



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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May 2017

Court Street United Methodist Church

### Memorial Day Reflection

On Memorial Day we celebrate something that I think is sometimes hard for many of us to comprehend: the sacrifice of soldiers' lives for the sake of our freedom. In recent years I've heard many conflicted views on this matter. But I think it would be a mistake to see these brave men and women as merely victims. While each fallen soldier has a unique story, each soldier is a hero who willingly laid down his or her life for a greater cause. I think part of our struggle to understand the fallen soldier comes with our difficulty in accepting sacrifice, especially when a sacrifice seems so final and appears to hold no obvious reward. The idea that anyone could give up everything, for people he doesn't even know, is hard to process. We spend so much of life trying to gain, to acquire, to win. Our country is home to the American Dream, the land of opportunity. So contemplating the fallen soldier can feel uncomfortable, even confusing. Sometimes I meditate on Christ's sacrificial love, but fail to love him sacrificially in return. I thank him with my words, but do little to change my life. Yet this is what God desires of us. We call our soldiers "service men / women" yet that term should describe Christians as well. Just as sacrifice is required to secure our freedom as Americans, freedom does not exist independently of sacrifice in the life of the believer. Yes, the gift of faith brings us freedom from sin, freedom to be who God made us to be and to know God more deeply. But that freedom came with the price of the Cross and our gift of freedom is to be used for service. It may seem pointless in some ways to acquire freedom only to turn around and serve. But two thoughts come to mind here. One, is that the free person who chooses to serve knows freedom unlike any other. He has no need of taking from others because his sense of worth comes from a higher source. I've often heard from those with true servant-hearts that it is only when we give ourselves away that we truly find ourselves. The second is a truth I need to constantly remind myself of when life seems hard or unfair: this life is nothing compared to the next. Anything we "lose" here is never truly lost if our lives belong to Christ. "So the last will be first, and the first will be last" (Mt 20: 16). A friend and I have a running joke about this scripture verse. We will defer to each other in attempt to win "last place" - to secure our first place prize in heaven, of course. While our motivations here may be a bit off, I've come to think it's not a bad contest. Grow your servant's heart by striving to take last place at least once this week - even if it's as simple as being last in line at the grocery store or serving yourself last at the dinner table."

~ *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!*



**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers for Dinner with Neighbors. We served 175 people Wednesday night at Parkview Mission. They received not only nourishment for the body, but also food for the soul with a wonderful music program provided by Pat Haley (guitar), Sara McGlothlin (fiddle) and Russ Hovda (guitar). As well as a devotion given by Rev. Burleigh. Volunteers were: Suzy Campbell, Kathy Mason, Nancy Russell, Elise Togbe, Sharon Brooks, Ann Lis, Harriette Cash, Keith Leazer, Susan Leazer, Anne Langley, Chris Lilley, Mary Tyree, Debbie & Richard Chaffin, Darrin Wilson, Pat Haley, Sara McGlothlin, Russ Hovda, Bill & Shelley Burleigh.





## 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. Fill out the insert in your bulletin to donate in the name of a loved one. Mother's Day bulletin will have a list of all honored and memorialized. Missions will continue to collect donations throughout the month of May.

## OPEN HOUSE MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2PM-5PM

Please join us for Tea, sweets and fellowship as we introduce our organist in residence to the Lynchburg community. Dr. Williams will be playing the organ at intervals ....

**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](mailto:burleighss@myway.com)  
Registration deadline is May 18

**ADULT CARE CENTER**  
*Join us for the Day!*

*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)*

## 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/>



## \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

May Birthdays	June Anniversaries	June Birthdays
Brad Diuguid            May 01	Karen & Randy Speer        June 01	Cameron Jackson        June 03
Kelly McConnell        May 01	Susan & Keith Leazer        June 12	McKenzie Lynn Larkin    June 07
John McDaniel            May 04	Samantha & Matthew Turner    June 17	Rob McDaniel             June 09
Flo Traywick             May 09	Anne & Charles Thaxton        June 18	Gus Baker                 June 10
Bill Phillips             May 14	Elizabeth & Josh Larkin        June 23	Andy Whitehead          June 16
Dottie Scales            May 14	Ann & Phil Ripley             June 24	Rick Kinne                 June 17
Bobby McDaniel         May 15	Barbara & Bobby Brown        June 26	William Krueziger        June 18
Carolyn Phillips        May 21	Ellen & David Petty             June 30	Katie Thaxton             June 18
Matthew Turner         May 26		Ellen Petty                 June 20
Ann Ripley                May 30		Audrey Tyree             June 27
Jason Brooks             May 31		Nancy Lane                June 28
		Elaine St.Vincent         June 28
		Samantha Turner          June 29
		Walter Bryant             June 30
		Charlotte Krueziger      June 30
		Jacquelyn Mosby          June 30



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Address Changes:** Karl & Christine Speer– 620 Lenox Ave., Apt. 10S, New York, NY 10037

### 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**
- \*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 May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Fauber 2 - 11:30am

Lord, I pray we will  
press through every  
struggle, endure every  
trial, and overcome  
every hurdle through  
the power of the  
Holy Spirit working  
in us and through us.

**Gifts in Memory**  
To the General Fund in memory of:  
*Mary E. Anderson*  
by  
Doris and Ralph Malany

Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:	
Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 4/30/17	\$238,276
Balance needed to reach goal	\$61,724
Received to Date	\$170,786
Received since last update	\$500
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$9,228</b>

## Upcoming Musical Events at Court Street!

Please plan to join us for our Open House ~ Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm. (come anytime). Stop by and meet our new organist, Carol Williams, hear her play and enjoy some tea and sweets. We look forward to seeing you and please invite a friend to join!



**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

**MAY 10**

**Dr. CAROL WILLIAMS**  
COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST  
LYNCHBURG, VA

**MAY 24**

**DAVID CHARLES CAMPBELL**  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ROANOKE, VA

**JUNE 7**

**SUMNER JENKINS**  
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
LYNCHBURG, VA

**JUNE 21**

**Dr. J. WILLIAM GREENE**  
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LYNCHBURG, VA

**JULY 5**

**JOHNSON SCOTT**  
MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST  
BEDFORD, VA

**JULY 19**

**Dr. CAROL WILLIAMS &  
RACHEL LOVE, MEZZO**  
COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST  
LYNCHBURG, VA

**AUGUST 2**

**Dr. JOHN LOWE**  
HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GAINESVILLE, FL

**AUGUST 16**

**ROBERT BLEVINS**  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LYNCHBURG, VA

**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)

