

# Boulevard United Methodist Church



"We often confuse unity with uniformity, because it is much easier to gather with people who are like ourselves than it is to reach across the divisions which mark our culture."

- Brian Peterson

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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 the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

11:00 AM

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

\* Please stand, as able.

## Gathering

Introit *Built on Amazing Grace*

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn *O Young and Fearless Prophet* UMH 444  
TUNE: Webb UMH 514

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
Interlude

## Proclamation and Response

Mission Moment Sarah Wilkinson

Time with Children

First Lesson Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Anthem *I Would Be True*

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

\*Hymn *Eternal God Transcending Time* Insert

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory  
\*Doxology (94 UMH)  
\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

## Sending Forth

\*Hymn *Freely, Freely* UMH 389

\*Benediction

\*Parting Music

## NURTURE

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

**{Inward}**

WE ARE PRAYING for Merle and Laurie, Jeanette, the family of David Bradley McConnell, the Talton family, Sissie Kerns, and Jay McKinney. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

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.

A LOOK AT LIFE TOGETHER in numbers.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
February 1 - 11	\$7,931	\$2,799

## OUTREACH

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

**{Outward}**

FEBRUARY IS FOR HEART HAVENS. Heart Havens, with help from congregations like Boulevard, empowers adults with intellectual disabilities to find their places at tables both at church and in the community. We are collecting financial gifts and supplies (paper products, cleaning supplies, art supplies).

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## Crossing Boulevard

with Rev. Rachel

<sup>27</sup> **YOU ARE PARTS OF EACH OTHER** - I Cor. 12

Sarah works for Heart Havens. Think: Content design for marketing materials, taking pictures, making videos, the website, administering social media, coordinating human help, and speaking engagements.

I know that when I know someone, I can lose sight of the person's fullness -- his or her many dimensions. I also know that a little intentionality can help a sister out. And so I requested an interview. We found two stools at Tarrant's Café.

### **What prepared you for this work?**

*My life in the church as a child prepared me for the public speaking portion -- that was also helped by some time spent in sales. For the marketing and design piece, there were a number of things that prepared me, but I think the most important was working on the newspaper when I was in college, and eventually being the editor in chief. It's interesting how the disparate experiences of our lives all help contribute to our future endeavors...*

### **In what ways were you not prepared (or less prepared)?**

*I had never edited video before Heart Havens! Also, I don't think I was quite prepared for what it would mean to have my job interact so closely with the denomination of which I'm a member. Don't get me wrong, it's really cool to actually work within the church that's been such a big part of my life, but it also comes with challenges and pitfalls.*

### **What can you say about the intersection of Boulevard and Heart Havens?**

*Boulevard gives me a place where I can just be Sarah. In my work with Heart Havens, I have to be "on" a great deal of the time. Ultimately, though, I'm an introvert. Also, having to have one's faith publicly on display constantly as I do with Heart Havens is exhausting. Boulevard gives me a place where I can worship God and have my faith journey among people who aren't expecting a show, who aren't going to try to "trap" me with questions, who are willing to grapple with the tough issues facing the Church (both big and small "c") today, and who just generally accept me as me.*

I was struck by Sarah's ability to name the uncertainties troubling her field while simultaneously conveying a clear commitment to the people—people whom she invites us to claim. That thought took me to these words: "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can (Arthur Ashe)." It is a fitting tribute to Heart Havens and especially to their Communications and Volunteer Manager, Sarah Wilkinson.