

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

OUR MONTHLY MISSION FOCUS is United Methodist Family Services. We help them put hope into the holidays for children and families in Virginia. There is more than one way to contribute. Making a check out to Boulevard UMC and designating it UMFS is one avenue. Walkers, joggers, and runners: Consider taking on the December 5th Nutzy Rotary Funn Run. UMFS is a beneficiary.

WITNESS

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

{Together}

GIVING BEARS WITNESS to a caring and sharing God; so too does offering your time (via SignUp Genius or by calling our office).

	Ministry Costs	Your Contributions
October 2015	17,700	9,005

MINISTERING THROUGH MUSIC is exactly that: Ministering. Soon, there will be the option to participate in a short-term stint, requiring only that you show up a bit early for several Sundays in a row to rehearse.

There is also an ongoing opportunity to offer special music any Sunday throughout the year, on a one-time-only basis, without having to officially join the choir. If you play an instrument or have a song you'd like to sing, contact Joshua Kennedy directly following our service or email him drphlog@gmail.com.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



“The older I grow, the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom.”

— H.L. Mencken

November 8, 2015

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Order of Worship for Extended Advent I
11:00 AM

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

* Please stand, as able.

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

Gathering

Introit *I Am Loved*

*Call to Worship

*Hymn *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

Insert

Greeting

Prayers of the People
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Interlude

WE ARE PRAYING for June Robinson, Joe Morgan and family, Jane Frisa and incarcerated residents of metropolitan Richmond. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

READINGS FOR A 7 WEEK ADVENT will shape our worship services in November and December. Next Sunday, the first in extended Advent:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Proclamation and Response

Time with Children

First Reading *Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17*

Gospel Lesson *Mark 12:38-44*

Anthem *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* Insert

Sermon "A Suspicion or An Insight?" Rev. Rachel G. May

WISDOM is an attribute ascribed to God in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Wisdom or Lady-Wisdom ((Proverbs) personifies divine wisdom. It is the first of six ideas below that we will look at between now and Christmas.

Advent 1	<i>O Sapientia</i>	Wisdom	November 8
Advent 2	<i>O Adonai</i>	Lord	November 15
Advent 3	<i>O Rex Gentium</i>	Ruler of nations	November 22
Advent 4	<i>O Radix Jesse</i>	Root of Jesse	November 29
Advent 5	<i>O Clavis David</i>	Key of David	December 6
Advent 6	<i>O Oriens</i>	Light from the east	December 13
Advent 7	<i>O Emmanuel</i>	God with us	December 20

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology (94 UMH)

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

Wisdom was regarded as one of the highest virtues among the Israelites along with kindness and justice. Jesus directly mentions Wisdom in Matthew. Paul commends it in his letter addressed to Corinth. James celebrates wisdom that is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy".

Sending Forth

*Hymn *O Spirit of the Living God* 539 UMH

*Benediction

Biblical wisdom involves what one must know to live well. It is a kind of knowing that gives way to action that is pleasing to God.