

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

May – mid-June

details below

National/Global

CONFERENCE OFFERING
AND KITS (UMCOR)

July - August

school supplying

Local

JOHN B. CARY
& FOX ELEMENTARY

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING boosts (1) Methodist ministry in Cambodia, Brazil and Mozambique (2) Disaster Relief, Minority Missional Ministries, and Volunteers in Mission in Virginia. This is a special collection initiated by our Bishop Sharma Lewis. Goal: \$200,000. Virginia can do this!

As for “kits”, also collected that same weekend, there is currently an appeal from UMCOR for Health and Bedding kits. Speak with Rachel if you think can rally a small crew around the cause.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



"I believe that although the two disciples did not recognize Jesus on the road to Emmaus, Jesus recognized them, that he saw them as if they were the only two people in the world. And I believe that the reason why the resurrection is more than just an extraordinary event that took place some two thousand years ago...is that...he also sees each of us like that."

- Frederick Buechner

April 30, 2017

On the Cover: Road to Emmaus, Georges Rouault

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Order of Worship for the 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Introit *Victory in Jesus*

Opening Words

*Call to Worship

*Hymn *Easter is Dawning* Insert

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Interlude Jennifer Johnson, violin

Proclamation and Response

Time with Children

Epistle Lesson I Peter 1:17-23

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35

*Hymn *On the Journey to Emmaus* Insert

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Music *Stay With Us*

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology (94 UMH)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn *We Know That Christ is Raised* UMH 610

*Benediction

*Parting Music

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY is an opportunity for us to become more aware of the lives, gifts and ministries of Native people. The gifts and contributions of Native Americans to our life together are largely underappreciated; which we acknowledge, this third Sunday in Easter.



At the same time, we celebrate the ways in which Native people contribute to our spirituality, our worship, and our worldview. We celebrate the ways in which Christ-inspired generosity has found expression in the ministries led by indigenous men and women that serve neighbors of all kinds.

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds,
and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me.

I come before you, one of your children.

I am small and weak.

I need your strength and wisdom.

**Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold
the red and purple sunset.**

**Make my hands respect the things you have made,
my ears sharp to hear your voice.**

**Make me wise, so that I may know the things
you have taught my People.**

The lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

**I seek strength not to be superior to my brothers,
but to be able to fight my greatest enemy, myself.**

**Make me ever ready to come to you,
with clean hands and straight eyes,
so when life fades as a fading sunset,**

My spirit may come to you without shame.

Traditional Native American Prayer

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for the friends and family of David McConnell, Michael Barrett, Colleen Bouldin, Kimberly Gwynn, Grayson Foy, Merle and Laurie, Jeanette, 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.

GUESTS: Before worship begins or during the offering time, consider sending a text message to boulevardumc@gmail.com. Include your name and snail-mail address and we will do our best to acknowledge your gift (of presence) to us. What you share we handle with care!

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER: May 1. 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.

Luke 24:13-35 (CEB)

¹³ On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. ¹⁶ They were prevented from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast.

¹⁸ The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

¹⁹ He said to them, "What things?"

They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. ²⁰ But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. ²² But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. ²⁶ Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

²⁸ When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. ²⁹ But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

³³ They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.