

# Boulevard United Methodist Church on Broad



“You can’t know God by looking directly into the mystery. You know God by finding the place where God has been.”

- Edward M. Feinstein

## June 2, 2019

On the Cover: Look Up, Nocturne Podcast.

THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
✦ *where disciples are lifelong learners influencing others to serve* ✦

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Ascension Sunday  
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit.

**Our life is hidden with Christ in God.**

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,  
That he might fill all things.

**When Christ, our Life, appears,  
We shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!** - Don Saliers

Hymn *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* 312

Time with Children

Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Music *Halley Came to Jackson*

Scripture Luke 24:44-53

Interlude

Scripture Acts 1:1-11

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn *Again*

Offering  
*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

Dismissal with Blessing

## NURTURE

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

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Grayson Foy, those grieving the loss of Chris Gregory, the Anderson family, the Kirkland family, the United Methodist Church, 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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER in numbers:

	Ministry Costs	Your Contributions
May 1 - 18	\$3,375	\$5,756

NEXT MONDAY MORNING PRAYER: June 3. Join in prayer and lunch afterwards at the café, if you'd like, at Westminster Canterbury (1600 Westbrook Ave.). We gather at 11:30 in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor common room.

## OUTREACH

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

{Outward}

JUNE IS FOR OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE. What is that?

1. **It's an area.** Our congregation is a part of the Virginia Conference.
2. **It's an event.** It happens every year in either Hampton or Roanoke.

It is tradition for each local church to prepare an offering (much in the same way as individual does for church). Bishop Sharma Lewis has put forth a goal, which includes:

Cambodia	\$40,000	Community health & agricultural development
Brazil	\$20,000	Ministry with children; shade & fresh water
Mozambique	\$20,000	Lay leadership development
Virginia	\$30,000	Just Neighbors immigrant legal counsel

<https://www.vaumc.org/AC2019#offering>

Sometime during the June 20-22 weekend, Rachel and our lay member, Kylee, will put Boulevard's contribution in the plate during a worship service, which is always a moment of great joy!

To contribute, designate cash or write a check to Boulevard UMC memo-lined "Conference Offering". Online givers can select the mission option.

## **Luke 24:44-53**

Then 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, the prophets, and the 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 is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

## **Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ <sup>7</sup>He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

## **Again**

Words: Sylvia Dunstan || Tune: Finlandia

Tell me again how hearts are lifted up  
Tell me again about the bread and cup  
Tell me the great and wondrous works of God  
Tell me the words by which the soul is awed,  
of body broken, and of blood outpoured,  
in all these things, O tell me of the Lord.

Bless me again, that I may learn to bless  
Bless unto me the truth that we profess  
Bless me and name the Holy Trinity  
Bless me within the bonds of unity,  
the words are spoken and our life restored,  
in all these things, O bless me in the Lord.