



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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June 2018

Court Street United Methodist Church

### SUMMERTIME REFLECTION

It's summertime! Often this is the time of year when things slow down around the church. Programs take a break, people go on vacation, the pews are emptier or fuller if you are a vacation destination, and if meetings or work can be put off or avoided, they are! It's often a reprieve, a time of rest and renewal - and even though the work is never completely absent it's made as minimal as possible. Personally, I think summer is a great reflection time. Think about your team you serve on and what goals did you set out to achieve? What have you seen accomplished during the year? What are your strengths? Where would you like to grow? What might God be asking you to enter into in the fall? Sit in prayer with these questions on your heart and allow God to speak to you. Note your emotions. Write down the things that come to mind however random they might seem. Be thankful for God's call to leadership, and the opportunity he has given you to serve. Be affirmed. Be encouraged. Be renewed by the God who loves you for who you are. Take some time to also pray for those whom you serve with. The committee members, the pastors and the staff who all join you in leading your congregation. Let this summer time be one in which you experience a deepening of your faith, while being attentive to the Spirit's guiding and preparing. Celebrate what was, what will be and what is now happening. Delight in God's movement and be filled with joy as he refreshes you, body, mind and soul. How are you being restored this summer?

*~ Pastor Bill Burleigh*

**GOD GIVES US DREAMS A SIZE TOO BIG  
SO THAT WE CAN GROW INTO THEM.**



**BIG BROTHER BIG SISTERS** at Madison Heights Elementary School is looking for volunteers. Please consider joining the school as they start the program. You can contact Jessica Harrell at 434-846-2151 or Linda Blount at 434-473-7332 to start the process of becoming a Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer.

## Where in the world is Randy Speer????

He and Karen along with Mark Roper are in..... Bulgaria!

Here is a wonderful write up about our Music Director on Varna's website:

### Maestro Randall Speer

#### Dr. Randall Speer

An alum of the internationally acclaimed Dale Warland Singers, Randall Speer has earned degrees in choral conducting and music education from California State University, Fresno, the University of Iowa, and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.

Speer has led choral and orchestral performances nationally and abroad, including the New England Symphonic Ensemble, the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra, the Vidin Philharmonic Orchestra (Bulgaria), and the Varna Symphony Orchestra (Bulgaria). His Carnegie Hall conducting debut was hailed as “stunning, memorable, and sensitively led” (MidAmerica Productions, 2012).

A tenor and countertenor soloist in oratorio, opera, musical theater, and professional choral productions across the United States, Speer includes in his credits performances and recordings with the Dale Warland Singers (Allegri Miserere mei, Deus), Fresno Lyric Opera (Fiddler on the Roof), Magnum Chorum (Bach Christmas Oratorio), the Mississippi Valley Chamber Orchestra (Carmina Burana), the Lynchburg Community Concert Series (Amahl and the Night Visitors and Missa Luba), the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra (Beethoven Symphony No. 9), and the Varna

THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VARNA INTERNATIONAL  
MUSIC ACADEMY IN VARNA, BULGARIA  
BULGARIA, MAY 27 – JUNE 6, 2018



CONDUCTING WORKSHOP  
CHORAL SINGERS PROGRAM

**Magnificat in D**  
**Johann Sebastian Bach**

**Mass in C Major**  
**Ludwig van Beethoven**

CONDUCTING FACULTY:



Dr. Trey Davis  
Conducting Workshop  
Associate Director  
of Choral Studies  
Louisiana State University



Maestro Randall Speer  
Chorus Master  
Director of Ensembles and  
Conducting Randolph College  
Lynchburg, Virginia

International Music Academy (Haydn Creation).

Speer's original composition Pauper Sum won first prize in the 1989 Riverside Masters Chorale Choral Composition Competition. His work has been reviewed as “a significant contribution to the choral repertoire” (Choral Journal, December, 1990). His compositions have been published with Emerson Music Publishers and Thomas House, and recorded by the National Lutheran Choir.

Speer currently serves as Professor of Music at Randolph College, and as Music Director at Court Street United Methodist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. At Randolph, he directs choral and instrumental ensembles, music theater and Greek Play performances, and teaches courses in vocal performance, conducting, and composition. Since 2014, he has been honored to serve as Chorus Master for Opera on the James.



# ***Musical Musings***



## **Anthems for June**

The Chancel Choir's votes are in! For the month of June, they will present their favorite selections from the past year:

### June 3rd: Second Sunday After Pentecost

#### **“Laudate Dominum” by Mozart**

solo, performed by Kris Blackthorn as it appears on our new CD "Music at Court".

Psalm 117, known by the opening words in Latin as "Laudate dominum" (translated "O, Praise the Lord" or "Praise ye the Lord"), has been set to music by a number of composers, including William Byrd, Johann Sebastian Bach, Michel Richard Delalande, Robert Strassburg and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; more recently, it has been set by the Swedish composer Fredrik Sixten. It also forms the introduction of the 90s pop song Happy Nation by Swedish pop group Ace of Base, and a popular arrangement from the Taizé community.

### June 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Third Sunday After Pentecost

#### **“The Eyes of All,” by John Berger (1909-2002)**

Jean Berger was a German-born American pianist, composer, and music educator. He composed extensively for choral ensemble and solo voice.

Berger was born Arthur Schloßberg into a Jewish family in Hamm, Westphalia, and grew up in Alsace-Lorraine. While working as the assistant conductor at an opera house in Mannheim, he was forcibly removed from a rehearsal by Brown Shirts (the Nazi Party militia in Germany). After the Nazi Party seized power in Germany in 1933, he moved to Paris, where he took the French name Jean Berger, and toured widely as a pianist and accompanist.

### June 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Forth Sunday After Pentecost

#### **“Ave Verum Corpus,” by William Byrd (1543-1623)**

The conversion of England from the Roman Catholic church to the Church of England by King Henry VIII (and later Queen Elizabeth I) forced those who wished to practice Catholicism to do so covertly, as penalties included fines, scrutiny, torture or death. All vestiges of the “old religion” were summarily prohibited, including the use of Latin (only English was permitted). In this highly volatile and oppressive atmosphere, Byrd played a dangerous game. Refusing to conform to the new religion, he composed music for use in Catholic services (held secretly in private residences), more often than not in Latin. He managed this rebellion without loss of life or livelihood, due in part both to his exemplary musical skill and by frequently dedicating publications to the Queen.

### June 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

#### **“If Ye Love Me,” Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)**

Tallis was among the first to set English words to music for the rites of the Church of England, although most of his vocal music was written in Latin. A composer of great contrapuntal skill, his works show intense expressivity and are cast in a bewildering variety of styles. During the reign of King Edward VI (1547-1553) it was mandated that the services be sung in English, and that the choral music be brief and succinct "to each syllable a plain and distinct note." *If Ye Love Me* is the classic example of these new English anthems: mainly homophonic, but with brief moments of imitation.

# 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>**

GEORGE FERGUS  
Finale Concert  
**June 24<sup>th</sup>**



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

June Birthdays	June Anniversaries	July Birthdays
Cameron Jackson June 03	Karen & Randy Speer June 01	Sam Franklin July 06
McKenzie Lynn Larkin June 07	Susan & Keith Leazer June 12	Lillie McDaniel July 06
Rob McDaniel June 09	Samantha & Matthew Turner June 17	Karen Speer July 11
Andy Whitehead June 16	Elizabeth & Josh Larkin June 23	Kathy Mason July 14
Rick Kinne June 17	Ann & Phil Ripley June 24	Christine Speer July 17
Katie Thaxton June 18	Barbara & Bobby Brown June 26	Madeline Pillow July 18
Ellen Petty June 20	Ellen & David Petty June 30	Keith Leazer July 20
Audrey Tyree June 27		Jo Woods July 20
Elaine St. Vincent June 28	<b>July Anniversaries</b>	George Clark July 23
Samantha Turner June 29	Lori & Eddie Letchford July 12	Kathy Draper July 23
	Sarah & Eric Johnson July 18	John Ellis July 24
		Brent McCraw July 24
		Sarah Haley McGlothlin July 24
		Laura McCraw July 26
		Sherwood Newton July 28
		Noel Draper July 31



## PRAYER CONCERNS

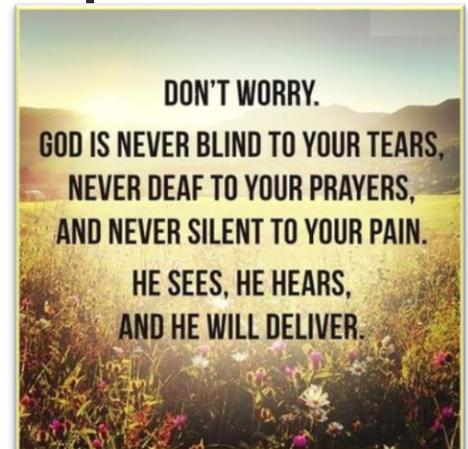
### All Men and Women serving in the Military

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

### SICK

- \*Christopher Lilley - 408 Blackford Street #2, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504
- \*Ann & Phil Ripley – 1101 Federal Street, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504
- \*Eva Shober - 172 Shober Lane, Monroe, Virginia 24574 (at General – E572)
- 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



### Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 5/27/18	\$242,081
Balance needed to reach goal	\$57,919
Received to Date	\$192,266
Received since last update	\$610.00
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,328</b>

### Gifts in Memory

To the General Fund in memory of:

**Bobby McDaniel** by:  
Chiswell Logan, Eleanor & Doug Pillow

*We send our love and sympathy to:*

Martha Ann Moorman on the loss of her uncle James Dews on Thursday May 31st  
&  
Carter Heald Bendall on the loss of her father Wistar Heald, III on Sunday May 27th

# June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Concert ~ 3pm Breakthrough Worship Service 7:00pm	<b>4</b>       	<b>5</b>       	<b>6</b> AGLOW 9:30am	<b>7</b> All Peoples Worship Service 7pm	<b>8</b>       	<b>9</b> All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>10</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Concert ~ 3pm Breakthrough Worship Service 7:00pm	<b>11</b> ESA ballet camp 3pm	<b>12</b>       	<b>13</b> ESA camp 1pm	<b>14</b> ESA camp 1pm All Peoples Worship Service 7pm	<b>15</b> ESA camp 1pm	<b>16</b> LSO meeting 9am All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>17</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Concert ~ 3pm Breakthrough Worship Service 7:00pm	<b>18</b> ESA ballet camp 3pm	<b>19</b>       	<b>20</b>       	<b>21</b> All Peoples Worship Service 7pm	<b>22</b>       	<b>23</b> All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>24</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Concert ~ 3pm Breakthrough Worship Service 7:00pm	<b>25</b> ESA ballet camp 3pm	<b>26</b>       	<b>27</b>       	<b>28</b> ESA Princess ballet camp 1pm All Peoples Worship Service 7pm	<b>29</b> ESA Princess ballet camp 1pm	<b>30</b> All Peoples Worship Service 6pm

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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)

