



## **Pastor's Message**

*Dr. Wybra Price, Senior Pastor*

### **New Beginnings 2023**

In our worship on January 1, 2023 at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport (BUMC) we concluded our service singing the hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings." The writer of this hymn, Brian Wren bases its words on the scripture text of Revelation 21:5 (... "see, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.>"). Some of the lyrics of this great hymn include verse 1: "This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone." and verse 3: "Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find."

On the first Sunday of 2023 we also prayed the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer which was adapted by John Wesley, the co-founder of Methodism (along with his brother, Charles) for the renewal of the believer's covenant with God. Wesley says that the prayer was first used in a covenant renewal service held on Monday, August 11, 1755, in London, with 1800 people present. Since then, the Wesleyan Covenant Prayer has often been used in Methodist services around the world on the first Sunday of the year.

This prayer points to deep surrender of ourselves in complete trust to God. At first use, the words of the prayer can be jarring. I invite you to pray these words with me until you mean them.

**I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.**

Each day is an opportunity for new beginnings; an opportunity for God to make new in us. As we are beginning a new year of ministry and mission at BUMC I pray we will join in seeking the wholeness of God's love, mercy, grace and forgiveness for ourselves and welcome such for others as we model what it means to Know, Grow, and Go in God's love.

Sharing the Journey,



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

### COME JOIN OUR TEAM at Broadmoor Early Learning Center

- Passion for children & Development
- Provide care for children, such as setting schedules & routines, feeding, changing diapers/toileting, cleaning room and toys. Organize, plan & implement activities/curriculum that allows children to learn about the world, themselves, and explore their interests.
- Model Christ-like behavior



If interested contact ELC Director, Lillie Daniel @ [lillie@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:lillie@broadmoorumc.org).



**Broadmoor Methodist  
Day School**

### Priority enrollment for the Day School is now open for church members, current Buddies students, and current Day School students and their siblings.

Enrollment will be open to the public beginning **January 30th**.

For more information and a tour, please email Rebecca Hodge at [rebecca@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:rebecca@broadmoorumc.org).

### SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 29TH | 5 PM

### CHURCH-WIDE BINGO NIGHT

### Join us Sunday, January 29th for a night of fun and fellowship.

Dinner will begin at 5 PM in Anderson Hall and bingo will begin shortly after. Cost for the event is \$5 per person and includes dinner.

Reserve your spot by January 25th by calling or emailing Kristin in the church office, [kristin@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kristin@broadmoorumc.org). It's sure to be a good time!



### January Missional Focus: Hope House

Holy Cross Hope House assists the disadvantaged in downtown Shreveport by furnishing essential services unavailable to those without a place to live. By providing mailboxes, phones, clothing,

showers, washers, and dryers, those without can live and work with the basics all of us need to survive. More services, including daily meals, bus passes, and education on how to be self-dependent, add to Hope House's mission to help all we can to achieve freedom from living on the streets.

During the month of January BUMC will be collecting nonperishable snacks of all kinds, new and gently used jeans (any size), and new boxers and women's underwear (only sizes L, XL, and XXL). Donations can be left in our wicker baskets located by the Sanctuary Welcome Desk and Office Welcome Desk.

### HUMAN RELATIONS DAY JANUARY 15, 2023

For stories on how you can make a difference visit [UMC.org/yourimpact](http://UMC.org/yourimpact).

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

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## Resolve to find a study that will grow you in your walk with God. We have several opportunities this new year.

Email [office@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org) or call the office to sign up. You can also find a sign up on your connect card on Sunday morning.

### TOP 10 UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS BOOK STUDY- TUESDAYS AT 10 AM OR 6 PM BEGINNING JAN. 17

Join Rev. Megan Twyman in a five-week study where we will learn from Don Adams' book Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs. Using John Wesley as a guide, this study describes the ten most important United Methodist beliefs. We will learn how a passionate Wesley can still inspire us to grow in our faith using these basic beliefs as signposts, not hitching posts, so that we can more fully follow Jesus. Cost to attend is \$10. You can pay at [broadmoorumc.org/give](http://broadmoorumc.org/give) or at the church office.

### AMOS- MONDAYS AT 10 AM BEGINNING JAN. 23

Join Bonnie Daniel in a seven-week study. Amos is often called a prophet of doom. And when you begin to read his prophecy, it doesn't take long to realize that nickname fits. On the surface, his prophecy doesn't sound like a happy formula for the good life. However, every condemnation he gives serves as an invitation, a cry for us to "seek God and live" (Amos 5:4). You'll be invited to live assured, faithful, chosen, humble, justly, prayerful, and hopeful. This kind of living will bring us and others around us peace and true prosperity.

### RUTH- THURSDAYS AT 5:30 PM BEGINNING FEB. 2

Join Betty Hochstetler in a seven week study. We'll examine Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. We'll see how God proves Himself faithful as the One who rescues, revives, and restores.

### SAVE THE DATE! CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TRAINING SATURDAY- FEB. 11 FROM 9 AM - 12 PM

Have you ever taught a Bible or book study at BUMC? Are you a Sunday School leader? Maybe you've started thinking about starting a small group. If you are a current teacher or small group leader, or you think you might want to be one day, this training and appreciation brunch is for you! You will learn the best practices for planning a study, obtaining volunteers, and the newest studies that will grow your class' or groups' faith. We also want to thank you for your service as a teacher or group leader with brunch and new information to fill up your cup so that you may continue to pour yourself out. We would love to have you!



### DISCOVER BROADMOOR- THURSDAY- FEB. 2 AT 6:30 PM

Guests and new members, you are invited to Discover Broadmoor in the Parlor. You will learn more about Broadmoor and its ministries, as well as where you can get plugged in.

Please RSVP at office [@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org) by January 26th.



## January Sermon Series

The New Year is a perfect time to shape a vision of the life we are called to live. How can we stand out, become models and mentors, and examples of what life is all about? Join us in January as we dive into the scriptures to discover how we can shape our lives to represent the kingdom of God.



## Business Administrator Position Opening

With the retirement of Rev. Terry Love in early 2023, the Governance Board is requesting applications for this part-time position. A job description is available upon request.

All resumes should be submitted to [office@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org) by January 25, 2023.



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- ♦ *Cherrie Robinson* from Penny Parker



**BUMC GOVERNANCE BOARD**

*Shirley White, Member*

**Governance Board Message**

The monthly BUMC Governance Board meeting was held on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Pearce Hall. These items of business were discussed:

Kenny Beauvais updated the Board on the "Methodist issue" about the future of the UMC and our personal direction for the future as this appears to be a concern for some in our BUMC family. Please refer to the Governance Board Message in The Messenger (December 8, 2022). An email ([governance@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:governance@broadmoorumc.org)) was established so all specific questions could be directed to the Governance Board sub-committee. Questions could also be mailed to the church. As of December 18, 2022, five questions had been received.

Rev. Terry Love reported on our revenue status through November 2022. BUMC remains in good financial condition. He talked about the faithfulness of the BUMC members during a difficult time. It was anticipated that end of year commitments and First Gifts would end our year in a positive place. Discussion on needed Elevator Repair and Maintenance was continued to January as additional information was requested. Our upgrading to fiber optic internet service is now complete. He shared that he is retiring in March 2023. He has been a wonderful financial leader for our church as we were able to pay off the Church's outstanding debt in 2022 for prior renovations. As we wish him much joy in his retirement, please pray for the Governance Board Task Force who will be seeking God's choice for our church in the days ahead.

How blessed we are as part of The Church, but also as part of Broadmoor United Methodist Church/Shreveport. Each one of us plays an important role in inspiring people to Know, Grow, and Go in God's love!

Please be in prayer for the United Methodist Church as a whole; for our church; and for our Governance Board. **The next scheduled meeting is Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Pearce Hall.**

*Shirley White*

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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Terry Love or click on Direct

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