

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

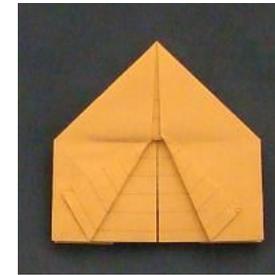
WE ARE PRAYING for Helen Taylor, the family of Jack Little, Jim Kay, Bert Hobson, Alex and Melva Slonin, Jamie and Lanier May. Here, per your request, we publish a prayer list. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS typically shape our order of service, including the sermon. Next Sunday, Third Sunday in Lent: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22.

A WORKING LENTEN CALENDAR (anticipate an adjustment or two):

March 1	2 nd Sunday in Lent Holy Communion	Chapel Worship continues	greeters needed
March 8	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Easter flower forms available in bulletin	greeters & liturgists needed
March 15	4 th Sunday in Lent		liturgist needed
March 22	5 th Sunday in Lent	Flower orders due	liturgist needed
March 25	“Experiencing the Holy” Wednesday Worship	Reveille UMC Rachel preaching	6:45 – 7:30 pm
March 29	Liturgy of the Palms Liturgy of the Passion		liturgists needed (several)
April 2	Maundy Thursday	7:30 pm service Boulevard UMC	
April 5	Easter Morning Holy Communion	Sanctuary Worship	greeters & liturgist needed

Boulevard United Methodist Church



Maybe what Mark is saying is that there are two ways to get behind Jesus: If you insist on seeking the solution to life’s difficulties by grabbing still more of that same life, then you can get behind Jesus as a satan. But if you are willing to release your fierce grip on your own ego, and on the life you hope will bolster that ego, then you can get behind Jesus as a disciple.

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On the front; Origami Tent, “Abraham and Sarah” pinterest.com.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Order of Worship for 2nd Sunday in Lent

11:00 AM

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

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Greeting

In returning and rest you shall be saved.

In quietness and trust shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God,

In the beginning, you called us into communion. We belonged to you and to each other. We confess our forgetfulness. Restore us, we pray, to the joy of remembering.

silence

God is glad to do a new thing within and among us.

God give you peace to share and the heart to sing. **Amen.**

*The Peace

*Hymn *El Shaddai* UMH 123

Prayer

Proclamation and Response

Time with Children

First Lesson Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Anthem *I Would Be True*

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:31-38

Sermon "The Terms of the Offer" Rev. Rachel G. May

Thanksgiving and Communion

Our service continues with the liturgy for the Lord's Supper. You may offer tithes or gifts before or after receiving the elements; or, at the end of worship.

Sending Forth

Prayer

*Hymn *More Love to Thee* UMH 453

*Benediction

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

YOUR HEART went out to Heart Havens in a big way. Thank you for your gifts totaling approximately \$800.00. With these funds, neighbors with intellectual disabilities gain a month's worth of both van transportation and home repairs. Our focus for March will involve feeding people and caring for the land. Look for details in next week's bulletin.

WITNESS

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

{Together}

NEXT MONDAY MORNING PRAYER: March 2. 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.

GIVING GROWS both you and us.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
February 1 - 21	14,541	5,238



Crossing Boulevard

with Rev. Rachel

³⁴ **LET THEM DENY THEMSELVES** Mark 8

Into traditional Eastern Shore tribes, clans, associations – Tad never did fit. Some would say he *could* not; I say, *would* not. Not everybody can find their place at the table of manmade identity politics. Thank God. Because then, there would be even fewer followers of the one who said that life lived with him would mean re-learning self-hood.

Tad’s efforts at finding a niche and from there, making his offering to this world, were holy. They were that poignant mix of troubled and triumphant. He knew love and he knew loss—deeply.

I can see him in his workshop, carving until the wood in his hands revealed a thing of beauty. On occasion he’d take the car out to Eastville for “wing night” and sometimes his skiff out to the mouth of the creek. But most of the time, he was at Webb’s Island.

That was where I came to know him. The sign that marks the way there (above) is a first indication that one is not descending upon Hawaii. But if you are a lover of seaside—what Eastern Shore folk call seaside—then it’s plenty heaven-like. He asked for his ashes to spread off those smelly, muddy, majestic salt marshes.

You see, Tad Beach died this past week. Maybe he was ready. But I wasn’t. I failed. I flat-out failed to tell him the things that needed saying. That emotion crashed over me like a whitecap during a wind advisory, throbbing like only remorse can...oh, *the things we have done and left undone*.

He had three children, an ex-wife, and an addiction. [He gave me permission, once, to speak this part of his truth.] Without diminishing those realities and who he was or was not for others, I bear witness to the Tad I knew when I say that he was lover with a capital “L” and a believer with a capital “B”. How he longed to see others thrive and how he looked for God in ways that are uncommon, I should have told him how much it counted.

Tad, thank you for your life. Thank you for taking an active interest in my life and in those things that none of us singularly possess. You had more admirers than you knew. We perceived that you were marching to the beat of a different drum, blessing others along all the while. We were just too caught up in the stuff of false self-hood to say so or to keep more of your company. You were treasure. You are treasure. Beloved friend, go rest high~

Mark 8:31-38

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”