

“I can no longer condemn or hate a brother for whom I pray; no matter how much trouble he causes me. His face, that hitherto may have been strange and intolerable to me, is transformed in intercession into the countenance of a brother for whom Christ died.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Easter

Service of Worship

April 16, 2023

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### PRELUDE

“How Deep The Father’s Love for Us”

Stuart Townsend

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Everyone come!

**People: We all need what you have, Lord.**

Leader: Whether struggling, filled with guilt and shame, weary, at a loss or unsure.

**People: We long for forgiveness that brings redemption!**

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good. Repent and accept his forgiveness.

**People: We repent of our sins, Lord, and thank you for your forgiveness that leads to eternal life.**

**All: Praise ye the Lord, his mercies endure forever and ever!**

#### \*HYMN 248

“Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna”

#### \*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

*Silent confession*

Lord, deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. But let our conviction not turn into guilt, but rather action. To love others as you have loved us.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON AND SHARING GOD’S PEACE

We are God’s Children, forgiven and redeemed by God’s grace.

**This is the Good News to spread to others! Thanks be to God.**

May the peace of Christ be strengthened within you!

**And also, strengthened within you!**

\*Sung Response 587

“Alleluia” (Celtic Alleluia)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:1-12 (pg. 813)

SCRIPTURE: Luke 7:47b (pg. 840)

SERMON

“Vertical Forgiveness”

Bruce Davis

\*HYMN 441

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.**

OFFERING

Offertory

“To My Precious Lord”

Chun Kwan Park

\*Doxology

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

\*HYMN 157

“I Danced in the Morning”

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

\*Please stand, if able

**Boulevard welcomes Bruce Davis** as our guest minister this morning. Bruce is a Grandview resident, and has been teaching and preaching the Bible for over 40 years. He has also been a part of starting and leading multiple contemporary services including one in the 1990's at Boulevard Presbyterian Church with Reverend Paul Clairville. He currently attends Riverside Methodist Church, working in many of their ministries. Bruce and his wife Linda have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Worship Leader: Allyson Engdhal

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Elder of the Month: LaMar Zigler

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Nursery Care Available for Worship!

The Nursery is available from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings during the worship service. The Nursery is not currently available during the education hour. With more volunteers, we will be able to provide care in the Nursery for the second hour. To volunteer, please contact Sue Harvey (614-216-5884). Thank you for caring for our most precious members.

Attendance for April 9, 2023: 113

**STAFF**

Pastor:

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens    Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles    Financial Officer: Yang Wu

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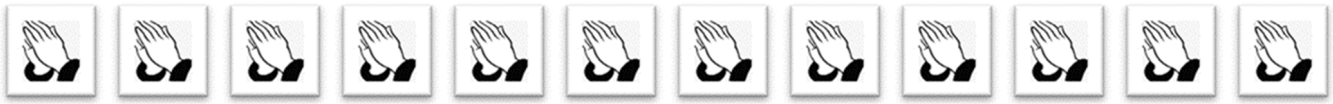
## CALENDAR APRIL 2023

<b>04/16) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook 11:00am Eradicate Systemic Poverty video in chapel			
<b>04/17) Monday</b> 7:30pm Boy Scouts BSA: FH	<b>04/18) Tuesday</b> 7:00pm AA meeting	<b>04/19) Wednesday</b> 9:00am Quilters 111 7:30pm NA meeting	<b>04/20) Thursday</b> 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA: Rm 111
<b>04/21) Friday</b>	<b>04/22) Saturday</b>		
<b>04/23 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00am Deacons Meeting in the Chapel 10:00am Worship: Sanctuary in-person & live-streamed on Facebook. 11:00am Eradicate Systemic Poverty video in chapel			

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Date	Member:	Date	Member:
4/05	Hollie Briggs	4/26	Sara Beaber
4/05	Denise Swatsky	4/26	Luke Lobao
4/09	Sally Neff	4/30	Benjamin Richardson
4/10	Grayson Ferris		
4/12	Dan Briggs		
4/12	Thomas Fletcher		
4/24	Kit Stephens		

*Birthday Blessings to all!*



## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Sandy Ferguson, Recurrence of Sarcoma- treatment began 3/15
Kathie Bailey	Brother, Mike, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
Jody Huggins	Daughter-in-law, Pam, who is recovering from back surgery.
	Linda Wilton, injured her hip
	Lisa Faulkner recent hip surgery
	Ken & Judy Pierce's daughter, Teri, will not need chemo, keep in prayer as she moves forward.
Leah Hanesworth	Cousin, John Long, is in kidney failure
Melissa & Michael Schmidt	Son-in-law, Ian Gilbert, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma
Sally Neff	Son, Tom Neff, returned back home March 20 <sup>th</sup>
Pat Nicholson	Deanna Nicholson had surgery Friday, March 2, 2023
Melissa Schmidt	Dear Friend Jan had a stroke.
Merri Bame	Mom, Sue Bame, moved into Memory Care Facility
	Bill & Katy Frase continued health concerns
Tim & Sue Harvey	Dear Friend, Walt, recently diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer
Tim & Sue Harvey	Daughter Jen's dear friend's daughter has a brain tumor at age 13
Charmaine Hamilton	Fred Heald, friend, recuperating from surgery
Debbie & Bill Bell	As they continue to support Debbie's sister, Judi who is receiving chemotherapy
Leah Hanesworth	Friend, Molly Hughes, has an aggressive form of breast cancer, and for Molly's mother, Bridget and Family
Charmaine & Mike Hamilton	Granddaughter, Amelia Hamilton, who has Friedreich's Ataxia
Tim & Sue Harvey	Devon, friend, has breast cancer
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum, has Parkinson
Bill Bell	Friend, Terri Randal, cancer has recurred
Charmaine Hamilton	Friend, Karla Holton, treatment for lung cancer
Charmaine Hamilton	Brother, Spencer Schalip, medical concerns
Jim Parks & Grace Parks	Tim Parks, (Jim's son and Grace's brother) Parkinson's disease
Mikie Bowles	Brother, Tim McLane, has health issues
	Terry McFadden, in Allen Oakwood Correctional

## PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE LIST

Members:		Members:	
Glenn & Sara Beaber	Willow Brook	Brita Knapp	home
Tom Hayes	The Forum-Assisted Living	Betty Sicking	Home
Norma Kibbey	Westminster-Thurber – Assisted Living		

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ERADICATING SYSTEMIC POVERTY IN THE UNITED STATES**

Session members recently affirmed approval for Boulevard Presbyterian Church to become a *Matthew 25 Congregation*. More information will be forthcoming on how Boulevard will take steps to live into the ministry to eradicate systemic poverty. Join us today and next Sunday, April 23, in the Chapel for a documentary presented by the Faith Development Committee on Systemic Poverty in the United States. You are welcome to join us for either or both Sundays.

Faith Development Committee: Alaina Engdahl, Charmaine Hamilton, and Jill Hooley

### **ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS**

Endowment applications are available in the lounge. Please submit your application to Jeanette on or before April 19th. Note: Endowment applications are to be used only for new projects. Please contact Charmaine Hamilton if you have any questions.

### **COMMUNION FOR OUR HOME BOUND MEMBERS**

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this. Two people will team up to go to the homes of our home bound members to serve communion and visit with them. If this is something you haven't tried before, please consider going out in this very safe environment and trying something new. If you are a beginner at this, you will be paired with an experienced server. The visits will take about 2 hours of your time. Those who do it regularly find they are blessed more than they bless! As before, we will provide copies of the day's scripture reading and a brief synopsis of the sermon to be used in this extended communion service. These will be inserted into the full "Extended Communion Liturgy" so that you have an entire script for the visit. Of course, you may choose to use the liturgy as a guide, saying your own prayers and paraphrasing other parts. Please contact Kim Welter, [kwelter.200@gmail.com](mailto:kwelter.200@gmail.com)~419-410-0156, to be a part of this very special ministry.

### **CAN TABS DONATION**

Linda Mahoney just delivered another 8.5 pounds of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. There were rumors that McDonald's had quit accepting the tabs. Which was not true. They appreciated it. Please continue to bring in your tabs.

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTING:**

Looking for a way to volunteer? The Deacons have Coffee Hour hosting opportunities. Sign up for a Sunday, whenever you are available. Link: <https://tinyurl.com/BPC-Coffee-Hour>. There is also a sign-up sheet in the kitchenette.

### **DONATE FLOWERS TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

If you would like to donate flowers to beautify our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, please pick up and complete the information on the "Offering for Flowers" envelope and either put in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church office. You can also donate anonymously and flowers will be ordered for Sundays that have not been designated. Sanctuary flowers are \$50.00



## EASTER FLOWERS IN HONOR OR MEMORY

<b>In Honor of</b>	<b>With Love Given by</b>
Our grandchildren: Katherine, Amelia and Henry	Michael and Charmaine Hamilton
Our Children and Spouses	Ian & Kyme Rennick
Rev. Charlotte O'Neil	Michael & Melissa Schmidt
Members & Friends of Boulevard Church	Charlotte O'Neil
<b>In Memory of</b>	<b>With Love Given by</b>
Pam Elliot, Les Swinford Jr. & Jenny Stacey	Mac & Jane Swinford
Karen Case, Ray Hooley, Duane & Donna Jean Elliot	Dan & Jill Hooley
Our son, David Agler	Fred & Carol Agler
Michael Schmidt & Bill Herpel	Michael & Melissa Schmidt
Robert & Julia Wall	Ian & Kyme Rennick
Ted Rennick	Ian & Kyme Rennick
Parents; Frances, Bob, Jean, & Jack	Charlotte O'Neil
Parents, Jack & JoAnn Stephens	Jon & Mary Ann Stephens
Parents, Al & Mary Lou Drotleff	Jon & Mary Ann Stephens
Raymond Ferguson	Sandy Ferguson
Our parents	Dave & Bonnie Grimm
Our Parents	Carol McFadden
The Glory of God	Ken & Judy Pierce
Our Parents	Ken & Judy Pierce
<b>Given For:</b>	<b>With Love Given by</b>
	Josephine Huggins
Bernard Hicks, James & Julie Goffe, Sammie & Dorothy Gibson	Kevin, Jennifer, Gabby and Emersyn Hicks