



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October 2017

Court Street United Methodist Church

Experiencing Autumn as Time for Reflection

I enjoy autumn. After the heat, vacations and activity of spring and summer, I crave the serenity and quiet of fall. Autumn is a time when leaves change colors and vivid changes occur. It's a time to turn within, to shed the old and reflect on what was, and what will again be. Squirrels hurry to store food for the harsh winter, and leaves turn to shades of orange, yellow and brown, then shrivel up, die and fall to earth. The crusty debris from nature drops, but all is not gone. For even then, what is seemingly lost and useless still makes a contribution to the richness of the soil, fertilizing the new life that's expected in the future. You see, even though death seems tragic at the time, from that passing comes what is fresh and new. The trees and perennial plants merely shed their garments of leaves and blossoms for a while. Then they rest and wait with hope, refusing to despair. Our lives are like that. We experience many autumns, physically, spiritually and emotionally. The frosty air and crisp, crunching leaves revive my spirit and propel me forward. I kick the piles of foliage and listen to the sound. While watching their dust I see an upcoming time of rest, planning and letting go of what was. I join nature in preparing for a deeper time of hibernation, winter. Days become shorter and the nights longer. But the blackness of evening brings a cozy blanket of contemplation. Although activity thrives during the autumn and winter, too, there's a different aura present. One can think about his endeavors, why he attempted them, and where they've brought him. Perhaps your autumn is learning to cope with the death of someone significant, you've lost a job, a divorce took place or a child disappointed you. A relative had to move to a nursing home. Your self-esteem is at low ebb. Have you lost your dreams? God allows the spiritual seasons of our lives to coincide with the physical seasons. There's hope there. Regardless of droughts, floods or failed crops, there's always another tomorrow. More rain eventually comes to counteract the drought, floodwaters dry up and a profitable crop surfaces when the time is right. If spring and summer were always present there would be no time to regenerate. Autumn brings wisdom, reflection and time to repair and plan. New chances and new life are promised. What is your life yielding this autumn? Can you recognize what you've planted and what you've reaped, and why, in your spiritual and physical life? We need this period of fall, of yield and collecting and gathering, to see where we are and what direction we must now take. There's beauty in passing from the green productivity of summer into the shadowy hues and sluggishness of the fall, both in the sacred and the secular. All things change, somehow. There are lessons to be learned from our times of activity and productivity. But we can only find what God is attempting to show us by stepping back, ridding ourselves of some of our leaves of dogged purpose and just being still for a while. Indeed, autumn is a time of ambiguity. The winds blow causing flags to furl and unfurl, but they remain connected to their pole, that center that holds them. For when the storm subsides they will know life's contentment and lounge in the breeze. So, what autumn are you experiencing now? Regardless, remember God is there in all seasons, life and death.

~ Pastor Bill Burleigh



Musical Musings

Anthems for October



October 1st

Christ Hath a Garden, by Gerald Near

New Mexico composer Gerald Near is regarded as one of America's finest composers of church music writing today. His setting of "Christ Hath a Garden" is a repurposing of an old Scottish or English folk song known to many as "The Water is Wide."

October 8th

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee, by Jean Berger

Born in Germany, Jean Berger was somewhat of a world traveler, performing as pianist and accompanist in France, Argentina, and eventually the U.S. where he became a citizen in 1941. His sense of the beauty of the text of "The Eyes of All" is borne in the rich harmonies of this setting.

October 15th

Rejoice in the Lord Always, by Henry Purcell

Henry Purcell's "Rejoice in the Lord Always", also known as "The Bell Anthem", is one of the English Baroque composer's most well-known anthems. A setting of Philippians 4:4-7, the piece opens famously with a musical tolling of bells, using a recognizable figure most often associated with celebratory church bells.

October 22nd

My Lord, What a Mornin', arranged by Harry T. Burleigh

Harry Thacker Burleigh, born near the end of the American Civil War, was the first great pioneer and champion of the African American Spiritual. His arrangements are frequently performed at Court Street. His richly moving "My Lord, What a Mornin'" demonstrates Burleigh's compositional prowess, and includes a famous quote from Wagner's opera *Tristan und Isolde* at its close.

October 29th

Great and Glorious, by Franz Joseph Haydn

The anthem "Great and Glorious" is actually an adaptation of a different work by Haydn: the Gloria from his *St. Cecelia Mass*. The work is shortened from the original, and solo sections were removed. The text, authored by Charles Manney, reads like a psalm of praise – but there is no psalm that uses these lyrics.



Court Street United Methodist,
Thank you for your continued support to Madison Heights Elementary! We are very appreciative! Our students were very excited to receive the school supplies. Thank you for helping prepare our students for success.

God Bless,
Jessica Harrell
School Counselor
Madison Heights
Elementary



GET DOWNTOWN 2017 was a great success! A big **THANK YOU** to our helpers: Susan Cobbs, Harriette Cash, Susan and Keith Leazer, Dave Case, and Jodi Center who greeted people and gave them information about the church and our upcoming events this fall. Attendees were also invited to enter a drawing for prizes donated by downtown restaurants. All the winners when contacted were not only excited to win, but also complimented the church on its booth and the wonderful members they had talked to. Way to go!

Thank you to all who helped feed our neighbors at Parkview Mission

Dinner with neighbors at Parkview Mission on Wednesday September 27th was blessed with members from Court Street and volunteers from Marsh Memorial and Lynchburg College. Steve Freeman provided the entertainment and is pictured below with students from LC and people from the audience that came up to sing. Pastor Burleigh welcomed everyone and lead the prayer. Over 125 people were served a nourishing meal for the body and soul.



FALL

FESTIVAL

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST

8AM ~ 2PM

Arts & Crafts Yard Sale
Bake Sale BBQ
Vendors Brunswick Stew

COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
621 COURT STREET LYNCHBURG, VA 24504

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LYNCHBURG


Contact the church office for more details ~ 434-845-3427

Trunk
or
Treat



TRUNK OR TREAT
October 27th 5pm -7pm
AND
Silent Movie Night returns!
~Stay tuned for more~

Birthdays and Anniversaries

| October Birthdays | October Anniversaries | November Birthdays |
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| Jeb Haley October 01 | Christine & Karl Speer October 10 | Gina Wright November 01 |
| Adelaide Lee October 03 | Carol Williams & Kerry Bell Oct. 22 | Bill Ford November 02 |
| Charles Sweeney October 05 | | Chiswell Logan November 06 |
| GiGi Sweeney October 05 | November Anniversaries | Landen Larkin November 10 |
| Addison Johnson October 08 | Ann & Bobby McDaniel Nov 24 | Phyllis Coleman November 11 |
| Libba McCraw October 09 | Meg & David Case Sr Nov 26 | Megan Straw November 12 |
| Caroline McCraw October 09 | Susan & Mike McConnell Nov 30 | Nada Sweeney November 12 |
| Pat Haley October 10 | | Cornell Thompson November 18 |
| Karen Hudnall October 13 |  | Jodi Center November 19 |
| Sally Frey October 14 | | Julia McConnell November 21 |
| Patrick Pillow October 15 | | Sam Angus November 22 |
| Susan Leazer October 16 | | Rosemary Heusted November 23 |
| Irby Hudson October 22 | | |
| Charles Thaxton October 22 | | |
| Robin Hudson October 23 | | |
| Anne Quillian October 28 | | |
| Karl Speer October 29 | | |



**Every 2nd Thursday is
Lunch with members living at
Westminster-Canterbury**
Join us on October 12th
Fauber 2 - 11:30am



THE ACC CHRISTMAS STORE RETURNS

The Missions committee is helping to stock the Christmas store for the Adult Care Center. This gives participants at the ACC the ability to pick out a present for a loved one. The presents will be wrapped by the ACC staff and sent home with the participant. Please help us “stock the shelves” of the store by purchasing items on the list below. (lists are also available in the Bishop Early Hall). Items purchased can be placed in the

containers marked “ACC Christmas Store” in the Bishop Early Hall.

Wish List from Missions Committee:

- JEWELRY • GLOVES (MEN’S AND WOMEN’S) • BOOKS (ESPECIALLY RELIGIOUS ONES)
- TOOL KITS • SOCKS (MEN’S AND WOMEN’S) • BODY WASH / SHAMPOO GIFT SETS
- CANDY • POPCORN TINS • COLORING SETS (FOR THE KIDDOS IN OUR LIVES)
- HAT / SCARF SET • ADULT COLORING BOOKS • WATCHES • CLOCK
- FAMILY GAMES (SUCH AS UNO OR MONOPOLY) • CANDLES • ART – PAINTINGS
- FIGURINES • BLANKETS • TOILETRY ITEMS • CDS • WALLETs • PURSES

PRAYER CONCERNS

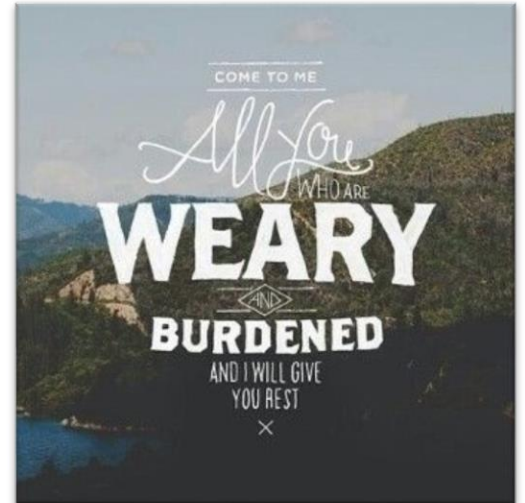
All Men and Women serving in the Military

Robert Shober - The Pentagon, 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
 *Nancy Lane - 411 Oak Point Road, Forest, VA 24551
 *Bobby McDaniel - 3743 Woodside Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503
 *Ann & Phil Ripley - 1101 Federal Street; Lynchburg, VA 24504
 Sylvia Shuff - Mother-in-Law of *Pastor Bill Burleigh
 *Alicia Speer - 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503
 *Bill Sweeney - 501 V.E.S. Road Room 505, Lynchburg, VA 24503
 *Nada 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

* Church members



ADULT CARE CENTER

5K WALK / RUN

OCTOBER 14, 2017 @ 8:30 AM



LYNCHBURG COLLEGE CAMPUS 1501 LAKESIDE DRIVE

REGISTER ONLINE: www.RunSignUp.com 5K WALK / RUN - \$25

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: www.adultcarecenter.org OR CALL 434.847.8111

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Gifts in Honor

To the General Fund in honor of:
 Shanda & Garnett Horner's Wedding by:
 Eleanor & Doug Pillow
 Anne & Bobby McDaniel

Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

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| Campaign Goal | \$300,000 |
| Promised as of 10/01/17 | \$238,976 |
| Balance needed to reach goal | \$60,824 |
| Received to Date | \$182,586 |
| Received since last update | \$850 |
| Elevator fund | \$9,328 |

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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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Please contact Randy Hurst at:
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)

