

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

LAST CALL for contributions to the **Imagine No Malaria** campaign, our mission focus for September. The data speaks. Between 2007 and 2012, fatalities were halved. United Methodists are not yet content. This is not an illness anyone should have to die from in 2014. Last minute gifts of cash or checks made out to BUMC, designated mission or Imagine No Malaria, will set us apart as a smaller congregation who gives beyond what is asked of us. Let's be that!

HOORAY for the ongoing work of Dress for Success, home-based in our basement here at 321 N Boulevard. Their Career Center is offering "Intro to Project Management" at two different locations on two different dates in early October. Women all of kinds are invited to register for this free lunch & learn workshop. For details, call (804) 234-3034 or ask our main office for a flyer.

WITNESS

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

{Together}

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Saturday, October 4, 10:00 am, in our own backyard. Rachel does not care if your pet has confessed Jesus as Lord and Savior. She does care about proper containment/leashing, waste disposal, and hydration.

The City of Richmond and Richmond Animal Care & Control enforce laws pertaining to the protection and well being of citizens and pets. Within these parameters, we will share in a short and sweet liturgy designed to say give thanks. With or without a creature you call your own—come! Spread the word. Bear witness to the God of all creation and to Christ-shaped community, which celebrates caregiving and care-receiving relationships of all kinds.

GIVING GROWS both you and us.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
September 1 - 22	10,949	7,617

On the cover: The Split Rock at Horeb.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Boulevard United Methodist Church



The story finds the Israelite escapees now entering the wilderness of Sin; do not be tempted by this name. Allegorists beware! This is merely the name of the place, not a location prone to wicked actions. This is after all Hebrew, and in that language "sin" is a very different word.

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Order of Worship for the 16th Sunday After Pentecost

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

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Introit *He Came Down to My Level*

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God

All: Our God is among us.

One: Watch and listen for the goodness of our God,

All: Our God moves among us.

One: Watch and listen, for God is here

All: Our God dwells among us.

*Hymn *O Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

166 UMH

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Interlude

Proclamation and Response

Time with Children

First Lesson *Philippians 2:1-13*

Anthem *Love the Lord Your God*

Second Lesson *Exodus 17:1-7*

Sermon *Rev. Alexa Slonin*

*Hymn *El Shaddai* 123 UMH

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

*Doxology (94 UMH)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (895 UMH)

Sending Forth

*Hymn *Rise Up O Saints of God*

Insert

*Dismissal with Blessing



NURTURE

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

{Inward}.

A SEASON OF SAINTS begins next week. What is that? Because our hymns are among our best teachers:

*"Come, let us join our friends above who have obtained the prize,
And on the eagle wings of love to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone,
For all the servants of our King in earth and heaven are one."
- Charles Wesley, 1759 (UMH 709).*

'Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone.' That is the reason for the season. Yes, some saints are living and yes, you are among them, if you wish. Starting with World Communion Sunday and concluding with All Saints Sunday (November 4), we end up with five weeks for worship that is especially mindful of those who inspire us to live kingdom-shaped lives.

NEXT MONDAY MORNING PRAYER: October 6. 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.

FOR ALEXA AND ALEX's leadership this morning, give thanks! Our baptism means to make a minister of each of us. God calls ordained ministers and lay ministers in distinct but interdependent ways. We need each other to be the body of Christ for the world.

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”