

# Boulevard United Methodist Church



We bear witness to the great movies or television shows we've seen and want others to enjoy. We bear witness to the important events in our family or work lives. We bear witness all the time; we're just not used to thinking about doing it in terms of our faith.

- David Lose

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On the Cover: Hand of Peace Monument, Kusadasi, Turkey.

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❖ *where disciples are lifelong learners influencing others to serve* ❖

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
4:00 pm at Fox Elementary

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Call to Worship

It is good.  
**It is good.**  
To be in a house of the Lord.  
**To be in a house of the Lord.**  
One more time.  
**One more time.**

Hymn *Come Let Us With Our Lord Arise*

Time with Children

Prayer

Psalter Psalm 116

Music

Scripture Luke 24:36b-48

Hymn *Wonderful Words of Life*

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Music

Offering Tithes & Gifts

Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Hymn *Welcome Table*

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

# OUTREACH

*participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy*

**{Outward}**

## **THE 39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STRAWBERRY STREET FESTIVAL** happens



Saturday, May 12. The proceeds fund many of the curriculum enhancements that Fox Elementary offers our neighborhood children. Please consider volunteering on that Friday or Saturday, as this is both a chance to help out and an opportunity to connect. Information on how to do so is available at the welcome table.

**ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CAMP** is a camp for children ages 7 to 12, with an incarcerated mother or father. Partnering with Virginia United Methodist camps, All God's Children Camp provides a week of sanctuary and outdoor fun. Each of the follow places and weeks are in need of volunteers:

June 17-22: Camp Chanco on the James (Richmond area)

June 24-29: Camp Overlook (Shenandoah Valley area)

July 29-August 3: Occohannock on the Bay (Eastern Shore)

Adult mentors make these weeks possible. You do not have to have prior experience – only the ability to get there and the willingness to learn while you love. Contact Lori Smith at [lttlelori@gmail.com](mailto:lttlelori@gmail.com) for more information.

Rachel will match your gift of self. Say that you have decided to do it and All God's Children Camp gets two for one!

Luke 24:36-48

<sup>36</sup> While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." <sup>40</sup> And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of baked fish; <sup>43</sup> he took it and ate it in front of them.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

# NURTURE

*caring for one another and for our growth as disciples*

## {Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for the family of Jim Rickards, Dan Rohrer & his family, those grieving the loss of Ben Harmrick, Rex Pyle & Michelle Oblinsky, and Lillian Faith Ruark. 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 begins 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.

ON SUNDAY APRIL 29 we are potluck suppering together here at Fox. The Trustees are going to share the latest, regarding the recent sale of property and describe the next leg of the adventure. There will be outlets for crockpots or you can bring something that shares well at room temperature. Do stay after the service to congregate!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER in numbers:

	Ministry Costs	Your Contributions
April 1 - 16	12,515	20,368

The numbers above reflect the generosity of Roy Earl Burgess II, who made plans to support Boulevard following his death in April of 2014. Each year, by way of the Community Foundation, \$15,000 comes to us in accordance with Roy's desire to bless the communities that blessed him.

His love for architecture, theater, music, travel, Richmond's Fan District (especially West Grace St.), and Christ's Church is alive and well. Roy, if you're reading this, thank-you.

Psalm 116:5-13,17

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
Our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

**for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.**

For you have delivered my soul from death,

My eyes from tears,

My feet from stumbling;

**I walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

I kept my faith, even when I said,

"I am greatly afflicted."

**I said in my consternation,**

**"All humans are a vain hope."**

What shall I return to the Lord,

For all my benefits?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,**

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.**