

Boulevard United Methodist Church on Broad



That response -- I shall not want -- immediately puts us at odds with our culture, in which we are conditioned to be consumers who always lack something... To live by Psalm 23 would mean ignoring the constant barrage of messages saying, "you are unhappy, you need more stuff."

- N. Koester

May 12, 2019

4th Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad

Greeting

Rev. Drew Willson

Opening Words

One: We are sons and daughters, fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: Thank you, Lord.

Among us are mothers who have made countless sacrifices.

Sustain them, Lord.

Others grieve mothers who went away too soon.

Uphold them, Lord.

We know women who labor to provide, women who are expecting,
and women who have mothered, saying to heck with biology.

Bless them, Lord.

We honor the pain of those who wanted to, but could not;
those who bear the weight of children dying.

Make us mindful. Enlarge our hearts!

Beloved are these, your women.

**Give us grace to honor them by bringing our best before you;
this hour and always. Amen.**

Hymn

Come Let Us With Our Lord Arise

Time with Children

Prayer

Scripture

John 10:10b-17

Sung Prayer

Shepherd Me, O Lord

Scripture

Psalm 23

Sermon

Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn

The House of God Forever

Offering

The Lord's Supper

Hymn

Dismissal with Blessing

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

John 10b - 17

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. ¹³This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

WE ARE PRAYING for Jim and his family, Chris Gregory, the Anderson family, the Kirkland family, the United Methodist Church, Grayson Foy, Nancy Tate, and Bishop Sharma Lewis. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 years of age begins after the children's moment. They rejoin us for Communion. Our childcare provider is employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.

GIVING GROWS YOU and us.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
April 1 - 27	\$14,992	\$26,093

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.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

APRIL IS FOR SAFE HARBOR. Safe Harbor empowers survivors of sexual and domestic violence to transform their lives, and promotes healthy relationships for all. For this monthly mission focus, we will collect **underwear and socks for boys/men, ages 1-adult**. This is a wish-list item, for Safe Harbor's shelter.



safe harbor

We will also gather up **grocery bags** – paper bags, plastic bags, reusable bags for the community clients to carry groceries/supplies from the pantry.

Finally, we are collecting financial contributions by way of designated cash or checks made out to Boulevard UMC and memo-lined "Safe Harbor". Online givers: Select the "mission" option. Money may not be able to buy us love but it can express love.