



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Court Street United Methodist Church

George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of year. For a brief while the world is grateful. People are kind and patient; willing to look beyond themselves. There's a collective sense of gratitude. What better place to be than a country who, from her conception, devoted time to thankfulness. Every year I take a few moments to read through the earliest Thanksgiving proclamations. It speaks not only to the priorities of our founders, but the foundations of our cultural heritage. Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation encouraged prayer, reflection, thanks, and above all, humbleness for the abundance these great states were so fortunately granted.

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor— and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be— That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. ~ By: *George Washington*

However you celebrate, may you enjoy Thanksgiving not just as a day of football, turkey, naps, and pie, but may you find a moment to reflect on the gift of life and the love of God. May your gratitude be an ongoing action and not merely a fleeting thought and may you give God thanks for your many blessings.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*



Musical Musings

Anthems for November



November 5th

Selections from *A German Requiem*, by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Brahms composed his *German Requiem* in 1865, shortly after the death of his mother, which affected him deeply. There is some speculation that the work also reflects the composer's grief over the loss of his close friend Robert Schumann, nine years earlier. Unlike the traditional Roman Catholic Requiem, Brahms carefully compiled scriptures for this work which focus on the living. The overriding theme of the *German Requiem* is expressed in the passage from the Beatitudes Brahms chose for the first movement: "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Brahms was quite moved when he learned some years later that Robert Schumann had planned a work of the same title.

November 12th

What Gift Can We Bring?, by Jane Marshall (1924-)

A faculty member of Southern Methodist University, Jane Marshall has been recently recognized by the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians for her contributions to church music. This is her choral arrangement of hymn #87 in the United Methodist Hymnal, which she also composed.

November 19th

I Will Rise, by Randall Speer (1964-)

Written in one day after a night of dreaming the music, I Will Rise employs elements of Gospel and Spiritual to the irregular phrase lengths of the Beatitudes. The central theme is one of gratitude, but also of picking one's self up and continuing on (rising, standing, and walking).

November 26th

Psalm 100, by Heinz Werner Zimmermann (1930-)

German composer Heinz Werner Zimmermann is best known for, among other things, his sacred motets with plucked double bass. These works, of which Psalm 100 is representative, demonstrate his deep fascination with jazz idioms.



**Every 2nd Thursday is
Lunch with members living at
Westminster-Canterbury**
Join us on November 9th
Fauber 2 - 11:30am



A special Thanks to Anne Langley, Susan Hall and Kerry Bell for driving for Meals on Wheels. Court Street volunteers for a week every year to help people stay independent in their own homes by providing a warm nourishing meal with a smile. ~ Bobbi Hurst, coordinator

Thank you to all who helped make Fall Festival a success

Thanks to all the BBQ cookers, baked good bakers, workers in the kitchen fixing breakfast and lunch; the yard sale organizers and workers in the yard sale; the setup crew for the vendor / crafter tables in the refectory.... The list goes on and on! We had a good turnout for our first time; made over \$1k and plan to do this again next year!

~ Harriette Cash & Susan Leazer



Trunk or Treat



FUN, FUN, FUN!!

We had lots of fun Friday October 27th! Kids from the neighborhood and friends of Court Street came out to trunk or treat in their best costumes. Here are just a few pictures from the event, more can be found on our Face Book page. Thank you to all who participated.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays	November Anniversaries	December Birthdays
Gina Wright November 01	Ann & Bobby McDaniel Nov 24	Hunter Alan Tyree Dec. 02
Bill Ford November 02	Meg & David Case Sr Nov 26	Milton West Dec 03
Chiswell Logan November 06	Susan & Mike McConnell Nov 30	Brennalynn Diuguid Dec. 05
Landen Larkin November 10	December Anniversaries	Phil Ripley Dec. 05
Phyllis Coleman November 11	Shelley & Bill Burleigh Dec. 16	Nancy Russell Dec. 06
Megan Straw November 12	Bobbi & Randy Hurst Dec. 23	Elizabeth Larkin Dec. 07
Nada Sweeney November 12	Eleanor & Doug Pillow Dec. 24	Adam Bryant Dec. 09
Cornell Thompson November 18		Jeff Thaxton Dec. 11
Jodi Center November 19		Suzanne Baker Dec. 12
Julia McConnell November 21		Susan Cobbs Dec. 12
Sam Angus November 22		Lisa Thaxton Dec. 14
Rosemary Heusted November 23		Randy Hurst Dec. 20
		Douglas Thom Dec. 28
		Ray Pulliam Dec. 30
		Anne Langley Dec. 31



THE ACC CHRISTMAS STORE ~ DONATIONS NEEDED

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

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR WILL RETURN IN DECEMBER

Each day during Advent add an item from the list below to a reusable shopping/tote bag. Bring the bag to our *Christmas Eve Service* to be donated to Lynchburg Daily Bread.

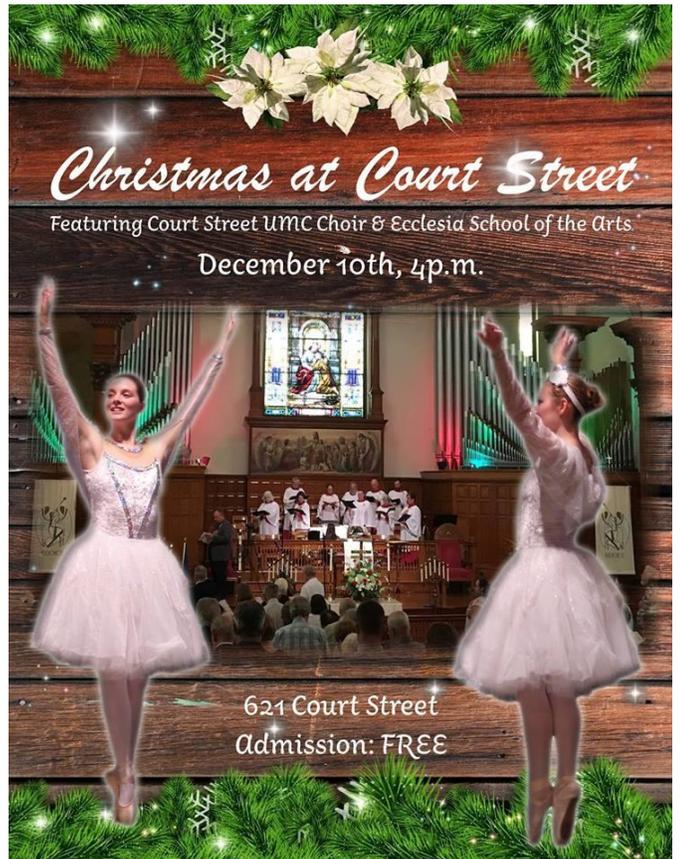
(Tote bags will be available in the Bishop Early Hall while supplies last.)



Suggestions from Lynchburg Daily Bread:

Razors, Soap, Lotion, Shampoo/conditioner, Good lip balm, Deodorant, Tissues, Band-aids, Socks, Gloves, Gift Card to McDonalds or Coffee Shop, Healthy snacks (trail mix/granola bars/peanuts), Hand soap, Dish detergent, Wipes, “Hot Hands”, Cans of tuna/chicken

UPCOMING EVENTS



PRAYER CONCERNS

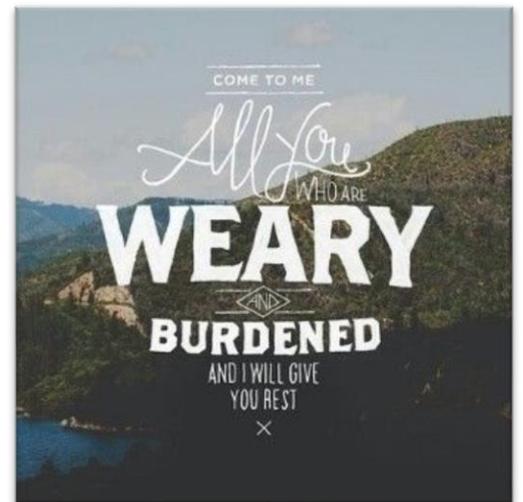
All Men and Women serving in the Military

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
*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
*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



Gifts in Memory

To the General Fund in memory of:

Midgie Schmidt, Lew Langley, Peter Smith,
Dona Forehand, and Carolyn Kelly by:

Anne & Charles Thaxton

Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 10/29/17	\$239,176
Balance needed to reach goal	\$60,624
Received to Date	\$183,336
Received since last update	\$750
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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events and notices posted on the church website.
(The newsletter, The Courier, is also on the website)

