

The Messenger



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

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FIRST GIFTS - PRACTICING GIVING TO HONOR THE CHILD

Giving as an essential practice of Christian faith and worship inspires generous acts toward others as a crucial element of celebrating Christmas. The generous ritual goes back to the manger giving shelter, the star giving guidance, the shepherds giving context, the wisemen giving honor to the Child who gives hope in disorientation and suffering.

The importance of giving has remained indispensable within the story of the message-made-mortal that we might better understand our role in this basic movement that God first set in motion.

As a congregation, Broadmoor UMC practices the concept of giving in many ways that continues the process that has been evidenced in God's love. One tradition that points back to God's beginning is the Advent ritual of giving the first gift of the season to the Christ Child for the work of the church.

Your special financial gift at this time of the year speaks to your honoring the presence of Christ in your life and helps the congregation to complete the fiscal year in a healthy way. Write First Gifts on the memo line of your check or go online to BroadmoorUMC.org and follow the giving prompt.

Thanks for your generous FIRST GIFT giving priority to honoring the Holy Child and continuing the ministry of the church.



NOVEMBER 27TH - UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit UMC.org/yourimpact.

HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY?

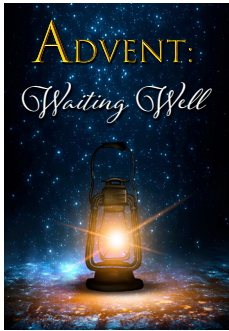
United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom.



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ADVENT SEASON



The Christmas season is just around the corner and we hope you will join us at BUMC for our Advent Series, **Waiting Well**, which kicks off **November 27th**.

Advent will give us a lesson in waiting—and knowing when to act. Waiting is generally something that we do not like to do. But there is something about learning how to wait well, no matter the reason or the season. Waiting well is a spiritual discipline that contributes to emotional health, spiritual vitality, and actions that are grounded in faith. This series will look at ways in which we can wait well, challenging the negative assumptions that waiting means inaction, apathy, or a lack of passion, and moving toward waiting that is deliberate, disciplined, and just.



Gingerbread House Contest

Teams sign up by December 7th!

Contact Kristin Nelson at

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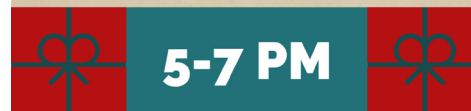
Rules:

1. Teams can consist of family, friends, Sunday school classes, etc.
2. Teams must sign up by Wednesday, December 7th!
3. A team member must drop off your gingerbread house in place between 4 and 4:45 on December 11th.
4. No kits! We want to see your creativity. :)
5. Everything on your house must be edible.
6. Each group is allowed three non-edible accessories to help decorate.
7. Your base must be no bigger than 15 x 15 inches.



PACK THE SLEIGH

A church-wide Christmas celebration



SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUR NEXT CHURCH-WIDE EVENT!

Broadmoor Family, As we move toward advent season, we would love to invite you to join us for our next church-wide event: Pack the Sleigh!

This event has activities for all ages, like a gingerbread house competition, cupcake decorating, live music playing holiday favorites, Christmas Movie Trivia, a trip from Santa Claus for the kids, and a chance for us to pack Santa's Sleigh by bringing gifts for Common Ground's Christmas Market.

The event will take place Sunday, Dec. 11th at 5 pm. Dinner will be provided. Please sign up through the office or on your connect card each Sunday leading up to the event. **Deadline for signups will be Wednesday, Dec. 7th.** We hope you will join us for this chance for all generations to enjoy the spirit of God and community this Christmas season. Contact Kristin Nelson at kristin@broadmoorumc.org for more information.



BOTH/AND HOSPITALITY EVENT

The onset of the global pandemic changed so much of what we've known ministry to be inside and outside the church. Social distancing, and non-physical gatherings brought new challenges where connection and relationship building are concerned.

With so much ministry happening BOTH in the building AND online, how can we earn the second, third, and ongoing visits from those who are new to our faith communities? In a season where everything feels different, how can we claim or reclaim a passion for radical hospitality, making great first impressions and work toward being poised for guests before they arrive? Join guest readiness and hybrid worship author and coach Jason Moore for an exploration of what it means to extend **BOTH/AND Hospitality**. You'll learn how to make great first impressions from your website (the front door), to the building (the physical door).

In this session we'll cover:

- Making good first impressions online and in-person
- Best practices for website
- Wayfinding/signage best practices
- Demystifying insider secrets
- Avoiding alienating people online and in-person
- Extending hospitality to everyone
- Building lasting relationships
- Follow up

When: December 3rd • **Time:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. • **Where:** Broadmoor UMC • **Cost:** \$20 (includes lunch and materials)

• **Registration:** <https://laumc.link/hospitality>



Common Ground Community 10th Annual Christmas Marketplace Collection Drive

We are partnering with Common Ground this year to help them stock their Christmas Marketplace. This gives our friends from Cedar Grove the opportunity to shop and buy presents for their families at affordable prices.

Donations can be dropped off to the church Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Sundays 8 a.m. to Noon. Please have donations to the church by December 12th.

Suggested donations are: Lego sets, action figures, cars and trucks, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, dolls which reflect the ethnicity of Cedar Grove, arts and craft kits, coloring books, socks, gloves, hats, sporting goods, board games, dominoes, coats, jewelry, bracelets, rings, nail polish, makeup, lotions, soaps, bath gels, slippers, kitchen items, decor, candles, and blankets. **No item should be valued at more than \$35.** Wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, and tape are also needed.

GABRIEL'S CLOSET

Just a reminder that we have a crib near the Office Welcome Desk for year-round collections. If you have some extra baby or toddler items, please consider donating them to Gabriel's Closet. They are in need of baby and toddler items and clothes, infant to 4 years old. They also take convertible car seats, pack-n-plays, potty chairs, and small swings. For more information, please contact Rev. Kelly Berne by emailing kelly@broadmoorumc.org or calling 318.861.0586

Thank you



Angel Tree Update:

THANK YOU! Because of your generosity all 40 United Methodist Children's Home tags have been pulled and all 30 United Methodist Foster Home gifts have been purchased. Please remember that all in person shopping gifts are due back to the church by December 4th. Don't forget to attach your tag to your gift. Gifts do not need to be wrapped. If you didn't get a chance to grab an Angel, we have added some Gift Card Tags to the Angel Tree. Please have those gift cards back



THANK YOU to all of our volunteers! This year's Mission Marketplace helped raise over \$14,000 for our fair trade vendors and non profit organizations.

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CHOIR SCHOLARS FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ Jerry Googe from William G. Anderson, Mary Shemwell, Florence Baremore

RESERVE FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ Madeline Prothero from Ivan & Gloria Smith
- ♦ Kathy Thomas from George McGovern III
- ♦ Jim Connell from Ken & Dena Martin
- ♦ Margaret F. Berry from Thomas F. Berry

HONORARIUM

FESTIVAL DE NOËL FUND

IN HONOR OF:

- ♦ Dr. Wybra & Judy Price from Tom & Deborah Griffith

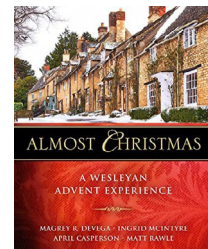
MISSIONS FUND

IN HONOR OF:

- ♦ Sue Ottesen from Sandra Ginsburg

Advent

BIBLE STUDY



Join all three pastors in studying *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience* on Wednesdays starting November 30th 10 AM or 6 PM in room 200, cost is \$20.

Learn how we can commit to follow Christ wholeheartedly and connect to our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of peace, hope, love, and joy. Sign up on your connect card, emailing office@broadmoorumc.org, or calling the office to sign up.

You can pay the \$20 book cost at broadmoorumc.org/give, through check with "Advent Study" in the memo line, or by bringing cash to Rev. Terry Love during office hours.



Festival de Noël

Just a reminder that our beautiful concert is this Sunday the 27th at 6 PM in the Sanctuary.

Please consider making a contribution to this event --family, individual, Sunday School Class, small group, etc. Your support is needed and very appreciated. Any questions, contact Deborah Griffith at dgriffith@att.net or Ashley O'Quinn in the church office.

Holiday Services

Christmas Eve
The River Contemporary Service 3 PM
The Sanctuary Traditional Services 5 PM & 7 PM

Christmas Day
The River | 10:30 AM

New Year's Day
Sanctuary at 10:30 AM

TITHES & OFFERINGS

- 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