



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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July 2017

Court Street United Methodist Church

### Fourth of July Reflections on a Changing America

For Christians, the issue of patriotism is always complicated by our citizenship in two realms, one earthly and one heavenly. The Bible teaches that we have duties to our earthly nation, including obeying laws, paying taxes, and honoring our leaders. At the same time, we are subjects of the eternal kingdom of Christ. Jesus said, "*Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's*". This dual citizenship presents serious complications when the civil and the divine authorities strongly conflict. This was the situation the early believers faced in Jerusalem, resulting in their persecution. Peter told the Jewish leaders, "*We must obey God rather than men*", and for his disobedience he was beaten and later threatened with execution. While our "*two kingdoms*" citizenship always warrants biblical reflection, the situation facing Christians in America today demands special wisdom and grace. Throughout our lifetime, there have been two competing Americas, one theistic and the other atheistic; one which more or less respects our Christian heritage and upholds general biblical values, and one which aggressively opposes biblical morality and a godly outlook on life. The pagan agenda, which is apparently pursued by roughly half of America, seeks by all means to change our laws, institutions, and moral consensus in a radically secular and sensually permissive direction. Pagan America has made steady gains during each of the last several decades. We face explicitly anti-Christian forces who are determined to paganize America and are completely unrestrained by concerns of integrity, fairness, or democratic process. If these reflections are even generally accurate, it will be important for Christians to respond carefully and biblically both as citizens of America and as citizens of Christ's kingdom. We must continue to love our country. Nothing would more please or serve the radical secularists than for Christians to jettison their patriotic impulses. We must speak out boldly and pointedly as Christians even if we are publicly derided as dangerous religious extremists. We must refuse to surrender our rights under the Constitution and we must be prepared to pay the price of persecution to uphold them. We must joyfully love our neighbors and serve our communities, including those who vigorously oppose us in the culture war. It will serve little for Christians to argue a biblical morality if we are not willing to demonstrate biblical grace and truth in action. By all means, there must be no violence, personal abuse, or vindictive spirit in the Christian defense of our national heritage. Our calling as Christian Americans is to "*overcome evil with good*". We must support godly elected leaders and some of us will be called to serve in the political process. We will need to pray for and support our godly leaders at the national, state and local level, fortifying them with the courage and wisdom they are going to need. Even more importantly, we must be faithful to Christ in the midst of these troubles. The Bible has amply warned us to expect such upheavals. So let us be neither dismayed nor distracted from our primary calling as disciples of Jesus. Christ is reigning over this year's Fourth of July. The startling troubles before us are as much an opportunity as they are a threat, but only if Christians rise up to our calling as servants of a triumphant gospel in the midst of a sin-broken world.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*

**LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHER PEOPLE, SERVE BOTH**

## Lynchburg's First International Organ Festival

A big THANK YOU to all of the members of Court Street for their support of the Organ Festival. We had great turn outs every week and raised over \$3k to help continue the concerts every year. What a great outreach to the community and a way to give exposure to this wonderful church! (and organ)



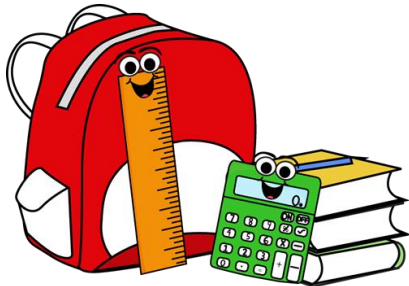


Court Street UMW sent 9 Layette Kits to conference = \$315.00  
 Many women do not have swaddling clothes with which to welcome their child into the world. Layette kits provide basic supplies for their baby's needs.

Each kit contains: 6 cloth diapers, 2 onesies, 2 wash cloths, 2 gowns or sleepers, 2 diaper pins, 1 sweater or jacket and 2 receiving blankets.

Our Thanks to Sherwood Newton for carrying them to conference for us - *CSUMW*

## July/August Mission Focus



It seems like summer break has just begun and we are already thinking about getting ready for students to head back to school in mid-August. During July and August, Court Street will be collecting school supplies from the list below for Madison Heights Elementary School. If you would like to contribute items, please put them in the collection container located in the Bishop Early Hall.

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:16*

#2 Pencils, 3 Ring Binders, Boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons, Boxes of Tissues, Disinfectant Wipes, Elmer's Washable School Glue, Glue Sticks, Hand Sanitizer, Highlighters, Ink Pens (Black, Blue & Red), Large Pink Erasers, Packages of Ruled Note Cards, Packs of Colored Pencils, Packs of White Copy/Printer Paper, Paperclips, Pencil Bags or Boxes, Pencil Sharpeners, Plastic Folders with Pockets, Post-it Notes, Rubber Bands, Blunt Tip Scissors, Spiral Bound Ruled Notebooks, Staples, Black Dry Erase Markers, Box of Thick Crayola Washable Markers, Packages of Loose Leaf Wide Ruled Paper, Plastic Folders with Pockets and Brads.

## \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

July Birthdays		July Anniversaries		August Birthdays	
Allen Cheatwood	July 04	Sharon & Ray Brooks	July 08	Kerry Bell	August 01
Keely Krueziger	July 04	Lori & Eddie Letchford	July 12	Christopher Lilly	August 01
Sam Franklin	July 06	Sarah & Eric Johnson	July 18	David Case Sr.	August 03
Lillie McDaniel	July 06			Walter Wright	August 08
Karl Hester	July 09			John Sweeney	August 09
Karen Speer	July 11			Mary James	August 10
Hillman Jackson	July 12			Martha Moorman	August 10
Kathy Mason	July 14			Louise Walkup	August 10
Christine Speer	July 17			Susan Hall	August 11
Madeline Pillow	July 18			Josh Larkin	August 13
Keith Leazer	July 20			Susan McConnell	August 15
Jo Woods	July 20			Linda Bryant	August 16
George Clark	July 23			Ann McDaniel	August 20
Kathy Draper	July 23			Cheryl West	August 21
John Ellis	July 24			Bob Allen	August 21
Brent McCraw	July 24			Matthew Diuguid	August 22
Sarah Haley McGlothlin	July 24			Emma Pearl Turner	August 22
Laura McCraw	July 26			Jimmy Forehand, Jr	August 25
Sherwood Newton	July 28			Debbie Chaffin	August 26
Noel Draper	July 31			Clara Bell Gurkin	August 28
				Warren Martin	August 29
				Robert Allen Tyree	August 31





**Classics at Court**  
**Midday Music**  
**May – August**  
**12:10-12:35 pm**

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

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM  
 IN THE CHURCH REFECTORY

<p><b>JULY 5</b>  <b>JOHNSON SCOTT</b>          MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST          BEDFORD, VA</p>	<p><b>JULY 19</b>  <b>Dr. CAROL WILLIAMS &amp;          RACHEL LOVE, MEZZO</b>          COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST          LYNCHBURG, VA</p>
<p><b>AUGUST 2</b>  <b>Dr. JOHN LOWE</b>          HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH          GAINESVILLE, FL</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 16</b>  <b>ROBERT BLEVINS</b>          WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH          LYNCHBURG, VA</p>



## The Forest Lions Club 2017 Free Family Health Fair

Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 1pm - Salvation Army on Park Ave. Lynchburg

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| Height and weight measuring | Hearing screening                         |
| Vision testing              | Blood pressure readings                   |
| Glucose screening           | Spine screening                           |
| Respiratory Screening       | Medication safety – “Ask the Pharmacist”  |
| Dental screenings           | HIV testing                               |
| “Child ID”                  | Face Painting and Fun Activities for kids |
| Diabetes education          | Nutrition education                       |

The first 100 students to be screened will receive free school supplies!!!



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

Join us on July 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Fauber 2 - 11:30am



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### All Men and Women serving in the Military

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

### SICK

- Parker Graham – Grandson of Walter Wright
- \*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

Lord Jesus, heal me.  
Heal in me whatever  
You see needs healing.  
Heal me of whatever  
might separate me  
from You.  
Heal my memory,  
heal my heart, heal my  
emotions, heal my spirit,  
heal my body,  
heal my soul.  
Lay Your hands gently  
upon me and Heal me  
through Your love for me.  
Amen

## Gifts in Memory

To the General Fund in memory of:

Carolyn Kelly By:  
George Clark

Dona Forehand By:  
George Clark, Laura Crumbley,  
Richard Smith, Jane Vaughan

To Capital Campaign in memory of:

Dona Forehand By:  
Ann & Bobby McDaniel



We need you to  
**VOLUNTEER!**

*Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour*

*October 6, 7, 8, 2018*

*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 Andrea at  
434-847-8111 or at  
alindsay@adultcarecenter.org*

### Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 6/25/17	\$238,776
Balance needed to reach goal	\$61,224
Received to Date	\$177,636
Received since last update	\$3227
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$9,328</b>

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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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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)

