NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Glen Andrews, Mary Marshall, 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 with Ms. LaRonda is a mighty good thing! After the 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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER in numbers:

Ministry Costs Your Contributions February I - 10 10,255 2,761

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

FEBRUARY IS FOR HEART HAVENS, an organization empowering adults with a developmental disability to live full and vibrant lives. They provide group homes in neighborhoods across Virginia where residents live as independently as possible. Heart Havens was founded by the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Throughout February we will be taking up a special offering. To participate, make checks out to Boulevard UMC, indicating that your gift is for the monthly mission. Or give online by selecting the mission option.

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Boulevard United Methodist Church



- I. Jesus didn't choose the wilderness.
- 2. The struggle is long.
- 3. There are angels in the desert.

- Debie Thomas

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1st Sunday in Lent 4:00 pm at Fox Elementary

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Call to Prayer & Praise

While the rain poured outside, David sat at the mouth of the cave.

The torrent brought to mind Noah on the ark for forty days and forty nights.

David lifted his voice,

"Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths."

The rain began to subside.

"Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love, remember me."

A row of colors arced in the sky. As God had promised, "When the bow is in the clouds,

I will remember my everlasting covenant with every living creature..."

So it was. - C. Sygeel & T. Estep, adapted by R. May

Hymn

Psalter Psalm 25 Insert

Time with Children

Music

Scripture Genesis 9:8-17

Scripture Mark 1:9-15

Hymn Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Sermon "Angels in the Desert" Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn O Day of Peace

Offering Tithes & Gifts

The Lord's Supper

Hymn Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

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, 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

Mark 1:9-15

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Genesis 9:8-17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. III establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." 12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15 l will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."