

# BROADCASTER

news and announcements from broadmoor presbyterian church in daly city, ca

“Walking together, experiencing and sharing God’s love.”

## JANUARY 2024

### *From the Pastor*

Merry Christmas. Happy New Year!



– the beginning of a new year – a fresh start in life. As a lifelong runner, I always begin the New Year with a run. It is my way of telling myself that this is going to be a healthy, good year. This practice gets me moving in the right direction.

Often we humans need just that, a nudge, to get us going in the right direction. Life has a way of bogging us down with too many responsibilities, stresses, and worries. As a result of all this heaviness, we literally can feel as if we are running in place, no longer able to embrace all the creative energy God gives us.

I think this can be true for the church community as well. We get used to doing our life together in the same manner we have done it for many, many years. We are busy, busy;

constantly doing, and can literally run out of steam. When this happens, we run the risk of missing the creative spirit of God calling us to look outward, to look inward, and experience God in a fresh, new way.

Too often I hear members of the community express their sadness that we are a small church that does not seem to be growing. I have heard concern that we might continue to get smaller and smaller until we can no longer be together.

I am a person of HOPE. I believe God is not done with Broadmoor Presbyterian Church. I know God is alive and working in our midst. I believe we have a call to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world. How we will continue to redefine this call – will come with the help of our Lord working through the community.

The theologian Barbara Brown Taylor reminds us, “Whether you are a sophomore trying to decide on a major or a brain surgeon at the top of your profession, you have everything you need to respond to your divine call. You have what each of us has: one whole life to live on this earth, with tasks in it that we may choose to do well or poorly, and with people in it whom we may lift up by our presence with them or put down by our absence from them, even though we are standing right in front of them.”

A fresh start in the New Year offers all of us new opportunity to be involved in lifting up others who may long to hear about God's love.

As we begin fresh and new this year, I remind all of us to "Invite a friend to church." You never know, this may be the day they say "Yes." It took a lot of years for me to say "Yes." Thank God my friend Donna, who is Presbyterian, never stopped asking. One day I surprised her and said "Yes."

Peace and Love,

*Kathryn*



## *Session*

Session met virtually in a Regular (Stated) Meeting at 7:00 pm. on Thursday, December 14, 2023, with the Rev. Karen Thistlethwaite as guest moderator. A quorum was present. These following motions were approved unanimously:

- Following review, to recommend the 2024 budget to the congregation at their annual congregational meeting on January 28, 2024.
- To transfer \$25,000 from the Synod account to the church's checking account.

Holding meetings electronically: The new Book of Order requires that congregations should adopt special rules of order and standing rules to govern meetings held electronically to an otherwise in-person meeting. Following discussion, this motion was approved unanimously: that Session grant that the congregation and its committees may meet electronically, provided that the technology employed allows for all members present to hear and be heard simultaneously.

Additionally, recognizing that for some, any actions taken at a session meeting on Zoom (before the new Book of Order affirmed Zoom meetings) may be called into question, the Session affirms that all actions taken since the Session started meeting on Zoom in 2020 should be upheld.

The next Regular (Stated) Meeting of Session is Thursday, January 18, 2024.

If you have any questions concerning these proceedings, please contact an Elder.

~ Respectfully submitted, Marian Hardin, Clerk of Session

## ***Board Of Deacons***

Deacons. A full Deacon's report will be in the annual report. I would like to take this opportunity to explain a part of the Deacons that may not be known to all of you: The Broadmoor Prayer Chain. It is listed in the announcements on the Sunday Bulletins. It is designed to send a prayer request to the Deacons and other members of the congregation that have requested to be included in the prayer chain. The members of the chain will individually pray for the requests made and the prayer will be included in the bulletin. You do not need to be a member of the chain to make a prayer request. It is a way to request prayers that can not wait until the Sunday Service time for prayers and requests or those that do not feel comfortable speaking in the service. You do not need to be a deacon to be part of this prayer chain. If you would like to receive any prayers requests so you may add your voice to the prayers offered up contact the church office and ask to be added to the prayer chain contacts. Click to make a [Prayer Request](#) or email [bpcprayerchain@googlegroups.com](mailto:bpcprayerchain@googlegroups.com).

~ Respectfully submitted, Raymond Haddox,  
Moderator

## ***Stewardship Committee***

Stewardship. The stewardship committee this year centered its drive on some of the scriptures that inspire us to be stewards for God. Individual members presented a scripture that

they felt inspired them to be stewards of God. Our inspiration was Psalm 107 v 1: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

As the finance committee's report will show, we did not have a very good year. Our number of pledges has dropped and our expenses are going up.

Changes will need to be made as our membership base drops.

A thank you to Marian Hardin, Perla Ibarrientos, Martha Espinosa and Gerry Manis for serving on the committee. Also for Pastor Kathryn for her assistance and advice.

~ Respectfully submitted, Raymond Haddox  
Committee chair

## ***Church Member Update***

From Carol Jordan

Wishing everyone at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church a blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas.



Advent Joy  
Candle  
Lighting  
December  
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## *A Celebration of Life*

It is with sadness to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Ellie Cole, wife of former BPC pastor, the Rev. Mike Cole. Rev. Mike Cole pastored at BPC from March 1980 to August 1987 when they moved to Oregon. They eventually made their home in Woodland Park, Colorado where Ellie passed. Those who knew her and Mike knew she struggled with cancer for some time, but that she was a funny, sweet, loving, grateful and faithful person, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who enjoyed creating jewelry and traveling, wine tasting, and California's Lake Tahoe. Below is an announcement for a Zoom Memorial Service on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 11:00 am MT (10:00 am PST).



*With grateful hearts we give thanks to God for the life of Ellie Cole.*

*Ellie entered the Church Triumphant on December 29 in her home, surrounded by her family. We give thanks that Ellie is beyond pain and at peace with her Lord.*

*A Memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, January 20 at 11 am MST at Faith Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs.*

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81383088047?pwd=Znh4L2JtVi9HeFYrczVLaGxUd0d6dz09>

## *Celebrating Our Journey*

This year, 2024, comes with the 75th anniversary of our church. That's right! On May 22, 1949, our church was formally organized and became part of the Presbyterian denomination.

So, in preparation for this special event, we will be sharing some history with you. On the first and third Sunday of each month leading up to our church celebration on May 19, 2024, you will hear someone briefly speaking about our church's past. It will be called "A Minute for History." You will also read important little known facts which we call "Did You Know?"

### *Did You Know?*

**Our** first sanctuary was a tiny, all-purpose Quonset hut chapel moved from College-City Lakeside Presbyterian Church and was called the "Sugar Cube Building."

**Our** first structure, the Sugar Cube Building, was also where movies were shown to the local children on the weekends until the Sierra Theater was built on Junipero Serra Boulevard.

**The** doors to the first temporary sanctuary opened on February 20, 1949.

**A** portable vacuum cleaner powered the church organ. The vacuum cleaner was stolen and this vandalism reached the Associated Press!

**In** 1958, Greg Lum and Ken Gillespie became the first men to join the Board of Deacons.

**At** one time, sacred music was broadcast from an aluminum speaker in our steeple.

In the early '60's, we had our first electronic organ installed in memory of Margaret Pauline Brown, a longtime friend and member of our church. She was an educator and pioneer in our area for whom an elementary school on Eastmoor Avenue, Daly City, is named.

The church choir was seen on KPIX-TV in 1958, 1959, and in 1960.

The first pews were painted gray and were donated by a local mortuary.

Our sanctuary was open for use on Palm Sunday 1957. The sanctuary cost \$68,000 and the rugs that graced the floor cost \$5,000.

The first tables were wooden and had screw-on metal legs. When not in use, they were kept in a recessed area under the stage in Tweedie Hall, our social hall.

## *Inspiration*

Not Celebrate?

Not celebrate:

Your burden is too great to bear?

Your loneliness is intensified during this Christmas season?

Your tears seem to have no end?

Not celebrate?

You should lead the celebration!

You should run through the streets to ring the bells and sing the loudest!

You should fling the tinsel on the tree, and open your house to your neighbors, and call them in to dance!

For it is you above all others who know the joy of Advent.

It is unto you that a Savior is born this day, One who comes to lift your burden from your shoulders, One who comes to wipe the tears from your eyes.

You are not alone, for he is born this day to you.  
~ Ann Weems, "Kneeling in Bethlehem"

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."  
~ John 14:27

## Where the Map Begins

This is not any map you know. Forget longitude. Forget latitude. Do not think of distances or of plotting the most direct route. Astrolabe, sextant, compass: these will not help you here.

This is the map that begins with a star. This is the chart that starts with fire, with blazing, with an ancient light that has outlasted generations, empires, cultures, wars.

Look starward once, then look away. Close your eyes and see how the map begins to blossom behind your lids, how it constellates, its lines stretching out from where you stand.

You cannot see it all, cannot divine the way it will turn and spiral, cannot perceive how the road you walk will lead you finally inside, through the labyrinth of your own heart and belly and lungs.

But step out and you will know what the wise who traveled this path before you knew: the treasure in this map is buried not at journey's end but at its beginning.

~ Jan Richardson, "Circle of Grace"

***Broadmoor Memorial Fund***

Honor or memorialize loved ones - print this form and submit it to the office.

<http://bit.ly/BPCMemorialFundForm>



Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2023

***Broadmoor Church Officers***

**Elders**

**Class of 2026**

Eric John Gravem  
Richard Murray

**Deacons**

Jean Aro  
David Pajarit

**Class of 2025**

Eunice Brabec  
Martha Espinosa  
Perla Ibarrientos

Ruth Cruz  
Ray Haddox

**Class of 2024**

Adelina Sana  
Geraldine Thompson

Janice Asfoor  
Gregg Hardin

Clerk of Session: Marian Hardin



**PRAY** for One Person a Day.

**PRAY** to do better at Remembering.

**PRAY** to do better at Forgetting.



Janet Haddox,  
Penny Manis,  
Martha Espinosa

Sanctuary  
Decorating Crew  
December 2023

Photo by  
Gladys Smith

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**Rev. Kathryn A. Pyke**



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Church Calendars: <http://bit.ly/BPCOfficeCal>

<http://bit.ly/BPCFacility>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Happy New Year</p>  <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>ERIC JOHN GRAVEM BD</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Meditation Group 10 am Zoom</p> <p>Choir 7 pm Zoom</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8 am</p> 
<p>7</p> <p><u>Communion Sunday</u> Officer Installataion</p> <p>Worship Team 11:30 am</p> <p>Baptism of the Lord</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>GERRY MANIS SR BD</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Meditation Group 10 am Zoom</p> <p>Choir 7 pm Zoom</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Blessings for All January Birthdays</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>GERRY MANIS JR BD</p>
<p>14</p> <p>PW Officer Installation</p> <p>Deacons 11 am</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Martin Luther King Jr. BD</p> <p>Chuch Office Closed</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Meditation 10 a Choir 7 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Session 7 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>JOAN ANDERSON BD</p> <p>MARK MARQUEZ BD</p> <p>RUTH CRUZ BD</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PW Zipporah &amp; Abigail Circles 10:30 am CR</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Faith Formation 11 am</p> <p>Per Capita Sunday</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>GLADYS SMITH BD</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Meditation Group 10 am Zoom</p> <p>Choir 7 pm Zoom</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>ERIC DONALD GRAVEM BD</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Elder Retreat 9 am - 12 Noon TH</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Annual Congregational Meeting</p> <p>Mission Ministry 11 am</p>	<p>29</p> <p>XAVIER PEREZ BD</p>	<p>30</p> <p>REV. ANDREW QUICK BD</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Meditation Group 10 am Zoom</p> <p>Choir 7 pm Zoom</p>			<p>Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His love endures forever. ~ Psalm 107:1</p>

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