

The Messenger

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Pastor's Message

Dr. Wybra Price, Senior Pastor

Thanksgiving: The Start of a Generous Season

Gratitude and generosity go hand in hand.

As we enter the holiday season, it's important to remember the true meaning of giving. Traditionally, Thanksgiving kicks off the official season of generosity and goodwill that continues through Christmas and the New Year. Thanksgiving is an excellent opportunity to reflect on the blessings we've received. It's also a good time to act on our gratitude by giving back.

During this season of giving, we could donate a little more to the organizations or causes that are dear to our hearts to help them reach their bottom line for the year. Many nonprofits, and churches (including Broadmoor UMC) receive as much as 40% of their annual revenue, on average, during the holidays. And if not a financial gift, we can donate our time to worthy causes or even reach out to those experiencing challenges this time of year to offer an encouraging word.

With so many blessings in our lives, what better way to show our thankfulness than by giving back to others?

Here are some ways you can make a difference this holiday season.

- Volunteer at your church or a local nonprofit
- Give to your favorite cause, church, or nonprofit.
- Visit someone in need
- Fulfill a wish list.

Kick off the Thanksgiving season by giving. We hope this Thanksgiving will be extraordinary for you and your loved ones. Whether you partake in traditions like eating turkey, traveling to be with loved ones, or watching football, our wish is that you'll have plenty to be thankful for.

Giving and Sharing Thanks,



Christmas Poinsettias

You can now order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one.

Cost is \$15 per poinsettia and all proceeds go to missions.

You can place your order by filing out the order form in your order of worship or by emailing the office at office@broadmoorumc.org.

Church office is closed from Wednesday, November 22nd at noon and will reopen on Monday, November 27th at 8 AM.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KYLE BOSTON AT [KYLE@BROADMOORUMC.ORG](mailto:kyle@broadmoorumc.org)



Happy Thanksgiving!
Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Turkey Bowl!



UMY Christmas Parties

8-12th grade- Dec. 10th
6-7th grade- Dec. 17th

Bring a pair of socks to donate and a wrapped pair to swap!

UMY Christmas Parties
We hope you will join us for our UMY Christmas parties on Dec. 10th and 17th from 5-7 PM! We will have games, food, various prizes, and time for us to enjoy the Christmas season together. Please bring a wrapped pair of socks for our sock swap, as well as a set of socks to donate to those less fortunate!

Please reach out to Kyle Boston at kyle@broadmoorumc.org for more details!

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE!

Youth and Children's Sunday in the River

SAVE THE DATE!
DEC. 10TH

Save the date for Dec. 10th!
The December 10th party for 8-12th grade will be hosted at the Simon's house!
The Dec. 17th party, for the 6th and 7th graders, will be hosted at the Skweres'.

Holiday Schedule

BLUE CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 21ST AT 6 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT- DECEMBER 24TH*
No 8:30 AM service | Sunday School at 9:45 AM
Combined River and Sanctuary services in the Sanctuary at 11 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES- DECEMBER 24TH
River Contemporary Candlelight Service at 3 PM
Sanctuary Candlelight services at 5 PM* and 7 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY- DECEMBER 31ST*
Sunday School at 9:45 AM, 8:30 AM and 11 AM Sanctuary services & 11 AM River Contemporary service

**Nursery provided for ages 0-kindergarten*

COMING SOON Be on the lookout for yard signs advertising Christmas Eve services at BUMC! Put one in your yard and let others know they can worship at BUMC this Christmas Eve too.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KRISTIN NELSON AT [KRISTIN@BROADMOORUMC.ORG](mailto:kristin@broadmoorumc.org)



Santa is Coming!
Sunday | Nov. 26th | 5-7PM

Santa will make a special appearance here at Broadmoor UMC during our Advent: A Season of Belonging event Sunday, November 26th from 5-7. He will also visit our friends at St. Luke's for breakfast Saturday, December 2nd, 9-11. **Make sure to join him for a special Christmas visit!**

MISSION UPDATES



Angel Trees are up and running!

Our Angel Tree helps BUMC support our local United Methodist Children's Home and our local United Methodist Foster Care. There will be two different options to shop: Pick an angel off our Angel Tree and shop in person, or for those who opt to shop online, the gift you purchase will be shipped directly to the UM Children's Home or UM Foster Home. On the RED angels, the QR code takes you to a list of desired gifts at Amazon. Angel Trees are set up by the Sanctuary Welcome Desk and the Office Welcome Desk.

All store-bought gifts are due back to the office by December 4. Please place your online orders by December 1. For more information, please contact the church office at office@broadmoorumc.org or 318.861.0586.



December Mission of the Month - The Gingerbread House

The Gingerbread House Children's Advocacy Center is a community-based, non-profit organization that began serving abused children in 1998. The Center works in close collaboration with local law enforcement, child protective services, the district attorney's offices, and medical and mental health professionals to provide the best possible services for abused children and their families.

The Center assists in gathering evidence and documenting the victim's verbal testimony. Through the Center's advocacy program, child victims and their families

are prepared for the criminal justice process in such a way that prevents further victimization. The Gingerbread House provides mental health interventions for child victims and their non-offending family members, so that the healing process can begin. All services are provided at no cost to the victim's family or referring agency.

This month we are collecting 1-ounce Play Doh, 8-ounce bottled water, and washable markers. All of these items are used daily in sessions with the children they serve.



United Women in Faith Christmas Meeting Dec. 5th | 11 AM | The Chapel

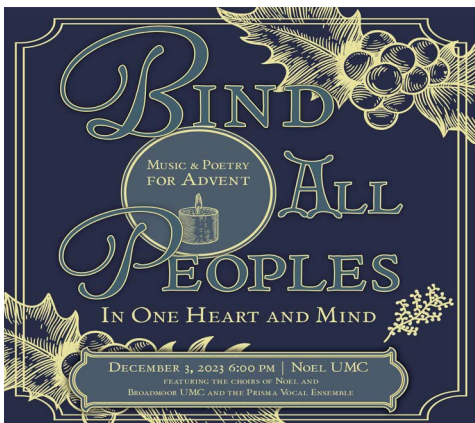
Come and hear a special Christmas message from Dr. Wybra Price, and participate in a Christmas cup exchange! Buy a cup, and fill with candy or a small ornament to share with someone else. As you find that special cup, pray for love and peace for whomever receives it.

We will fill a sock with signed Christmas Cards for Veterans at the VA Hospital. The cards will be provided to sign with a brief message to a Veteran. Join us for lunch at Biscotti's afterward. **ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!**



MUSIC MINISTRIES

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The chancel choir will be joining the Noel Memorial UMC choir for an advent concert as part of their masterworks series on December 3 at 6 PM at Noel.

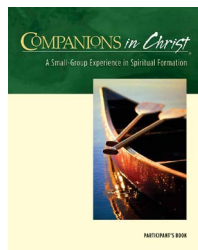
They will be joined by the Prisma vocal ensemble. The evening will be full of beautiful music and readings, focused on the coming of Christ. We hope to see a large contingent of Broadmoor people there!

THE RIVER @ BROADMOOR UMC

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COMPANIONS *in Christ*



Consider Joining a Companions in Christ Small Group.

WHAT IS A COMPANIONS IN CHRIST GROUP? It is a small group resource that focuses on Spiritual Formation. Through Companions, a person would learn to listen to God's Word and allow their lives to be shaped by it.

WHO WOULD WANT TO BE IN A COMPANIONS IN CHRIST GROUP? Anyone who would like to grow together in a small group Christian community setting.

WHY WOULD I WANT TO BE IN A COMPANIONS IN CHRIST GROUP? Because it is designed to create a setting where you and others can respond to God's call on your life, in your small group, and in the Body of Christ.

WHEN WOULD THESE GROUPS BEGIN? BUMC is scheduled to begin these groups after the MLK holiday in January. Each group would decide when their groups would meet.

WHERE WOULD COMPANIONS IN CHRIST GROUPS MEET? Normally the groups meet at the church, but some groups have been known to meet in homes, or in coffee shops.

Companions in Christ small groups first started in 2003 at BUMC. One of these groups has been meeting together every Monday evening at 6:00 in the Parlor. Yes - this group has been meeting together, faithfully, for 20 years!

Prayerfully consider if this is something you feel a calling in your heart to do.

Watch The Messenger each week for more information about Companions.

In the meantime, contact Bonnie Daniel for more information, at 318-617-2550.

Continuing the Story

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Update on 2024 Continuing the Story Campaign

We have received 119 pledge commitments for 2024 totaling \$591,680. This is 70% of the \$850,000 we would like to receive for next year. We have had 45 families increase their pledge and we have an additional 17 families that have submitted a pledge for the first time.

Thank you to everyone who has committed to being a vital part of the ministries of Broadmoor UMC for the upcoming year. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible so we can begin planning our budget for 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Watts at amy@broadmoorumc.org or 861-0586.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

BUMC WEBSITE | broadmoorumc.org/give

DIRECT DEPOSIT | Call office at 318-861-0586 & talk to Amy Watts 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