



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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April 2018

Court Street United Methodist Church

### WHAT IS RESURRECTION?

Why are eggs associated with Easter? Why are they such a powerful symbol of resurrection? 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 – a sea gull, crow or magpie. 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 become what they have dreamed of happening. They are the same persons, but now transformed; they have new life, new hopes, and new possibilities. The resurrection is an invitation to look around to see transformation, to see what is evil being changed or what appears inert like an egg or seed sprouting life. But for the Christian the resurrection has a still richer meaning. St. 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"* (1Corinthians 15:3-4). We can build on this text by looking at accounts of the resurrection. They are quite subtle. 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 (see Romans 1:3-4; 8:11). 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 (see John 20:8; 21:7). 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. Again there is continuity: it is I (not just my body) that I hope will be raised. As 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"* (1Corinthians 15:42-44).

~ Pastor Bill Burleigh

**LOVE GOD, SERVE OTHERS, SHARE HIS STORY**



# *Musical Musings*

## Anthems for April



April 1<sup>st</sup> : Easter Sunday

### **“Magdalena,” by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)**

A longstanding Easter tradition at Court Street, Brahms’ setting of “Magdalena” is actually one of six choral “Songs for Mary,” his Opus 22, composed in 1860. The work is truly remarkable in its storytelling, dramatically depicting the sorrowful Mary Magdalena as she discovers the empty tomb, and ultimately is greeted by Jesus.

### **“Hallelujah, Amen,” by George Friderick Handel (1685-1759)**

This rousing piece is the final chorus to Handel’s oratorio *Judas Maccabeus*, composed five years after *Messiah*, and is a testament to Handel’s dramatic writing for choir.

April 8<sup>th</sup> ~Second Sunday of Easter

### **“Now Glad of Heart Be Every One!” by Richard Peek (1927-2005)**

American composer Richard Peek attended Julliard and Union Theological Seminary, and is known for his works for organ and for choir. The jubilant anthem “Now Glad of Heart” effectively sets the tone for Eastertide.

April 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Third Sunday of Easter

### **All Peoples Church to visit**

This Sunday we will be joined by All Peoples Church and they will be providing music.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

### **“The Lord Is My Shepherd,” by John Rutter (1945-)**

The most beloved movement from Rutter’s *Requiem*, his setting of Psalm 23 is a favorite of choirs the world round. The anthem was actually written seven years before *Requiem*, and Rutter inserted it into the larger work in 1985.

April 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

### **“Blessed Is the Man,” by Maurice Whitney (1909-1984)**

Maurice Whitney was a celebrated soloist, conductor, composer, and pedagogue. His anthem, “Blessed Is the Man,” is a wonderfully post-romantic setting of Psalm 1.

*Thank  
you* 

**THANK YOU** for attending our Community Lenten Services and for joining us for lunch each week during Lent. A big THANK YOU to all of the speakers, soloists, organists and especially to the United Methodist Women who prepared such delicious lunches every week!

## **MISSIONS – BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS**

### **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 18th. 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 [434-929-2460](tel:434-929-2460) to volunteer.

#### **DRIVERS NEEDED for Meals on Wheels**

April 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the Bishop Early Hall or call Bobbi Hurst 847-7335 if you can drive. It takes about 90 minutes to drive the route. Someone from MOW will ride with you, give directions and take the food in – you only have to drive.



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

On Saturday evening, April 28th 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!

#### **SUPPORT THE ARTS:**



JOIN US FOR:



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST @ 3 P.M.**

**Court Street United Methodist Church  
621 Court Street  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504**



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**BRING YOUR PET TO BE BLESSED**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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***For the safety and comfort of all,  
please securely carry or leash your pet.***

## \*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	Laura and Brent McCraw April 23	John McDaniel May 04
Mickenly Kreuziger April 04	Susan and Sam Angus April 24	Flo Traywick May 09
Harriette Cash April 05		Bill Phillips May 14
Emilia Dimitrova April 10		Dottie Scales May 14
William Draper April 12		Matthew Turner May 26
Stuart Jackson April 14		Ann Ripley May 30
Aaron McGlothlin April 20		Jason Brooks May 31
Marcia Thom-Kaley April 23		
Drew Leazer April 25		
Emma Grace Thom April 25		
Jennifer Draper April 26		
Lewis James April 28		



### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### All Men and Women serving in the Military

Robert Shober – Fort Bragg, NC, son of \*Eva Lee and \*Reiman Shober  
 Kenny Kincaid and children, son of \*Bobbi and \*Randy Hurst

#### SICK

\*Ann & Phil Ripley – Hope Lodge NYC, 132 W 32nd St., NY, NY. 10001  
 Sylvia Shuff - Mother-in-Law of \*Pastor Bill Burleigh  
 \*Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
 \*Audrey Tyree – P. O. Box 4463, Lynchburg, VA 24502

\* Church members



### Gifts in Honor

#### To the general fund in Honor of:

Anne Langley by Charles Thaxton

#### To the Capital Campaign in honor of:

Doug and Eleanor Pillow by:  
 The Adult Sunday School Class

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

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 3/25/18	\$241,681
Balance needed to reach goal	\$58,319
Received to Date	\$191,066
Received since last update	\$3225.00
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,128</b>

The General Fund received \$20,413.08 from the **Joy and Lynch Christian Fund**; and \$498.20 from the **McKenry Fund**.

### Gifts in Memory

To the General Fund in memory of:

**Helen Bailey** by:  
 Charles Thaxton

**Thomas Dee** by:  
 Anne and Bruton Langley; Adult Sunday School Class

**R.F. Spriggs, II** by:  
 Anne and Bruton Langley

**Clara Bell Gurkin** by:  
 Shanda and Garnett Horner

**Bobby McDaniel** by:  
 Martha Conde; Anne & Bruton Langley; Kathy Mason,  
 Shanda and Garnett Horner, Bill Puckett,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Garbee

To the Garden Fund in memory of:

**Bobby McDaniel** by: Ray Pulliam

To the Elevator Fund in memory of:  
**Bobby McDaniel and Anne Thaxton**  
 by: George Clark

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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)

