

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

| 2015 MISSIONAL FOCUS CALENDAR: February – July | | |
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| <p>February residential support/training for intellectually-disabled adults Regional HEART HAVENS</p> | <p>March feeding people caring for the land Regional FEEDMORE and a community farm</p> | <p>April OPEN</p> |
| <p>May project(s) TBD disaster relief National/Global CONFERENCE OFFERING and Kits (UMCOR)</p> | <p>June emergency shelter Local CARITAS</p> | <p>July school supplying Local JOHN B. CARY & FOX ELEMENTARY</p> |
| <p>Note that our CARITAS week is not definite. It appeared, at the first of the year, that June would be the month to prepare to host guests in July. Anticipate an update on that front. Regarding the Annual Conference Offering, Bishop Young Jin Cho will announce the initiative and his goal in February. Reach out to Rachel if you feel nudged to contribute leadership to any one of these endeavors.</p> | | |

Boulevard United Methodist Church



Instead, God chose Samuel. A boy on the periphery...A child who wasn't bound by the political interests of his elders. A child who could tolerate an unfamiliar voice and an uncomfortable message — a message that would upend the very institution he knew best.

Debie Thomas

January 18, 2015

On the cover: Picasso lithograph, *Dance Around the Dove of Peace*.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Richmond, Virginia 23220
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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

11:00

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

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Introit

Unclouded Day

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

*Hymn

Water Has Held Us

Insert

Prayers of the People



Proclamation and Response

Holy Baptism

MAXWELL JOSEPH HANNAY

Please join in a sung blessing to complete our sharing in The Baptismal Covenant.

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. (Refrain)

Scripture Lessons

I Samuel 3:1-20
John 1:43-51

Sermon

"You'll See"

Rev. Rachel G. May

*Hymn

You Are Mine

TFWS 2218

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Teach Me God to Wonder

*Doxology (94 UMH)

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

Sending Forth

*Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

*Dismissal with Blessing

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for the family of Troy Bailey, Bill Rice and Debbie Bassett, Jamie and Lanier May. 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.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS typically shape our order of service, including the sermon. Next Sunday: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; I Corinthians 7:29-31, and Mark 1:14-20.

OUR NURSERY is not staffed. However, the door to "Noah's Ark" is an open one. This space is on the first floor. Please feel free to exit and return at any point during this morning's service. We welcome infants and young children in the sanctuary. With them, we are more complete.

WITNESS

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

{Together}

WE BEAR WITNESS to our baptismal vows when we offer gifts to the greater whole. 'Many are willing to give God the credit. Fewer are prepared to give God the cash.' You can blame (or thank) a billboard for that one!

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| January 1 - 13 | Ministry Costs | Your Contributions |
| | 10,192 | 2,623 |

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

INTRODUCTION

A deacon or pastor addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses parents and other sponsors:

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

A deacon or the pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

All may stand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples

to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

All praise to you, Almighty God!

Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory. **Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Water is administered as the pastor says:

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

With the placing of hands on the candidate's head:

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ. Household of God, I commend this child to your love and care.

The congregation responds:

As members together with you in the body of Christ we renew our covenant to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness; that in everything God may be glorified.

The people offer *Jesus Loves Me.*

“Water Has Held Us”

Upper Room Worshipbook: 187 (to the tune of “Morning Has Broken”)

Water has held us, Moved by creation.
Out of dark chaos, broke forth the light.
Up from the deluge, showing God’s promise,
Has come a rainbow, gladdening sight.

Water has saved us, as the sea parted
For Israel’s children, walled on each side.
This love has led us, helped us in trouble,
On far horizon, God’s cloud our guide.

Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness,
Has, with clear blessing, washed sin away.
Jordan’s strong currents God’s Son announcing,
Made a beginning, baptismal day.

Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads,
Showing an inward, spiritual grace,
Into God’s family we have been welcomed,
As sons and daughters, we take our place.