

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of John and Virginia Schlitt on January 4.

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Property Ministry Team in memory of Al Stockum.

We extend Christian sympathies to Linda Wilton on the death of her aunt, Natalie Straus, on December 23, 2017



Worship Leader: Sandy Ferguson

Greeters: Allyson Engdahl and Mike Hamilton

Wee Worship Teacher: Sue Harvey

Elder of the Month: Shawn Ebert



Nursery for Children 3 years and younger ~ Room 208 (across from the Chapel)
Wee Worship for Children 3-5 years ~ Room 113 (downstairs)

The Lord's Supper is celebrated weekly at the 9:00 AM service and the first Sunday of the month at the 11:15 AM service.

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Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Worship On The Lord's Day

January 7, 2018 9:00 AM

Baptism of the Lord



Today's congregation continues strong traditions of:

- Living faith through worship, mission, education and fellowship with the vision of "Reaching Out to Make Disciples";
- Following the path laid out by God through his son, Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit;
- Sharing the inclusive love of God to all of God's children and God's creation;
- Exposing the light of Christ to the world through music, words, prayer and actions.

GATHERING

We Are Gathering

**We are gathering in the light of God, we are gathering in the light of God.
We are gathering in the light of God, we are gathering in the light of God.**

**We are gathering, we are gathering, we are gathering in the light of God.
We are gathering, we are gathering, we are gathering in the light of God. (repeat all)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Genesis 1 and Mark 1)

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: **The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;**

Leader: then God said: Let there be light, and God saw that it was good.

People: **At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.**

Leader: The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

People: **then God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

ALL: **Let us worship God!**

*SONG

Let the River Flow

**Let the poor man say, I am rich in Him; let the lost man say I am found in Him:
Let the river flow.**

**Let the blind man say, I can see again; let that dead man say, I am born again:
Let the river flow. Let the river flow.**

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**Please stand if you are able.*

**Let the river flow; let the river flow. Holy Spirit come; move in power.
Let the river flow. Let the river flow. Let the river flow. Let the river flow.
Let the river flow; let the river flow. Holy Spirit come; move in power.
Let the river flow. Let the river flow. Let the river flow. Let the river flow.**

*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

*RECEIVE GOD'S HEALING AND SHARE GOD'S PEACE

Song of Praise

Blessing and Honor

**To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb,
all blessing and honor, glory and might. (repeat)**

WORD FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children 4 years of age through 3rd grade are invited to attend Wee Worship, a children's worship-education program. Children go to Room 113 (downstairs) after the Children's Message, and should be picked up there directly after worship. Children 3 years of age and younger are invited to the Nursery in Room 208 (across from the Chapel). All children 10 years and older should return to their seats.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 29
Mark 1:4-11
Acts 19:1-7

SERMON

Storms in Life

Preston Shealy

*SONG

How Can I Keep from Singing?

**My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**

Refrain:

**No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (refrain)**

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (refrain)**

PRAYING FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Following each petition, God's people respond:

Leader: Loving God;

People: Hear our prayer.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**Please stand if you are able.*

*Offering Response

God Is Good All The Time

**God is good all the time, and put a song of thanks in this heart of mine.
God is good, God is good all the time.**

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Communion of the People

Communion is by "intinction." The server will give you bread to dip in the cup. Servers disinfect their hands. Please come forward by the outer aisles and return by the inner ones. Gluten free bread is available on the table, and the cup is non-alcoholic. If you cannot come forward, communion will be brought to you.

Communion/Baptism Remembrance Song

Down to the River to Pray

Congregation, please join on the refrain:

**Oh, sinners, let's go down. Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray.
Oh, down to the river to pray.**

Prayer

*SONG

Baptized in Water

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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**Please stand if you are able.*

Please call the Church Office or Pastor Shealy to include someone on this Prayer List. (614-486-0267)

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Ruth Ferrari, for healing and strength following a stroke (Linda Wilton's aunt)
Ginny Achtermann, at home
Joanne Taylor, Boulevard Preschool teacher, recovering from surgery
Julie Wall, at home (Kyme Rennick's mother)
Eda Mikolaj, at home (Heather Mikolaj's mother)
Barbara Frautschi
Gay Hadley
Barbara Rine, breast cancer
Bruce "Smitty" Smith
Carol McFadden, breast cancer
Ella, back at Boulevard Preschool
Fred Ferris, for healing
Rick Cotter, recovering from car accident (friend of Michael and Charmaine Hamilton)
Michael Frase, for remission from infection
Suzanne Trombley, Carol Fry's sister-in-law
Gary (relative of Becky Metzler)
Tim McLane, for balance and healing for foot (Mikie Bowles' brother)
Corey Sander, cancer (Pat Nicholson's granddaughter's husband)
Kate Whitmore, cancer (Marty Grimm's daughter)
Jerry Braun, cancer (Mike McKinney's brother-in-law)
Julie DuSablón, recuperating at home
Mark Nelson, for healing, comfort, and peace

Prayers for Our Special Care List

Dorothy Rout, Westminster-Thurber
Evelyn Hannaway, at home
Virginia Schlitt, at home
Becky Metzler, at home
Leni Leypoldt, at home
Brita Knapp, for continued remission
Norman Knapp, healing and strength
Peggy Pasko, Woodview Care and Rehab

CALENDAR

Today

***Baptism of the Lord
Cents-ability Sunday***

9:00 am Worship: Chapel
10:00 am New Adult/Teen Class: 111
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

Monday, January 8

6:00 pm Member Care Committee
7:00 pm Worship: Chapel

Tuesday, January 9

12:30 pm Staff Meeting: 300
7:00 pm Scout Troop Committee: 111
7:00 pm Bear Den: 301
7:00 pm Finance Team: 300

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 am Quilters: 111
6:00 pm Lion Den
7:00 pm Future Discernment Team: 300

Thursday, January 11

10:30 am Presbyterian Women Bible Study: Lounge
6:00 pm Music Team: Chapel
6:30 pm Bell Practice: Balcony
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice: Sanctuary

Sunday, January 14

***2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Clothing Collection Sunday***

9:00 am Worship
Session will receive new members following worship
10:00 am New Adult/Teen Class: 111
10:00 am Mission Committee
11:15 am Worship: Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP IS . . . realizing that caring for the earth is our responsibility as God's children!

We Rejoice and Give Thanks

Sunday, December 31, 2017

General Sunday Offering: \$
God's People Gathered: 64

Announcements

New Adult Class Begins January 7 ~ Surprised by Hope

Come join in Sundays at 10:00 AM in room 111 from January 7-February 11. Through videos and discussion, N. T. Wright, a world-renowned biblical scholar, will bring you inside the Scriptures to grasp the full, breathtaking hope Jesus offers the world. N. T. Wright opens our eyes to the amazing scope of what God's word has to say about the world to come and the world that is. Sessions include: Hope for the World; Hope of the Resurrection; Hope of Heaven; Hope of Jesus' Second Coming; Hope of Salvation; and Hope of the Church. Gain an exciting new vision for your life here on earth in light of your future in heaven. ***Surprised by Hope*** provides a clearer vision both of the future and of God's kingdom at hand today. All adults and teens are welcome!

Concert at Highlands Presbyterian Church ~ Saturday, January 13 at 3:00 PM

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2018, in celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday and the 50th anniversary of his passing, Highlands Presbyterian Church, 6909 Smoky Row Road, will host the Chamber Music Connection (CMC) presentation of a new work by composer Kyle Price, Worthington native and alumnus of CMC.

Featured are members of the award-winning KASA Quartet, pianist Hector Garcia, CMC Artistic Director Deborah Price, and the advanced honor students forming the CMC Conservatory Series Chamber Orchestra. The theme of the event is *We Too Have a Dream*.

In addition to the 3 p.m. performance at Highlands Presbyterian Church, the concert will also be offered at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 93 West Weisheimer Road in Columbus. For more information, visit www.cmconnection.org and www.highlands-presbyterian.org. Admission is free.

Bean Soup Project ~ Sunday, January 21 at 10:00 AM

We are opening up the bean soup project to the entire congregation this year. We will be assembling the mixes on Sunday, January 21, in Fellowship Hall and are hoping for a lovely mix of children and adults working together. For many years now, our children have been making these soup mixes. They are delivered to the NNEMAP food pantry, and are very well-received by the clients there.

Kids, let's show the adults how it's done!

Adults, come and enjoy this wonderful winter mission project!

Besides helping on that morning, you can help by bringing in dry beans on Jan 7 and 14. We need bags of pinto beans, Great Northern beans, black beans, red kidney beans, and green split peas. We are making a layered mix, so please no bean mixtures. There will be a soup pot in the lounge for your donations.

Thank you all and see you then. If you have any questions, contact Jan Plas (614-486-7510).

Confirmation Introduction for Interested Youth and/or Parents

Sunday, January 21 at 10:15 am

Boulevard will begin a Confirmation class this month for our youth. Please meet with Pastor Preston Shealy on Sunday, January 21, at 10:15 am in the Chapel to set a schedule. Fee free to contact Preston at 614-486-0267 or BoulevardPastor@aol.com with any questions.

YWCA Family Center Dinner Hosting ~ Sunday, January 21

We will be preparing and serving dinner at the YWCA Family Center next Sunday. There are many ways to help! Sign up on the lists in the Lounge. Please plan to join us! **We will meet at the church at 4:30 PM to carpool to the Center.**

Vote Early, Vote Often

In 2018 the kitchen off the Lounge will be cleaned, organized and painted. You will have an opportunity to vote on the color. Samples of the colors will be painted in the kitchen to provide a visual. Votes cost \$1.00 per vote and you can vote numerous times. You will be able to put your money in the collection jars in the Lounge on Sunday mornings. All funds from the voting will be used toward air travel for the 2019 international Boulevard mission trip. If you choose to write a check, please note "mission trip" in the memo portion of your check. If you would like to assist with the cleaning and organization, please contact Charmaine Hamilton at 614-488-4710 or charmainehamilton@hotmail.com.

Baby Boom Nursery Volunteers

We are still looking for a few more Nursery workers before the baby boom that we are so blessed to be anticipating. If you are interested, or want more details, please contact Stefanie Osborne (614-206-7285 or stefanie@stefanieosborne.com) to get signed up.

Boulevard Rummage Sale in the Spring

If you plan to downsize your holiday décor after the holidays are over, please remember the May 5, 2018 rummage sale that will benefit the cost of international travel for a Boulevard Mission Trip in 2019. The mission committee will start accepting items in January that are clean and in good condition. No TV's or clothing. A detailed list of requested items was posted in the October newsletter and will appear again in the January newsletter. For additional information, please contact Charmaine Hamilton at 614-488-4710 or charmainehamilton@hotmail.com.

Amazon Purchases Also Benefit Boulevard Presbyterian Church

How many of us shop online at Amazon? Well, if you are an Amazon shopper you now have an easy way to also support Boulevard when making purchases through Amazon. Boulevard is now registered with Amazon as a charitable organization. That means Boulevard will receive a 0.5% charitable donation based on the price of all eligible purchases made through Boulevard's link to Amazon.Smile.

Find the link on the upper left side of Boulevard's webpage: **Support Boulevard Presbyterian Church / Shop at smile.amazon.com**. Click on these words and you will automatically be linked to Amazon and can begin shopping.

Save Your Aluminum Pull Tabs

Boulevard Presbyterian Women continues the project of collecting pull tabs from pop, vegetable, fruit, pet food or any other type pull tab cans. The tabs are given to The Ronald McDonald House at Nationwide Children's Hospital. They in turn receive reimbursement for each pound of tabs which they use for expenses of the house. The Ronald McDonald house provides housing and other services for families who have children as patients at the Nationwide Children's Hospital. The collection container, a white "house" with a red roof, can be found in the lounge. Questions can be directed to Linda Mahoney at 614-291-5725 or djllmahoney@gmail.com.