

# “Good Shepherd Sunday”



10:00am Sunday Worship Service

April 21<sup>th</sup>, 2024

PRELUDE

“Green Pastures”

Boulevard Trio

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

**He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.**

Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

**Our cup overflows with God’s goodness and mercy;**

**we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

OPENING HYMN 802 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” stanzas 1-3

(Please remain standing, sit or kneel as is your preference for confession)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don’t belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

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

HYMN OF GLORY 583 “Glory to God”

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

“Little Lambs”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Acts 4:5-12 (pg. 887)

GOSPEL READING John 10:1-16 (pg. 872)

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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”  
arr. by Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

HYMN OF THANKS 647 “Give Thanks”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Good Shepherd, you lead us to abundant life for a purpose; that we would obey your word and show your love to all people by using our money, our possessions, our rights, our voices and our very lives to heal the brokenness of the world, giving to those in need as joyfully as we receive all that you give to us. May what we offer this day be used according to your will.**

HYMN OF PRAYER 473 “Shepherd Me O God”

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.**

CLOSING HYMN 465 “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leader: Merri Bame; Elder of the Month: LaMar Zigler; Usher Captain: Michael Schmidt

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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: April 14, 2024 –72

**STAFF**

Pastor: Rev. Tiffany Komasara

Music Coordinator: Mary Ann Stephens Office Manager: Jeanette Gonzalez

Preschool Administrator: Mikie Bowles Financial Officer: Yang Wu

**BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**DEACONS**

Offering can also be made at any time using the Deacon’s envelopes provided with your 2024 pledge envelopes, or by writing “Deacons” on the memo line of your check.

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Attached is a copy of the Financial Report for Boulevard Presbyterian Church for the period ended March 31, 2024. The over expense for March was \$2,918.40

Summary for March 2024

	Month of March	March Budget	2024 Actual Year-to-Date	2024 Budget Year-to-Date	2024 Total Budget
Total Revenue	27,576.08	18,948.00	100,793.51	56,844.00	227,377.00
Total Expenditures	24,657.68	26,454.00	77,734.62	77,922.00	315,977.00
Net Revenue Over Expense	2,918.40	(7,506.00)	23,058.89	(21,078.00)	(88,600.00)
<b>March 2023 Comparison</b>					
	Month of March	March Budget	2023 Actual Year-to-Date	2023 Budget Year-to-Date	2023 Total Budget
Total Revenue	23,344.02	18,948.00	64,768.54	56,844.00	227,377.00
Total Expenditures	28,901.49	26,454.00	73,943.55	77,922.00	315,977.00
Net Revenue Over Expense	(5,557.47)	(7,506.00)	(9,175.01)	(21,078.00)	(88,600.00)



## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

Prayer asked from:	For:
Jody Huggins	Friend Betty Jo: prayers of comfort for cancer and not tolerating the chemotherapy
Sally Neff	Son-in-law Russ Frost: prayers for pain in hip and back
Michael Hamilton	Prayers of thanksgiving-My doctor has proclaimed me cancer free. Thank you for all your support.
	Jeanette and William Gonzalez: prayers for healing and comfort.
	Kathy Chaffin: continued prayers for healing of eyes and vision.
Grace Parks	Cousin Julie Bottomley: aggressive stage IV sarcoma. Brother Tim: Parkinson's disease.
Michael and Charmaine Hamilton	Friend, Karla Holton: medical issues and cancer. Healing Prayers.
	Jill Hooley: prayers for healing.
	Dave Grimm: medical issues. Prayers for healing.
Leah Hanesworth	Pray for healing for Leah's neighbors and friends, Berniece (colon cancer), and John (cancer of the mouth).
Carol McFadden	Alma Harding, mother of one of Carol's co-workers: after her brain bleed Alma is now in a retirement center with her family around her.
Pat Nicholson	Prayers for Granddaughter Stephanie and husband Corey Sander: healing for Corey's brain cancer.
Melissa and Michael Schmidt	Michael's sister, Caroline: cancer has returned.
Kathie Bailey	Brother Mike: pancreatic cancer.
Tim and Sue Harvey	Dear friend Walt: Aggressive prostate cancer; dearest friend's daughter, Devon: breast cancer.
Charmaine and Michael Hamilton	Granddaughter Amelia Hamilton: has Friedreich's Ataxia. Charmaine's brother, Spencer: medical concerns; Friend Fred Heald: Continued healing prayer. Recuperating from heart surgery.
Bonnie Grimm	Bonnie's cousin's husband, John Odum: has Parkinson's Disease.
	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
Mary Ann Stockum	Ohio Living Westminster Thurber Assistant living.	Katy Frase	Home

### CHURCH'S FACEBOOK

The church's formal Facebook page (called Boulevard Presbyterian Church and includes our livestream) 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.

### FLOWERS (FOR SANCTUARY)

At this time, we are no longer having weekly fresh flowers in our Sanctuary. If you wish to place a special 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. We are now ordering our flowers from Green, A Floral Design Studio.

### 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. Email: [Office@blvdchurch.org](mailto:Office@blvdchurch.org)

## THIS WEEK AT BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<p><b>04/21) Sunday</b>                  10:00am Worship Service in-person &amp; live-streamed on Facebook                  Ages 4 -7 We Wonder attend 10 a.m. worship through the Children's Message, then meet in the window room off of the nursery will continue throughout the year.</p> <p>K-3 grades - meet at 11:15 on the 3rd floor with Miss Martha and Miss Sandy will continue through May 19 and re-start the Sunday after Labor Day</p> <p>Adult: Join Pastor Tiffany in the Chapel after worship today to learn about and discuss why music is part of our worship service, and the purpose music can have in the life of a church. All ages are welcome to participate~</p>			
<p><b>04/22) Monday</b>                  6:00 Boy scouts</p>	<p><b>04/23) Tuesday</b>                  7:00pm EDG                  7:30 AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>04/24) Wednesday</b>                  9:30am Quilters                  7:00pm NA</p>	<p><b>04/25) Thursday</b>                  7:00pm GA meets in FH                  7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>04/26) Friday</b>                  9:00 Stretch with Marlin</p>		<p><b>04/27) Saturday</b></p>	
<p><b>04/28) Sunday</b>                  10:00am Worship Service in-person &amp; live-streamed on Facebook                  Faith Formation for all ages (see above)</p>			

### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member:
04/05	Sally Neff	04/24	David Culbertson
04/05	Denise Swatzky	04/24	Kit Stephens
04/12	Dan Briggs	04/26	Luke Lobao
04/12	Thomas Fletcher	04/26	Bill Gamble
04/12	Stefanie Osborne	04/30	Benjamin Richardson

### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Date:	Member:	Date:	Member:
05/02	Kiera Rennick	05/18	Levi Hooley
05/02	Evan Dray	05/19	Michele Nobel
05/05	Don Plas	05/20	Lindsay (Zigler) Dray
05/06	Diane Cattran	05/24	Beth Wali
05/10	Kay Rieve	05/27	Martha Hills
05/12	Terry McFadden	05/30	Jaqui Wali
05/15	Susan Ells		

*Birthday Blessings to all! Please contact the office with any updates or corrections to this list*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WHY MUSIC?**

Join Pastor Tiffany in the Chapel after worship today, April 21 and next Sunday, April 28 to learn about and discuss why music is part of our worship service, and the purpose music can have in the life of a church. All ages are welcome to participate~

### **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 because they 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, 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.

### **BLESSING BOX**

Our mission focus for April is the Blessing Box located on the Northwest Blvd. side of the church. The Blessing Box is part of our church's ongoing collaboration with Stevenson Elementary School and is a part of their service-learning curriculum. The school had the box built, and students and their families were to be responsible for filling and maintaining it. They have done an excellent job of doing so but, as we have seen with our involvement with NNEMAP and NSI, the demand far exceeds the supply. Boulevard has been supplementing the box with food which was left over from our Christmas Boxes as well as with products donated from some of our members, and the Mission Committee would now like to ask the whole congregation to consider supporting this effort.

If you would like to join in, we will be collecting the following food items as well as accepting cash donations. The monetary donations will allow us to purchase food in bulk from Aldi's at a good price as we do for the Christmas Boxes. If making a monetary donation, please mark "Blessing Box" on the memo line.

**Peanut butter   Canned tuna   Hearty soups   Baked beans**

Thank you for sharing Christ's love with those in need.

### **SAVE THE DATE - MAY 19.**

Our Pentecost Sunday worship service will be filled with the Spirit as we give thanks for and celebrate 18+ years of music ministry with Mary Ann Stephens. Mary Ann will be concluding her service as Music Coordinator at the end of May. Reception after worship will include food, festivities and more music - all are welcome and encouraged to stay and join in the fun.

### **NOW HIRING: CHILD CARE PROVIDER!**

We are still in need of volunteers to staff our Nursery during worship and the education hour. We are also seeking to hire an experienced childcare provider to provide continuity from week to week and give our regular volunteers a break. If you are interested in adding your name to the list of volunteers or know someone who would be interested in our childcare staff position, please contact Pastor Tiffany or Personnel Committee member Tim Harvey. All volunteers and staff must undergo a background check and be trained on our Child Safety Policy.

## **VBS AT BOULEVARD – TO BE or NOT TO BE**

For many, many years Boulevard has hosted Vacation Bible School. Our program is well-loved by the children who come back year after year, is an effective way to reach out to our local community and gives Boulevard the opportunity to share God's love in both word and action. But VBS takes a lot of volunteers, and it cannot happen without you, the congregation.

The Mission & Faith Development Committees completely understand that, as a whole, our congregation is not getting any younger and that volunteering physically can get more challenging. We have already begun planning for this year's VBS and have quite a few positions filled, but we still need the following volunteers. Your response will help us understand if VBS is something the congregation still supports or if it is something that we are going to have to let go.

VBS is planned for Sunday July 7 through Wednesday July 10 from 5:30 to 8:00 for children entering kindergarten through 6th grade. Participation is capped at 60 children. Our message this year is Caring for God's Creation (or an iteration thereof).

**DECORATIONS:** Decorate the sanctuary—mainly the puppet stage with some other simple decorations at the doors. We have some supplies and will offer guidance.

**SHEPHERDS:** Six positions need to be filled. Shepherds are responsible for guiding their groups of children between rotation stations and lending assistance to the rotation leaders as needed (usually only in the crafts and science rotations). Shepherds need to arrive by 5:20 to meet their charges at their assigned church doors and then bring them down to dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30. Shepherds stay with the children during dinner and are welcome to enjoy the "gourmet fare" being served, bring their own dinner or eat at home before or after VBS. The children then go to an opening skit in the sanctuary followed by five 20-minute rotations. VBS ends at 8:00 with the exception of Wednesday when the children sing the songs they have learned to their families before going home. That wraps up by 8:15. While we would prefer to have shepherds do all four days, we could also do two-day shifts. Shepherds need to have taken the child care class and be background checked. Boulevard makes the arrangements for this and covers the cost. Please let Allyson Engdahl know by Sunday May 5 if you would be willing to help with VBS. phone: 614-725-6436 email: ERICAL73@yahoo.com

## **SPRING POLLINATOR GARDEN NEWS**

Recent research shows that a prairie sequesters as much carbon as a forest, area for area. Just another reason we are happy to have native prairie plants growing on our property! Just think, last year at this time the Native Plant Pollinator Garden site was just turf grass. Since then it's been prepped and planted and had a successful first season. And now, last year's plants are re-emerging! If you look you can see leaves growing around the old stems. That means the roots are established and the plants survived the winter. There are native bees developing in the old stems, so we will leave them in place for another month or so. This spring we will install an interpretive sign that explains to the community what native plants are and their place in the ecosystem. Any bare spots may be filled in with new plants if necessary. And there will be much less watering required, because these plants have evolved to live in our climate. Watch the garden for flowers, birds, caterpillars, bees, butterflies! We are showing our neighbors the beauty of God's creation and how to heal the earth.