

NURTURE {Inward}

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

WE ARE PRAYING for Freda and her extended family, Melody and River, Ron Towers and his family, Linda and Elaine, Karen and Mark, Austin and Jocelyn, Chad and Carmen, the Hannay family, churches providing sanctuary, Wayne Harlow, and Jen and Harrison. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER in numbers:

	Ministry Costs	Your Contributions
October 2019	\$9067.22	\$9079.03

- *Dead Psalmist Society* – Learn to pray in the ancient way with a daily discipline of psalm reading. Order your copy of the Ecumenical Grail Psalter online, and sign up at the Welcome Table to receive daily directions on your phone.
- *Songs of Light and Darkness* – On Wednesday, Dec. 4, our 3-week Advent study begins. You're welcome to gather for supper and study as we sing Advent and Christmas songs, explore the stories behind them, and share our own stories. Potluck supper, candles, all the seasonal feels. Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- *Strangely Warmed: An Introduction to Membership*. On Saturday, Jan. 11, come in from the cold to a fire in the fireplace, hot cider, fresh donuts, and a Q&A session about joining the membership and ministry at Boulevard. At Drew and Shea's. 9:30-11:00am.

OUTREACH and WITNESS {Outward}

*participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy;
evangelism, communications, and lay leadership*

- *Shalom Farms Faith Partner Network* – Our friends at Shalom Farms are developing a Faith Partner Network: churches ready for a new stage of commitment in ministry together. We've supported Shalom Farms for years, and with their new Westwood site just three miles from us, we're ready to seize this new opportunity.
- *Broad St. Christmas Parade* – On Saturday, Dec. 7, starting at 10:00 a.m., the annual Christmas Parade will go right by our doors at 1837 W. Broad. We'll have the opportunity to love our neighbors with hospitality. Stay tuned for how you can get involved.

Boulevard United Methodist Church on Broad



November 17, 2019
4:00 p.m.

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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

*Greeting

Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other.

There will be earthquakes and famines, and signs in the sky.

But don't be deceived, and don't be alarmed. This will be an opportunity.

By holding fast, you will gain your lives.

Luke 21

*Hymn

Bad Moon Rising

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children

2193

*Acclamation

Alleluia (Honduras)

2078

*Scripture

Luke 21:5-19

Holy Conversation

Opportunity to Testify

Shea and Drew

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time for Reflection

In what ways do you feel called to testify during these troubled times?

*Hymn

Stand By Me

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*Growing in Ministry

Kevin, Heather, Joel, and Lauren

*Offering

Options for offering a response to God include:

- touch the water to remember your baptism and your call to ministry
- place your financial gift in the plate to support our ministry together
- light a candle for a person or place in need of God to break through
- be still and know the Lord is God

*Doxology

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*The Lord's Supper (see insert)

SENDING

*Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

2153

*Dismissal with Blessing

**Stand as you can*

Luke 21:5-19 (CEB)

⁵ Some people were talking about the temple, how it was decorated with beautiful stones and ornaments dedicated to God. Jesus said, ⁶ "As for the things you are admiring, the time is coming when not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will these things happen? What sign will show that these things are about to happen?"

⁸ Jesus said, "Watch out that you aren't deceived. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I'm the one!' and 'It's time!' Don't follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and rebellions, don't be alarmed. These things must happen first, but the end won't happen immediately."

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Nations and kingdoms will fight against each other. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes and wide-scale food shortages and epidemics. There will also be terrifying sights and great signs in the sky. ¹² But before all this occurs, they will take you into custody and harass you because of your faith. They will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will provide you with an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ Make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance. ¹⁵ I'll give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to counter or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed by your parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends. They will execute some of you. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of my name. ¹⁸ Still, not a hair on your heads will be lost. ¹⁹ By holding fast, you will gain your lives."

Bad Moon Rising || Words and Music: John Fogerty, 1969

I see the bad moon arising
I see trouble on the way
I see earthquakes and lightnin'
I see bad times today

*Don't go around tonight
Well, it's bound to take your life
There's a bad moon on the rise*

I hear hurricanes a-blowing
I know the end is coming soon
I fear rivers over flowing
I hear the voice of rage and ruin

Hope you got your things together
Hope you are quite prepared to die
Looks like we're in for nasty weather
One eye is taken for an eye