



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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May 2018

Court Street United Methodist Church

### SERVING OTHERS

*Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:39)*

The Christian life is one of service to others, where we show love and kindness to everyone, even to those who do not treat us well. We can serve others in many ways, and we should ensure that we use every opportunity that we can. One of the most valuable ways to serve others is to show them that we care. Giving our time and encouragement to someone will often be more valuable than even the most generous gift. When others need our help most, we should make a special effort to show them that we care. By providing love and support we can make a real difference in the lives of others. Paul has reminded us that helping others when they are struggling is fundamental to the gospel. In many cases we will not be able to solve someone else's problems by ourselves, but we can advise them on what they can do for themselves, or what others can do for them. Quiet and wise guidance will often be invaluable, and provides a real service to others. Telling others of the good news of Jesus is the prime example of how informing and educating others can help people change their lives. Letting others know about our own experiences, in a sincere and loving manner, can help people to discover the truth of the Christian gospel. *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19) There are several careers which have traditionally been associated with service. Those working in the fields of medicine, education and the armed forces have always been respected for the help which they bring to others through their work. However, it is important to realize that every job provides a service to others. Even though we get paid for our work, we should still realize that it is providing a service. The spirit of service should be seen in all aspects of our work. Our work will often serve those who can afford to pay for our help and skills. However, there are many people who cannot meet their physical needs with their own money. We can serve these people by ensuring that they have the resources they need. By supporting causes and movements which contribute to the wellbeing of others, we can be part of changing peoples' lives for the better. James said: *"Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."* A final way to serve others is to pray for them. By asking for God to help them and provide for them we can make a real difference in people's lives. Each of us can serve in all of the ways which have been discussed above. Just because we serve in one way does not mean that we cannot also serve in others. We should remember the advice of John Wesley to: *"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can."*

*~ Pastor Bill Burleigh*

**EXTENDING GOD'S GRACE:**

**TO EVERY PERSON, EVERY PLACE, EVERY TIME**



# *Musical Musings*

## Anthems for May



May 6th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

### **“Greater Love Hath No Man,” by John Ireland (1879-1962)**

Considered "the English Impressionist," John Ireland eschewed the sounds of British folk-song embraced by his peers, opting instead for a compositional style more influenced by French and Russian palettes. Although there is little of impressionism evident, his motet, "Greater Love Hath No Man," is listed among his best known works.

May 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ Ascension Sunday

### **“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates,” by Healey Willan (1880-1968)**

English/Canadian organist and composer Healey Willan is best known for his religious music, which comprises the majority of his compositional output of some 800 works. His musical style often hearkens back to earlier periods of music history. For example, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” takes on a likeness to some chorale settings of Bach.

May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Pentecost Sunday

### **“All People At This Hour,” by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)**

An English version of the German sacred song, “Kommt, Seelen, dieser Tag,” “All People At This Hour” is a melody Bach set to music for a Leipzig hymnal published in 1736. Little else is known about this particular piece, except that Bach himself did not write the tune.

### **“Let Thy Holy Spirit,” by Pavel Chesnokov (1877-1944)**

The great Russian conductor and choirmaster Pavel Chesnokov wrote over 500 compositions, about 400 of which were sacred works. The Russian revolution and the establishment of communist rule curtailed any further creation of sacred music, and so the remaining 100 or so of Chesnokov’s compositions are secular. When Moscow’s Cathedral of Christ the Savior (site of the world premiere of Tchaikovsky’s 1812 overture) was destroyed under Joseph Stalin in 1931, Chesnokov was so deeply upset that he gave up composing altogether. The cathedral has now been rebuilt, work completed in the late 1990’s.

May 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Trinity Sunday

### **“I Bind Unto Myself Today,” traditional Irish**

A rousing and perennial favorite at Court Street for Trinity Sunday, “I Bind Unto Myself” employs the Irish hymn ST. PATRICK’S BREASTPLATE.

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## **The United Methodist Church turns 50!**



April 23 marked our 50th anniversary as a denomination. In 1968, at the Uniting Conference in Dallas, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB) merged to form a new denomination, The United Methodist Church. 10.3 million Methodists and 750,000 members of the EUB Church merged into one of the largest Protestant denominations in the world, representing 53 countries.

### **Wait, isn’t the church much older — like more than 200 years old?**

Well, yes and no — it’s complicated! Our roots go back to the original churches — The Methodist Episcopal Church of America — which began in 1784. Since that time, multiple splits and mergers have occurred. The current iteration, The United Methodist Church, dates back to 1968 when The Methodist Church joined with the Evangelical United Brethren Church (EUB). The EUB Church was formed in 1946, by the merger of the Evangelical Church (formerly the Evangelical Association) and the United Brethren in Christ, a church with roots reaching back to 1767 that formally organized in 1800. The Evangelical Association was formally organized in 1800 by German-speaking Christians. The founders of both churches were influenced by John Wesley and the Methodist movement.





**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers for Dinner with Neighbors. We served 100+ people Wednesday night at Parkview Mission. They received not only nourishment for the body, but also food for the soul. We were blessed with a fantastic program of gospel music provided by The Pleasant Mountain Gospel Bluegrass Band from Senior Life Ministries at Thomas Road Baptist Church. As well as a devotion given by Rev. Burleigh. Following the program, members of both All Peoples Church and Court Street United Methodist Church served the Wednesday Night Meal for the Neighbors of PVCMM.



**Blessing of the Animals**

A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers and participants in our first “Blessing of the Animals” on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. We had a good turnout on a beautiful day. All the pets and owners enjoyed the fellowship and service with the love of all God’s creatures as the message. We are truly blessed to have the love of a pet and thanked them for their service to us humans with treats and bandanas that read “I’ve been blessed”.

Here we see pastor Burleigh with his “fur cousin” Frankie. More pictures have been posted to our facebook page, please follow the link to enjoy: <https://www.facebook.com/621CourtStreet/photos/pcb.761251180751772/761250490751841/?type=3&theater>

**SUPPORT THE ARTS:**

Join us for Court Street’s Open House **THIS Saturday**

**Celebrating Spring**  
 May 5, 2018  
 Free admission  
 Open House, Art Show, Concert  
 Court Street UMC (621 Court St.)

<p><b>Schedule of Events:</b>          1:00-3:00 Open House &amp; Art Show          3:00-4:00 Concert          4:00-5:00 Meet &amp; Greet</p>	<p><b>The Concert Will Feature . . .</b>          Carol Williams, Organist          Ecclesia School of the Arts, choir and dancers          Soloists from Court Street Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Dr. Carol Williams, Organist</p>	

**Hiding Place**  
 the story of Corrie ten Boom

**May 11th at 7pm & May 12th at 2pm**  
 E.C. Glass High School Auditorium  
 \$8.00 - Adult Donation  
 \$5.00 - Child Donation (ages 3-12)

**Order tickets at EcclesiaArts.com**

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# The International Organ Festival



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

ANTHONY NEWMAN  
"The High Priest of Bach"  
**May 27th**



GORDON TURK  
Virtuoso of the organ  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Rising Star*  
ALEX JONES  
**June 10<sup>th</sup>**



STEVEN BALL ~ Theatre Organ  
*Silent Movie*  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>**

CAROL WILLIAMS  
Finale Concert  
**June 24**



**CONCERTS START AT 3PM ~ ALL WELCOME**

## \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

May Birthdays	June Anniversaries	June Birthdays
Brad Diuguid            May 01	Karen & Randy Speer     June 01	Cameron Jackson       June 03
John McDaniel         May 04	Susan & Keith Leazer     June 12	McKenzie Lynn Larkin   June 07
Flo Traywick            May 09	Samantha & Matthew Turner June 17	Rob McDaniel             June 09
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
Matthew Turner        May 26	Barbara & Bobby Brown   June 26	Katie Thaxton             June 18
Ann Ripley              May 30	Ellen & David Petty         June 30	Ellen Petty                 June 20
Jason Brooks            May 31		Audrey Tyree              June 27
		Elaine St. Vincent        June 28
		Samantha Turner         June 29



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### 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 – 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

*\* Church members*

When we pray,  
 God hears more  
 than we say,  
 answers more than  
 we ask,  
 gives more than  
 we imagine...  
 in HIS own time  
 and HIS own way.

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

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 4/29/18	\$241,881
Balance needed to reach goal	\$58,119
Received to Date	\$191,616
Received since last update	\$550.00
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,228</b>

### Gifts in Honor

**To the general fund in Honor of:**  
 Eleanor & Doug Pillow by Anne Langley

### Gifts in Memory

To the General Fund in memory of:

**Bobby McDaniel** by:

Dr. & Mrs. Richard Zuchini; Doris Spriggs;  
 Shirley Smith; Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Christian, III;  
 Patsy Cundiff; Richard A. Carrington, III; Edward Fox;  
 Leta Reinhardt; Dr. & Mrs. James Smith; Sarah Moore;  
 Ellen & David Petty; Carole & John Whittle

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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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