



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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February 2018

Court Street United Methodist Church

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**"By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made? For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return."**

*Genesis 3:19*

Ash Wednesday is a day many Christians set aside as a special day. It is a day to remember our humanness and mortality. It is a day to begin the season of Lent, a time for reflection, repentance, and preparation for Easter. Some Christians do not recognize Ash Wednesday or Lent, which is fine. Nothing in Scripture requires acknowledgement of these special days. In fact, I grew up with almost no awareness of either Ash Wednesday or Lent, even though I was raised in a strong Christian family and church. Ash Wednesday and Lent were for my Catholic friends, or so I thought. But, almost three decades ago, I found myself attending Bethlehem UMC, a church that did recognize Ash Wednesday and Lent. I discovered that there is a wide array of Ash Wednesday traditions and practices. But the central meaning of these has to do with our humanness, mortality and weakness. When church leaders place ashes on people's foreheads, they usually say something like, "*From dust you were made, and to dust you will return.*" This is a quotation from Genesis 3:19, a verse where God delivered to Adam the bad news of what his sin had brought about. Adam once enjoyed the reality of deathless life in God's perfect creation, now his body would die. In time, he would return to the dust from which he was made. This was bad news for Adam. And it is bad news for us. Like Adam, we have come from dust, and to dust we will return. Throughout our lives, our dusty bodies remind us of our mortality, when they get sick, or when they work imperfectly, or when they age, or when they stop working altogether. Often, our bodies are the instruments of sin, rather than of God-honoring work and worship. Of course many good things come from our bodies, including new human life, fulfilling work, loving embraces, and acts of charity. The inherent goodness of our bodies has not been obliterated by sin, though it has been tarnished and twisted. So Ash Wednesday begins with bad news. It invites us into a time of extended contemplation and contrition, as we consider during Lent just how much we need God to save us from our sin. But Ash Wednesday also signifies hope. The ashes that are imposed on our heads form the shape of a cross. Sometimes these crosses are obvious; sometimes more subtle. But the very stuff that symbolizes our mortality and sin also alludes to that which will set us free. It reminds us that God has entered into our human condition in order to break the power of sin and welcome us into the fullness of his life. Yet Ash Wednesday is not Good Friday. It is not a day to focus on the cross so much as a time to begin to realize just how much we need the cross. Like millions of Christians throughout the world, on Ash Wednesday I am reminded of my mortality. I have come from dust, and to dust I shall return. Thanks be to God, this is not the end of the story, but just the beginning, because God himself entered into my dustiness in Jesus Christ.

*~ Pastor Bill Burleigh*

**Thought:** *Have you missed seeing someone at church lately? Could you take a few minutes to call or write a note to let them know they are missed? Let's put our faith into action!*



# *Musical Musings*

## Anthems for February



### February 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

#### **“Any How” arranged by Evelyn La Rue Pittman (1910-1992)**

Evelyn Pittman studied composition at Juilliard, and along with many of America’s great composers of the 20th century (including Aaron Copland, George Gershwin and Samuel Barber), also studied with Nadia Boulanger in Paris. Her arrangement of the spiritual “Any How” is a beautiful, rich example of her work.

### February 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Transfiguration Sunday

#### **“Amen,” by Jester Hairston (1901-2000)**

Composer, conductor, and actor Jester Hairston has made a lasting impression on American music. His “Amen” is one of his most beloved works. Incidentally, his acting career included 110 episodes of the hit show “Amen,” playing the character Rolly Forbes.

### February 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

#### **“Here’s One,” by William Grant Still (1895-1978)**

William Grant Still was the first black American composer to have a symphony performed by a major orchestra, the first to have an opera performed by a major company, and the first to conduct a major orchestra. His compositions are characterized by rich harmonies deeply rooted in African-American Spiritual and jazz traditions.

### February 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

#### **“Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord,” by Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)**

Undine Smith Moore, a professor emeritus of Virginia State University in Petersburg, once said she was “a teacher who composes, rather than a composer who teaches.” She wrote over 100 compositions, mostly for solo voice or choir, only about a quarter of which were published in her lifetime. Moore is considered by some as the “Dean of Black Women Composers.” Her setting of “Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord” is one of her most widely recognized works.



News From the Adult Care Center:

The Adult Care Center of Central Virginia is pleased to announce that we have a new Executive Director,

**Allison Szuba.**



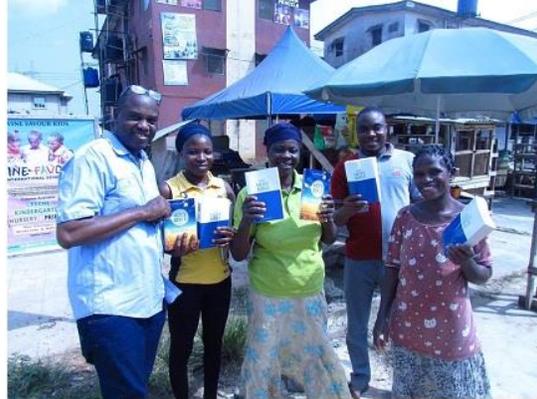
Allison comes to us from The Feinour Center - Adult Medical Day Care in Roanoke where she was the founding Executive Director. Previously she served as the Program Director of the Adult Center of Roanoke Valley. Allison brings years of experience, enthusiasm, professionalism and, most importantly, a real heart for our participants.

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LIBERTY CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

**Land for Ministry  
fencing completed!**



**Handed out Bibles  
and ministered to  
people on the  
street.**



**Visited 5 schools**

Handed out:

- Bibles
- Library Books
- School Supplies
- Food



**Visited Rehabilitation  
Center**

Handed out:

- Bibles
- Clothes
- Women Supplies
- Food



**25 Widows  
received food & cash**



**Visited 3  
Churches**

Handed out:

- Bibles
- Donated cash for  
church projects

# MISSIONS – BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS



## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING:**

Sunday, February 4th, we will be taking a special offering for MEALS ON WHEELS. Please drop your donations in the bowl located right outside the sanctuary in the Bishop Early Hall. Large bills, small bills, coins or checks are welcome!

Checks should be made payable to COURT STREET UMC with MOW listed on the memo line.

## **FEBRUARY IS HEART HAVENS MONTH**

Celebrate Heart Havens Month with us!

Everyone has a place at God's party, and God rejoices when we make it a point to include people of all abilities. At Heart Havens, we know that when people are included and embraced for the wonderful gifts and talents they bring, everyone is blessed! Will you join Heart Havens in this celebration?

February is the month set aside by the Conference for Heart Havens to tell our story of joy and empowerment. This year, we're celebrating the fact that when everyone is included, everyone is blessed. We all bring different gifts and abilities to the Church, and God is able to use all of us in such wonderful ways! Heart Havens residents living throughout the conference bring a host of talents to the church. Will you take the month of February to learn more about them and how to show your support? <http://www.hearthavens.org/get-involved/>

You can place a donation in the offering during the month of February. Please make checks payable to Court Street UMC with "Heart Havens" in the memo line.



~ Thank you, The Mission Teams

## **Valentine Spaghetti Dinner**

**All You Can Eat**

**Marsh Memorial United Methodist  
Church**

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

4:00-7:00 pm

Adults \$9.00 Children \$4.00  
Children 2 and under free

Located on the corner of Greenview Drive and  
Leesville Road.



Proceeds benefit Marsh  
Memorial Early Learning  
Center

### Lynchburg Community Lenten Services February 14<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

**COURT STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
621 COURT STREET LYNCHBURG, VA 24504  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LYNCHBURG

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE  
IN THE CHURCH REFECTORY

<b>FEBRUARY 14</b> REV. LEIGH ANNE TAYLOR LYNCHBURG DISTRICT UMC	<b>FEBRUARY 21</b> REV. MARK TINSLEY OLD FOREST ROAD UMC
<b>FEBRUARY 28</b> REV. PAUL DAKIN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	<b>MARCH 7</b> REV. BART EDWARDS QUAKER MEMORIAL PRES. CHURCH
<b>MARCH 14</b> REV. REASON CHANDLER JACKSON STREET UMC	<b>MARCH 21</b> REV. CYD COWGILL FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
<b>MARCH 28</b> REV. BILL BURLEIGH COURT STREET UMC	

Lunch: 12:30 ~ Refectory  
Prepared and Served by the United Methodist Women  
\$6 suggested donation

## \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

February Birthdays	February Anniversaries	March Birthdays
Lauren Hudnall Knapp    February 02	Kathy & Robert Draper    Feb 09	Sharon Brooks    March 04
Mary Tyree    February 02	Robin & Irby Hudson    Feb 12	Tom Coleman    March 04
Carol Williams    February 03	GiGi and John Sweeney    Feb 21	Randy Speer    March 05
Mark Tyree    February 05		Lori Letchford    March 12
Kevin Sandridge    February 09	<b>March Anniversaries</b>	Susan Angus    March 14
Xander Arbaugh    February 13	Amy & Rick Pillow    Mar 15	Amy Pillow    March 15
Kenneth Bagshaw    February 13	Karen & David Hudnall    Mar 20	Rick Pillow    March 18
Lewis Averett    February 15	Eva & Reiman Shober    Mar 30	David Petty    March 19
Dottie Diuguid    February 17		Bill Puckett    March 22
Deanna Hester    February 17		Marty Diuguid    March 27
Sarah Leazer Johnson    February 18		Shanda Horner    March 31
Reiman Shober    February 22		
Brenda Whitehead    February 22		
James Blankenship    February 23		
Bill Burleigh    February 24		
Bobbi Hurst    February 24		
John Spencer    February 24		



### PRAYER CONCERNS

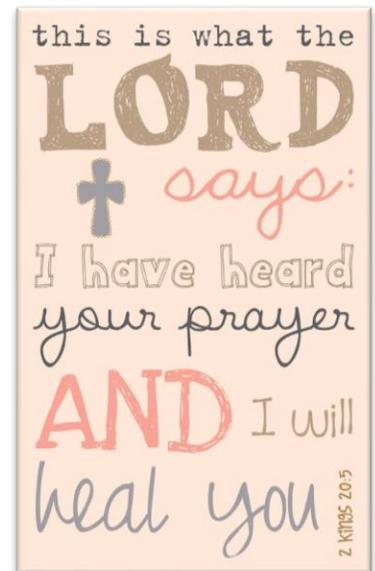
#### All Men and Women serving in the Military

- Robert Shober – Fort Bragg, NC, son of \*Eva Lee and \*Reiman Shober
- Kenny Kincaid and children, son of \*Bobbi and \*Randy Hurst

#### SICK

- \*Clara Gurkin - 501 V.E.S. Road, Drinkard 613, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \*Bobby McDaniel – 3743 Woodside Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \*Ann & Phil Ripley – 123 Longwood Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176
- Sylvia Shuff - Mother-in-Law of \*Pastor Bill Burleigh
- \*Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \*Audrey Tyree – P. O. Box 4463, Lynchburg, VA 24502
- \*Mary Tyree – 1404 Brookville Lane, Lynchburg, VA 24502

\* Church members



### Gifts in Memory

To the General Fund in memory of:

**William "Bill" Sweeney** by:  
Thomas Warren

**Hallie Dodson & June Clark** by:  
Rayford Clark

**Anne Stevens Thaxton** by:  
Shanda & Garnett Horner

#### Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 1/28/18	\$241,081
Balance needed to reach goal	\$58,919
Received to Date	\$187,091
Received since last update	\$600
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,128</b>

**Court Street United Methodist Church**  
**Report of the Nominations & Leadership Development Committee**  
**Church Officers & Committees - 2018**  
**Elected at Charge Conference November 19, 2017**  
**Church Council (¶ 252 Book of Discipline)**

Jodi Center.....Chair  
 \*Bill Burleigh.....Pastor, Nominations & Leadership Development Committee, Chair  
 Darrin Wilson.....Lay Leader  
 Sherwood Newton.....Lay Member of Annual Conference  
 TBD.....Pastor/Staff Relations Committee, Chair  
 Sherwood Newton..... Treasurer  
 \*Randy Hurst.....Board of Trustees, Chair  
 \*Sherwood Newton..... Finance Committee, Chair  
 Lillie McDaniel..... United Methodist Women, President  
 David Case Jr..... Young Adult Representative  
 Ray Pulliam.....Worship Committee, Chair  
 Bobbi Hurst.....Secretary  
 \*Mark Roper.....Music Committee, Chair  
 Randall Speer.....Director of Music  
 David Petty.....Endowment  
 Kathy Mason.....At Large

\* *ex officio*, Book of Discipline

**Administrative Committees** (as specified in *The Book of Discipline*)

**Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (¶ 258.1)**

Bill Burleigh .....Pastor, Chair  
 Darrin Wilson.....Lay Leader

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Lillie McDaniel	Sharon Brooks	Susan Leazer
Kathy Mason		George Clark

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee (¶ 258.2)**

<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Walter Wright	Ann Lis	Debra Chaffin
Bill Puckett	Sherwood Newton	Ray Pulliam

**Board of Trustees (¶ 258.3)**

Randy Hurst (Chair), Mike Russell, Susan Leazer, Charles Thaxton,  
 Flo Traywick; Lewis James; Sherwood Newton

**Trustees Sub-Committees**

**Property Committee**

Charles Thaxton.....Co-Chair  
 Lewis James.....Co-Chair  
 Randy Hurst, Tom Coleman, Walter Wright.....At-Large

**Kitchen Committee**

Lillie McDaniel.....Chair

**Committee on Finance (¶ 258.4)**

Sherwood Newton..... Chair  
Bill Burleigh..... Pastor  
Darrin Wilson..... Lay Leader  
Jodi Center.....Church Council Chair  
To be Elected..... S/PRC Chair  
Sherwood Newton..... Treasurer  
Bill Burleigh.....Missions and Ministry Chair  
Susan Hall..... Financial Secretary  
Randy Hurst.....Trustees Representative  
Charles Thaxton.....Property Co-Chair  
David Petty.....Endowment Chair

**Endowment Committee**

David Petty.....Chair  
Sherwood Newton.....Treasurer  
Darrin Wilson.....Lay Leader  
Randy Hurst.....Trustees Representative  
Jodi Center.....Church Council Chair  
Shanda Horner.....At Large

**Ministry and Missions Committee (¶ 258.5)**

Bill Burleigh.....Coordinator

**Worship Team**

Ray Pulliam - Chair  
Charles Thaxton, Lillie McDaniel, Pam Jackson, Ann Lis, Nancy and Mike Russell, Chiswell Logan, Megan Straw,  
Stewards  
Dennis Pruitt, Acolyte and Crucifer

**Missions Team**

Kathy Mason - Chair, Anne Langley, Harriette Cash, Sharon Brooks, Bobbi Hurst, Sam Franklin, Mary Tyree, Susan  
Leazer, Nancy Russell

**Communications & Media Team**

Kerry Bell, Mike Russell, George Clark, Susan Hall, Kathy Mason, Dennis Pruitt

**Education Team**

Susan Leazer, Pam Jackson, David Case, Randy and Bobbi Hurst, Susan Cobbs

**Library & Church History Team**

Nada Sweeney, Bobbi Hurst, Irby Hudson.....Historian and Librarian

**Evangelism Team**

All

**Music Committee (¶ 258.5)**

Mark Roper..... Chair  
Randall Speer.....Music Director  
Dr. Carol Williams.....Organist  
Jodi Center, George Clark, Kerry Bell.....At-Large

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In worship, praise and ministry, we respond to God's call by reaching out to all people with light, hope, and a vision of God's love.

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events and notices posted on the church website.  
(The newsletter, The Courier, is also on the website)

