

# The Messenger



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## BUMC GOVERNANCE BOARD

*Mary Fisher, Member*

### LA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UMC

As first-time delegates, we can say the LA Annual Conference was an eye-opener for us. With all the singing, fellowship, speeches/reports from committees, guest speaker, exhibit tables of information and selling of goods, it was infectious with enthusiasm during the 3 days that we attended.

Bishop Williamston addressed the session with her upbeat attitude, and military boots, and showed off her precious pup. She is a person who serves our God with so much energy and enthusiasm. Our theme was "HOPE" and we referenced the scripture of the paralyzed man being lowered on his mat to find Jesus, who forgave him of his sins and told him to take his mat and walk. The bishop told us that we are to roll up our mats and march forward in the UMC beyond our church walls and into our communities with a message of "HOPE" in making disciples for Jesus Christ in the days ahead. We'll have some challenges ahead, but God is with us-- we will get to where we need to be. Roughly 280 churches are staying in the UMC Louisiana; it is time for healing of our wounds with our vision of "HOPE".

Per Kenny Beauvais, Chair of LA Conference financial address Finance and Administration, we will NOT increase the apportionment budget ahead of local churches through 2024. This was unanimously approved. "Disaffiliation" funds of those exiting the conference will be used over the next 3 yrs. We'll have only a few budgetary changes in 2024 for the conference.

Jennifer Swann, the Conference Lay leader, asked us lay delegates 3 questions:

**1. What are our hopes and dreams for the church?**

**Answer:** To be the church where all persons can experience and participate unconditionally in the body of Christ. Dream Big! Unity, inclusion, reconciliation, and diversity.

**2. What are the essential functions of the conference?**

**Answer:** Lead in a spirit of hope; make sure that none of our UMC members are left behind due to disaffiliation in some areas.

**3. How can laity rise up and develop more lay leaders?**

**Answer:** Support and train young people to be in ministry and partners with our clergy and not just sit back; support our clergy; connect lay people and pastors across the conference.

As BUMC members, we ask that you think about these questions. Many reports were given from committees. We saw broadcasts of ministers/deacons retiring and new deacons that were going to be ordained, which were very inspiring. Serving our Lord was their focus. An artist created an illustration on the theme of "Hope," and the altar of the conference was auctioned off. The couple who won it graciously presented it as a gift to our bishop! Thursday night we celebrated ordination for those entering the ministry. Our own Rev. Megan Twyman's mother-in-law was ordained as a deacon.

On the final day, delegates approved a petition to create an "LGBTQIA+ Ministries Team" to help local United Methodist Churches minister to the LGBTQIA+ community.

Jan Bookter, Jim White and I appreciate the opportunity to have served as your Conference delegates in 2023.

Attached is a link from the Annual Conference: <https://www.youtube.com/@LouisianaAnnualConference/videos>.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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



## The Day School is looking for substitute teachers.

If you are interested, please email Rebecca Hodge at [rebecca@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:rebecca@broadmoorumc.org).

## BROADMOOR



## BUDDIES IS IN NEED OF TEACHERS AND SUBS.

BUMC Buddies is looking to add a couple of teachers and substitutes to our program! We're looking for people who are interested in working part time (9:20AM - 2:20PM) Tuesdays-Thursdays. Our schedule is perfect for parents who want to work around their children's school schedules or students who are trying to work around class schedules.

If you are interested please reach out to schedule an interview by contacting Buddies Director Shelby Lockwood at [shelby@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:shelby@broadmoorumc.org) or (318) 572-5782.



# YOUTH MINISTRIES

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

**MYSTERY TRIP**  
JULY 28TH-29TH  
COST \$70

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### MYSTERY TRIP

Have you ever stepped into a car with no idea where you're going and a full 24 hours of fun ahead of you? That's what Mystery Trip is all about: releasing our expectations and allowing ourselves to be in the moment. Our mystery trip will take place July 28th-29th and costs \$70. Forms are available outside the youth area (in Anderson Hall).

**Signups are due back by July 24th.**  
We hope to see you there!

**Youth  
Summer  
Lock-In**

**COST \$30**  
SIGNUPS DUE BY  
**JULY 19TH**

JULY 21ST-22ND  
6 PM- 8 AM

### YOUTH LOCK-IN

Our youth are having a lock-in July 21st and 22nd. The cost is \$30 and will cover the activities and food on site. Forms are available outside the youth area (Anderson Hall).

**Please make sure to sign up by July**



## SAVE THE DATE FOR PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH.

We will have a blessing over our students, parents, faculty members and administrators to kick off the new school year. Be on the lookout for more details in the weeks to come.

## MISSION UPDATES



### Broadmoor July Mission Project

Broadmoor Kids Connection is a ministry of Broadmoor United Methodist Church affiliated with the Volunteers of America, Communities In Schools® (CIS®). It is our desire to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

We believe that every student, regardless of race, gender, ability, zip code, or socioeconomic background has what they need to realize their full potential in school and beyond. We walk by their side, in their communities, to challenge the systems and barriers that stand between them and their success in life. Join us in helping empower students to overcome personal

challenges and structural barriers by signing up to become a mentor in the CIS program or the after school Lighthouse program. We have sign up tables outside the Sanctuary and the River.

**For more information or to volunteer please contact Jan Booker [janbook@aol.com](mailto:janbook@aol.com) or the church office.**

Teaming up with our Kids Connection Recruitment, our July Mission Focus is collecting items for Broadmoor Stem Academy. Items requested are:

**Disinfectant Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Spray Disinfectant, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Headphones for student to use with tablets, Dry Erase markers.**



### NANIH CHITO ROOFING PROJECT - WE NEED YOU!!

Clear the calendar for September 8th, 9th and a rain date of September 15-16th, 2023. This is a service project that needs people to complete the job. It is hard work, and needs some younger folks to complete the team. We need people for carpentry work, painting, and putting on a metal roof on several structures. The roofing is the major part of the work we need to accomplish in two days. It is possible, if we have enough people to trade off in shifts. Safety is very important.

**Please consider signing up on the sheets by the office and the desk in the fellowship area. There are also sheets in the Sunday School folders. Commitment is hard to make this far out but we need to have a general idea to plan for Safe Sanctuary and Background checks by August 21st, 2023.**

**There will be an interest meeting on Monday, July 24th, 2023 at 6:00PM in the fellowship area of the church. Come and find out more about the jobs and the location.**



### River Worship Planning

**July 23rd, Noon to 2PM in Pearce Hall-** What are your dreams for the River? What do you like that we want to continue doing? What are our growing edges? We want YOU to come to our worship planning meeting to help us dream big! Lunch and childcare will be provided.

**Please RSVP with Pastor Megan at [megan@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:megan@broadmoorumc.org).**



**BROADMOOR  
HOME  
Ministries**

**The Home Ministries Team is excited to announce that we are growing, both in the number of ministers and the number of those we serve. We also plan to begin new areas of ministry soon.**

Rev. Hugh Debo will be speaking to Sunday School classes during July and August, introducing himself and presenting plans for Home Ministries.

**If you would like to find out more about serving as a member of the team or you know of a member who would benefit from a visit, please email Rev. Hugh Debo at [hugh@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:hugh@broadmoorumc.org).**



# THE RIVER @ BROADMOOR UMC

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## MEMORIALS

### MUSIC FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ◆ Kathryn Thompson from Carolyn Clarke
- ◆ Leonard Sudduth from Ginger Blair

### CARILLON BELLS FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ◆ Mary Ann Breedlove from Louise Benoit

### FESTIVAL DE NOEL FUND

IN MEMORY OF:

- ◆ Leonard Sudduth from Deborah Griffith



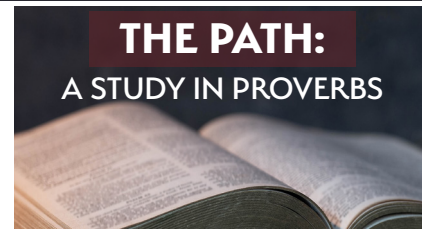
Broadmoor United Methodist Church hosted an Early Response Team from south Louisiana and Texas on Thursday, June 29 through Saturday, July 1, 2023. The team worked in the neighborhood to clear fallen trees and debris from the recent storm damage. The team used the Youth area in the basement to sleep, and meals were provided by members of BUMC. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated food and water to support the ERT Team's stay! Particular thanks go to Mary Virginia Taylor, Diane Valentine, Khaki Simank, John Hubbard, Jane Hubbard, and Jan Nelson for helping prepare and serve meals. Also, thanks to everyone who donated food and water items including two breakfast casseroles, brownies, oatmeal bars, fruit, and a variety of snacks and drinks. Everyone working together was a huge blessing for the ERT Team volunteers and coordinators!

*Sue Ottesen*  
*BUMC Missions Team*

Guests and new members, you are invited to Discover Broadmoor in the Pearce Hall. 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 August 17th.*

## NEW SERMON SERIES:



*The Path of life is filled with many twists and turns. It is not an easy course to navigate on our own. This is exactly why God has not left us to ourselves. Instead, He has provided us with the perfect wisdom we need for the journey ahead, through the Word of God.*



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

**CHERYL DUNSON!**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

- BUMC WEBSITE** | [broadmoorumc.org/give](http://broadmoorumc.org/give)
- DIRECT DEPOSIT** | Call office at 318-861-0586 & talk to Amy Watts 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