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## End of Year Giving

Broadmoor United Methodist Church has always maintained a tradition of a strong end-of-the-year giving. We thank all of you for your financial commitment and support of the ministry at Broadmoor.

Contributions must be in the church office by or on Wednesday, December 31, or postmarked December 31, 2009 or earlier to be counted as a 2009 charitable contribution.

## Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, December 24** and **Friday, December 25** for Christmas, as well as on **Thursday, December 31** and **Friday, January 1** for New Year's. If you need to reach a pastor in an emergency, please call the church at 924-6269 and a number will be provided on the recorded message.

## Christmas CDs

The new Men's Ensemble Christmas CD is available for only \$10 on Sunday morning in front of the Sanctuary and at the Casual Service.

## Christmas Eve Services



There will be four services this year, *each with a time of communion and spreading of candlelight*. Our **4:30 p.m.** service will be especially appropriate for families with young children, with a special time for the children to bring their Christmas offering to baby Jesus at the altar. At **6:00 p.m.** there will be a traditional service offered in the Sanctuary *and* a Casual Service offered in the Gym with contemporary instrumentation. There will also be a **7:30 p.m.** traditional service offered in the Sanctuary.

For our regular members who have a choice of times on this evening, please note that our 7:30 service will most likely have more room for seating. A nursery will be available for all the services.



## Christmas Caroling

All are invited to join us in spreading the Christmas spirit to our neighbors in Broadmoor at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 20. We will go out in groups caroling and inviting our neighbors to join us back at the church for hot chocolate and cookies. It will be a wonderful time to share with your family and church family as all experience the joy of the Christmas season together. Also, Santa will join us after caroling for story time to tell us the "True Meaning of Christmas" story. Join us and let's make Christmas memories that will last a lifetime!

## Service of Hope and Remembrance

A Service of Hope and Remembrance will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 20 for those who have experienced the death of a loved one.



## Christmas Ham Pickup

For those who ordered Christmas hams from the Serendipity Sunday School class, please remember to pick up your ham on Sunday, December 20. Hams can be picked up at the kitchen behind the Gym from 9:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

## Charitable Contributions of IRA Funds

A tax-free distribution from your IRA may be made to Broadmoor United Methodist Church.

- You must be at least 70 ½ years old
- The gift comes from a traditional or Roth IRA retirement asset
- The gift is an outright gift transferred directly to Broadmoor United Methodist Church

Please call Charlotte Fitzsimons at 924-6269 or check with your financial advisor about charitable contributions.

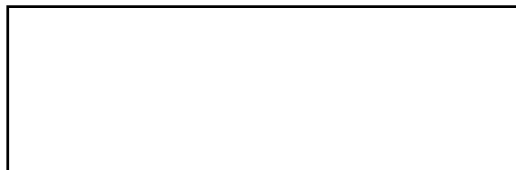
## Poinsettia Delivery



We need your help to carry the spirit of Christmas to members of our BUMC family who are homebound or in long-term care facilities. Many of the poinsettias that adorn the Sanctuary will be available to take to our shut-ins on Christmas Day. Poinsettias should be picked up from the Sanctuary at 8:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve (following the 7:30 p.m. service). If you are interested in sharing the love of Christ in this special way, please call Rev. Ken Carroll in the church office at 924-6269.

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