

# WELCOME TO THE RIVER

THANKS FOR JOINING US!

DECEMBER 24, 2022

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG *JOY TO THE WORLD (UNSPEAKABLE JOY)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT **KRISTIN NELSON**

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CENTERING SONG *AWAY IN A MANGER*

SCRIPTURE *MATTHEW 3:1-12*

SERMON *NOT ALL ACTIONS ARE CREATED EQUAL* **REV. KELLY BERNE**

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

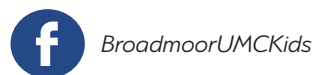
CLOSING SONG *O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM*

BENEDICTION

STAY CONNECTED!



CHILDREN



## OUR MISSION

Inspire people to **KNOW, GROW, GO** in God's love.

### KNOW

Connect people to Church & God.



### GROW

Develop as a disciple and leader.



### GO

Engage and serve the community.



## DISCOVER THE DISCIPLESHIP PATH!



### HOW DO I USE THE PATH?

The cross represents Christ. Place yourself in each section to discover where you are in your relationship with Christ. Then ask yourself these questions:

#### KNOW

**CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHURCH AND GOD**

Am I attending worship regularly? How often am I connecting with God and God's people?

#### GROW

**DEVELOPING AS A DISCIPLE AND LEADER**

Am I involved in a bible study or small group to help me develop deeper as a disciple?

#### GO

**ENGAGING AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY**

How much mission work am I doing and is it deepening my relationship with God and people in my community?

*Whether you find yourself in the lighter or darker sections of the path, see how you can grow deeper in your faith journey. We encourage you to consider joining a new small group, attending more worship services this year, or serving in one of our missions opportunities in the next few months. **Visit our website to see all the ways you can get plugged in!***

## GIVING

Offering is an act of worship. Please visit our website at [Broadmoorumc.org/Give](http://Broadmoorumc.org/Give).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIRST GIFTS – PRACTICING GIVING TO HONOR THE CHILD

It has been a tradition at Broadmoor United Methodist of giving the first gift of the season to the Christ Child for the work of the church. This holy practice points back to the manger giving shelter, the star giving guidance, the shepherds giving context, and the wisemen giving honor to the Child who gives hope. Your extra financial gift at this time of the year speaks to how special Christ's witness is in your life. Write First Gifts on the memo line of your check or go online to [BroadmoorUMC.org](http://BroadmoorUMC.org) and follow the giving prompt. Thanks for your generous FIRST GIFT giving priority to honoring the Holy Child and continuing the ministry of our church.

### PACK THE SLEIGH CHRISTMAS EVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 5PM

Join us as we pack Santa's sleigh with donations for Common Ground's Christmas Marketplace. This church-wide event is for people of all ages as we will have live music, Christmas movie trivia, gingerbread house competition, cupcake decorating, and a visit from Santa Claus. Dinner will be provided. Please sign up through the office or on your connect card by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.

### LifeShare Blood Drive SUNDAY, DEC. 18TH 8AM TO NOON IN PEARCE HALL

You can sign up on your connect card or by emailing [office@broadmoorumc.org](mailto:office@broadmoorumc.org) or by using the link <https://forms.gle/pBj3jH3Da6m8QNNu9>

### Angel Tree Update

THANK YOU! Because of your generosity all angels have been taken and our Amazon Wish List has been fulfilled. Please remember angel tree gifts are due back to the church by Dec. 4th.

### DECEMBER MISSIONAL FOCUS

Give our friends from Cedar Grove the opportunity to shop and buy presents for their families at affordable prices by donating to Common Ground's Christmas Marketplace. A list of ideas can be found at our mission display or in The Messenger. Suggested donations shouldn't be over \$35 and must be new. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Rev. Sarah Shoup; [sarah@commongroundshreveport.com](mailto:sarah@commongroundshreveport.com) or calling (337) 842-1241



## Holiday Services

- Blue Christmas**  
The Chapel | Dec. 20th | 6 PM
- Christmas Eve**  
The River | Contemporary Service | 3 PM  
The Sanctuary | Traditional Services | 5 PM & 7 PM
- Christmas Day**  
The River | Contemporary Service | 10:30 AM
- New Year's Day**  
The Sanctuary | Traditional Service | 10:30 AM

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