



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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April 2017

Court Street United Methodist Church

### What Is Resurrection?

Why are eggs associated with Easter? It is not resuscitation, as if Jesus were simply brought back to life, like Lazarus or the widow's son at Nam. Resurrection is transformation. The symbols of resurrection are many. So then, why eggs and Easter? An egg is totally changed. What is yellow and white liquid becomes alive with feathers and a chirp. If you look at the liquid of eggs alone, you would never tell what they would become. A liquid goo becomes a chicken. Another Easter symbol is the seed or acorn. You can look at a seed and never imagine what color it may turn out to have. Similarly with a caterpillar and butterfly. These are resurrection symbols because they become something else, totally unforeseen and beautiful. And yet there is continuity: the egg becomes a chicken; an acorn becomes an oak-tree; a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. There are also human resurrection symbols: persons recovering from drug addiction or alcoholism. They are the same persons, but now transformed; they have new life, new hopes, and new possibilities. Another resurrection symbol might be a teenager becoming an adult: he or she is the same, but different with the new beauties of maturity. The resurrection is an invitation to look around to see transformation, to see what is immature become adult; what appears inert like an egg or seed sprouting life. But for the Christian the resurrection has a still richer meaning. Paul, says to the Corinthians: *"I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures."* The first thing we can see is that Jesus *"was raised on the third day."* Who raised him? The Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. When we look at the resurrection appearances we notice that Jesus is not at first recognized by those who loved him and who were his close associates or disciples. The exception seems to be the Beloved Disciple who had special insight. The others come to faith; indeed faith was necessary to identify Jesus. The Risen Jesus is then the same but different. This can be put in another way by saying that Jesus is not resuscitated, but is resurrected. Christ is risen, and has promised to take us with him. This life is not the end; we too will be transformed in endless life and beauty. Human life is good, but it will end. The resurrection gives hope and meaning to our existence here. In our weakness we will after death be raised in glory. It is not just my body that I hope will be raised. Paul writes: *"So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body."* ~ **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!*



**EASTER MISSION PROJECT:** You are invited to join Court Street's own "Easter Bunny" (a/k/a Bill Sweeney) on Tuesday, April 11th at 10 a.m. when he visits the Adult Care Center to deliver personalized Easter bags prepared by members and friends of Court Street UMC to all of the participants of the Center. Once again the response to this mission project has been amazing. Thank you

## **Palm Sunday Passion Service to include 3 Soloist from Opera on the James**

Jami Leonard, Justin Berkowitz and Rocky Sellers from the cast of Opera on the James' "Falstaff" will join us this Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> for our Passion Service. They will sing with our Chancel Choir and sing a trio. We are excited to have them join us in worship while they are in Lynchburg performing for the Opera.

**EASTER SONRISE SERVICE** will be at Marsh Memorial UMC. Please plan to attend. The service will be at 7am outside (indoors if it is raining) with Breakfast served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Feeding His Lambs**



Members and friends of Court Street will once again provide, prepare, and serve dinner to neighbors at Park View Community Mission on Wednesday, April 19th. The evening for neighbors will begin with a devotion and music at 5:00 p.m. (preparation of the food will begin earlier). Dinner will be served at 5:30.

### ***Volunteer opportunities include:***

- Food preparation on site
- Cooks to make their best desserts
- Setting up
- Serving food
- Cleaning up

Please contact Mary Tyree [434-239-2270](tel:434-239-2270) or Harriette Cash [434-942-1798](tel:434-942-1798) to volunteer.

## **DANE PETERSON TO SING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

On Saturday evening, April 22nd at 6 p.m., Dane Peterson, member of Court Street and the Chancel Choir, will sing the National Anthem to open the Hillcats versus the Potomac Nationals baseball game at Calvin Falwell Field at Lynchburg City Stadium. Come on out to the game and support Dane and the Hillcats!





## May Mission Focus:

*Marsh Memorial Early Learning Center Scholarship Fund.* Court Street will be accepting monetary donations in honor and memory of mothers (and other special ladies) for Marsh Memorial Early Learning Center to help parents who have an unforeseen financial crisis pay their child's tuition. What a wonderful fund to have for families who are in need. Look for an insert in your bulletin to fill out so you can donate in the name of a loved one.

## June Mission Focus:

We will be collecting monetary donations for Yomi Adamson, Missionary to Africa. Yomi is the Founder of Liberty Christian Foundation International. This Foundation serves the children and families in Nigeria. They provide basic necessities of life such as food, clothing, shoes, school materials and bibles. You can learn more about this life changing organization at: <https://www.lcfintl.org/>



## UPCOMING CONCERTS



### INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL

May 13 - 2 to 5pm

*Meet and listen to Dr. Carol Williams  
Music, tea and much more!*

May 28 - 2pm

*A Musical Salute to our Veterans*

*Lynchburg International  
Organ Festival*

June 4, 2pm - Diane Bish

June 11, 6pm \* - Silent Movie  
Steven Ball, *Organist*

June 18, 2pm - Isabelle Demers

June 25, 2pm - Finale Concert  
Dr. Carol Williams

### MIDDAY MUSIC STARTS BACK IN MAY!!

*Midday Music*

*Classics at Court!*

May 10 - Dr. Carol Williams

May 24 - David Charles Campbell

June 7 - Sumner Jenkins

June 21 - J. William Greene

July 5 - Johnson Scott

July 19 - Dr. Carol Williams &

Rachel Mccauley Love, *Mezzo*

August 2 - John Lowe

August 16 - Robert Blevins



**Marsh Memorial Early Learning Center**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**

**Captains Choice Tournament**  
**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Poplar Forest Golf Course**

**Lunch:** after tournament •• **Registration:** 8:30 am •• **Tee-Off:** 9:00 am  
**Cost:** \$50 per person  
(4) Man Team Captains Choice

Includes entry into 18-holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, and a chance to win various prizes!  
Buy Mulligans \$5 each, 50/50 and raffle tickets

**Awards**  
**First Place Team \$300, Second Place Team \$200, Third Place Team \$100, Prizes for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive**

**Thank you!**

To sign-up call Shelley Burleigh or Marsh Memorial ELC at 509-2239, 239-2546 or email burleighss@myway.com  
Registration deadline is May 18



*We need you to VOLUNTEER!*

*Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour*  
**October 6, 7, 8, 2017**

*See a beautiful lake home and volunteer to work one 4 hour shift!*

**FUN! FUN! FUN!**

*And help raise thousands of dollars for The Adult Care Center of Central Virginia*

*Please contact Audrey at 434-847-8111 or at [alindsay@adultcarecenter.org](mailto:alindsay@adultcarecenter.org)*

**\*Birthdays and Anniversaries\***

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries		May Birthdays	
Doug Pillow	April 01	Anne and Bruton Langley	April 21	Brad Diuguid	May 01
Eleanor Pillow	April 01	Dona and Jimmy Forehand	April 22	Kelly McConnell	May 01
Mickenly Kreuziger	April 04	Laura and Brent McCraw	April 23	John McDaniel	May 04
Harriette Cash	April 05	Susan and Sam Angus	April 24	Flo Traywick	May 09
Anne Thaxton	April 05			Bill Phillips	May 14
Bill Sweeney	April 09			Dottie Scales	May 14
Emilia Dimitrova	April 10			Bobby McDaniel	May 15
William Draper	April 12			Carolyn Phillips	May 21
Stuart Jackson	April 14			Matthew Turner	May 26
Aaron McGlothlin	April 20			Ann Ripley	May 30
Marcia Thom-Kaley	April 23			Jason Brooks	May 31
Drew Leazer	April 25				
Emma Grace Thom	April 25				
Jennifer Draper	April 26				
Lewis James	April 28				



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Address Changes:** Darrin Wilson – 2762 Pecks Road; Bedford, VA 24523

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### All Men and Women serving in the Military

Robert Shoher - The Pentagon, son of \*Eva Lee and \*Reiman Shoher  
Kenny, Laura Kincaid, and children, son of \*Bobbi and \*Randy Hurst

### SICK

\*Clara Gurkin - 501 V.E.S. Road, Drinkard 613, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
\*Nancy Lane - 411 Oak Point Road, Forest, VA 24551  
\*Bobby McDaniel - 3743 Woodside Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
\*Phil Ripley - 1101 Federal Street; Lynchburg, VA 24504  
Midgie Schmidt - Mother to Susan Cobbs  
Sylvia Shuff, Mother-in-Law of \*Pastor Bill Burleigh  
\*Alicia Speer - 1815 Rivermont Ave #68; Lynchburg, VA 24503  
\*Bill Sweeney - 1930 Royal Oak Drive; Lynchburg, VA 24503  
\*Audrey Tyree - P. O. Box 4463, Lynchburg, VA 24502  
\*Mary Tyree - 1404 Brookville Lane, Lynchburg, VA 24502  
Barbara Wojcik - Mother to Susan McConnell

\* Church members

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday is  
Lunch with members living at  
Westminster-Canterbury

Join us on April 13th  
Fauber 2 - 11:30am

Our prayers may be awkward.  
Our attempts may be feeble.  
But since the power of prayer  
is in the one who hears it  
and not in the one who says it,  
our prayers do make a difference.

~~ Max Lucado

### *We send our love and sympathy to:*

Flo Traywick and family on the passing of her sister,  
Betty Luby, on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>

The family of Glenda Fort on her passing Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Anderson family on the passing of their mother,  
Mary Anderson on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>

### ***Gifts in Memory***

To the General Fund in memory of:

*Mary E. Anderson*

by

William R. Barksdale IV

Ann & David Brennan

Arlene Domaleski

Mary C. & George Ferguson

Anne Langley

Jayne & Bob Milanovich

Veronica Parker

Dr. & Mrs. Richard Zechini

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

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 3/26/17	\$238,276
Balance needed to reach goal	\$61,724
Received to Date	\$170,286
Received since last update	\$900
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$9,228</b>

**Court Street United Methodist Church**  
**Report of the Nominations & Leadership Development Committee**  
**Church Officers & Committees - 2017**  
**Elected at Charge Conference November 13, 2016**  
**Church Council (¶ 252 Book of Discipline)**

Jodi Center	Chair
*Bill Burleigh	Pastor, Nominations & Leadership Development Committee, Chair
Shanda Rowe	Lay Leader
Sherwood Newton	Lay Member of Annual Conference
To Be Elected	Pastor/Staff Relations Committee, Chair
Sherwood Newton	Treasurer
Susan Hall	Financial Secretary
*Randy Hurst	Board of Trustees, Chair
*Sherwood Newton	Finance Committee, Chair
Lillie McDaniel	United Methodist Women, President
David Case Jr	Young Adult Representative
*Bill Burleigh	Missions and Ministry Committee, Chair
Bobbi Hurst	Membership Secretary
*Shanda Rowe	Music Committee, Chair
Randall Speer	Director of Music
David Petty	Endowment
* <i>ex officio, Book of Discipline</i>	

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

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

Bill Burleigh	Pastor, Chair	
Shanda Rowe	Lay Leader	
<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Shanda Rowe	Lillie McDaniel	Sharon Brooks
Anne Langley	Kathy Mason	

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

<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Flo Traywick	Walter Wright	Shanda Rowe
	Bill Puckett	Sherwood Newton

**Board of Trustees (¶ 258.3)**

Randy Hurst (Chair), Mike Russell, Susan Leazer, Susan Cobbs  
Charles Thaxton, Dave Petty; 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
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### **Committee on Finance (¶ 258.4)**

Sherwood Newton	Chair
Bill Burleigh	Pastor
Shanda Rowe	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
Shanda Rowe	Lay Leader
Randy Hurst	Trustees Representative
Jodi Center	Church Council Chair

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

Bill Burleigh	Coordinator
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### **Worship Team**

Charles and Anne Thaxton, Lillie McDaniel, Pam Jackson, Ann Lis,  
Chiz Logan, Ray Pulliam, Megan Straw          Communion Stewards

### **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 – Chair, Mike Russell, Randy Hurst, Susan Hall, Kathy Mason, Carol Williams

### **Church Growth**

Kerry Bell, Mary Brockman, David Case, Jodi Center, Susan Cobbs, Susan Leazer, Kathy Mason, Dennis Pruitt, Megan Straw, Carol Williams

### **Education Team**

Susan Leazer, Pam Jackson, David Case

### **Library & Church History Team**

Nada Sweeney	Historian and Librarian
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### **Evangelism Team**

All

### **Music Committee (¶ 258.5)**

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

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### Mission Statement

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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The sound track of worship services is now posted on Court Street's website: [www.courtstreetumcva.com](http://www.courtstreetumcva.com)

Please contact Randy Hurst at:

[rwhurstva@gmail.com](mailto:rwhurstva@gmail.com) or (910) 443-4865 on or before Wednesdays to have events and notices posted on the church website.

(The newsletter, The Courier, is also on the website)

