

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

A TRANSLATOR IS NEEDED for Sherbourne UMC's food pantry. For sixteen years, a local United Methodist Church (2619 Sherbourne Rd. 23237) has distributed food for those in need. They are currently without a Spanish-speaking volunteer and any amount that you or a friend could offer would be a gift. Though they are open from 9 to 11 am every Wednesday, serving just once a month could make all the difference. Speak with Rachel.

THE MONTHLY MISSION CALENDAR is before us at the last of the brown bag discussions, scheduled to follow worship this Sunday, May 4. An overview of the second half of 2014 will be made available next week.

PRESENTLY, YOUR MISSIONAL GIVING adds to Maundy Thursday's collection for the poor. Throughout May, cash or checks out to Boulevard UMC, memo-lined "mission", will help us do our part, such that a worthy goal might be reached. See the Annual Conference Offering insert. [Below.]

WITNESS

telling our stories, offering expressions of faith, being Christ-like

{Together}

THURSDAY AFTERNOON CLUB: May 8 – June 19th. Between 4:00 and 6:00, stop by the church's front porch. Say hello to somebody. Take in the sunshine. Just be. It is a ministry of presence.

NEXT MONDAY MORNING PRAYER: May 5. Join in prayer and lunch thereafter, if you'd like, at Westminster Canterbury (1600 Westbrook Ave.). We gather at 11:30 in the 6th floor common room and try to embody a sense of church as people and not steeple.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (Matthew 28).

Boulevard United Methodist Church



“The community of persons closest to us has the power to keep us in the tomb of fear or to call us into the daybreak of hope.”

Sr. Laurretta Mather

May 4, 2014

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Order of Worship for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

(UMH) - The United Methodist Hymnal
(TFWS) - The Faith We Sing

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Introit *I Love the Lord*

Words of Welcome

*Hymn *O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread* UMH 613

Prayer

God of power and majesty:
We praise you on this bright day from all your gifts of new life.
Especially we thank you for...

A series of petitions allows for silent prayer.

God of eternity:
We bring to you our prayers for this world in need of resurrection.
Especially we pray for...

Following another series of petitions, this intercession:

O God, our bread, our milk, and our honey:
**In the resurrection of your Son you have brought us to your table.
Feed us with your plenty, and enlarge our table for all the hungry;
through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia.**

Proclamation and Response

Time with Children

First Reading I Peter 1:17-23

Anthem *Victory in Jesus*

*Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35

Sermon "For a Heart That Burns" Rev. Rachel G. May

Interlude

Thanksgiving and Communion

Invitation

Our Service continues on page 15 in the hymnal. You are invited to offer tithes and gifts as you come forward to celebrate the sacrament by intinction.

Offertory *Stay With Us*

Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn *Christ is Alive* UMH 318

*Benediction

*Postlude



NURTURE

caring for one another, for our space, and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS typically shape our order of service, including the sermon. If you'd like to prepare:

Next Sunday—4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

I Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

OUR PRAYERS INCLUDE Lowell, Jamie and Lanier May, Jim Rickards, Jay McKinney, and Brittany Cooper. Wish to add or to restore a name to this printed list? Use the offering plate or contact the main office to say so.

GIVING GROWS both you and us.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts	Savings Transferred
April 1 - 26	14,017	9,813	3,700



2014 Virginia Annual Conference Offering

Renewing our Missional Commitment and Connection • Goal \$200,000



IMAGINE NO MALARIA: \$50,000

Imagine No Malaria helps us take the next step in this fight. Think of it as "Nets Plus". We continue to support *Nothing But Nets* and build partnerships, because bed nets are an effective tool against the disease. We're doing more by improving infrastructure, communications and education.



INITIATIVES OF HOPE: \$90,000

Cambodia (\$50,000) – Continue to strengthen our partnership with Cambodia by offering support for church construction, Christian education materials and scholarships to youths and young adults.



Mozambique (\$25,000) – Continue to strengthen lay leadership training and improvements in the conference Communications department.

Brazil (\$15,000) – Help *Shade and Fresh Water* continue to grow and expand for Brazilian at-risk children.



ENGAGING/CONNECTING GOD'S MISSION: \$10,000

Promote mission engagement of smaller membership churches by offering grants to individuals and churches desiring to begin or strengthen short-term Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trips.



CHILDREN OUT OF POVERTY – VIRGINIA: \$30,000

Provide financial support for two ministries reaching out to at-risk children in Virginia: *Community Outreach Program* in Roanoke and *Agape Children's Center* in Horntown, Eastern Shore.



HAITI – CONNECTING HOPE: \$20,000

Help connect and coordinate the mission work of Virginia churches who have a long-term commitment to the ministry of the Methodist Church in Haiti.



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March 10, 2014

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lord, Renew Us With Your Spirit! I hope you are already in earnest prayer for our 2014 session of the Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church! This year promises to be a great opportunity to take another step toward renewal of our conference as we open ourselves for God to challenge and bless us once again.

I, again, challenge all of us to reach our goal of \$200,000!

With renewed confidence and commitment our offering will be broad in its scope as we reach out across Virginia and around the world to renew and strengthen our commitment to those with whom we partner in God's mission with these points:

A commitment of funds toward the campaign "Imagine No Malaria" in a denomination-wide effort to eradicate that deadly infectious disease. I hope this will be our first step to take part in this effort.

In our long-term commitment to our conference partnerships through Initiatives of Hope we will continue to support and strengthen Cambodia, Mozambique and Brazil.

We are offering funds to help by "Connecting Hope" through our Virginia churches that are committed long-term to the Methodist Church in Haiti.

We are Engaging and Connecting God's Mission within our conference by providing funds to promote Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trips in smaller membership churches.

Finally, we are again reaching out to at-risk children in Virginia to support programs working to help children out of poverty through Community Outreach Program in Roanoke and Agape Children's Center in Horntown, Eastern Shore.

There is no greater calling upon us who witness to Christ's love with our lives than to be able to touch the lives of any and all who are the "...least of these" in our society and world.

I ask that as you pray with me for the Holy Spirit to renew us this year as the Virginia Conference that your prayer is inclusive of all who are in need of justice and healing and peace, and to recognize that in sharing our gifts we share ourselves as witnesses to the transforming power of Christ's love with this offering. It will make a difference to so many persons, not the least of whom is YOU!

In Christ,

Young Jin Cho