

“For I was hungry and you gave me food.”—Matthew 25:35

BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Worship

October 15th, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mac Swinford

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

God’s goodness and mercy are always close.

*OPENING HYMN 304

“O Sing a New Song to the Lord” stanzas 1-3

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way.

But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ’s invitation.

Let us seek God’s forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true.

We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Like the boundless waters of baptism, God relentlessly seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen

*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you! **And, also with you.**

*HYMN OF GLORY 304

“O Sing a New Song to the Lord” stanzas 4-5

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:1-17 (pg. 210)

MESSAGE

“Hunger”

Rev. Tiffany Komasa

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 714

“God of the Fertile Fields”

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. 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 716

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This morning's flowers are given by Kyme and Ian Rennick in celebration of their 40th Anniversary

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Worship Leader: Katie Schmidt

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Elder of the Month: Mac Swinford

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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: October 8, 2023: 50

STAFF

Pastor: Tiffany Komasa

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu

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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 or (614) 596-1995 (cell/text).

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. Please contact Kim Welter, 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.

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.

CALENDAR OCTOBER 2023

10/15) Sunday 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook. No Adult Classes for Christian Education			
10/16) Monday 7:30pm Boy Scouts	10/17) Tuesday 7:00pm EDG Meeting 7:30 AA	10/18) Wednesday 9:30am Quilters 111 6:45pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm-9:pm NA	10/19) Thursday 7:15pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm GA
10/20) Friday 9:30 Stretch with Marlin	10/21) Saturday		
10/22) 19th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am Worship Service in-person & live-streamed on Facebook. 1:00pm Session Retreat			

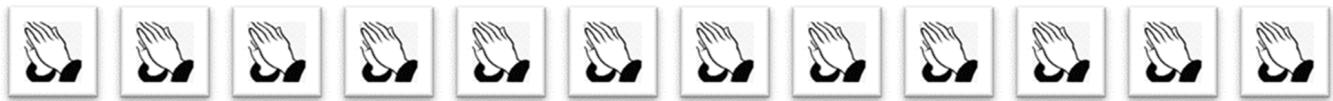


CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member:
10/01	Ellen Rennick	10/15	Gabrielle Hicks
10/03	Jill Hooley	10/15	Judy McMahan
10/09	Cindy McKay	10/17	Ian McCormick
10/09	Gillian Nobel	10/20	Kevin Frick
10/13	Susan Ebert	10/31	Kathie Bailey
10/13	Henry Shafer		

Birthday Blessings to all!

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



PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
	Sandy Ferguson: Prayers for healing following surgery October 9
	Liz Harzoff: Mike Eberle's wife. Prayers of strength and hope. Liz had cancer surgery on Wednesday the 20 th . Prayers of gratitude that effective chemotherapy has already gotten her to this point."
Bill Bell	Friend: Theresa Orsini has just entered a nursing home
	Jill Hooley: Prayers for healing following surgery on October 11 th .
	Katie Frase: Grandson, Ryan, is in Children's hospital (parents are David & Lisa)
	Carol Agler: Prayers for continued healing following mastectomy with reconstruction on August 22.
	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).
	Thanksgiving that our Financial Officer, Yang Wu, has returned to work.
Carol McFadden	Please pray for Alma Harding, mother of one of Carol's co-workers. She had a brain bleed and is in ICU.
Pat Nicholson	Prayers for Granddaughter Stephanie and husband Corey Sander. Corey's brain cancer has returned and is near his speech center causing complications.
	Linda Mahoney: Prayers for healing.
	Teri Pierce: Prayers for healing.
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: 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:

FLOWERS (FOR SANTUARY)

At this time, we are no longer having weekly fresh flowers in our Sanctuary. If you wish to place an order for flowers to dedicate, please let Jeanette know in advance so that she can order them. The price will remain the same \$50.00

TABS

I just turned in another batch of tabs. To date we have turned in approximately 200 pounds. Wonderful mission. They are greatly appreciated. Linda Mahoney

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

PUFFS: Or Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic by Matt Cox, Directed by Cary Mitchell. Stefanie Osborne will be taking Boulevard's Youth on Saturday, November 4. The play starts at 7:00 pm in the GHHS Auditorium. Tentative plans are to have dinner at The Rail. The Theatre Fund will pay for each youth and one friend for dinner and the play. Additional information will be forthcoming. As an alternative, Charmaine Hamilton can pick up our folks who do not drive at night for a Thursday or Friday performance. We can also go to dinner if you would like. Last year the tickets were \$5.00 each. I will confirm pricing. Chaperones pay for their own tabs. Sign-up sheets will be in the lounge. Please reach out to Stefanie or Charmaine if you have any questions. We would like to get a head count as soon as possible. Thank you.

BOULEVARD BOOK CLUB- OCTOBER READING

Book Club is back for our 6th year! We continue in October with *The Thursday Murder Club: A Novel* by Richard Osman. We will meet in the chapel at 7pm on Tuesday, October 24th with discussion to be led by Jan Plas. If interested in joining our e-mail list, please contact Casey Hoch at caseymwbl@sbcglobal.net.

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

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Whether you are a lifelong Presbyterian or new to the faith, you belong here! Membership is open to those who profess faith in Christ and opens the door for deeper relationships with this congregation. If you have questions about membership or wish to formalize your connection to this congregation, please contact Pastor Tiffany: pastor@blvdchurch.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The K-3 and 4-8 classes with merge October 15 and October 22. Please join Katie Schmidt and Carol Agler for a lesson on Communion. After the lesson, children and adults will paint pumpkins in the lounge. They will be sprayed and provide fall color, artwork and messages to our community throughout Boulevard's property.

October 15 - no adult classes - enjoy a cup of coffee and paint a pumpkin

October 22 - **FOOD RESCUE COLUMBUS** by Susan Swinford (Mac and Jane's niece) and co-director, Emily - recipients of the 2023 Human Kindness Honorees - their organization received a \$25,000 grant to help with their mission

CHANCEL CHOIR

Come and sing with us! Chancel Choir rehearsals have resumed. Thursdays at 7:15p.m. We will be singing in Worship again on Sunday, October 22.

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.

HANDBELLS



- We really could use 2 more ringers-

If you are interested in making music in the bell choir with our refurbished Malmark handbells and are high school age and beyond please contact:

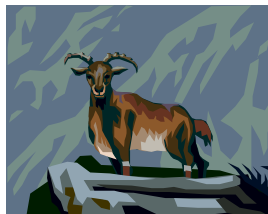
Mary Ann Stephens

614-946-4941 or jstephens18@columbus.rr.com

Rehearsals – Wednesday's at 6:45pm

OCTOBER IS HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

The Mission Committee would like to aggregate the gifts from the congregation and provide one donation from Boulevard. We will be collecting funds during the month of October. Please be sure to put Heifer in the memo line of your check. Thank you for helping show Christ's love to those in need.



Why a Goat?

Goat milk is rich in protein and makes tasty cheese and yogurt. A single goat can give up to a gallon of milk per day. Goats thrive on unproductive land and keeping a goat costs one sixth as much as keeping a cow.

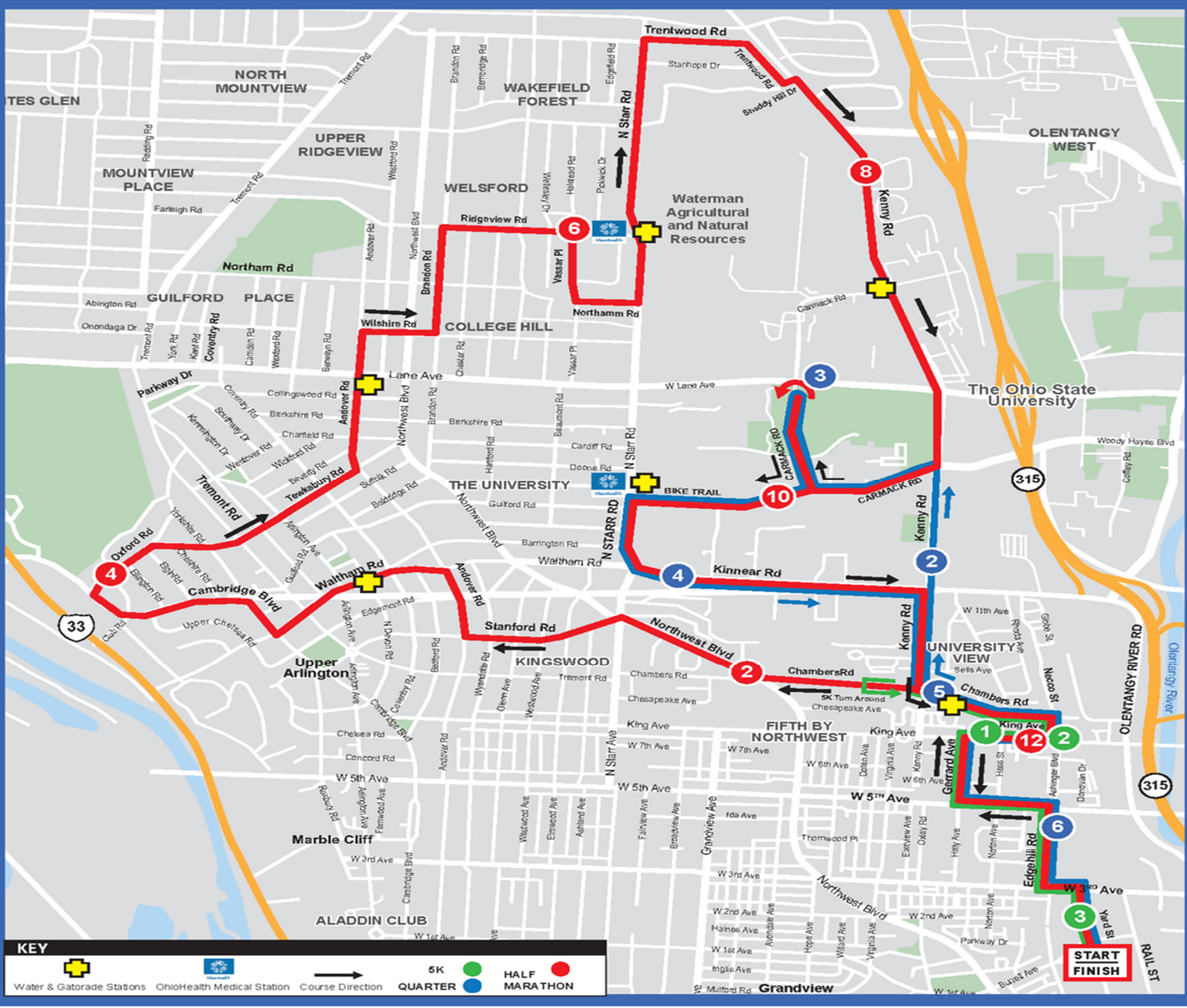
Our mission drive for the month of October is Heifer International. Heifer International works with communities to end hunger and hardship by bringing sustainable agriculture and commerce opportunities to areas with a long history of poverty. The animals received from Heifer provide families with both food and a source of reliable income as products

such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. When many families in an area gain this sustainable type of income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives and funding small businesses. Since 1944, Heifer has provided these opportunities to resource-poor families in over 125 countries. The following is a list of the resources Heifer can provide and their cost:

Heifer \$500 Pig \$120
Water Buffalo \$250 Trees \$ 60
Llama \$150 Trio of Rabbits \$ 60
Goat \$120 Honeybee hive \$ 30
Sheep \$120 Flock of Chickens \$ 20



Sunday, August 6, 2023
Ray DeGraw Park
7:00 a.m. START
5K (3.1 miles)
Quarter Marathon (6.55 miles)
Half Marathon (13.1 miles)



Thursday, October 13: Beginning at 9:30 a.m., West Long Street will be closed between Neil Avenue and Hanover Street.
 Saturday, October 15: Beginning at midnight, West Spring Street will be closed between Neil Avenue and Hanover St.
 Sunday, October 16 Beginning at 4 a.m., several roads will be closed:

- Cozzins Street at West Spring Street
 - West Spring Street at West Street
 - Neil Avenue at New Public Lane
 - Marconi Boulevard at West Street
 - West Long Street at Marconi Boulevard
 - East Long Street at North High Street
 - West Broad Street at High Street
- All roads should re-open by 6 p.m. Sunday evening.

Grandview Heights Cub Scout Pack 28 and Boy Scout Troop 73

- Here's an opportunity to support our Scouts. You could split a fruit with someone or provide a monetary donation. I know firsthand the leadership is amazing.
- Questions – ask Charmaine and I can pick up your fruit for you.
- Grandview Heights Cub Scout Pack 28 and Boy Scout Troop 73 are selling fresh fruit from Florida. Purchase fruit via 2 ways. 1) Order between Oct 6-Oct 27 for local hand delivery by the scouts; or 2) Order between Oct 6-Dec 10 for shipped to you or someone else delivery. The fruits will be delivered between Thanksgiving and Christmas; picked, packed and shipped for ripeness. This scrumptious fruit makes a wonderful gift to family and friends. Florida Indian River Groves offers a 100% satisfaction guarantee on all their fruit. If your order does not arrive fresh and perfect or if you or your recipients are not totally satisfied, they will make it right!!! How amazing is that! Thank you for supporting the Grandview Heights Scouting Program.
- To place your order online, simply copy and paste this link below to your browser.
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- Thank you!

