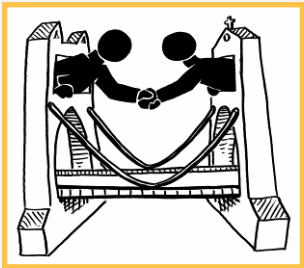


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The Church Triumphant

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I enjoy reading historical novels. Transported to different times and places gives me a break from my own life. I recently finished two novels set in medieval England. The first opens on All Hallows' Eve night. The main characters, along with the entire town, are huddled in the church, petrified of the evil spirits roaming the night of October 31st. With the dawn comes a collective sigh of relief that they have escaped another year of the evil spirits. The congregation gets up and begins the All Saints celebration, November 1st.

What we know as Halloween, had its beginnings in paganism, with the evil spirits controlling the night. As Christianity spread though out the western world, the fear of All Hallows' Eve was coupled with a celebration of the saints who have gone to heaven.

Our society has lost the terror of All Hallows' Eve. In my 28 years of ministry, no one has ever asked to spend Halloween night in the sanctuary.

With our electric lights and secure homes we don't fear any night. Some of us understand evil as a devil on one shoulder and an angel on the other; both trying to get our attention. Some find it easier to grasp the nature of evil by personifying evil into "the devil". Others envision evil as a spirit, moving in and among us at will.

The Gospels record Jesus being tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1, Mark 1:13, Luke 4:2) When Peter cannot conceive of Jesus dying, Jesus says "Get behind Me, Satan." (Matthew 16:23)

However we envision evil, we know it exists, and we know we are tempted, and we know we must follow the footsteps of Jesus instead of evil.

Our society has lost the triumph of All Saints Day, even though we proclaim with our lips at the graveside "For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." (I Cor. 15:52b) We, in our grief, have difficulty feeling glad and triumphant that

the one we love has been taken from us by death.

Yet, the Epistle to the Hebrews reminds us the "...since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witness, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." (Heb. 12:1-2a)

Our loved ones have been triumphant in their faith. So too, may we one day, join that great cloud of witnesses.

This year we celebrate that these whom we love, have gone to Glory:

- Mary Wingfield
- Pearle McCumber
- James Gallion
- Robert Taylor
- Glennice Chalkley
- Lucy George
- Ursula Bew
- Charlotte Carmine Wolfe
- Catherine Tate
- Lucille Kitchen
- Frances Hale

Please join us as Boulevard Church celebrates the Church Triumphant, **November 2nd, 11:00AM.**



"A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues." —Cicero

Worship Notes - November

2 All Saints' Sunday

Hebrews 12:1f
Fruit of the Spirit:
Patience

Holy Communion
Communion Offering to the Boulevard Community Blessings Fund

2:00PM Charge Conference

9 25 After Pentecost

John 14:15-31
Fruit of the Spirit:
Peace

16 25 After Pentecost

Matthew 25:14-30 "Where are your talents?"

23 Thanksgiving Celebration

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

30 1st Sunday of Advent

Mark 13:24-37
"Who knows?"

If anyone would like to be involved in the service by lighting the Advent wreath (any Sunday in Advent), please call (358.8995) or

email the church office (office@boulevardumc.org) and let us know you are willing.

LITURGICAL COLORS

We shall continue through Thanksgiving using red as our liturgical color to remind us of the witness of the Spirit in our lives. On Advent Sunday, the color changes to purple, the color of repentance and preparation for the birth of Christ.

Community Blessing Fund

The Community Blessing Fund is an amount of money which Boulevard Church makes available to the Pastor to distribute locally to those in need.

Sometimes, those in need are our own church members, going through a rough patch, and sometimes those in need maybe people in the local community who come to the church for help in

times of trouble.

In these difficult economic times, there may be many people close to us, who need help, especially with winter cold approaching, but they often hide their need and only ask in desperation.

Please give as generously as possible to the Communion Offering this month, which will support the Community Blessing

Fund, and at any other time you can through the envelopes in the pew, marking your gift for the Community Blessing Fund.

We may not know who, or how much, we help, but each gift is much appreciated. Thank you.

Election Day – November 4th

This year's election has generated a lot of interest for a number of reasons.

With potentially the first woman, or the first black man, to win their party's nomination, it was always going to be a historic election.

With the recent financial melt-down, it becomes more important than ever to be well-informed about economic policies and party differences.

We have two candidates, both of whom are honest, upright men – but there

are serious and important differences in their world view.

We can't know everything either candidate would do if elected – but it is irresponsible not to make the choice – not to cast a vote for one of them.



Music Notes

“A Christian Hymn is a lyric poem, reverently and devotionally conceived, which is designed to be sung and which expressed the worshipper’s attitude toward God or God’s purposes in human life. It should be simple and metrical in form, genuinely emotional, poetic and literary in style, spiritual in quality, and in its ideas so direct and so immediately apparent as to unify all while singing it.” So writes Carl F. Price of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

Our hymnody – that immense body of hymn tunes – and the texts that we sing to those tunes are one of the most diverse legacies of 2000 years of Christendom. The hymns we sing today are in unison or four parts. They derive from Catholic Gregorian chant or from Zulu work songs. They were first sung in German or Latin or Spanish, and they express the experience of people from all over the earth. Our hymns reach across racial and cultural lines like no other common experience. What a

glorious repertoire is found in our hymnals!

Do you sing the hymns at Boulevard UMC? If not, why not? Are you afraid that your song is not good enough, not “right” enough? Do you find the harmonies confusing? Do you dare to read the words aloud when you cannot sing them? Could you be missing out on beautiful poetry by not reading the hymns? At home, try reading your favorite hymns as a devotional. If you don’t own a hymnal, ask Pastor Dorothy or me and we’ll send you home with one!

Pamela

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Boulevard Charge Conference

The basic unit in the connectional system of The United Methodist Church is the Charge Conference. The District Superintendent of the Richmond District is the chairperson of the conference. Our new District Superintendent is The Reverend Steve Jones.

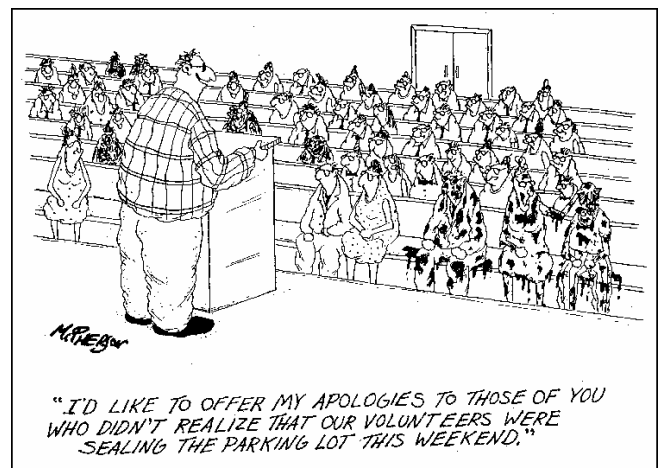
The Charge Conference meets at least annually to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive

reports and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the Church Council.

It is a “conference” because the meeting is open to all interested people. It is a “charge” because that is the historic name for a church or churches served by a pastor.

In other words, this is THE business meeting for churches in the United Methodist denomination. This year our Superintendent has scheduled the meeting for **2:00 pm on Sunday November 2nd**.

We will be meeting in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.





Members' Notes

November Birthdays

- 2nd Diane Joyner
- 4th Petie Harry
- 17th Vera "Billie" Jones
- 18th Annika Tobe
- 19th George Hall
- 27th Melvina Wright

Anniversaries

- Diane & Michael Joyner
Nov. 4th, 2000
- Curtis & Carmel Carel
Nov. 17, 1946
- Warren & Patricia Shelton
Nov. 22nd, 1953
- Bill & Dola Mayo
Nov. 23rd, 1940
- Linwood & Billie Jones
Nov. 23rd, 1947
- Diane & Peter Lenk
Nov. 24th, 1979

Saturday November 1st



Congratulations!

New Member

Our newest member, SooYeon Hong, goes by the nick name "Soo". Soo is from South Korea. She has 2 older sisters, one in Korea, as are her parents, and one in Los Angeles.

Having just completed her Ph.D. at Syracuse University, New York, she is now on the faculty of Virginia Commonwealth University here in Richmond, teaching mass

communication, especially the areas of public relations and graphic design.

Soo now lives just a few blocks away from the church on Stuart Avenue.

We welcome her into the Boulevard family and look forward to getting to know her better as together we work for God's glory.



SooYeon Hong



Boutique Fall Craft Fair – Nov. 7th – 8th

The annual Boutique Fall Craft Fair will be held at **Westminster Canterbury** on **Friday November 7th, 10:00AM to 4:00PM**, and on **Saturday November 8th, 10:00Am to 2:00PM**.

The Fair will take place in the Commons and Center

Lobby, 1600 Westbrook Ave, Richmond.

All residents, staff and friends are welcome, as well as members of the community at large.

We have a number of church members who are

resident at Westminster Canterbury, so anyone from this church is included as a friend of Westminster Canterbury!

Please make a note of the dates and times on your Calendar, and make a special attempt to support

to those who have worked hard to make this such a success.

Convocation on Urban Ministry

We're completing the plans for the second **Convocation on Urban Ministry** for Saturday **15 November 2008, at Calvary UMC in Richmond**, near the RIC Airport.

Every Virginia Conference Church in Urban Ministry is invited to a time of Worship, Inspiration, and Formation of Goals and Plans, using Robert Schnase's text *the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*

Teams of 3-5 persons from each church are suggested, at \$15 per person.

Leadership will be provided by Rev. Dr. Franklin Gillis

of Four Seasons Ministry, and an array of others.

8:30 Registration

9:00 Welcome and Worship

10:00 Overview – the 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations

10:30 Small Group Immersion in one practice

11:30 Small Group Immersion in a second practice

12:30 Lunch

1:15 Discussion and Planning in District Groups

3:00 Reflection and Evaluation

3:30 Worship

4:00 Benediction

There are several partial scholarships available; 0.5 CEU's will be offered for clergy for a full day's participation.

Questions? Please contact Jim Earley at Walker Chapel UMC in Arlington or at RevsRUs@comcast.net

Registration deadline: November 10.

Send to: Colonial Avenue UMC, 1420 Colonial Ave., Norfolk, VA 23517



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Editorial - Thanksgiving

The American holiday "Thanksgiving" is quite unique in its origin and meaning, yet often obscured by the rush to get everything done and not offend anyone in the process. It is suffocated by commercialism, yet that very commercialism reminds us of the origin of Thanksgiving by its kitsch turkey ornaments and its plastic fruit and vegetables, not to mention the cardboard pilgrims.

It is fundamental to our life, that we have food on the table and shelter over our heads – a place to sleep and loved ones around us. The welcoming of strangers,

just as the native peoples of America once welcomed and provided for the strangers in their midst, is everywhere and always a sign of our basic humanity.

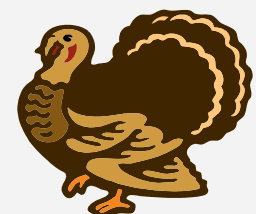
But Thanksgiving is more than that. It recognizes that hard work alone is not enough to ensure a good harvest. The early settlers would have starved without the native peoples. The people of Galveston, of New Orleans, of California, understand that hard work alone cannot ensure a good outcome. Not even prayer can protect what we love.

Is that theological heresy? No, not at all. Do you think that the prayers of all the

people of New Orleans, or California, were less favored than the prayers of those of us on the East Coast, who were not ravaged by storm or fire? I don't think so. Perhaps we learn most about thanksgiving when hard work has failed and we are dependent on the grace of another.

For the Christian, Christ on the Cross is at the heart of our thanksgiving – the Eucharist. Each time we celebrate the Holy Communion as Methodists call it, we celebrate human life at its weakest, and the grace of God at its strongest.

Happy Thanksgiving!





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Mission Notes - Kyrgyzstan

The United Methodist Church is now officially registered in the Central Asian Republic of Kyrgyzstan. Registration with the government is required in that country, as in many others, before a religious group can actively operate.

Kyrgyzstan is part of the Central Asia Mission Initiative, which

incorporates the five republics of Central Asia, once part of the Soviet Union.

United Methodist presence in Kyrgyzstan is focused primarily in Bishkek, the capital city, but there are also new fellowship or Bible study groups in Malovodnoye, Karaköl, and Kainda.

The Bishkek congregation emerged from a prison ministry launched in 2003 by Pastor Oleg Starodubets, according to the mission program report. Most of the members range in age from 25 to 30.

The Central Asia Republics form a district of the United Methodist Siberia and Eastern Russia

Help from Korean UMC in Los Angeles

Provisional Annual Conference, under the episcopal leadership of Bishop Hans Växby of the Eurasia Area, headquartered in Moscow.

"The congregation in Bishkek is young but is a mature Christian community," said the bishop, who is a director of Global Ministries and was in Stamford. "It has a

clear vision not only for itself but for the country. The formal recognition (registration) is very important as an initial step toward ministry beyond the city of Bishkek."

A new church building in Bishkek was constructed by church members with major financial support from the Korean United Methodist Church of Los

Angeles. A delegation from the Los Angeles congregation visited Bishkek last summer, taking along recreational equipment to be used in outreach to teens and young adults.

Sunday school is an important activity among United Methodists in Bishkek. There is a hunger for Bible stories,

Role of Moscow UMC Seminary

according to the mission agency report.

Pastoral leadership for Kyrgyzstan is being developed in part through the Moscow United Methodist Theological Seminary, which has an extension program in Kazakhstan, another of the Central Asia republics.



Sunday School at Bishkek UMC

Veterans' Day

Veterans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war."

Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that men and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict

was so much owed, by so many, to so few."

Thank you to all the men and women who served or who are now serving our country.



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Finance Report

On hand 9/1/08 (3,654)

INCOME

Regular Offering	9,065
Community Blessing	99
Building Fund	386
Endowment Income	6,850
Memorials/Specials	605
Other Income	2,054

TOTAL 19,059

EXPENSES

Mission & Outreach	1,550
Operating Costs	4,063
Staff Costs	10,659
Miscellaneous	743

TOTAL 17,015

On hand 9/30/08 (1,609)

DOLLARS
& **SENSE**

Metro Richmond at Prayer

For the poor and those people in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond:

November 2, 2008

For the unemployed, for the under-employed, for suitable work, for living wages and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city.

November 9, 2008

For the homeless and the hungry; for the provision of safe, affordable housing

and low cost nutritious food; for the personal safety, dignity, and well-being of those unable to work.

November 16, 2008

For those who are willing to put their lives on the line for the sake of others; for all who fight for the rights of those who can't fight for themselves.

November 23, 2008

For the inclusion of all, regardless of race, age, or

jurisdiction of residence in the economic health of Metropolitan Richmond; for effective, affordable, regional public transportation.

November 30, 2008

For healthy marriages; for safe, constructive and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and caring for the elderly; for sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.



Metro Richmond at Prayer

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Important Information

We invite everyone to share in praise, fellowship, learning and worship with us, regardless of race, creed, age or any other personal issue. If you need help with the steps into the building, let us know so we can open the side door by the ramp.

Sunday Mornings
9:45AM Fellowship

10:00AM Sunday School
11:00AM Morning Worship

Wednesday Evenings
6:30PM TheoSonics
7:30PM Sanctuary Choir

Our Pastor is Dr. Dorothy McNeer O'Quinn. You can contact her through the Church Office, Monday to Friday 9:00AM to 4:00PM; or email her confidentially

through our website at:
Pastor@BoulevardUMC.org

Church Administrator:
Warren Smith

Information for the next Church Newsletter may be sent to the Church Office or emailed to the Editor at:
Evelyn@BoulevardUMC.org
by Saturday November 15th

From Our Pastor

My hope is that you will find in Boulevard Church what you need: a healing place for your weariness; a challenge for your bored soul, a place to explore who, and whose, you are.

Pastor Dorothy



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