When Greg Hicks, co-author of *Happiness and Health*, went in search of happy people around the globe, he was introduced to Su Nu Tri, who ran an orphanage in Vietnam. Observing the overwhelming need of the children who came to her establishment, Hicks asked her, “Can you tell which children will thrive, that is, go on to be healthy and productive?” Su Nu Tri paused for just a second and then nodded: “They see possibilities.”

It sounds like the gift of Christian hope. In the sometimes dire circumstances of life, God’s Spirit whisper to us, “This is not the end.” Amid dark clouds, there is something inside that believes that beyond the present darkness, light is alive and shining. We are gifted to see that seeming dead ends are sometimes just a sharp turn in a new direction, the gateway to something greater than we presently know.

Psalm 25:5 offers us a beautiful prayer: “Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.” May God give us the heart to see possibilities, and live hopefully all our days.

God’s blessings,

Join us for the Annual Blessing of the Animals

Broadmoor will hold a Blessing of the Animals service at 3 PM on Sunday, Oct. 6 at the church in the grassy lot on the corner of Albany and Anniston. Those planning to attend are asked to bring their animal to the church on a leash or secured in a carrier. If you have any questions please contact Rev. Kathy Wafer.

Several Opportunities to Serve at the Neighborhood Block Party

Broadmoor’s eighth annual Neighborhood Block Party will be held on Sunday, October 27 from 4-7 PM. The party is only a month away, and we need your help to make it the best outreach event it can be. There are several different ways to serve, both prior to the event and at the event itself.

One of the key ways we spread the word about the block party is by passing out door hangers in the surrounding neighborhood to invite the community to the event. The Broadmoor Student Ministry will be passing out door hangers on Sunday, October 6 from 5-6:30 PM. They need all the drivers they can get to drive up and down the streets as the youth pass out hangers to each house. If you’re interested in helping with driving or distributing on October 6, contact Brandon Winningham at brandon@broadmoorumc.org or 861-0586. Packets of remaining door hangers for specific streets will also be available for pick-up at the church reception desk after October 6 for you to pass out at your leisure.

Volunteers are also needed to set up for the event after Sunday worship, supervise activities (including the inflatables, rock-climbing wall, and more), assist with carnival games for children, and clean up after the block party ends.

As always, we also need people to pass out candy from their vehicles during Trunk-or-Treating, which will begin at 6:30 PM after all other activities wrap up.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are located at the reception desk and Welcome Center. Contact Rev. Kathy Wafer at kathysw@broadmoorumc.org if you have any questions.
MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

LIBRARY FUND
In honor of MAE BRAY, by Joy Dunkelman.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY
In honor of NANCY BEAUVAIS and KATHRYN THOMPSON, by The Companions Group.

WE EXPRESS SYMPATHY
Pray for the families and friends of those who have passed away:
MARY MARGARET BARR, VIRGINIA BYNUM, JULIA CAPPS, JAMES PORTER DAVID, and MARIAM MITCHELL.

WE PRAY TOGETHER

GARDENER OF MY SOUL
Spirit of the living God, be the Gardener of my soul.
For so long I have been waiting, silent and still—experiencing a winter of the soul.
But now, in the strong name of Jesus Christ, I dare to ask:
Clear away the dead growth of the past,
Break up the hard clods of custom and routine,
Stir in the rich compost of vision and challenge,
Bury deep in my soul the implanted Word,
 Cultivate and water and tend my heart,
Until new life buds and opens and flowers.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS & VALARIE THIELS
We have been members at Broadmoor for over two and a half years. From the very first day we set foot in Broadmoor, we have felt welcome. This sense of welcome is still as strong today as it was in the beginning, and it sets Broadmoor apart from other church communities we have encountered. We look forward to Sundays at Broadmoor knowing that we can recharge our spiritual batteries for the week ahead, look at the Word of God in ways we never could have on our own, and develop relationships with great people that help us grow closer to Christ.
We currently serve as part of the Church Council, Women’s Ministry, greeters and ushers for the River Service, hospital visitors, and members of the 20 Somethings Sunday School class. We also participate and volunteer at other events throughout the year like the Neighborhood Block Party and Easter Eggstravaganza. We were previously involved in Kids Hope and the Student Ministry at Broadmoor. We strongly encourage you to serve at Broadmoor, because every service opportunity not only benefits Broadmoor and/or the community, but also allows us to spend time getting to know other members and to feel like we are a part of our church family.

BROADMOOR WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Broadmoor is pleased to announce the addition of Karen Arcement as the new Administrative Assistant. Karen will be working part-time in the church office on a variety of tasks, including keeping worship and Sunday School attendance records, keeping our hospital lists up to date, and making the orders of worship. Karen is a member of Broadmoor and a life-long Methodist. She has lived in Shreveport for the past 20+ years with her husband, Corey, and their three children, Paul (a sophomore at Centenary), Erin (a junior at Byrd), and Beth Ann (an eighth grader at St. Joseph’s). When she’s not in the office, Karen can be found supporting her kids’ sports teams. Karen is here to help you with whatever you may need. Feel free to contact her at the church office at 861-0586.

NEW MEMBERS

(L) Carrie Restal with her children Olivia and Colin. She is transferring from Faith UMC in Boynton Beach, FL, and in the Living Faith Sunday School Class.

(R) Leslie and Andrew Bowers, transferring from other Methodist churches. Leslie is an RN with WKHS and Andrew is a student at LSU medical school. They are in the 20 Somethings Class.
JOIN REV. WAFER FOR A FALL STUDY

GIDEON: YOUR WEAKNESS, GOD'S STRENGTH

Gideon: Your weakness, God's Strength is a seven-session women's Bible study by Priscilla Shirer. Rev. Kathy Wafer will lead two sections of this study beginning Tuesday, October 1 from 12:00-1:30 and Wednesday, October 2 from 6:00-7:30 in the meeting room. This study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of God’s strength in your life. You can sign up for this study at the reception desk or at the Welcome Center.

CENTERING PRAYER

Broadmoor is hosting an introductory workshop on Centering Prayer on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 9 AM-Noon in Pearce Hall. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer, rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition, which seeks to open us to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit. The presenter for the Shreveport workshop will be Alan Prater, a Shreveport resident, who has been commissioned by Contemplative Outreach to present introductory workshops. Pre-registration fee of $15 is requested. For more details, contact Rev. Kathy Wafer.

JOIN THE SEARCHERS' FALL STUDY

The Searchers Sunday School class is kicking off the Fall Season this Sunday with an 8-week video and discussion series by Scott J. Jones called, The Wesleyan Way, A Faith that Matters. This 8-session study helps participants focus on how, through discipleship with Jesus Christ, we become part of God’s work in transforming the world. The Searchers welcome anyone to this study for one or all of the sessions – no workbook is required. Different members of the Searchers class will be leading each session.

CONNECT WITH THE "7" BLOG

Attention readers and participants in the book study of Jen Hatmaker’s book, 7: Let the blogging begin! As we embark on our experiment of addressing excess, we want people to participate in the 7 blog that has been set up through the BUMC women's ministry. If you have read the book, share your thoughts with those of us who are embarking on the 7 journey. After each group session we will update the blog with highlights of our time together. You can see the blog at http://www.womenofbumc.wordpress.com. If you want to know how to post a blog entry, contact Katie James at katie@broadmoorumc.org.

CALLING ALL AGENTS! Mission Possible Kids begins on Sunday, October 6. Meet in the gym after the 11:00 worship service for lunch. Our mission for October is making Crazy birthday boxes for kids who live at Providence House. Please bring any leftover birthday supplies you may have – plates, napkins, party blowers, balloons, streamers, party favors. We also need shoe boxes. Any child who is in 1st-5th grades is welcome to be an MPKids Agent. If you have not joined yet, but would like to, you may join at this meeting. Fee is $25 for new agents. Everyone should bring $3 for lunch.

The Glory Sounds children’s choir will sing at the 11:00 Traditional Service this Sunday, September 29.

There will be an acolyte training for all third through fifth graders at 12:15 this Sunday, September 29. This training is for both current and new acolytes.

BROADMOOR UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN | On Tuesday, September 3, the Fall General Meeting of the UMW was held in the Chapel. Elaine Camp presented the program “Poverty and The Roma.” 24 ladies attended bringing school supplies for Arthur Circle Elementary School and with lunch catered by McAlisters following the meeting. Thanks to Women of Faith Circle for handling the arrangements.

At Circle meetings in October, the World Thank Offering will be collected. The funds collected are used for the total program of mission carried on through the Women’s Division in the United States and around the world. The Annual “Cookie Stroll” is in the planning stages for November to also provide funds for our many Missions.

The Shreveport District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting will be held at Plain Dealing United Methodist Church on November 2. Training for all UMW officers who were elected at the Fall meeting will be held. Officers will be installed at our December general meeting on Tuesday, December 3.

Contributions to the Shreveport District UMW have been made and the 2013 Mission Candle will be burned in memory of the following ladies at the UMW District Annual meeting at Plain Dealing Methodist Church on November 2. Those remembered are: Ruth Tiller, Daisy Jolley, Mabel Givens, Idell Scott, Mildred Wallace, Esther McGinnis, and Loretta Green.

If you are interested in joining a UMW circle, contact Laura Vaughan at laura@broadmoorumc.org.
This past Sunday, Broadmoor's Student Ministry had its first monthly worship night at UMY. It's important to give our students the opportunity to worship together in their own way on a regular basis, and I think we are off to a great start. The students worshipped downstairs in their usual meeting room called the Max, but as they entered the space on Sunday night they were surprised to find that the couches had been replaced by sheets of fabric hung from the ceiling to form what we call "Sacred Space." Before entering the Sacred Space, the youth were instructed to take off their shoes, put their cell phones in a basket, and enter in silence. Jeremy Hall, a junior at Centenary College, led acoustic worship and Alex Hensley, an intern at the Yellow House of Highland, gave a message about what it means to live in intentional community with one another. It was a blessing to be present as the youth used their voices and thoughts in worship, singing along and responding to the message. Keep us in your prayers as we practice being an intentional community this weekend at the fall retreat at Pine Cove and as we continue to learn how to worship together and be present to each other in the coming year.

FAIR TRADE & LOCAL ARTISAN SALE
BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR A CAUSE
Broadmoor UMC is pleased to announce its participation in this year’s Mission Marketplace. Mission Marketplace is a faith-based initiative to help improve the lives of people all over the world, by hosting a yearly "market" where fair-trade gifts are sold. "Fair trade" is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

A wide variety of unique, hand-made items will be sold at the market, including jewelry, greeting cards, pottery, woven baskets, candles, Christmas ornaments, Advent calendars, nativities, scarves, dolls, soaps, art work, table cloths, purses, soup mixes, home decor items, coffees, teas, chocolates, and much more.

Mission Market will be Saturday, November 9th from 10 AM until 2 PM in the Family Life Center at St. Joseph Catholic Church. All proceeds go to promote livable wages for women and to local causes. Plan to attend this great neighborhood event.