



## **Governance Board Message** *David Simon, Chairperson*

### **BUMC Messenger Article**

The Governance Board had a meeting on Sunday, January 21st where we thanked our out-going members and welcomed some new faces to the board. The new Governance Board members include Michael Hochstetler, Jane Hubbard, and Robert Taylor. Janet Fowler is a new conference delegate. Steve Lindsey was also in attendance as BUMC's Assistant Lay Leader.

The meeting opened with a review of the December meeting minutes, which passed with a unanimous vote. Year-end financials were the next topic of business, and it was reported that 2023 ended with a \$55,000 shortfall. The shortfall was due, in part, to a \$116,000 decrease in revenue from what was projected in the 2023 budget. It was noted that 139 pledge cards for 2024 have been received to date, with pledges totaling \$665,100.

Governance Board Chairman David Simon announced the formation of a budget taskforce is looking at ways to further reduce expenses, increase revenues and complete a balanced budget for 2024. At present, the estimated budget shortfall is \$105,000. The task force also recommended an additional appeal to the congregation with the current budget information. Please be on the look-out in the coming weeks for additional information.

At the end of the Governance Board, meeting a vote was held to elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson. David Simon was nominated to continue as Chairperson, and the motion carried. Michael Hochstetler was nominated to serve as Vice-Chairperson and the motion carried.

*David Simon*



### **Baptism Class | March 3rd**

Join Rev. Megan Twyman to learn more about the sacrament of Baptism. This class will meet in the parlor during the Sunday School hour March 3rd. "All who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes." Galatians 3:27

**For more information contact Children's Director, Kristin Nelson at [kristin@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kristin@broadmoorumc.org).**



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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### "Goodbye always makes my throat hurt." Charlie Brown

Leah Webb has been serving as our Day School aide going on 33 years. You may have seen her smiling face at carpool, in the halls, or assisting teachers and kids throughout the day. It is with much sadness that we must announce her early retirement due to some medical concerns. We are so very thankful for the time

and love she has given to the Day School. Leah will be greatly missed by all. We will celebrate her retirement later this Spring and hope you will join us (time and date to be determined). When asked about her time at the Day School Leah had this to say: "I want to thank the families and staff of the Day School for allowing me to be a part of so many children's lives. I will miss greeting the children everyday and interacting with them. I will also miss the wonderful teachers that I had the privilege to serve with." Leah, it has truly been our privilege! Sending you with our love and prayers.



Buddies Registration is now open for current members and church members. **And it opens to the public on Tuesday, February 20.**

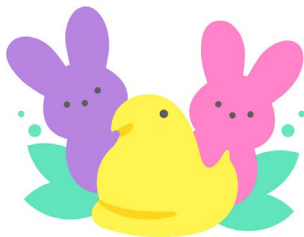
**Contact Shelby Lockwood at [shelby@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:shelby@broadmoorumc.org) for more information or to schedule a tour.**



### Broadmoor Methodist Day School

Registration for the Day School (Pre-K3 and Pre-K4) is going on now for this fall!

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



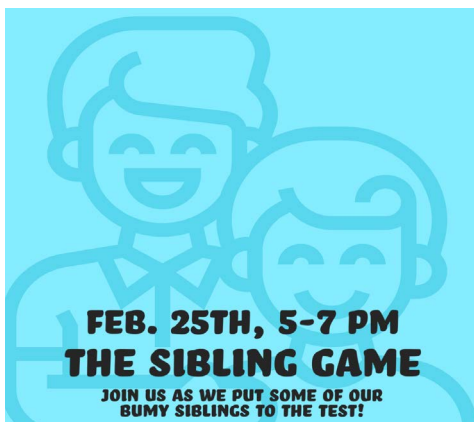
Tell your Peeps to put March 23rd on their calendar for an Easter Eggstravaganza.

Be on the lookout for more information in our next Messenger.



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

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### How well do our Broadmoor siblings know each other?

Let's find out together on **Sunday, Feb 25th from 5-7 PM in the Gym.** See you there!



If you have any questions about these events please email Youth Director, Kyle Boston at [kyle@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kyle@broadmoorumc.org).

## MISSION UPDATES

**We are partnering again with the Noel Food Pantry for the month of February! Please join your Youth departments as we collect donations to restock their shelves. Please help us refill their stock of:**

**Jiffy Cornbread Mix**  
**Peanut Butter (16 oz)**  
**Spaghetti (16 oz)**

**Canned green beans**  
**Canned corn**  
**(creamed or whole kernel)**

There will be collection spaces outside of both the Sanctuary and River services. Thank you for your support of the Noel Food Pantry!

## WOMEN IN FAITH SUNDAY

United Women in Faith is sponsoring some new small group experiences this year. These groups will focus on certain areas for people who are looking for a different kind of experience.

**Walk This Weigh** will meet two times a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is walking to enjoy each other and serving a purpose to improve your health. The walking is in the church but may move outside when the weather permits. There will be a mission focus several times a year of your choice. **The start date is February 27th, at 9:30 AM in the fellowship area.**

**Beyond the Book** will meet monthly to read and discuss a book or hear a book review. The books are from the UWF reading program. There are five categories of the study. They are Nurturing for Community; Social Action; Leadership Development; Spiritual Growth; and Education in Mission. The books will be selected from each category over the monthly meetings. **The first meeting will be Friday, March 1st 10:00 AM in the parlor.** Come explore a new reading experience. A service component is also part of the experience.

**Adventures in Wonderland** is a program for Mother/Daughter activities. Girls from 4th grade and up will join their moms to experience Merriment and Mission as they have two sessions of fun and two of service together. **The first meeting is March 3rd, 2024 after church in the parlor. It is planned as a Saturday or Sunday event quarterly.** Come and join the group!

**Grace Cooke Circle** has been in existence since the 1950's. They meet at the church in **Pearce Hall on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 PM.** The emphasis is on a mix of programs and projects benefiting various missions. There are Bible studies, speakers, mentoring Girls of Grace, and fun activities such as planning and hosting **My Favorite Things.** Come join us. **Our next meeting will be at Pepito XO Mexican Bistro on Youree Dr. next to Biscotti's, on February 19th, at 5:30 PM.**

**There are many opportunities to join United Women in Faith, so come join our community of Faith!**



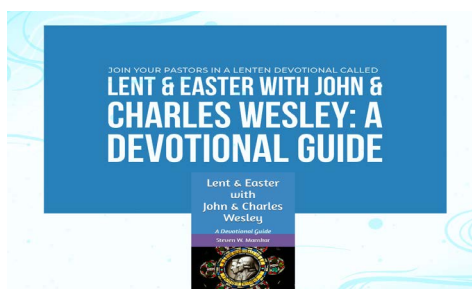
## BIBLE STUDY



### Joshua and Judges – Spring 2024 Pastor's Bible Study Feb. 21st | 10 AM or 6PM

Joshua and Judges Study - You are invited to join the pastors of Broadmoor UMC for our Spring 2024 Pastor's Bible Study on Joshua and Judges beginning on **February 21st at either 10 AM or 6 PM.** Joshua and Judges tell the story of Israel's occupation of God's promised land and the formation of a national government. Their overall theme is that when God's people abide by his commandments and his guidance, their work prospers, and they experience peace and joy. But when they follow their own inclinations and set themselves up as the ultimate authority, then poverty, strife, and every kind of evil bring grief and suffering.

**Cost is \$20 for material, and you can sign up on your connect card or by emailing [office@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org).**



### Lenten Small Group

Join your pastors in a Lenten devotional called **Lent & Easter with John & Charles Wesley: A Devotional Guide.** Read this short daily devotional guide for the days of Lent and Easter and attend a weekly circle group in the **parlor on Wednesdays from 12:15-12:45.** Bring a sack lunch and join in a devotional time to enrich your Lenten experience.

**Cost for the book is \$20. Sign up by emailing [office@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org) or signing up on your connect card.**

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**CHANCEL CHOIR**  
IS LOOKING FOR NEW SINGERS!  
MEETS WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
6:30-8:00 PM

**The Chancel Choir is looking for new singers!**

All are welcome but especially if you are a low-voiced male! No music-reading ability is required. **The Chancel Choir is a fun small group that meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 and sings each Sunday in Sanctuary worship services.**

Contact Adam Philley for more information at [adam@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:adam@broadmoorumc.org).

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

FEBRUARY 14TH

**Ash Wednesday services**

This year, Ash Wednesday takes place on **February 14, 2024**, coinciding with Valentine's Day. Those who plan to get ash crosses on their foreheads, etc., should come to Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport for one of two services:

**Noon – in the chapel, followed by soup and bread lunch or 6:00 PM in the BUMC sanctuary.** The ashes are meant to symbolize both death and repentance in order to begin Lent in a solemn, humble way. This allows people to reflect on their sins throughout Lent.

**MEMORIALS**

**GENERAL FUND**

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Mary Smith* from Dale & Anne Cathcart
- ♦ *Randy George* from Nola Ann Quarles, June Hunter, Sue Sanders, Dale & Anne Cathcart, Paul & Jane Cooke, Juanice & David L. Holloway, Judith Bell

**KIDS CONNECTION FUND**

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Randy George* from Claude & Jan Bookter

**MUSIC FUND**

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Gail Sorensen* from Claude & Jan Bookter, Judith Bell
- ♦ *Bill Boston* from Judith Bell

**LIBRARY FUND**

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Betty Johnson* from Lauren Vanderkuy
- ♦ *Randy George* from Lauren Vanderkuy & Charmy Vanderkuy
- ♦ *Jimmy Whittington* from Steve & Patsy Lavery, Lauren Vanderkuy & Charmy Vanderkuy
- ♦ *Billy Burnell* from Steve & Patsy Lavery, Missy Burnell

**PRAY 4:24**

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."  
Romans 12:12

**Pray at 4:24**

This Lent, anchor your day with a moment of prayer, a minute of communion with United Methodists all across Louisiana. Bishop Williamston is asking all United Methodists in Louisiana to collectively pause in prayer each day at 4:24. The vision is to encourage individuals to pause and offer prayers for matters of global significance or even personal concern, all of it designed to foster a habit of reflection and spiritual connection.