

Boulevard United Methodist Church



The denarius which Jesus called his questioners to produce read "Tiberius Caesar, August Son of the Divine Augustus" on one side and "Pontifex Maximus" (high priest) on the other. Into the reverberation of such all encompassing and even idolatrous claims, Jesus here reasserts God's ownership and rule.

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On the cover: Denarius with the image of Tiberius Caesar.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

321 N Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23220
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Order of Worship for Laity Sunday

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

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Introit *Make Me a Blessing*

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Hymn *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* 712 UMH

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Interlude

Proclamation and Response

First Reading Ephesians 4:1-16

Anthem *When In Our Music*

Time with Children

Scripture Lesson Matthew 22:15-22

Invitation "In Adversity" Rev. Rachel G. May

*Hymn *We Are the Church* 558 UMH

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Your Song of Love*

*Doxology (94 UMH)

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

Sending Forth

*Hymn *Lord Be Glorified* 2150 TFWS

*Benediction

NURTURE

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

{Inward}.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR Shane, those in contact with Ebola, and Irene Wagner. Here, per your request, we publish a prayer list. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate. Or, leave a message with the main office.

LAITY SUNDAY is an invitation for the whole church to remember that all the baptized, lay and clergy together, are the people of God. Baptism is a precious reminder of God's love and longing—God's claim and call. Translation: It's less about you than you may think! United Methodists celebrate it once; yes, baptisms elsewhere "count". Persons of any age are candidates. Speak with Rachel. She loves an excuse to talk Sacraments.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS typically shape our order of service, including the sermon. For next Sunday:

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH 789)

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

OCTOBER IS FOR PET FOOD. Get dollars and/or the food itself to Boulevard and we'll get it to Meals on Wheels. They work to meet the basic needs our homebound neighbors. Volunteer drivers also deliver food for the pets that bring companionship to these homes.



EVER WONDERED how Change the World RVA students become Change the World RVA students? Here is the invitation extended to candidates:

Dear Parents,

Congratulations! Your student has been selected to participate in a new afterschool program organized by Change the World RVA. Change the World RVA has supported McKinney-Vento students in Armstrong, George Wythe, and Huguenot High Schools for over three years. They are a local nonprofit that helps students succeed in high school, college, and careers.

The after school program meets every Monday that school is in session from 2:30 until 5:00. Van Go services will pick up students at school and take them to the program that is held at 321 N. Boulevard in Boulevard United Methodist Church. We have a beautiful office, student lounge and classroom. At 5:00, Van Go will pick up students and bring them home. Students will begin each session with a nutritious = snack and end the day with a hot, home cooked meal.

The program will include the following activities, but may change based on the interests of the students:

- Fun grammar and vocabulary lessons
- Guest speakers and field trips
- Cooking classes
- College visits
- Help with job applications, college applications and scholarships
- Service opportunities
- Tutors and mentors
- A safe place to study with access to food & hygiene pantry items.

If your child would like to participate, we ask that you complete the enclosed form and return it to the school social worker or guidance counselor who gave them this packet by Friday, October 17th. The program begins on Monday, October 20 – regular attendance is required. We look forward to working with your student!

Sincerely,
Natalie May, Director
Change the World RVA

October 20 is this Monday. Consider offering prayer or well wishes with Natalie, these students, and the many guest contributors in mind. Godspeed!

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away

Ephesians 4:1-8; 11-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.