

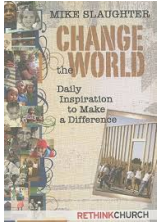
NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for those grieving the loss of Dot Hechler and the loss of Rita Callis. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

A BOOK STUDY in our new digs begins October 30 at 6:30 pm. Lauren Leggett will be leading this group. *Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus* will serve as the springboard for conversation.

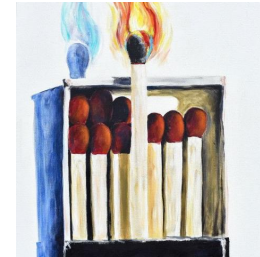


Participants can expect four to six gatherings at 1837 W Broad as well as some optional mission-work/community engagement opportunities.

Questions? E-mail lauren.leggett@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 year olds begins after the children's moment (approximately 4:15). Guardians are asked to walk children to Ms. LaRonda at the end of the hallway. They rejoin us for Communion.

Boulevard United Methodist Church



The great temptation of this text is to turn Jesus' teaching into a new "law" about divorce and remarriage. But Jesus' words are not meant to be a rigid, legal principle...

One does not enter the kingdom through the fulfillment of any abstract legal principles, including those related to divorce and remarriage.

- Charles Campbell

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On the Cover: Match Light, Mindi Oaten

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20th Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 pm at Fox Elementary

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Opening Words Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
Who are we that you are mindful of us, the children of earth that you care for us?
You made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.
O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hymns

Time with Children

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Music

Scripture Mark 10:2-16

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn *O Young and Fearless Prophet*

Offering Tithes & Gifts

Doxology

*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!*

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



Schoolhouse Inklings

with Rev. Rachel

AND THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE - John 8:32

Among my first thoughts: Notasulga sounds like a place we swiped from the Natives. It's a town in Macon County and come to find out, it absolutely bears a Creek name. *Noti sulgi*, meaning "many teeth."

Notasulga is where I am staying for the May family pilgrimage. Yes, I'm bound for Alabama and though my roots may be buried in the red soil of these parts, I have questions.

Like: Who exactly had/has many teeth?

Like: How in the world is there so little south of Auburn? I grew up in rural America and this place is COUNTRY.

Before the enthusiasts holler *roll tide, roll* (or ask, *how 'bout them Tigers?*) let me just say that the Mays were disbelievers in much of what the white folk of 20th century Alabama tended to value.

C.A. May held together the part of [the church](#) that had zero interest in decrying Methodism's support for the Civil Rights Movement. You read that right. Dad says that C.A. May and company held services in a basement until the Alabama-West Florida Conference and the Supreme Court of Alabama ruled that they (the faction that seized the building and the personage) were in the wrong.

As for Jimmy May -- I called him Grandpop -- it's hard to know where to start. He was a conscientious objector; which as you can probably figure, didn't win you any popularity contests. He was a conscientious objector who went to Europe anyway (unarmed) because the laity had been drafted and if the congregation was there, their pastor ought to be as well, he reasoned.

If they were misfits, Chester Arthur and James May were Alabama misfits who claimed their hometown. So it is, that I am traveling to Notasulga -- Notasulga because that's the closest lodging I can find.

The truth that sets us free may be the truth about God in Jesus. It may also be the truth of our origins. Forty-eight hours will pass quickly, I realize. But here's to colliding with truth. Union Springs, let's do this.