

WITNESS

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

{Together}

SOON, PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. In remembrance of Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals.

We're the early birds, this year. Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am in the church's backyard: Tell somebody! Offer to walk over alongside a neighbor and their pet! It'll make your heart smile whether you come with or without a pet: Promise.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



In I Corinthians, Paul refers to the wilderness wanderers' eating a "spiritual food". The Gospel of John mentions particularly, "Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Evidently, the early Christians told and retold the story our text reports.

- John E. Alsup

September 24, 2017

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 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Music

Greeting

Call to Worship

*Hymn *Morning Has Broken* UMH 145

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Interlude

Brendan Dresdner

Proclamation and Response

Time with Children

First Reading

Scripture Lesson Exodus 16:2-15

Sermon “ ” Rev. Rachel G. May

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

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology (94 UMH)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* UMH 648

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Parting Music

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for James May, Mary Marshall, Jerry Porter, Grayson Foy, Richard Weeks, Wayne, Ben Hamrick, and the family of Yolanda Williams. 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: Might you send a text message to boulevardumc@gmail.com? Include your name and snail-mail address and we can then acknowledge your gift (of presence) to us. What you share we handle with care!

A LOOK AT LIFE TOGETHER in numbers.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
September 1 - 9	\$4,660	\$2,570

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}



SEPTEMBER is for disaster relief. In the wake of two hurricanes, our mission focus is the people who must clean up before they can rebuild. If you are willing to head up a time of assembling cleaning or hygiene kits (or to do this on your own) speak with Rachel. www.umcor.org: The Relief Supply section provides instructions.

Checks memo-lined "disaster relief" or cash enveloped "mission" will be put toward the cost of the items for these kits.

Exodus 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.