

NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for loved ones of Aunt Lou, Colleen Bouldin, 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.

A LOOK AT LIFE TOGETHER in numbers.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
November 2017	\$18,982	\$8,619

As yearend approaches, kindly remember that you can make a gift (of stock, mutual funds, etc.) to Boulevard UMC and:

- avoid all broker commissions/fees as well as capital gains taxes
- take the full market value of the security as a 2017 tax donation
- possibly satisfy your 2017 RMD if you are over age 70½
- support our faith family with the full market value of the security(s).

You may also fulfill some or all of your planned giving for 2018 and record it as a 2017 deduction. Questions? Call Ted Soto of the Virginia United Methodist Foundation at 804-521-1122.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



Advent is like this for Christians. It's a season of standing up against "the way things are."

Christians (at least, those in the Northern Hemisphere) light candles "against" the expanding December night. Our tiny, vulnerable flames pose no threat to winter's natural wildness. But we light them anyway, because they declare a different reality to come.

- M.matthew Skinner

December 10, 2017

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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2nd Sunday in Advent

4:00 pm

Gathering

Greeting

Rev. Drew Willson

Hymn

People Look East

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Time with Children

Music

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Music

Let It Be

Scripture

Luke 1:39-56

Sermon

Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

Offering Tithes & Gifts

Doxology

Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, the source of all our gifts.

Praise God, whose Word and blessing is:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Lord's Supper

Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:39-46a

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."⁴⁶And Mary said...

Luke 1:46b-55 {CANTICLE OF MARY}

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.

From this day all generations shall call me blessed:
the almighty has done great things for me
and holy is the name of the Lord,
whose mercy is on those who fear God
from generation to generation.

The arm of the Lord is strong,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

God has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich empty away.

God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant,
remembering the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

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. You can also give online by clicking on the mission option.

WITNESS

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

{Together}

“Get in the Pic”

Part live nativity and part photo booth

Yes, live animals!

The backyard of 319 N Boulevard

Saturday, December 16

4:30 – 6:30



“Get in the Pic” brings the nativity story to life in playful fashion. Last year, it gave us the chance to enjoy each other and connect with our neighbors. The animals are booked. The Christmas lights have been hung. Spread the word!

We need:

- 1 COSTUME RACK helper
- 2 NATIVITY “shed” assemblers (last year’s shed needs to be put back together)
- 3-4 GREETERS to cover the alleyway, the Boulevard, and to mingle with intention
- 1 FIREBUILDER who can bring the firewood
- 2 S'MORES and hot beverage preparers (shop/transport/set-up)
- 1 HAY BALE deliverer; six or so bales

Speak with Rachel to offer yourself in one of these ways. This event is free. Donations will be directed to our current mission focus.