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Governance Board Message

Dear Members of Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport, LA

Currently there is much conversation and discussion about the future of the United Methodist Church and our direction for the future. Please know that your Governance Board is aware of these conversations and is in a "listening" period with you, our members, during Advent. Unfortunately, not all the information circulating about the future of the United Methodist Church is accurate. Your Governance Board is here to answer your questions, cares, or concerns or to clear up misconceptions as we celebrate Christmas at Broadmoor. We have formed a subcommittee that will answer your questions about these issues following our celebration of the birth of Christ.

Please email your questions to governance@broadmoorumc.org and we will answer your inquiry or seek out those who can speak to your specific question. This subcommittee will then compile these questions and report to the full Governance Board at a future meeting. Alternatively, you may mail questions to Governance Board, Broadmoor United Methodist Church, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA. 71105.



Pastor's Message

Dr. Wybra Price, Senior Pastor

Advent Reflections: From Despair to Hope

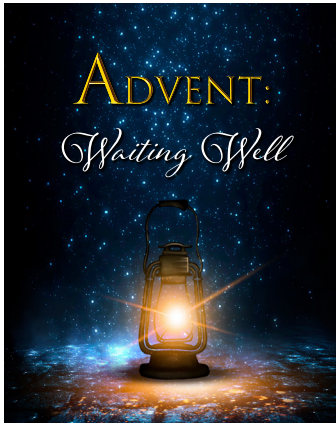
The verses of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" remind us that Advent is a journey from whatever despair has seized the human spirit to an active hope in the Second Coming of Christ. The problem is that so many of us have worked hard to let nothing of the world and its misery touch us. Cocooned in the illusion of comfort, we have become spectators. We are detached from what hurts our global neighbors and in denial about what hurts at home. Small wonder that we are inclined to rush from the pensiveness of Advent into the joys of Christmas and Epiphany.

Yet the truth is this: No matter how intently we work to isolate ourselves from human misery, we cannot escape the reality that the human family experiences unbearable suffering. We mourn in lonely exile here — hoping, waiting for something or someone to divert us from the many roads leading to our destruction. Come Emmanuel; come Son of God; come!

The Advent season, takes us by the hand and leads us on this journey from despair to hope. For some, our job will be to remind worshipers that they have not been permanently abandoned to an existence where socially disoriented youths feel that gangs hold more potential for community than your youth group and where 92 year-old women and 4 year-old toddlers are shot and killed in drug mishaps. God has a better plan for our lives — as evidenced by the fact that Christ has come once and Christ will come again. For some, our task may be to help us stop avoiding the unpleasant truths that we have been dodging. Our congregation may need to notice that all will not be well with everyone until the Son of God appears in victory and glory. Advent was never meant to be a month-long fa-la-la-la-la. Instead, Advent is a time to remember just how much the whole world needs Christ — a time to wait well and with purpose for the coming of Christ.

Join me and the rest of the Broadmoor United Methodist Church family on our Advent journey — realizing, our steps along the journey are not all the same. Sharing the Advent journey to the manger and beyond,

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December Sermon Series

This Christmas season we hope you will join us at BUMC for our Advent Series, *Waiting Well*. Advent will give us a lesson in waiting—and knowing when to act. Waiting is generally something 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.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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



Merry Christmas
From your Broadmoor Youth group





BRINGING HOME 2022 GENEROSITY

Thanks to everyone who has returned your Generosity Pledge for 2023. One-Hundred-and-forty-eight pledges have been received totaling \$783,823. This is \$5,000 more than the one-hundred-thirty-six pledges for 2022.

You are encouraged to send in your pledge for 2023 if you have not done so.

An informative brochure highlighting **END OF YEAR GIVING** opportunities was included in the order of worship this past Sunday and can be found on the BroadmoorUMC.org website. Prepared by the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana, it outlines strategies for you to give to the church now and to plan for your legacy in the future. Please take advantage of this helpful information.

Your First Gift to the Christ Child and your other special gifts are very necessary to a successful completion of the church's business year. Again, your grace-filled generosity is very much appreciated to provide for the activities of the church inspiring people to know, grow and go in God's love. May you have a wonderful Advent and Christmas season and continue to know of God's richest blessings now and always.

Rev. Terry Love



United Women of Faith

The UWF Cookie Stroll was held on Nov 20. Thank you to everyone who participated by baking and/or buying cookies. We collected **\$1205.00**, which will allow us to continue giving to the many local and state charities we have contributed to in the past.

Thanks again for your help!

Allison Wray



Pumpkin Patch Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make this partnership a success. Between pumpkin sales, donations, and tshirt sales BUMC raised \$5000 for missions!

Common Ground Christmas Marketplace

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards our December Missional Focus. If you still plan on helping with our Christmas Marketplace collection, please know that all donations need to be turned in by **December 12th**.

Angel Tree Update

Many thanks to everyone who helped and donated to this year's Angel Tree Mission! We provided 70 gifts to children in our United Methodist Children's Home and Foster Homes. We also provided ten \$50 Walmart gift cards to our Foster Parents to help them during this Holiday season.

Missions Team Meeting

We will not meet Tuesday, December 20th due to our Blue Christmas Service that evening at 6 p.m. in the Chapel.

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- ♦ Betty Williams & JoAnn Blair from Milt & Judy Kelley

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IN HONOR OF:

- ♦ Madeline Prothero from Margaret Bray
- ♦ Jim & Shirley White from Mary Caldwell



Holiday Services

Blue Christmas
The Chapel | Dec. 20th | 6 pm

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

Christmas Day
The River Contemporary Service | 10:30 AM




New Year's Day
The Sanctuary Traditional Service | 10:30 AM



Advent

THE SEASON OF HOPE

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