

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

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MID-NOVEMBER TO MID-DECEMBER'S FOCUS is United Methodist Family Services. We help them put hope into the holidays for children and families in Virginia. Making a check out to Boulevard UMC and designating it UMFS is the way that we ask you to contribute. For them, it's not "just money". Money fuels their ministry, which we have the privilege of supporting. You can also give online by clicking on the mission option.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



Even if God restores the people to the land, that will not be enough. Something must change within the people themselves. Here God promises to heal them from the inside out. God will change not only their outward circumstances, but their very hearts.

- Charles L. Aaron

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On the Cover: "Renewal" by Friedel Dzubas, 1977.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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24th Sunday after Pentecost

4:00 pm

Gathering

Greeting

Rev. Drew Willson

Call to Prayer to Praise

At the setting of the sun, we gather to worship God;

We give thanks for the road traveled and for the open door.

We offer to God our tiredness and our expectancy;

We rejoice in the One who welcomes us as we are.

Here and now we might entertain angels unaware;

Here and now we meet Christ in one another.

- Adapted, Iona Abbey Worship Book

Hymn

All Who Hunger

Prayer

The Peace

Time with Children

Music

First Reading

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Sung Prayer

Wait for the Lord

Sermon

Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Offering Tithes and Gifts

The Lord's Supper

Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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 happens next Sunday. What kind of calendar? Think: Open frames, clothespins, library card pockets, and an array of embellishments. Think: Your home's homemade advent calendar is fixing to win.



Kylee Ponder is leading us in some lighthearted crafting. "I plan to be there," sent to boulevardumc@gmail.com would be helpful. That way we can have the right amount of quality supplies on hand. Prior experience: Not needed. Heck, you don't even have to understand why you would want an Advent calendar in the first place. 5:00 – 5:45, November 26. Do join the fun!

DREW WILLSON IN CONCERT at happens on November 28 at Trinity UMC. This concert is free, with childcare for ages 0-4. It starts at 7:00 pm. Drew is working on a recording project (when he is not reverending and parenting). This is a way to support him in a commitment to music that both enriches and transcends Church.

A LOOK AT LIFE TOGETHER in numbers.

| | Ministry Costs | Your Gifts |
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| November 1 - 11 | \$4,979 | \$3,403 |

Jeremiah 31:27-34

²⁷The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. ²⁹In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." ³⁰But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. ³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.