

**“I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven” – Genesis 22:17.**

## **BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Service of Worship**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### PRELUDE

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

Arr. Stephen Gabrielsen

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God, we come to you with bodies that are tired, restless, aging and healing.

**We come to you with emotions that are tied to the past.**

We come to you with minds that think things that are simply not true.

**Fill us with your spirit, that we may worship you with all of our heart, mind and soul.**

### \*HYMN 49

“O God of Abraham Praise” (stanzas 1-3)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*OFFERING OUR BROKENNESS TO GOD

**Loving God, you offer us abundant life, but we laugh and say “Impossible!”**

**You provide for our every need, but we go about our lives as if our well-being depends entirely upon us. Forgive us, almighty Creator and Sustainer, for all the ways we fail to fully surrender our fears, our hopes and our whole lives to your will . . .**

(moment for silent confession)

#### \*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS AND SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*Sung Response 49

“O God of Abraham Praise” (stanza 4)

**You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name;  
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 18:1-15; (pg. 12) 21: 1-7 (pg. 14)

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 22: 1-18 (pg. 15)

This is the word of the Lord for which we say, **thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

“Family Systems”

Rev. Tiffany Komasara

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 10, 27, 28)

**WE BELIEVE that the providence of God is the almighty and ever-present power of God, by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules us that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty, all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

**Accordingly, we can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God’s hand that without his will we can neither move or be moved.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory

“This Is My Father’s World”

Arr. Gilbert Martin

\*Offering Response 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.**

\*SENDING HYMN 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Arr. Hal Hopson

\*Please stand, if able

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OCTOBER 1 @ 2 p.m. will be Pastor Tiffany's Service of Installation, with a reception to follow. Rev. Nancy Carle, (Pastor Tiffany's internship supervisor) and other leaders from the Presbytery and churches Tiffany has served will participate.

OCTOBER 8 our regular 10 a.m. worship service will be a Blessing of the Animals held on the lawn (weather permitting). This family-friendly format will appeal to all ages, and well-behaved fur-babies are welcome to attend! You are also encouraged to bring pictures, stuffed animals or other representations of beloved pets to be blessed and remembered.

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The flowers for this morning's service are given for the Glory of God

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Worship Leader: Kyme Rennick

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Elder of the Month: Ian Gilbert

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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.

Worship Service Attendance: September 10, 2023: 70

#### STAFF

Pastor: Tiffany Komasa

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu (on sick leave)

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#### PASTOR TIFFANY OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Tiffany is available to meet with you by appointment and can most likely be found at the church Tuesday – Thursday between 9:30a.m. and 3:00p.m. You can reach her at [pastor@blvdchurch.org](mailto:pastor@blvdchurch.org) or (614) 596-1995 (cell/text).

## CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2023

**09/17) 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

\*10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook.

\*Children's Message *After the children's message children 4-7 years old are excused for We Wonder meeting in the small room at the back of the nursery. Children should be picked up directly after the service.*

**09/18) Monday**  
7:30pm Boy Scouts

**09/19) Tuesday**  
7:00 EDG Meeting  
7:30 AA meeting

**09/20) Wednesday**  
9:00am Quilters 111  
7:00pm-9:pm NA

**09/21) Thursday**  
7:15pm Chancel Choir  
7:30pm GA

**09/22) Friday**

**09/23) Saturday**

**09/24) 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00am Deacons meeting

10:00am Worship Service In-person & live-streamed on Facebook.

Significant Six Sunday- Collections for personal care products for NNEMAP Food Pantry

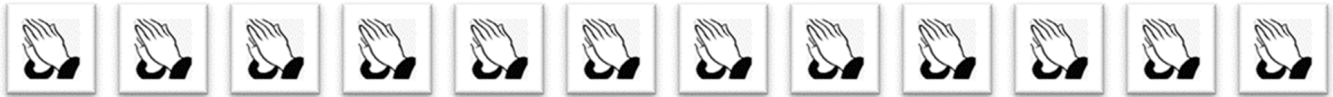


### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

| Date | Member:          | Date | Member:           |
|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 9/02 | Pastor Tiffany   | 9/16 | Ken Frick         |
| 9/03 | Mike Hamilton    | 9/16 | Jan Minton-Wood   |
| 9/03 | Brita Knapp      | 9/20 | Rob Williams      |
| 9/03 | Zachary Schmitz  | 9/21 | Hazel Schafer     |
| 9/05 | Michael McKinney | 9/22 | Nicole Richardson |
| 9/09 | Carolyn Schmitz  | 9/27 | Ian Rennick       |
| 9/10 | Garrett Fischer  |      |                   |
| 9/13 | Charlie Frick    |      |                   |

*Birthday Blessings to all!*

(Please let Jeanette know if there are any birthdays missing)



## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

| Prayer asked from:          | For:                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                             | Liz Harzoff: Mike Eberle's wife. Prayers of strength and hope. Liz is having cancer surgery on Wednesday the 20th, and prayers of gratitude that effective chemotherapy has already gotten her to this point." |
|                             | Carol Agler: breast cancer was removed during mastectomy with reconstruction on August 22. She is doing well and recovering at home. Prayers for healing.                                                      |
|                             | Dave Grimm: medical issues. Prayers for healing.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Leah Hanesworth             | Pray for healing for Leah's neighbors and friends, Berniece (colon cancer), Jeff (pancreatic cancer), and John (cancer of the mouth).                                                                          |
|                             | Pray for healing for our Financial Officer, Yang Wu, following surgery on her knee.                                                                                                                            |
| Carol McFadden              | Please pray for Alma Harding, mother of one of Carol's co-workers. She had a brain bleed and is in ICU.                                                                                                        |
|                             | Linda Mahoney: Prayers for healing.                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                             | Teri Pierce: Prayers for healing.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Pat Nicholson               | Daughter-in-law Deanna: Healing of cancer, for granddaughter Stefanie and husband Corey Sander, Corey's brain cancer has returned and is near his speech center causing complications.                         |
|                             | Sandy Ferguson: Prayers for healing.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sandy Ferguson              | Daughter: Caitlin, recuperating from ACL knee surgery.                                                                                                                                                         |
| Melissa and Michael Schmidt | Michael's sister: Caroline, cancer has returned.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Kathie Bailey               | Brother: Mike pancreatic cancer.                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                             | Bill and Katy Frase continued health concerns.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Tim and Sue Harvey          | Dear friend, Walt, recently diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer.                                                                                                                                         |
| Tim and Sue Harvey          | Dearest friend's daughter, Devon: breast cancer.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Charmaine Hamilton          | Fred Heald, friend, will be having another surgery on August 31.                                                                                                                                               |
| Charmaine and Mike Hamilton | Granddaughter: Amelia Hamilton, who has Friedreich's Ataxia.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Bonnie Grimm                | Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum, has Parkinson's Disease.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Bill Bell                   | Friend, Terri Randal: cancer has recurred.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Charmaine Hamilton          | Friend, Karla Holton: treatment for lung cancer.                                                                                                                                                               |
| Charmaine Hamilton          | Brother, Spencer Schalip: medical concerns.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Grace Parks                 | Tim Parks, (Grace's brother) Parkinson's disease.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Mikie Bowles                | Brother, Tim McLane, has health issues.                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                             | Terry McFadden, in Allen Oakwood Correctional Facility.                                                                                                                                                        |

## PRAYERS FOR OUR SPECIAL CARE LIST

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### THE SIGNIFICANT SIX ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY

Personal care products are always requested by the shoppers who come to food pantries. Such items are typically in very short supply there and are not covered by food assistance programs. Please consider purchasing any of these items for donating to the NNEMAP food pantry.

|                                      |                         |                           |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Toothbrushes for adults and children | Individual bars of soap | Toilet paper              |
| Toothpaste                           | Disposable Razors       | Feminine hygiene products |

Your donations can be dropped off in the food pantry collection box in the lounge. Thank you for meeting a critical need. If you have any questions email Marlin Cheney at mar47lin@gmail.com

### ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS

Endowment applications are available in the lounge. Please submit your application to Jeanette **on or before October 1st**. Note Endowment applications are to be used only for new projects. Please contact Charmaine Hamilton if you have any questions. Endowment Committee Members - Susan Ebert, Charmaine Hamilton-Chair, Katie Schmidt, Larry Schmitz, LaMar Zigler.

### BLESSING BOX

Boulevard sponsors a Blessing Box on church property for Stevenson Elementary School. Stevenson staff and children are responsible for stocking the box. Elementary students fill the box once per week, yet it is nearly empty within hours. The need is much greater than imagined. Stevenson students are unable to keep it stocked and they need our help. Please do what you can to restock the box. The Blessing Box, located near the community gardens, is an outdoor cabinet that allows for people to anonymously donate items to bless others in need. These items can include: non-perishable food items, basic toiletries, baby supplies, or pet food. Mac Swinford: macswinford@gmail.com

### EDA GROUP – EATING DISORDERS ANONYMOUS

EDA Group will be meeting at our church. It's a new 12 Step Recovery Meeting. They will be meeting every Tuesday from 6:30 – 7:30 in the church lounge area. From the EDA group: Is the amount of time or energy you spend thinking about food and/or body image affecting your ability to be happy, joyous and free? Whatever your problem when it comes to food or body image...Whatever ever your body size...Whatever your religion, spirituality, or lack thereof...Whatever your gender identification, race, ability, age...You are welcome here! Eating Disorders Anonymous (EDA) Steps to Freedom - 12 Step Recovery Meeting. EDA is a group of peers working together to overcome problems with eating and body image. You do not have to have been diagnosed with an eating disorder in order to attend or benefit. The only requirement for membership is a desire to recover. There are no dues or fees. EDA does not endorse any particular diet or food plan, just sound nutrition. Balance is our goal. For information about EDA visit [www.4EDA.org](http://www.4EDA.org) (<http://www.4eda.org/>) For information about this meeting please contact us at EDAColumbus@gmail.com or 614-915-0914

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**High School & Adult:** Please join us in the chapel for a speaker from MOVE TO PROSPER, a local organization that Boulevard is supporting this year through the Mission Committee.

**Middle School:** Please join as we use Sparkhouse's "Connect" curriculum to do a deeper dive into the Old Testament stories. This curriculum seeks to develop critical thinking skills as our youth see how these ancient stories connect with the modern world.

**Elementary School:** Please join as we use PC(USA)'s "Follow Me" curricula to learn spiritual practices that Jesus used.

### **CHANCEL CHOIR START-UP**

Come and sing with us! Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed. Thursdays at 7:15p.m.

### **CHURCH'S FACEBOOK**

The church's formal Facebook page (called Boulevard Presbyterian Church) currently has 154 followers. The Church's Facebook Group page (called Boulevard Pres Church Group) has 206 members. Consider joining these social media pages to stay more informed about happenings and events. Thank you ~ Mac Swinford.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Presbytery Youth Retreat will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 18 – 19, 2023, Camp Akita, Logan Ohio. Any middle or high school youth interested in attending please talk to Pastor Tiffany at 614-596-1995 or email her at [pastor@blvdchurch.org](mailto:pastor@blvdchurch.org).

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

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Two people will team up to go to 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

### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTING NEEDED**

Looking for a way to volunteer? No long-term commitment needed! Make coffee AND / OR provide goodies on Sunday. Sign up for a single Sunday or multiple Sundays. There is 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



## HANDBELLS



Great news! The handbells have completed their trek to the Malmark factory in Bucks County PA to be refurbished. They look and sound like brand new, and are waiting for someone to come and ring them! They are seriously super-shiny. Being both percussive and melodic, handbell music has such a unique and fascinating sound. They are a joy to ring. If you are interested in making music in the bell choir with these beautifully refurbished instruments and are high school age and beyond, please contact:

Mary Ann Stephens

614-946-4941 or [jstephens18@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jstephens18@columbus.rr.com)

Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 27 at 6:45.

## MEET MOVE TO PROSPER

The Mission Committee is excited to introduce you to MOVE TO PROSPER, our mission partner for the month of September.

MOVE TO PROSPER (MTP) was created to give Central Ohio low-wage families with children a chance to live in our region's higher-resourced neighborhoods. Their goal is to improve academic performance for the children and to improve financial well-being and physical and mental wellness for them and their families.

The three-year program empowers these families to gain economic security by making affordable rental housing available to them in safe neighborhoods with higher- resources schools. MOVE TO PROSPER equips families with the tools they need to flourish including:

- 3 years of rental support
- Workshops and programs monthly
- A life coach to support reaching financial, career, educational and wellness goals for the entire family
- Assistance integrating children into a new school and the family into a new neighborhood

The ten families in their pilot program thrived, raising their incomes by 58% or about \$17,000 on average, and the children were exposed to opportunities they would never have experienced in their old neighborhoods. They are now in the process of recruiting the first families into their growth initiative Empower 100 which will afford these opportunities to 100 new families.

Today we will be having a speaker from MOVE TO PROSPER who will share more about their life-changing program. We hope you will join us in learning more about MOVE TO PROSPER, seeing how MTP fits into our Matthew 25 initiative to eliminate systemic poverty and offering your financial support for their efforts.