

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

For \$579 plus canned and bagged goods: Thank-you! October's mission focus remembered local pets providing companionship in low income households. From the middle of November through the middle of December, our focus will be United Methodist Family Services. We help them put hope into the holidays for children and families in Virginia.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



“There is hope that from the house of David will come forth trustworthy leadership, attentive to the voices of those in need, and in faithful service to God's goals for God's people and the world.”

- Elna K. Solveng

The flowers are given to thank God
for Ben May's thirty-one years on his birthday eve,
by those who celebrate him still.



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 pm

Gathering		
Greeting		Rev. Drew Willson
Singing		
Hymn	<i>City of God</i>	
Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Time with Children		
Music		
First Reading	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	
Second Reading	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	
Sermon	“Tell It”	Rev. Rachel G. May
Hymn	<i>We Humans Build to Frame a Life</i>	
Offering Tithes and Gifts		
Doxology	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	
The Lord’s Supper		
Hymn	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Insert
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

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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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is up and running! Ms. LaRonda is among us. 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. They rejoin us for Communion.



CALENDAR CRAFTING is in our near future. What kind of calendar? Think: Open frames, clothespins, library card pockets, die-cut numbers and sparkly string. Think: Your home's homemade advent calendar is fixing to win. It happens Sunday, November 26.

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

We Humans Build to Frame a Life

Tune: *How Can I Keep from Singing*

We humans build to frame a life
with meaning, love, and feeling,
but time or fear can bring collapse
and loss can leave us reeling.
Let faithful souls from rubble rise
to find new ways from sorrow
and slowly, slowly form a shape
to welcome Gods tomorrow.

For everything our hands construct
will one day fall and crumble
The God who is a carpenter
creates from scrap and jumble.
And we can join the work of God
to raise a new creation
that what we do will long endure
upon a firm foundation.

We dedicate ourselves today
amid life's change and danger
to build with God a house of peace
for friend and foe and stranger.
Here may the peoples come and go,
partake in shared endeavor,
set free from terror, hate and war,
alive in God forever.

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City of God

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Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning for all those who weep
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night

*Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day*

We are sons of the morning, we are daughters of day
The One who has loved us has brightened our way
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for all people to set their hearts free

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God is light, in God there is no darkness
Let us walk in the light as children one and all

O comfort my people, make gentle your words
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth
O city of gladness, now lift up your voice
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

Refrain