

# THE MESSENGER



Inspiring people to **KNOW, GROW & GO** in God's love!

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BROADMOOR UMC NEWS & HAPPENINGS!

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## Pastor's Message

*Dr. Greg Davis, Senior Pastor*

### We tried something new...

We tried something new: shortening and pre-recording the Sanctuary online worship service. The steps included an introduction, presenting themes and other information. Then followed music, Joys + Concerns, pastoral and Lord's prayer, Scripture reading, sermon, benediction, and concluding remarks. The goal was to keep the experience around 30-35 minutes.

This wasn't created out of thin air. It was based on recommendations from Jason Moore, a consultant providing information for the churches of the Annual Conference. His concern is maximizing worship experiences for in-person AND online audiences, hence it's known as "Both/And".

BUMC has picked up new online viewers since COVID altered our worship patterns. One question we have had is, "How do we retain and increase new online viewers even after the pandemic and related issues no longer impact in person worship?" The new format was an attempt to answer that question. We don't want to lose what we've gained!

However, given the time we find ourselves in, the majority of Sanctuary worship viewers are members who haven't returned yet. These at-home viewer members prefer the entire service, so we are returning to the live stream format previously used until a couple of weeks ago.

Over the coming months, we will complete the design of a "digital church" format that will be independent of the Sanctuary and River services, aimed specifically at online viewers who likely will not ever cross the threshold of our church building. Here a format akin to what we designed (shorter and non-liturgical) and implemented will be used.

*Hope to see you back in church soon...We are singing again...There is JOY!*



## Planting Seeds for the Future Gifts of Securities

*Rev. Terry Love, Administrative Pastor*

Giving in sensible and effective ways may help minimize your tax-burden and stretch your charitable dollars.

Gifts of appreciated securities include stocks, bonds, or mutual fund units. Here are some ways that securities held long-term (more than 12 months) can offer potential tax savings:

- ♦ Eliminating the capital gains tax on the appreciation that would have been due had you sold the securities on the open market and then donated the proceeds.
- ♦ Claiming a charitable deduction against up to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Deduction amounts exceeding this limit may be carried forward over the next five years.

These gifts require advance planning. Only gifts completed by December 31, help to reduce taxes you owe the next April.

Thank you for considering this future gift for BUMC.

We hope you will consult with your professional advisors on how this gift would fit into your plans.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

### Join your church family for an Easter Celebration Sunday, March 28th | 4:30 - 6:30 PM

*It will be a special evening full of food, fun, and fellowship.*

The evening will kick off at **4:30 with an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt** around town. For those staying at the church, we will have the **Stations of the Cross** set up for you to experience.

For our preschool and younger friends, we will provide a bag full of **Easter activities**. Our traditional **Palm Sunday Fish Fry will begin at 5:30**.

Dinner is \$10/person.

During dinner we will auction off the beautiful paintings that our very own Anne Michelle Erwin painted for our Lent River services.

*Please make a reservation on your connect card or by contacting the church office.*

*For more information [kristin@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kristin@broadmoorumc.org).*



## TNT 2021

June 1st - July 1st

**HAVE SOME TERRIFIC TUESDAYS AND THRILLING THURSDAYS THIS SUMMER!**

Registration for this exciting program begins March 21st.

TNT is for children entering 1st-5th grades in the fall of 2021. We meet from 9:30 AM - 2 PM and will enjoy an activity and lunch while here.

*For more information send an email to [kristin@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kristin@broadmoorumc.org)*



### The Day School is very excited to host our 10th Annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon on Friday, March 26th | 11 AM.

***Over the past eight years our Day School has raised over \$26,000!***

This year we have set a goal of \$3,000. Of course, we would LOVE to surpass that goal.

The Trike-A-Thon program teaches children safety lessons while riding their trikes or bicycles. We will begin Trike-a-Thon week during our library time learning the lessons. For this event, we will use our roller racers and ride the course in shifts with the 3's in one parking lot and the 4's in the other. We are inviting parents to watch.

Even though we are going to be outside, we are asking parents to wear masks and practice social distancing.

It will be an educational and fun time for the kids, but also a time to raise money to send to St. Jude. A participant sponsor form is attached. This year we are also participating in the on-line option.

To set up your fundraising page, visit [stjude.org/trike](http://stjude.org/trike). (Click on Find Your School and enter Broadmoor United Methodist Church Day School and go from there!) For more info: [janet@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:janet@broadmoorumc.org)



## Pastor's Message

*Rev. Kelly Berne, Executive Pastor*

### Digital Evangelism

*Peter replied, "Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites." (Acts 2)*

#### **How do we continue to share the Good News to people across the globe?**

In 2020 we experienced a global pandemic which shut down business, government, and church doors. For those of us in ministry, we had to completely rethink the way we evangelize. We HAD to get creative, not only think outside of the box but come to terms with the fact that church was going to happen without a physical building.

At Broadmoor UMC our mission is to inspire people to know, grow, and go in God's love. While many things were taken away from us in 2020, one thing was given to us, the idea of digital evangelism. The vision of digital evangelism is to utilize digital resources to reach, engage, encourage, and grow disciples of Jesus Christ. This ideology allows us to be the church physically and digitally and to BE the church wherever God takes us. I am reminded of Acts 2, where we learn that the church is a place where God moves on earth through His Spirit. Why can't God move through digital means?

Recently I was asked to discern planting a digital church through Broadmoor UMC. After talking with Dr. Greg Davis and Steve Lindsey (our Governance Board Chairperson), I humbly decided to accept this calling. I will continue to be the pastor of The River, and I will also work alongside staff and laity to launch a church online, where we will *inspire people to know, grow, and go in God's love...digitally.*

How can you help? We are in the process of creating a recording studio in one of the basement rooms. From this space, we will record our digital worship service, provide weekly video sessions that dive deeper into God's word, and also create a podcast to encourage people to get involved with missions within their community. But we need the supplies to make this happen. I am asking you to prayerfully consider helping us purchase the necessary equipment to make this dream a reality. We have created an Amazon Prime Wish List for your convenience. You can also donate directly to the church and in the memo section put "digital church donation."

If you are interested in getting involved with this new ministry or have more questions, please email me at [kelly@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:kelly@broadmoorumc.org).

Grace and Peace,  
*Rev. Kelly Berne*



**BUMC Digital  
Evangelism**

*Easter Lilies / In Honor or In Memory of your loved one.*

**PRICE: \$15/PER**

**DEADLINE TO ORDER: MARCH 28TH**

*Pick up cards at the church or call the church office to order at 318.861.0586*

*Flowers may be picked up after the 11 AM Easter Sunday Services.*

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MISSIONS**



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# THE RIVER @ BROADMOOR UMC

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And all I have  
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## MARCH 2021

**BROADMOOR DAY SCHOOL  
St Jude Trike-A-Thon**

Friday, March 26th at 11 AM

**PALM SUNDAY**

March 28, 2021

## APRIL 2021

**MAUNDAY THURSDAY**

April 1, 2021

**GOOD FRIDAY**

April 2, 2021

**EASTER SUNDAY**

April 4, 2021

**Summer Buddies will be  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
from June 1 - July 1.**

**SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED  
AND FILLED ON A FIRST COME  
FIRST SERVE BASIS.**

Children Entering Kindergarten and younger are able to attend Buddies. Early registration for church members, Day School Students, and enrolled Buddies families is available until March 9.

Please email Stephanie with questions at:

[Stephanie@BroadmoorUMC.org](mailto:Stephanie@BroadmoorUMC.org)

## MEMORIALS

### BUILDING FUND IN MEMORY OF

- ♦ *Anne Grubb* from Milt & Judy Kelley, The Circle Sunday School Class
- ♦ *Virginia Whitten* from Gaye Lefevers, Darrell & Kendra Fite
- ♦ *Allen Doughty* from Robert & Patricia England
- ♦ *Margie Worley* from Gayle & Bill Burnett
- ♦ *Nelson Bell* from Stephanie DeFreese Walker
- ♦ *Bob Taggart* from Marshall Shaw

### GENERAL FUND IN MEMORY OF

- ♦ *Omie & Horace M. Downs* from Betty Jopling

### CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN MEMORY OF

- ♦ *Anne Grubb* from Allison Wray
- ♦ *Ken Franks* from Allison Wray
- ♦ *Nelson Bell* from Allison Wray

## HONORARIUM

### GENERAL FUND IN HONORARIUM OF

- ♦ *Greg & Cynthia Davis* from Dr. Sharon Little

## PASSINGS



### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- ♦ *Karyn Rimmer* for her aunt, Mary Twohig

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

- ♦ **TEXT-TO-GIVE** | Text 'GIVEBUMC' followed by the amount you wish to give to 877-570-3715
- ♦ **BUMC WEBSITE** | [broadmoorumc.org/give](http://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