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BROADMOOR UMC NEWS & HAPPENINGS!

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BUMC Governance Board: 1st Year Review

Allison Wray, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, Ex Officio Governance Board member

January 2020 began with the first meeting of Broadmoor's new Governance Board led by Chairperson, Amy Sudduth. The 4 previous committees: Church Council, SPR, Trustees and Finance were combined into one new Board, focused on the mission of Broadmoor: "Inspiring people to know, grow and go in God's love."

Life seemed simpler in February when we weren't focused on learning about Zoom meetings or the proper way to wear a mask. Instead, we were planning for upcoming events such as Connect Cards at the Ash Wednesday service and inviting others to our Palm Sunday and Easter services.

Unfortunately the COVID-19 health crisis caused the cancellation of many of our favorite events including weekly Sunday worship, Bible studies, Sunday school and hearing the Chancel Choir sing on Easter Sunday. The Governance Board voted to begin live streaming of Sunday worship on March 15. This would be without the congregation present.

The Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan was approved and helped our church continue operating in this difficult time. Preliminary planning began for October's Generosity Campaign, "Shine On". Gifts and tithes for the month of May dropped and the Board worked with Rev. Terry Love to monitor church finances. We voted to temporarily stop the 8:30 service during the pandemic. We acknowledged the retirement of Broadmoor Buddies' Director Anne Cathcart after 40 years of service and we unanimously voted for

Broadmoor Buddies' teacher Stephanie Smith, to fill this position.

The Board discussed church re-opening guidelines and voted to hold the first in-house worship service on June 7. Masks and hand sanitizers were placed around the fellowship area. A few Sunday School classes, Bible studies and small groups resumed meeting in person, in September.

At the "State of the Church" meeting on July 26, information was shared with the congregation about the structure of the Governance Board, church finances, Board accomplishments and future plans. This meeting was also recorded and sent out in an email blast. A church conference was held August 9 and church members voted 45-3 to continue the One Board structure in 2021.

This year the Board voted to repair the HVAC system, the brick wall in our parking lot, and the furnace unit in Anderson Hall.

A proposed grant for pastoral internship was received and in August, Perkins School Of Theology student, Megan Twyman, began serving as pastoral intern at Broadmoor. We appreciate her help with the Congregational Care committee, our Kids Hope ministry, Advent boxes, and Angel Tree ministry, as well as rotational teaching in the Upper Room class and leading the upcoming *The Prodigal God* Bible study.

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Forgiveness application was submitted in October. We have been notified that our PPP loan was forgiven in full.

The Louisiana Annual Conference, normally held in June at the Shreveport Convention Center, was held this year in November via Zoom Video Conferencing. In her Episcopal Address, Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey told us that "even though 2020 has been a difficult year, our lives have been disrupted and it would be easy to lose our way, we are people of faith and hope. We believe the Lord has been with us and is with us now providing all that we need day after day."

As the Governance Board completes its first year of operation, we are so grateful for everything the pastors and staff of Broadmoor have done to guide our church through this difficult time. It's reassuring to be able to watch our weekly church service on the Broadmoor YouTube channel if we choose not to attend church in person.

The Board greatly appreciates the Mission team and the Ministry team for all the work they have accomplished this year, especially with the COVID-19 pandemic challenges.

Furthermore, we appreciate the support of all of you, our members and guests. Thank you for your prayers, your continued giving and your willingness to serve where needed.

May God continue leading all of us in 2021.

2 Corinthians 9:15 - Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Merry Christmas!

The Church Office will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM on December 28-30, and until Noon on New Year's Eve to receive your contributions.

NEXT MESSENGER: JANUARY 7, 2021



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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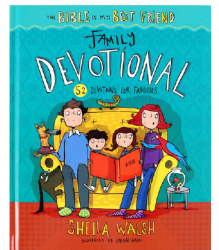


Meant For Good Book Study Sunday, Jan. 3rd from 5 - 6:30 PM

In a year full of uncertainties and trials we find ourselves questioning the good that can come out of it all. The book of Jeremiah tells us that God has plans for each of us and that they are for our good. When we live in full trust of God we realize no matter what things look like right now that God's plans are better than anything we can imagine for ourselves. In this 6-week book study we will explore Megan Fate Marshman's book *Meant For Good* and learn how to embrace the uncertainties and live joyfully despite them. Kick-off the new year with Pastor Kelly Berne and Kristin Nelson Sunday evenings in the Parlor from 5 - 6:30 PM. Cost is \$20. For more information or to sign up email kristin@broadmoorumc.org

1st Grade Family Devotionals Sunday, Jan. 3rd

During our 11 AM services January 3rd, we will honor our 1st graders and their families with a family devotional. This devotional is a great way for families to spend time learning, growing and connecting in God's Word throughout the year. It offers weekly devotionals and family challenges that are fun and will fit into the busiest of schedules. Our 1st grade friends won't want to miss this milestone. If you have questions or need more information please contact Kristin in the church office or by email, kristin@broadmoorumc.org



Acolyte Ministry

Acolyting is a very important milestone for our students here at Broadmoor. It is one of the first opportunities they have to serve in worship. During the service, the acolyte brings the Light of Christ into the worship space as a reminder to all that God is present, at the close of service the acolyte takes the Light out as a reminder for us to take Christ's Light into the world. This vital part of worship carries on a tradition that dates back hundreds of years. This opportunity is open to students in 3rd grade through high school. It also opens the door for our older students to participate in service in other ways. If your student is interested in taking part in this ministry for the Traditional or River service please contact Kristin in the church office or by email kristin@broadmoorumc.org



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Broadmoor UMY Christmas parties!

We hope our students will join us for our annual Broadmoor UMY Christmas parties! This year, we are excited to welcome you to join us at the church on

- ◆ FRIDAY, DEC. 18TH (6TH & 7TH GRADE) or
- ◆ SUNDAY, DEC. 20TH (8TH - 12TH GRADE)!

Please bring socks to donate and a pair of wrapped, fun socks for a swap!

Please RSVP to kyle@broadmoorumc.org OR text (318) 617-9047.

We hope to see you there!

BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND

The Adam & Dan Show

- ◆ December 23rd | NOON
- ◆ BUMC FB page

Christmas carols & songs



A Word on Grace...

Rev. Terry Love, Administrative Pastor

Many Thanks for Your Generous Gifts

With all the challenges we have faced in 2020, so many of you have continued your faithful gifts to the general funds of the church and to the Faithful Campaign to Eliminate the Debt of the church. Your gifts here at the end of the year will help to sustain us well into next year.

Please go to Broadmoorumc.org and tap the GIVE button to see the options available to give. We will be available in the Church Office to receive your last offering of the year, from:

- ◆ 10 AM - 2 PM on December 28TH - 30TH and
- ◆ Until noon on New Year's Eve.

Stay safe, God bless! May 2021 be a grace-filled year for us all!

Terry Love



BUMC VOLUNTEERING AT COMMON GROUND! PEGGY BROUSSARD, CYNTHIA DAVIS, KIMBERLY BELANGER, KHAKI SIMANK, BETTY ALLISON



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IN THE PARKING LOT OF BUMC AT (5 PM)

JOIN US FOR

Christmas Eve
ONSITE WORSHIP

- ◆ The block of Albany will be closed between Youree Dr. and Anniston Ave.
- ◆ Those wanting to can set up chairs in the parking lot, in front of our outside stage area
- ◆ For those wishing to stay in their cars, we will have the service available through an FM transmitter, probably on 88.1 FM.

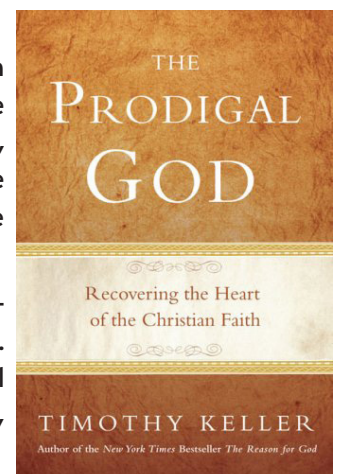
New Study: The Prodigal God

Pastoral Intern Megan Twyman will be leading a 7-week study on *The Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller beginning Tuesday, January 12, 2021 and ending on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. You can attend at 10 AM or 6 PM each Tuesday in Pearce Hall. The cost of this event is \$20 to cover the book and other materials.

Timothy Keller's *The Prodigal God* is an eye-opening account of the importance of the Christian faith for long-time Christians and new Christians alike. We will take a look at the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Keller claims, "The narrative is as much about the elder brother as the younger, and as much about the father as the sons. And what Jesus says about the older brother is one of the most important messages given to us in the Bible. The parable might be better called the *Two Lost Sons*."

This is an important claim because the father's welcome to the younger son was reckless because he refused to "reckon" or count his sin against the younger son or demand repayment. The father represented our Heavenly Father. Jesus shows us our Father is nothing if not prodigal toward us, His children. God's reckless grace is our greatest hope, a life-changing experience, and the subject of this book.

If you want to see our faith with a new lens, please sign up for this study by January 3, 2021.



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UPCOMING EVENTS *Mark Your Calendars* 
JANUARY 2021

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL GROUPS!

Sundays at 5 PM starting January 3rd for 6 weeks

Meant for Good by Megan Marshman led by Kristin Nelson and Rev. Kelly Berne (cost \$20)

Tuesdays at 10 AM or 6 PM starting January 12th for 7 weeks

The Prodigal God by Tim Keller led by Pastor Megan Twyman (cost \$20)

Wednesdays at 10 AM or 6 PM starting January 13th for 8 weeks

2 Samuel led by Dr. Greg Davis (cost \$20)

Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. starting January 21st

You Are Never Alone by Max Lucado study led by Betty Hochstetler (please purchase hard back book before the first class)

Mondays at 10 a.m. starting January 25th

Take Courage: A Study of Haggai by Jennifer Rothschild led by Bonnie Daniel (cost \$20)

If you purchased a poinsettia, you can pick up your flower(s) THIS SUNDAY right after the 11AM service!



The UMW virtual cookie stroll was a success! Thank you so much for your generous donations. **UMW made \$1,200!** This will allow us to continue supporting our Methodist charities. We are so grateful for you. **Thank you!**



UMW REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

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

*Deliver items to the Anderson Hall door on **Wednesday, December 16th, Thursday, December 17th, or Friday, December 18th** 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.

MEMORIALS

BUILDING FUND

IN MEMORY OF

- ♦ *Jim Collier* from Tom & Elizabeth Wood
- ♦ *JoAnne Waldron* from Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Chance, Jr.

PASSINGS

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- ♦ *Nan Franks* for her husband, Ken Franks