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Across my life, I've had a couple of broken bones. I finally got cleared from my latest break to resume all activities – but I still can't lift much of anything. Still, it is mending. I'm thankful. At the beginning of Lent, Psalm 51 is read at the Ash Wednesday service each year. There's one verse that grabbed my attention this year: "Let the bones that you have crushed rejoice" (Ps 51:8).

Strange to think of our life journey as bone-crushing – but there are times, for many of us, that it is. Then there's the spiritual aspect. In Psalm 51 David is crushed. After Nathan confronted him about Bathsheba, his life needs to be knitted back together again. God is the one who helps us break away from unhealthy choices or patterns. God is the one who mends what is broken.

In our lives, what emerges is a pattern of breaking and mending. I see this in Peter Gaughan's departure from BUMC. Our church will be sad; he will be sad. But he will grow to love the congregation in Crowley; the church will grow to love the new associate pastor. This is not strange; frankly, it's unavoidable. It's just part of this life. Ernest Hemingway's character Henry in A Farewell to Arms put it this way: "The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places."

We're broken. All of us. Maybe literally – a hip, an arm. Maybe emotionally – grief, depression. Maybe spiritually – disbelief, impatience. Our world is broken. Parents fail. Our children disappoint us. Our grandchildren speak another language. Families are broken. We're broken people living in a broken world. What truly matters is how we find the strength to mend those broken places within ourselves, others, and the world.

At some point there is a reckoning: we must name our temptations, acknowledge the powerful nature of sin – the things that break us and our broken places. And we must turn to the grace of God. It was revealed at the cross. This grace meets us in our broken places. We experience new life through the power of the Resurrection.

In part, Lent is about naming those broken places and seeking God's mending.

It is a time to recall those words from the hymn How Firm a Foundation:

When through the deep waters I call you to go,

The rivers of woe shall not you overflow;

For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress

May your broken places be mended this Lenten season

Dr. Greg Davis



REV. PETER GAUGHAN
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
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Dear BUMC family,

With many emotions, I write to share with you that our Bishop and her cabinet are appointing me to First UMC in Crowley, Louisiana.

Our district superintendent, Dr. Wybra Price, senior pastor; Dr. Greg Davis, and SPRC are already in consultation to discern our new associate pastor.

As I share this news, Paul's opening words from I Corinthians fill my heart. "I thank my God always for you, because of God's grace that was given you in Christ Jesus." Broadmoor UMC will always have a special place in my heart as my first appointment. I am grateful for the way you welcomed Leah and me and the grace we experienced as a clergy couple as you lifted us up with prayers and support. Our time and ministry together have helped me become the pastor that I am today. Thanks to your love and support I can accept this appointment with confidence.

During our time in Shreveport, Leah has identified more clearly her passion for Christian formation and discipleship. She has discerned that her call is more suited to ministry of Deacon in the United Methodist Church and will be pursuing that in the coming months. As we move into this time of transition, we covet your prayers.

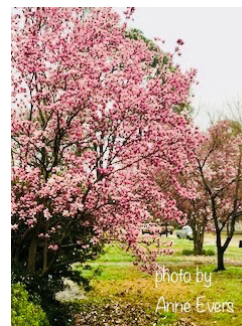
This letter is by no means a goodbye. There is still much work to be done before July. I look forward to continuing our ministry together for the next 5 months as we invite, nurture, equip and serve to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Grace and Peace,

Peter

Rev. Peter Gaughan

peter@broadmoorumc.org



BMUM Events

Baptism Class this Sunday, March 4

If you are interested in learning more about the sacrament of Baptism join Dr. Greg Davis and Rev. Peter Gaughan this Sunday, March 4 at 10:00 in the Parlor. They will delve deeper into this covenant and answer any questions you may have. All are welcome. For more information contact Kristin at the church office or by email kristin@broadmoorumc.org

GriefShare

Led by Bonnie and Tom Daniel

Begins Sunday, March 4 (13 weeks)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

If you have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you have probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Cost is \$20.

VIM TRAINING DATE: MARCH 10

Broadmoor UMC has the opportunity to host a Methodist Volunteers In Mission (VIM) training this year on March 10. We will be opening our doors to those interested in being trained from all over the district. In the immediate wake of disasters, this training and certification is vital to being able to swerve areas of greatest need.

VIM needs people for heaving lifting, cooking, and simply spending time with disaster victims. The cost for the training and certification that you receive as a result is \$45 a person.

Contact Pastor Peter at peter@broadmoorumc.org or Robert Taylor at rtaylor55@att.net to confirm your attendance or for additional information

CLC Fundraising Dinner featuring Matt Rawles | Thursday, March 15

Centenary College's Christian Leadership Center (CLC) invites you to its 12th annual Fundraising Dinner featuring our very own Matt Rawles. Matt was the associate pastor of Broadmoor for seven years and has written several books and book studies. The event will be on Thursday, March 15 at 6 p.m. in the Centenary College Fitness Center. You can register online or by calling Lindy Broderick, 318.869.5112. Tickets are \$45 individual or \$300 for a table of 8.

Lay Servant School | April 13 & 14

Have you ever wanted to be a more effective church school leader; a more confident Sunday School Teacher; or just a better servant for your church? Broadmoor will host the Shreveport District Lay Servant School, which exists to develop the skills and enhance the spiritual gifts of lay leaders and potential lay leaders in our church. This training can also prepare a lay person to preach when a pastor is not available in a local church. Registration forms will be available at the church information desk. Cost is \$45 For more information contact laura@broadmoorumc.org.

New Mission

The Fuller Center has a few new opportunities for Volunteers:

Small groups of 5 or less can sign up to work on the Stoner Hill Neighborhood Build, Volunteer at the Fuller Center Surplus Store on weekdays from 8 am - 5 pm. Additional Opportunities are coming soon! fullercenter.org/shreveport/

Something to Think About:

Discipline is the other side of discipleship. Discipleship without discipline is like waiting to run in the marathon without ever practicing. Discipline without discipleship is like always practicing for the marathon but never participating. It is important, however, to realize that discipline in the spiritual life is not the same as discipline in sports. Discipline in sports is the concentrated effort to master the body so that it can obey the mind better. Discipline in the spiritual life is the concentrated effort to create the space and time where God can become our master and where we can respond freely to God's guidance.

Thus, discipline is the creation of boundaries that keep time and space open for God. Solitude requires discipline, worship requires discipline, caring for others requires discipline. They all ask us to set apart a time and a place where God's gracious presence can be acknowledged and responded to. Henri Nouwen

UMW Now is the Time to Count!

The deadline for the 2017 census is approaching fast. We need all United Methodist Women to go on-line and report your membership for the year. Each census is vital to showing where we are in communities throughout the nation.

Please go to www.unitedmethodistwomen.org and click on the BLUE box which says "myumw: add your info and get your membership card." After clicking this box, you will be brought to the Membership Log page. (Note: Do NOT click the purple box.) Select Broadmoor Methodist from the list. "Unit type" answer should be local, and "unit President" answer should be Allison Wray.

Deadline is March 26, 2018. Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Questions? Call Allison Wray at 318-426-8183

The Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission needs our help!

Last time we were able to provide 150 bags to the women at the mission. Broadmoor UMW hopes you will help us to continue our support of these women in our community.

Below is a list of pressing needs for the women at the mission:

- Body wash • Feminine Hygiene Products
- Shampoos (multi-cultural) • Deodorants
- Toilet Paper • Elastic Hair Ties
- Midol • Aleve • Tums • Gas-X
- Super 1 gift cards for prescriptions
- Shaving cream • Cough Drops

Please bring your donations starting Sunday, March 25 - Sunday, April 8. There will be collection baskets at the Welcome Center and near the Church Office. You can drop off your donations during the week at the Church Office. Please contact Hilda Holder at 349-3192 with any questions.

YOU'RE INVITED..

FOOD BANK OF NORTHWEST LOUISIANA'S

Community

BOWL PAINTING PARTY

When?

MARCH 15, 2018

5:30 - 7 PM

Who?

ALL AGES WELCOME

Where?

BROADMOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(ANDERSON HALL GYM)
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ENTER ON ALBANY STREET AT OFFICE ENTRANCE

EMPTY BOWLS

Enjoy painting a ceramic bowl to support the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana. Your talent will be someone's treasure at our Empty Bowls Fundraiser on June 7th. A \$20 donation is requested to paint a bowl. Light refreshments will be provided.

Visit us on Facebook to learn more!



Memorials & Honorariums

Building Fund

In memory of **Rosemary Baldridge** from
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Johnson

In memory of **Janelle Berger** from The
Cornerstone Class at BUMC

In memory of **Robert Westerman** from
Home Builders Association of NWLA

Special Projects

In honor of **Broadmoor UMC Pastors
and Staff** from Jan Milner & Eric Holman

In honor of **Conrad Edwards** from Jan
Milner & Eric Holman

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Melinda
Vaught in the loss of her father Jack
Bickham, who passed away on February
26th.

Our sympathy is extended to Charles
and Rosemary Barnes in the passing of
their daughter, Carla Bryant Barnes on
February 19th.

Our sympathy is extended to Gary and
Janet Northen, our Day School director,
in the passing of Gary's Aunt.

Our sympathy is extended to Michael
and Deanna Powell and family in the
loss of his father, Louis Hennick on
February 26th.

Prayers

Janet Hyatt went to the skilled nursing
area at Garden Park Retirement
Center, and will be there for rehab
for at least two months.

Cathy Williams is having gallbladder
surgery March 1st. Her husband
Tommy will have another back injection
on March 8th.



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Broadmoor United Methodist
Children's Ministry



Fish Fry March 18

The Living Faith Class will host the annual Fish Fry on Sunday, March 18. Enjoy a time of fellowship in Pearce Hall over a delicious home cooked meal. Box lunches will be available for pick up at 10:45 in Anderson Hall Foyer, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. All proceeds help support Broadmoor's Children's Ministry. Tickets will be available for purchase this Sunday, March 4.

Sky Ranch Twisted Root Fundraiser

A heart felt thank you to all who came by and supported our fifth graders last Sunday with a kind word, a donation and/or had lunch with us at Twisted Root. The proceeds we raised will go towards our fifth graders' trip to Sky Ranch in May. This trip marks the beginning of their transition from the Children's Ministry into Youth. If you are interested in sponsoring a child's trip please contact Kristin at the church office or by email kristin@broadmoorumc.org

Welcome to BUMC!



Please welcome Maddie Young to the Broadmoor family. She is joining by profession of faith!

She is Pat Young's Granddaughter and is a senior in High School. She will be going to SMU in the fall.

Also, please welcome Amanda McCarter to the Broadmoor family! She joined this past Sunday by transfer of Membership. She has a daughter Tristyn who attends A.C. Steere.

Blessings and Joy,

Laura Vaughan
Director of Discipleship

A Heartfelt Thank You ...

I just wanted to write a small note to say "Thank You".

All my life I've never found a church that I fit in...then I found Broadmoor UMC.

So Thank You!

Thank You for accepting me, thank you for believing in me and thank you for letting me serve as your Director of Communication.

I truly loved every minute of it, and I truly love everyone of you.

Please welcome Amanda McCarter with the same kindness and love you showed me.

Much love,

Stephanie Heiken

BROADMOOR UMC PRESENTS

**THE WORLD
BELOVED**

A BLUEGRASS MASS

SUNDAY, SIX O'CLOCK
MARCH 25 IN THE EVENING
SANCTUARY

A COMBINATION OF SACRED CLASSICAL CHORAL
TRADITION & THE SPARKLING DOWN HOME SOUND OF
BANJO, MANDOLIN & FIDDLE

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Mending What is Broken

This Saturday

Paula D'Arcy will join us this Saturday from 10:30 am - 2 pm to speak on the topic, Mending What is Broken, and will be accompanied by renowned, inspirational storyteller and musician, Ken Medema.

The event is in support of The Red Bird Foundation. The Mission of the Red Bird Foundation is to support the work of Paula D'Arcy, a globally recognized teacher, author and retreat leader who has dedicated her life to advance



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RED BIRD FOUNDATION
REACHING HEARTS. RESTORING HOPE.

This Sunday

Ken Medema will be singing stories and inspiring hearts in his unique live concert beginning at 3 pm.

For four decades, Ken Medema has inspired people through storytelling and music. Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind. His ability to capture spirit in word and song is unparalleled.



What if what you
went through wasn't
meant to destroy you,
but to develop you?

*This concert is part of our Festival Arts Series.
All concert series programs are presented free of
charge, though donations are gladly accepted.

To purchase tickets or if you would like more information, please
contact Laura Vaughan at laura@broadmoorumc.org or
318.861.0586.