



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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March 2018

Court Street United Methodist Church

### Taizé

On March 30, Good Friday, we will be having a Taizé prayer service. It will be held at 7:00PM in the sanctuary of Court Street UMC. Since this is unfamiliar to the majority of us, I thought I would give a bit of an explanation on what a Taizé service is all about. Taizé is simply the name of a town in France. In 1940, a man known as Brother Roger founded a small community of Christians in Taizé. During this war torn era in France, Brother Roger sought to create a community of healing and refuge. He comments, *"The defeat of France awoke powerful sympathy. If a house could be found there, of the kind I had dreamed of, it would offer a possible way of assisting some of those most discouraged, those deprived of a livelihood; and it could become a place of silence and work."* The Taizé community, then, was born out of a vision to create a space for people to find God in the midst of brokenness. Hence, the name of the church in Taizé is the "Church of Reconciliation." After the war, this community began to grow. Besides the 100 permanent members of the Taizé community, there are currently over 100,000 visitors to Taizé annually. During the peak summer months, the small town of Taizé will receive up to 5000 visitors who come for spiritual retreats. The majority of these 'modern day pilgrims' are young people in their 20's. The Taizé community is also ecumenical in nature – meaning that it includes people from a variety of Christian denominations. The Taizé community has had a major impact in the area of prayer and worship. They have developed a large repertoire of their own music, which is now sung around the world. Taizé music is very contemplative in nature. It usually involves a simple one or two line refrain that is repeated multiple times. As the refrain is repeated over and over, different instrumental and vocal harmonies are brought in. The purpose of this repetitive singing is to help us focus and contemplate on a single aspect of God for an extended period of time. Brother Roger explains the purpose of a prayer service at Taizé in this way: *"From the depths of the human condition a secret aspiration rises up. Caught in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for an essential reality, for an inner life. Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again."* I encourage you to join us on Good Friday, March 30, at 7:00PM. The Taizé prayer services I've personally been a part of have been very meaningful to me. Let's carve out some space to encounter the living God this Lenten season!

~ Pastor Bill Burleigh

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



# *Musical Musings*

## **Anthems for March**



March 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Third Sunday in Lent

**"When Jesus Wept" by William Billings (1746-1800)**

Considered America's first choral composer, William Billings was, perhaps in his combination of appearance and demeanor, a general reflection of his newly-born country. A tanner by trade, he was described by a contemporary as "of moderate size, short of one leg, with one eye, without any address & with an uncommon negligence of person." Yet, he possessed a singular passion, clarity, and vision in his singing and speech. His round, "When Jesus Wept," is one of his most well-known works. American conductor and composer Gregg Smith, recognized for his championing of the works of Billings and of Charles Ives, added an unusual and remarkable twist by setting it in a jazz idiom.

March 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

**"God So Loved the World," by John Stainer (1840-1941)**

The works of Sir John Stainer were immensely popular in his day, but have since fallen into a somewhat selective obscurity. His chorus, "God So Loved the World," comes from his most-remembered major work, *The Crucifixion*. An astoundingly sensitive setting of John 3:16, this piece has long been a part of Court Street tradition.

March 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

**"Turn Ye, Turn Ye," by Charles Ives (1874-1954)**

During his lifetime, the work of Charles Ives was for the most part ignored. He is now considered "an American original." Ives' setting of "Turn Ye, Turn Ye," demonstrates his affinity for traditional hymn tunes.

March 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Palm Sunday

**"Ride On, King Jesus," arranged by Robert DeCormier**

Robert DeCormier, perhaps best known for his arrangements for such popular greats as Harry Belafonte and Peter, Paul and Mary, captured the essence of this beloved and energetic spiritual – enough to make one want to stand up and shout, upon hearing the final "Ride on, Jesus!"

**"Wondrous Love," arranged by Paul Christiansen**

As we approach Palm Sunday and the week following, it is appropriate to consider just how quickly the Hosannas faded away, leaving bare the profound gift Jesus gave. From America's Heartland, Paul Christiansen has beautifully arranged the folk tune "What Wondrous Love" into a meditation on Christ's sacrifice for our sake.

*Thank  
you* 

I would like to thank the church and its many members for their thoughts and prayers during Ray's time in the hospital and after his passing. It gave me great comfort. Thanks to all

*~ Sharon Brooks*

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



### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING = \$212.00**

A big THANK YOU to all who donated to Meals on Wheels “Souper Bowl of Caring” offering. The big game had already been won, but the real prize is knowing we can make a difference in the lives of people in our community by helping them stay independent and be nourished in body and soul.



### **CHURCHES FOR URBAN MINISTRY**

### **FOOD PANTRY OFFERING = \$200.00**

Thank you to all who donated nonperishable food items and cash to the Churches for Urban Ministry Food Pantry in the month of January.

### **HEART HAVENS OFFERING = \$175.00**

Thank you for Celebrating Heart Havens Month with us! Everyone has a place at God’s party, and God rejoices when we make it a point to include people of all abilities. At Heart Havens, we know that when people are included and embraced for the wonderful gifts and talents they bring, everyone is blessed!



~ Thank you, The Mission Teams

### **SUPPORT THE ARTS:**

*The Lynchburg Symphony Youth Orchestra  
& Junior Strings*

**Goes Pops**

With their Spring concert

Featuring the concerto competition winner  
**Alexander Shen**, pianist

*Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 3pm  
Heritage United Methodist Church*

**A JOURNEY THROUGH  
SPACE**

APRIL 15 - 3:00 P.M.  
E. C. GLASS HIGH SCHOOL CIVIC AUDITORIUM  
CELEBRATE THE LYNCHBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S 35 YEARS.

Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra

THIS CONCERT IS GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY

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

*HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LYNCHBURG*

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE SERVICE  
IN THE CHURCH REFECTORY

**FEBRUARY 14**  
REV. REASON CHANDLER  
JACKSON STREET UMC

**FEBRUARY 21**  
REV. MARK TINSLEY  
OLD FOREST ROAD UMC

**FEBRUARY 28**  
REV. PAUL DAKIN  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**MARCH 7**  
REV. BART EDWARDS  
QUAKER MEMORIAL PRES. CHURCH

**MARCH 14**  
REV. LEIGH ANNE TAYLOR  
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT UMC

**MARCH 21**  
REV. CYD COWGILL  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**MARCH 28**  
REV. BILL BURLEIGH  
COURT STREET UMC

Lunch: 12:30 ~ Refectory  
Prepared and Served by the United Methodist Women  
\$6 suggested donation

## COMING IN APRIL:

*Blessing of the Animals ~ April 21<sup>st</sup>*



STAY TUNED FOR MORE  
DETAILS IN APRIL COURIER

## \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

March Birthdays	March Anniversaries	April Birthdays
Sharon Brooks      March 04	Amy & Rick Pillow      Mar 15	Doug Pillow      April 01
Tom Coleman      March 04	Karen & David Hudnall      Mar 20	Eleanor Pillow      April 01
Randy Speer      March 05	Eva & Reiman Shober      Mar 30	Mickenly Kreuziger      April 04
Lori Letchford      March 12	<b>April Anniversaries</b>	Harriette Cash      April 05
Susan Angus      March 14	Anne and Bruton Langley      April 21	Emilia Dimitrova      April 10
Amy Pillow      March 15	Laura and Brent McCraw      April 23	William Draper      April 12
Rick Pillow      March 18	Susan and Sam Angus      April 24	Stuart Jackson      April 14
David Petty      March 19		Aaron McGlothlin      April 20
Bill Puckett      March 22		Marcia Thom-Kaley      April 23
Marty Diuguid      March 27		Drew Leazer      April 25
Shanda Horner      March 31		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**

\*Bobby McDaniel – 3743 Woodside Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
 \*Ann & Phil Ripley – 123 Longwood Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176  
 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  
 \*Mary Tyree – 1404 Brookville Lane, Lynchburg, VA 24502

*\* Church members*

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:

***William "Bill" Sweeney*** by:  
 Bobbi & Randy Hurst

***Anne Stevens Thaxton*** by:  
 Bobbi & Randy Hurst

***Ray Brooks*** by:  
 Kathy Mason, Shanda & Garnett Horner,  
 Anne Langley, Audrey & Bill Lindsay,  
 employees of BWTX and LTC

***Clara Bell Gurkin*** by:  
 Anne & Bruton Langley

### ***Gifts in Honor***

**To Heart Havens in Honor of:**  
 Eleanor & Doug Pillow by Kathy Mason

**To the Capital Campaign in honor of:**  
 Nada Sweeney by Bobbi Hurst

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

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 2/25/18	\$241,481
Balance needed to reach goal	\$58,519
Received to Date	\$187,841
Received since last update	\$750
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,128</b>

**Court Street United Methodist Church**  
**Report of the Nominations & Leadership Development Committee**  
**Church Officers & Committees - 2018**  
**Elected at Charge Conference November 19, 2017**  
**Church Council (¶ 252 Book of Discipline)**

Jodi Center.....Chair  
 \*Bill Burleigh.....Pastor, Nominations & Leadership Development Committee, Chair  
 Darrin Wilson.....Lay Leader  
 Sherwood Newton.....Lay Member of Annual Conference  
 TBD.....Pastor/Staff Relations Committee, Chair  
 Sherwood Newton.....Treasurer  
 \*Randy Hurst.....Board of Trustees, Chair  
 \*Sherwood Newton.....Finance Committee, Chair  
 Lillie McDaniel.....United Methodist Women, President  
 David Case Jr.....Young Adult Representative  
 Ray Pulliam.....Worship Committee, Chair  
 Bobbi Hurst.....Secretary  
 \*Mark Roper.....Music Committee, Chair  
 Randall Speer.....Director of Music  
 David Petty.....Endowment  
 Kathy Mason.....At Large

\* *ex officio, Book of Discipline*

**Administrative Committees** (as specified in *The Book of Discipline*)

**Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (¶ 258.1)**

Bill Burleigh .....Pastor, Chair  
 Darrin Wilson.....Lay Leader

2018	2019	2020
Lillie McDaniel	Sharon Brooks	Susan Leazer
Kathy Mason		George Clark

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee (¶ 258.2)**

2018	2019	2020
Walter Wright	Ann Lis	Debra Chaffin
Bill Puckett	Sherwood Newton	Ray Pulliam

**Board of Trustees (¶ 258.3)**

Randy Hurst (Chair), Mike Russell, Susan Leazer, Charles Thaxton, 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

**Committee on Finance (¶ 258.4)**

Sherwood Newton..... Chair  
Bill Burleigh..... Pastor  
Darrin Wilson..... 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  
Darrin Wilson.....Lay Leader  
Randy Hurst.....Trustees Representative  
Jodi Center.....Church Council Chair  
Shanda Horner.....At Large

**Ministry and Missions Committee (¶ 258.5)**

Bill Burleigh.....Coordinator

**Worship Team**

Ray Pulliam - Chair  
Charles Thaxton, Lillie McDaniel, Pam Jackson, Ann Lis, Nancy and Mike Russell, Chiswell Logan, Megan Straw,  
Stewards  
Dennis Pruitt, Acolyte and Crucifer

**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, Mike Russell, George Clark, Susan Hall, Kathy Mason, Dennis Pruitt

**Education Team**

Susan Leazer, Pam Jackson, David Case, Randy and Bobbi Hurst, Susan Cobbs

**Library & Church History Team**

Nada Sweeney, Bobbi Hurst, Irby Hudson.....Historian and Librarian

**Evangelism Team**

All

**Music Committee (¶ 258.5)**

Mark Roper..... Chair  
Randall Speer.....Music Director  
Dr. Carol Williams.....Organist  
Jodi Center, George Clark, Kerry Bell.....At-Large

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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)

