

WITNESS

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

GIVING BEARS WITNESS to a caring and sharing God; so does offering your time. We're in need of set-up and break-down team members. It's not about being able to be here every single Sunday, though no is discouraging perfect attendance. It's about offering yourself when you *are* here. Also wanted: Adults to assist Ms. LaRonda with "children's church" on a rotating basis.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
October 1 - 28	\$13,725	\$12,048

Boulevard United Methodist Church



"If you want to know the size of the church,
you also have to count tombstones."

G.K. Chesterton

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

For All Saints Sunday

4:00 pm

Gathering

Greeting

Rev. Drew Willson

Call to Prayer and Praise

from Isaiah 25:8-9

God will swallow up death forever—

God will wipe away the tears from every cheek, and will take away the shame of God's people on earth, wherever they live.

They will say on that day: "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited—and God has saved us!

This is the Lord, for whom we have waited, let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Prayer

The Peace

Time with Children

Music

Prayer

Rev. Rachel May

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6: 4-12

Second Reading

Revelation 21: 1-5, 22-24

Sermon

Rev. Meredith McNabb

Hymn

City of God

Offering

The Lord's Supper

Hymn

Welcome Table

Dismissal with Blessing

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

And so,

in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

A CHURCH CONFERENCE happens today, Sunday, Nov. 5 at 5:20 pm. We will gather in our Fox space for 40 minutes to discuss new developments since our church conference in July. Richmond District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Pete Moon will join us for the latter half. Stick around if you can!

WE ARE PRAYING for Jim Rickards, Jerry Porter, Grayson Foy, Richard Weeks, Wayne, and Ben Hamrick. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

SO BEGINS CHILDREN'S CHURCH. Ms. LaRonda is among us and this is exciting, people! She's a favorite among students over at Grace Covenant's preschool. After children's moment (approximately 4:15) guardians are invited to accompany infants - 5 year olds to the end of the hallway.

A LOOK AT LIFE TOGETHER in numbers.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
October 1 – 21	\$10,762	\$11,407

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY has to do with this historic profession of faith: "I believe in the communion of saints." We acknowledge the fellowship between the living and the dead, honor the departed faithful, and bear witness to those who make a transformative difference in our lives.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

This month our focus is for PET FOOD. Get dollars or the food itself to us and we'll stock the shelves of those who provide for our hungry four-legged neighbors. Elaine Kennedy and Linda Crowder are point persons for this effort. Make it easier rather than harder on our transporters by considering product weight and packaging!



Crossing Boulevard

with Rev. Meredith McNabb

Last year, I took a class in how to weave cloth, and I got hooked on it. It appeals to my sense of order, it lets me be creative and artistic without a lot of natural skill, and it's just a fun thing! (Although I realize that if I lived in a different era and had to make all the fabric I used, I would be pretty much out of luck...)

As I was working on a project this summer, I had big plans. The pattern out of the fancy pattern book's "advanced beginner" section was going to zig-zag down the cloth in red and white and look pretty great, if I do say so myself.

I worked on it, I got my teacher to help, I went in for extra time on the loom outside of class...and it looked terrible. I wove, and re-wove, repeatedly, and the pattern just looked awful. The red threads were too skinny and you couldn't see zig-zags, and the whole project just got worse and worse as I wove. Perseverance is not my strong suit, and I fear that I'm more naturally inclined to give up when I'm bad at something.

And then I caught a glimpse of the back of the fabric.

When you weave, you only see the top of the fabric—it rolls up as you go along, though, and if you look down at the right angle, you can see the reverse of what you're making. And it turns out that my nonexistent red zig-zags that looked terrible and random and trashy had actually produced a nearly perfect serpentine pattern in tan on the back. I couldn't have made *that* pattern, even if I'd tried—way out of my league.

I'm grateful for the glimpses in life of where God has made a pattern, where God has made a way, that I couldn't have imagined. When I've made a hash of things, gotten lost, chosen poorly or felt like there was just no way to overcome, it's turned out over and over that there was good to be drawn from the situation. There was something on the back side that was worth finding.

I give thanks that God lets us make our choices—and I *absolutely* give thanks that God sifts out the best of what we offer and makes a way where there has seemed to be no way.