

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for the Hannay family as they welcome life with Douglas, churches providing sanctuary, Wayne Harlow, Jen and Harrison Baronian, our country, 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.

IN SEPTEMBER...

- *Pies and Pints*: On Sunday, Sept. 8, our Staff Parish Relations Committee invites you to walk .1 mile for pizza and your drink of choice. Come and get to know Drew, Shea, Kyrienne, and Halley (and all your Boulevard family) better.
- On Sept. 22, come and participate in a readers' theater of the gospel of Mark. We rarely read more than snippets of scripture together; now, we'll read all the way through. Whoever wants to read gets a part! Bring a friend and a potluck dish to share.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

- *Cultivating Beloved Community* – Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1:00 PM. Virginia Methodists for a New Thing are hosting this gathering at Duncan Memorial UMC in Ashland to build collaborative relationships between like-minded churches in our area.
- *Virginia Pride Fest 2019* – Saturday, Sept. 28. Sharing a table with our downtown friends at Centenary, we'll celebrate our LGBTQ+ neighbors and offer the too-rare presence of church support.
- *Boulevard Photo Op* – Sunday, Sept. 29. Friendly local photographer Amanda Miles will be our guest to capture images of our gathering for worship. The photos will go on our website and social media to reach our neighbors. Please come and help show the world what life together in Christ can look like.

Boulevard United Methodist Church on Broad



August 18, 2019
4:00 PM

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Greeting

When you see a cloud forming in the west,
it's going to rain.

When a south wind begins to blow,
a heat wave is coming.

We know how to read the earth and the sky.
Now let us learn to read the present time.

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| Hymn | <i>Wade in the Water</i> | 2107 |
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LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Time with Children

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| Prayer | <i>Come and Fill Our Hearts</i> | 2157 |
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| Acclamation | <i>Alleluia (Honduras)</i> | 2078 |
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| Gospel Lesson | <i>Luke 12:49-56</i> | |
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Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time for Reflection

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| Hymn | <i>Would I Have Answered When You Called</i> | 2137 |
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Affirmation of Faith

One: With the whole church

All: we affirm
that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.

One: With people everywhere

All: we affirm
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

One: With all creation

All: we celebrate
the miracle and wonder of life,
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.

Offering

Options for offering a response to God include:

- place a financial offering (or sign of your online giving) in the plate
- touch the water, remembering your baptism and your belonging to God
- share your thoughts on the wall paper
- be still and know the Lord is God

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| Doxology | 94 |
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The Lord's Supper (see insert)

SENDING

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| Hymn | <i>How Firm a Foundation</i> | 529 |
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Dismissal with Blessing

Luke 12:49-56 (CEB)

⁴⁹ "I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it's completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, I have come instead to bring division. ⁵² From now on, a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three. ⁵³ Father will square off against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ Jesus also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud forming in the west, you immediately say, 'It's going to rain.' And indeed it does. ⁵⁵ And when a south wind blows, you say, 'A heat wave is coming.' And it does. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret conditions on earth and in the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret the present time?"