesday, December 16, Thursday, December 17, or Friday, December 18 during church business hours. If you have questions or need another time for delivery, please call Sue Ottesen at 318-423-2160 or Diane Valentine at 318-617-7896.



Christmas Poinsettias

**Donate a flower
In Honor/ In Memory of
a loved one!**

All proceeds go to Missions.

- ◆ \$15 per plant
- ◆ Orders due by NOV 29th
- ◆ Pay by mail or online
- ◆ Pick up DEC 20th after 11 AM services

MEMORIALS

BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF

- ◆ **Patsy Patten** from Curtis & Dianne Turner
- ◆ **Fred Goza** from Dr. & Mrs. Juan Watkins, Tommy & Debbie Kerr, Curtis & Dianne Turner, Arleen & David Hague
- ◆ **Philip Jackson** from Curtis & Dianne Turner
- ◆ **Blanche McConnell** from Steve & Patsy Lavery
- ◆ **John Palmer** from Terry M. Preis
- ◆ **Nelson Bell** from Ruby & John Stewart
- ◆ **Jim Collier** from Lee & Susan Larsen, Randall George, Eugenia M. Bridges, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Doles
- ◆ **Philip Jackson** from Mary Caldwell
- ◆ **Blanche McConnell** from Ruby & John Stewart