

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

JULY AND EARLY AUGUST is for school supplies. Gifts designated for mission or marked “school supplies” will help two local primary schools equip our children. Why do we collect money rather than ask you to shop? Doing it this way allows administrators and teachers to tell us what they need and for Boulevard to plan our buying and distributing accordingly.

Online givers: You can select the “mission” designation and your gift will make it into this collection.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



“The coveted blessing that destroy this family is countered with God’s alternative vision. Rather than a limited blessing won through defeat and humiliation of others, God extends a prodigal blessing to all the families of the earth through Jacob and his descendants.”

- Esther M. Menn

July 23, 2017

On the cover: *The birth of Jacob and Esau - Ratner museum*

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 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

* Please stand, as able.

*Parting Music

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Gathering

Music *Cleanse Me*

Greeting

Words of Welcome

*Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Duet *Nearer, My God, to Thee* Mike Goldberg, clarinet

Proclamation and Response

Children's Moment

First Reading *Genesis 28:10-19a*

Holy Ground

Gospel Reading *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

*Hymn Insert

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology (94 UMH)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn *Lead Me, Guide Me* Insert

*Dismissal with Blessing

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Wayne, Ben Hamrick, the family of Yolanda Williams, Rusty Moellencamp, Mary Anderson and her new to the family son, the friends and family of David McConnell, Colleen Bouldin, Kimberly Gwynn, Merle and Laurie. 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
July 1-17	\$6,665	\$6,303

A CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH: Please come! This is for those who are present for worship on **Sunday, July 30**, and would like to receive an update on the plans for our future. It will be a "called church conference", to use traditional language. Our District Superintendent will be present. Lunch will be provided and will include a vegetarian and gluten-free option. We will gather for one hour.

Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.