



Pastor's Message Rev. Kelly Berne, Executive Pastor

## "Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"

by Rae E. Whitney

Sunday's palms are Wednesday's ashes as another Lent begins; thus we kneel before our Maker in contrition for our sins.

We have marred baptismal pledges, in rebellion gone astray; now, returning, seek forgiveness; grant us pardon, God, this day!

I believe every pastor has a moment as Ash Wednesday approaches where they gasp and say, "Do we still have Sunday's Palms?!" You see, it is tradition for church to use the Palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday service to make the ashes for the upcoming Ash Wednesday service. These palms, both in their whole state and in their charred form offer us a reminder of who we are and why we do what we do.

We are Easter People, and we celebrate a resurrected Christ. And it's important for us to study our Christian history. We have life eternal because of Jesus, who entered Jerusalem on a donkey, was celebrated by the crowds who cried out "Hosanna" and then was crucified, dead, and buried. All in the same week. On the third day Jesus rose from the dead, fulfilling the scriptures and announcing to the world that their Messiah had come.

As another season of Lent begins, we take note from Rae Whitney's words as we kneel before God and give thanks for this abundant gift of grace. We recognize the ways we have fallen short, humbling ourselves before our Maker, and receiving the sign of the cross on our foreheads. A cross made from the ashes of Sunday's palms. A cross that reminds us that *from dust we came and to dust we shall return*.

Lent is a season where we recommit ourselves to God and growing in His love. It's an opportunity for all of us to know of God's love in a new way and then become inspired to go and share His love with the world.

This season of Lent at BUMC we will remember the important heart-to-heart talks in our lives, whether a dashboard confessional between parent and child, a wee-hours dialogue with a friend, or a life-changing FaceTime with the one we love. For seven Sundays, we will explore conversations with Jesus, depicted in the Gospels. As people come seeking answers to their deepest questions, or making claims about their faith, or wonder who he is, Jesus engages, challenges, and exhorts. What would we ask Jesus, if we could meet him at night or at noon, in the wilderness or in the garden? And how might he answer us?

See you Sunday,

Rev. Kelly Berne



## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KRISTIN NELSON AT KRISTIN@BROADMOORUMC.ORG



Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is going on now in the Day School. Spots are filling up quickly. When we are full we will begin a wait list!

For more information please email Rebecca Hodge at <a href="mailto:rebecca@">rebecca@</a> broadmoorumc.org.



# Early Fall Registration

# Early Fall Registration is now open to the public.

Fall Buddies will Begin Tuesday, September 5th. To confirm your registration for the Fall, please return the registration form along with the nonrefundable registration fee of \$100.00 per child.

Registration for our summer program will come in March. The dates for our summer program have changed slightly this year. Summer Buddies will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the month of June; beginning June 6th – June 29th.

Fall Registration Fee 2023-2024 Monthly Tuition \$170 (2 day) Tuesday/ Thursday • \$220 (3 day) Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

For more information contact Shelby at shelby@broadmoorumc.org.





## **Baptism Class | March 19th**

"All who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes." Galatians 3:27. Join Rev. Megan Twyman to learn more about this sacrament. All are invited. The class will be in the Parlor during the Sunday School hour March 19th. For more information contact Kristin at *kristin@broadmoorumc.org*.



# YOUTH MINISTRIES

For more information contact Kyle Boston at kyle@broadmoorumc.org



This year, for our February
Mission, Broadmoor's
Youth Ministry invites you
to join our Souper Bowl
as we collect donations
for the Lovewell at
Cumberland Forms.

We are asking you to help us stock their pantry with items such as soups with meat, ready to eat meals, rice, noodles, granola bars, peanut butter, and more. We will have posters posted around Broadmoor's campus with a full list. We hope you join us in supporting this worthy cause!



# Boots on the Ground Bishop Tour: Feb. 27th 6 p.m. in Anderson Hall

This is Bishop Williamston's opportunity to meet and greet as many people as possible and listen to United Methodists' hopes and dreams in Louisiana, hear their concerns, and learn of their interests. She also hopes to offer guidance and support for the coming year. "I am so looking forward to meeting with clergy, laity, and others throughout our great state, and I cannot wait to hear countless stories of how the Holy Spirit continues to stir in Louisiana," said Bishop Williamston.

Please let us know if you will need childcare by emailing office@broadmoorumc.org.



# Ushers and Greeters Needed at 8:30 and 11:00 Sanctuary Services

Ushers are some of the first friendly faces visitors meet when they arrive at BUMC. Their jobs are important to the worship of our church, and we don't have enough of them! In fact, we desperately need them. You will learn a lot of new faces and even be the first contact for BUMC visitors. Please reconsider contributing to our worship services by

committing one Sunday a month to serve as an usher.

Contact megan@broadmoorumc.org to get more involved in worship.



### **United Women in Faith**

United Women in Faith Sunday was held February 12, 2023. Our UWF speaker in the sanctuary was Loretta Haskins, member of First Bossier United Women in Faith as well as past president of UWF Shreveport District and a past LA Conference Nominations Committee Chairman. She said, "Today we are celebrating United Women in Faith through their compassionate commitment! Colossians 3:12 - 'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience'."

Danielle Gosslee, a Broadmoor UWF member, spoke in the River service about how UWF members enjoy mentoring the high school group, Girls of Grace, at Common Ground. We share God's love with the girls by eating together, visiting with them, playing fun games and showing them how to make simple crafts to give to others.

We were fortunate to have Rev. Sarah Shoup, from Common Ground, share her message of love in all three services She said "Love is complicated and doesn't always look the way we think it will. Love is hard and messy. The only perfect love out there is the love that comes from God through Jesus Christ."

Rev. Shoup also thanked Broadmoor members and friends who gave Christmas donations and/or their time to help make the Common Ground Santa shop a fun time for Cedar Grove families to shop for others. Our Broadmoor UWF unit offers study and reading opportunities as well as hands-on mission opportunities through our three circle groups. Women of all ages are invited to join.

Many thanks to all who made our UWF Sunday a day of celebration!



# Holy Week preparation has begun!

The Chancel Choir will present a service focusing on the Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday evening as well as lead a contemplative service on Good Friday evening. We would love for you to be a part of the choir for these services. Rehearsals for this music will take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15.

Reach out to Adam Philley,

adam@broadmoorumc.org, for more information.





RSVP by emailing: office@broadmoorumc.org

## MEMORIALS

### **CHOIR**

IN MEMORY OF:

◆ Betty Majure from Steve & Patsy Lavery

#### **RESERVE**

IN MEMORY OF:

• Betty Majure from James Breland

### HONORARIUM

### **CHOIR**

IN HONOR OF:

 Frances Terrill for her 100th Birthday from Randy George

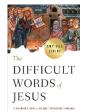
### **JUST A REMINDER**



Please note our next Missions meeting has been moved to Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Area.



# Six week Lenten Study | Pastor led: <u>Thursdays</u> starting Feb. 23rd at 10 AM or 6 PM Room 202



The Difficult Words of Jesus, by Amy-Jill Levine, is a beginner's guide to some of Jesus's most perplexing teachings. We will explore how these teachings would have sounded to the people who first hear them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.



# Listening and Learning Session | Sun. Feb. 19 & 29 at 9:45 AM

Two United Methodist Status Listening and Learning sessions will be held in the Broadmoor UMC Chapel. One will be on February 19 and the other on February 26, both at 9:45 AM and ending in time for the 11 AM services. These classes will be capped at 25 participants, and we ask that reservations be made through the email <a href="mailto:governance@broadmoorumc.org">governance@broadmoorumc.org</a>.

The information given in these Listening and Learning sessions will be the same information shared in other small-group sessions, and we ask that *if you have already attended a session, that you leave the spaces available for those who have not.* 

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

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