

NURTURE {Inward}

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

WE ARE PRAYING for Judy and her granddaughter Israel, the Hannay family, churches providing sanctuary, Wayne Harlow, Jen and Harrison Baronian, 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 and WITNESS {Outward}

*participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy;
evangelism, communications, and lay leadership*

- *Cultivating Beloved Community* – Sunday, Sept. 15, 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 25, 2019
4:00 PM

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Greeting

Is someone here moving toward the twilight of life
and fearful of that which we call death?

Why be afraid? God is able.

Is someone here on the brink of despair because of the death of a loved one,
the breaking of a marriage, or the waywardness of a child?

**Why despair? God is able to give us the power
to endure that which cannot be changed.**

Is someone here anxious because of bad health?

Why be anxious? Come what may, God is able.

Surely God is able.

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hymn *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* 351

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Time with Children

Joys and Concerns

Prayer *Come and Fill Our Hearts* 2157

Acclamation *Alleluia (Honduras)* 2078

Gospel Lesson *Luke 13:10-17*

Sermon *But Oh! Who Shall Heal Me?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time for Reflection

*Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* 2213

*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.**

(continued)

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:

- come receive prayer and a laying on of hands for healing
- 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

*Doxology 94

*The Lord's Supper (see insert)

SENDING

*Hymn *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* 2151

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Stand as you can

Luke 13:10-17 (CEB)

¹⁰Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. ¹²When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." ¹³He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

¹⁴The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? ¹⁶Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.