

## OUTREACH

*participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy*

**{Outward}**

MAY IS FOR OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE. What is that? Well, in the UMC it's an event, a place, and a people. Annual Conference convenes in June. It is also a geographical entity. [Our is the Virginia Annual Conference.] It is a body composed of clergy and laity that enable us to be who we are: Connected. For the sake of ministry that is both local and global.

At each year's Annual Conference session, relief-supply kits are collected. Rachel is still seeking a leader for the assembly of school or health kits, a description of which is available online at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

It is also customary for each Conference to take up an offering for specific connectional ministries. Bishop Young Jin Cho hopes the 1,200 congregations in Virginia can collectively offer: \$50,000 for the Methodist Mission in Cambodia, \$50,000 to aid the Ebola-ravaged countries of Sierra Leone and Liberia, and \$50,000 to support projects working with the poor in the Danville and Eastern Shore Districts. You can help Boulevard do its part through cash or checks made out to BUMC, memo-lined "Annual Conference Offering".

## WITNESS

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

**{Together}**

A LOOK AT LIFE TOGETHER in numbers. Here we are in the month of April.

Ministry Costs	Your Gifts	Savings Transferred
27,558	7,490	5,700

On the cover: Celtic heart, woven.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

# Boulevard United Methodist Church



"If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love."

Julian of Norwich (c. 1342 - 1416)

May 10, 2015

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## Order of Worship for the Sixth Sunday in Easter

11:00 AM

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

\* Please stand, as able.

### Gathering

Introit *Take Time to Be Holy*

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 526 UMH

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Litany

One: We are sons and daughters, fearfully and wonderfully made.

**All: Thank you, Lord.**

Among us are mothers who have made countless sacrifices.

**Sustain them, Lord.**

Others grieve mothers who went away too soon.

**Uphold them, Lord.**

We know women who labor to provide, women who are expecting,  
and women who have mothered, saying to heck with biology.

**Bless them, Lord.**

We honor the pain of those who wanted to, but could not;  
those who bear the weight of children dying.

**Make us mindful. Enlarge our hearts!**

Beloved are these, your women.

**Give us grace to honor them by bringing our best before you;  
this hour, this day, and always. Amen.**

Interlude *Mary Don't You Weep*  
AUDIO RECORDING

### Proclamation and Response

First Reading Acts 10:44-48

Time with Children

\*Gospel Lesson John 15:9-17

Sermon "Withholding" Rev. Rachel G. May

\*Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* 529 UMH

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

\*Doxology (94 UMH)

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

### Sending Forth

\*Hymn *This is the Day* 657 UMH

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

## NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Ray Smith, Robbi and Scott Hudgens, Betty Kane, the family of Bobby Crutchley, Amanda O'Hara, June Robinson, the Woodall family, Brent Monroe and family, JJ and Lindsay, Colburn Dize, the family of Jack Little, Jamie and Lanier May. Here, per your request, we publish a 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. If you'd like to prepare:

Next Sunday—Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

#### Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

#### John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.