

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

FROM OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

I hope you have heard about my effort to raise funds for the Annual Conference's goal of saving 100,000 lives through Imagine No Malaria. I am going to run the Chicago Marathon in October, and I am asking each church on the Richmond District to support my 26.2-mile run with a contribution of at least \$100.

Perhaps there is a group in your church who might support my marathon; or perhaps you have a Discretionary Fund that you could use. Again, my hope is that every church will contribute at least \$100, and enable me to raise \$7,500. Please send your check made payable to Richmond District UMC, memo: Marathon Run, to PO Box 5606, Glen Allen VA 23058.

Five churches responded immediately to this effort; I am grateful to them for leading the way: Bethel UMC Centenary UMC Fairmont UMC Shady Grove UMC (Short Pump) St. Andrew's UMC I hope you will join them - and me - in being a part of this amazing ministry!

In Christ,



Rev. Steve Jones

IMAGINE NO MALARIA will soon be a monthly mission focus. In the meantime, consider helping Boulevard help our overseer. He is nothing like Pharaoh, thanks be to God. Rev. Jones consistently supports others - from the smallest churches in the Richmond area to our Bishop. Bishop Young Jin Cho's determination to save 100,000 lives, is steeped in United Methodism's premise: We can do more together, "across the connection", than alone. Get cash or checks (made out to Boulevard UMC) to us. We'll get the sum to the District.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



None of these books refers to itself as history. Indeed, the word history is Greek in origin. The biblical writers may not have understood their task simply as relating what happened in the past.

Dictionary of the Old Testament

September 7, 2014

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Order of Worship for the 13th Sunday After Pentecost

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

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Opening Words

Introit *Turn Your Radio On*

Greeting

*Hymn *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* 2234 TFWS

Prayer

Proclamation and Response

First Reading *Matthew 18:15-20*

Time with Children

Scripture Lesson *Exodus 12:1-14*

Sermon "When the Struggle is Worth Reenacting" Rev. Rachel G. May

Anthem *We Will Take What You Offer*

Thanksgiving and Communion

Following a time of preparation and invitation (12 UMH), our service continues with The Great Thanksgiving.

Offertory *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn *Bind Us Together* 2226 TFWS

*Benediction

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

OUR PRAYERS INCLUDE the family of Tyler McDaniel, Michael Facemire, Ted Liles, Rafael del Cid & family, Joe Noto & family, David Johnson, Carolyn Johnson & family, Irene Wagner, Buster Ridell, Jamie & Lanier May, and Jay McKinney. Wish to add or restore a name to this printed list? Say so via the offering plate.

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

Next Sunday—14th Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

LOOKING AHEAD LITURGICALLY, with a bit of the civil calendar mixed in:

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| September 7 - 28 | Season of Creation Fall begins (Tuesday the 23 rd) |
| October 4 (Saturday) | Feast of St. Francis Assissi Blessing of the Animals |
| October 5 – November 1 | A Season of Saints World Communion Sunday (Oct. 5 th) Laity Sunday (19 th) Halloween (Friday the 31 st) All Saints Day (Saturday the 1 st) |
| November 2 | All Saints Sunday Charge Conference Sunday |
| November 9 | Extended Advent begins |
| November 23 | Christ the King Sunday |
| November 27 (Thursday) | Thanksgiving |
| November 30 | Year B of the lectionary cycle begins |
| December 24 (Wednesday) | Christmas Eve |
| December 25 (Thursday) | Christmas Day |
| December 31 (Wednesday) | New Year's Eve |

GIVING GROWS both you and us.

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| August 2014 | Ministry Costs | Your Gifts |
| | 14,303 | 7,516 |

Matthew 18:15-20 (CEB)

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you’ve won over your brother or sister. But if they won’t listen, take with you one or two others so that *every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses*. But if they still won’t pay attention, report it to the church. If they won’t pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I’m there with them.”

Exodus 12:1-14 (CEB)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Don’t eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. Don’t let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning. This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the Lord. I’ll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I’ll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I’ll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I’ll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. “This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the Lord. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time.”