



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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July 2018

Court Street United Methodist Church

### A REFLECTION FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

This month we celebrate Independence Day in the United States, commonly called The Fourth of July, we Americans celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration, thus affirming the independence of the United States from Great Britain. For over two hundred years, citizens of the U.S. have celebrated our independence on The Fourth of July. We fly the flag; put up red, white, and blue decorations, march in parades and enjoy picnics. Throughout all of our celebrations, we are reminded of the gift of our freedom as a nation. Indeed, we are blessed in the United States with exceptional liberty, for which we ought to thank the Lord. Other countries around the world have similar national celebrations of freedom. July 1 is Canada Day. January 26 is Australia Day. September 16 is Independence Day in Mexico. Ephesians 3:12 celebrates another kind of freedom, a freedom that is even more amazing than the freedoms guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. This verse reads: "*In Christ and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.*" The Greek word translated here as "freedom" refers specifically to "freedom of speech". The word rendered as "approach" suggests one's authorization to draw near to a king. The Greek original of Ephesians 3:12 says that we can be confident in our "freedom of speech" and "authorization to approach" God. In Christ, you have the freedom to draw near to God, to tell God anything you wish, without holding back. You can express to God not only your joys but also your sorrows, not only your assurance but also your doubt, not only your pleasure but also your anger. This is an amazing freedom. Of course it's a freedom that we Christians can easily take for granted, even as citizens of various countries can hold their political freedom too lightly. When we're used to praying to God at any time, in any place, with any words, we can forget the stunning nature of our access to God. Think about it. The God who created the universe, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the God of all wisdom and justice, this God invites you to speak your mind, to share with him your thoughts, your feelings, your fears, and your dreams. The more you reflect on this invitation, the more you'll come to realize just how amazing it is. So, if, like me, you're an American, by all means take time to thank God for the freedom we have in this country. But, whether you live in the U.S. or not, I encourage you to step back and consider the freedom Christ has given you to approach God with deep confidence. Let's thank God together for this amazing freedom he has given us.

~ Pastor Bill Burleigh

**THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR WHEN YOUR LIFEGUARD WALKS ON WATER.**



# *Musical Musings*

## **Anthems for July**



July 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Sixth Sunday After Pentecost – Independence Sunday

**An American Hymn**, arranged by Cecil Effinger

**Battle Hymn of the Republic**, arranged by Roy Ringwald

Perennial favorites at Court Street, “An American Hymn” (“O beautiful, for spacious skies,” better known as “America!”) and The Battle Hymn of the Republic have become an inseparable part of American consciousness in music. The Battle Hymn, in particular, is known not only as a patriotic song, but also as inspiration for the title of John Steinbeck’s masterpiece *The Grapes of Wrath*, and in a number of specific quotes in the speeches and sermons of Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Starting July 8, Court Street UMC will feature its (and Lynchburg's) many fine vocal soloists, in support of our worship. The choir will take a well-deserved break, returning the week after Labor Day.*

July 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

**Cristina Evans, mezzo-soprano**

July 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

**Ellen Hinkson, soprano**

July 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

**TBA**

July 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Kris Blackthorn, soprano**



**ADULT DAYCARE CENTER NEEDS YOU!** To volunteer during the Charity Home Tour October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Help raise thousands of dollars and see a beautiful lake home to boot! Please call the Adult Care Center at 434-847-8111 or email [office@adultcarecenter.org](mailto:office@adultcarecenter.org) to sign up for a 4 hour shift.



**COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



**621 COURT STREET LYNCHBURG, VA 24504**

*HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LYNCHBURG*

**JULY 11**

**SUMNER JENKINS**

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
LYNCHBURG, VA



**JULY 25**

**ROBERT BLEVINS**

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LYNCHBURG, VA



**AUGUST 8**

**Dr. JOHN LOWE**

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GAINESVILLE, FL



**AUGUST 22**

**Dr. J. WILLIAM GREENE**

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LYNCHBURG, VA



LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM  
IN THE CHURCH REFECTORY

## The Virginia International Organ Festival

**THANK YOU TO** Anne Langley, Sharon Brooks, Dave Case, Jodi Center, Megan Straw, George Clark, Ellen and Craig Hinkson, Pam Jackson, Kathy Mason, Harriette Cash, Sherwood Newton, David Petty, Karen and Randy Speer for joyfully welcoming guests to Court Street and the Virginia International Organ Festival. To Dennis Pruitt for ringing the tower bells. To Chis Logan, Anne McDaniel, Susan Cobbs, Anne Langley, Kathy Mason and Jodi Center for making and serving delicious refreshments. To Susan Hall for popping delicious popcorn for the silent movie. Also, several guests expressed appreciation for the stability of the hand railing leading up the front steps for Court Street and the improvements to the handicap sidewalk. Again, thank you to all of the members of Court Street for your support of the Festival. What a great outreach to the community and a way to give exposure to this wonderful church! (and organ)



***Anthony Newman - Gordon Turk - Alex Jones  
Steven Ball - George Fergus***

***Carol Williams,  
Director***



## Court Street Happenings



### **Work on the bell tower has begun!**

Lynchburg Restoration has closed 7<sup>th</sup> street and is working to secure the Bell Tower. They hope to be done by early July. History Lesson on the bells: In response to a New Year's sermon about spreading the Gospel, James R. Gilliam had a set of ten bells called a "chime" installed in the tower of Court Street Methodist Church in 1909. These bells comprised the eight pitches of the scale of F with an added E flat and G. The lowest bell (F) or tenor bell, weighed 1,800 pounds and the total net weight of the bells was 7,200 pounds. A console for playing the bells was located on the 2nd floor of the tower and was connected to the bell clappers by a mechanism that extended to the top of the tower, approximately seven stories high. In addition to calling parishioners to worship, the bells, which could be heard widely over downtown Lynchburg, were featured in concerts with published programs. They were also used to announce news of both joy and sadness to the whole community. More recently, the C. Lynch Christian family made it possible for the bell mechanism to be modified to allow the bells to be played electronically, both from a small keyboard at the base of the tower, and also

from a computerized panel in the tower. This has allowed the bells to chime the hour and quarter-hours, as well as to peal and toll the bells.



### **Ecclesia School of the Arts Summer Paint Night 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Friday July 20<sup>th</sup> in the Refectory

\$10 pre-registered by July 13 online <https://ecclesiaarts.com/paint-night/>

\$12 at the door

All ages (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)

**Paint this picture; enjoy fellowship and support ESA!!**



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

July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</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.



## \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

July Birthdays	July Anniversaries	August Birthdays
Sam Franklin July 06	Ellen and Craig Hinkson July 02	Kerry Bell August 01
Lillie McDaniel July 06	Lori & Eddie Letchford July 12	Christopher Lilly August 01
Karen Speer July 11	Sarah & Eric Johnson July 18	David Case Sr. August 03
Kathy Mason July 14		Walter Wright August 08
Christine Speer July 17		John Sweeney August 09
Madeline Pillow July 18		Martha Moorman August 10
Keith Leazer July 20		Susan Hall August 11
Jo Woods July 20		Josh Larkin August 13
George Clark July 23		Ann McDaniel August 20
Kathy Draper July 23		Cheryl West August 21
Brent McCraw July 24		Matthew Diuguid August 22
Sarah Haley McGlothlin July 24	Sarah & Aaron McGlothlin August 02	Jimmy Forehand, Jr August 25
Laura McCraw July 26	Debbie & Richard Chaffin August 23	Debbie Chaffin August 26
Sherwood Newton July 28		Robert Allen Tyree August 31
Noel Draper July 31		



### PRAYER CONCERNS

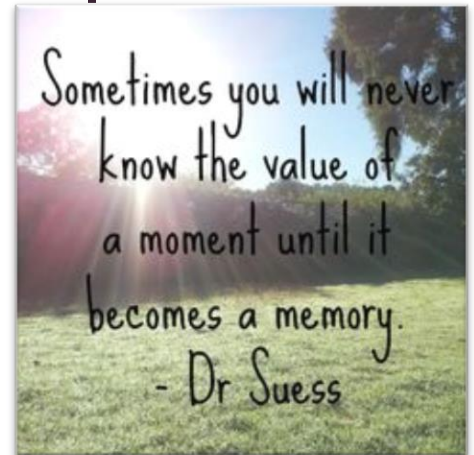
#### All Men and Women serving in the Military

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

#### SICK

- \*Dolly Clingempeel – 2231 Woodcrest Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \*Patsy Cundiff – 1559 Lexington Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \*Christopher Lilley - 408 Blackford Street #2, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504
- \*Ann & Phil Ripley – 1101 Federal Street, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504
- \*Eva Shober - 172 Shoher Lane, Monroe, Virginia 24574
- 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 6/24/18	\$242,481
Balance needed to reach goal	\$57,519
Received to Date	\$193,016
Received since last update	\$750.00
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,328</b>

#### *Gifts in Memory*

To the General Fund in memory of:

**Louise Walkup** by:  
Shanda Horner

*We send our love and sympathy to:*

Martha Ann Moorman on the loss of her uncle Joseph Price on Monday June 18<sup>th</sup>

# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	2 ESA ballet camp 3pm	3	4 Church Office Closed All Peoples Service ~ 7pm	5	6	7 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
8 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	9 ESA ballet camp 3pm	10	11 MIDDAY MUSIC 12pm All Peoples Service ~ 7pm	12 Trustees 7pm	13	14 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
15 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	16 ESA ballet camp 3pm	17	18 Finance – 2pm All Peoples Service ~ 7pm	19	20 ESA Paint Night 6:30pm Refectory	21 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
22 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Church Council 12pm Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	23 ESA ballet camp 3pm	24	25 MIDDAY MUSIC 12pm All Peoples Service ~ 7pm	26	27	28 ESA Teacher orientation 11am & open house 1-4 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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Please contact the church office at:

621courtstumc@gmail.com or (434) 845-3427 on or before Wednesdays to have  
events and notices posted on the church website.

(The newsletter, The Courier, is also on the website)



