



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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October 2018

Court Street United Methodist

### **AUTUMN: REFLECTIONS ON THE SEASON**

Few holidays present as much confusion as Halloween and its relationship to All Saints Day, November 1st. Many schools, families, and communities have done away with Halloween celebrations altogether. Some have replaced Halloween with “Harvest Festivals” or “All Saints Day Parties.” Halloween is a combination of holidays, some “pagan,” some Christian. The Romans celebrated the occasion as the festival of Pomona, goddess of gardens. The ancient Celts called the holiday “Samhain,” or “end of summer,” and observed the day as the end of the food-growing season. The Celts believed that ghosts of people visited the earth on Samhain, October 31st, and they lit bonfires atop hills to scare the ghosts away. When the Celts became Christians, they, and other Christian groups, appropriated the holiday as a festive prelude to the day on which to remember those Christians who have left this world and live with Jesus. According to the New Testament these people are referred to as saints. All Saints Day was known then as All Hallows Day or All Holy Day, so inevitably the evening before was called All Hallows Eve, or All Holy Evening. Eventually the term was shortened to Halloween. The customs of Halloween are throwbacks to this early festival. It became customary to begin festival days by inviting guests and by being a guest. Such hospitality is the original intent of “trick-or-treat.” In some countries Catholics wear scary masks and travel door to door—and then grave to grave—all the while serenading those they visit. The purpose is to help the dead feel more comfortable in the company of the living. Among some central European countries on All Hallows Eve, fat, white turnips are hollowed out and carved into the shape of grinning skulls. Candles illuminate them from within. These customs serve as reminders that Christians do not fear physical death because they have eternal life. The feast of All Saints Day is focused on those that are deceased “brothers and sisters in the Lord.” They are remembered as beacons that help light the path in this world. As St. Paul said, “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (I Corinthians 11:1). Whether you celebrate Halloween, The Day of the Dead, or All Saints Day have a wonderful, happy day.

*~ Pastor Bill Burleigh*

**IT IS NO TRICK ~ SERVING JESUS IS A TREAT**



# Musical Musings

## Anthems for October



### October 7<sup>th</sup> ~ World Communion Sunday

**"Beautiful Savior,"** arranged by F. Melius Christiansen

The signature piece of the famous St. Olaf Choir, this arrangement of "Beautiful Savior" stands as one of the most moving settings of the well-known Silesian hymn. The arrangement includes only two of the hymns four verses.

### October 14 ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**"Come Unto Me,"** by Healy Willan

English-born Healey Willan is now hailed as one of Canada's greatest composers. Willan taught at the Toronto Conservatory of Music for many years. His popular 1954 setting of Matthew 11:28 is powerful in its simplicity: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

### October 21 ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**"Bless the Lord, O My Soul,"** by C. Armstrong Gibbs

A student of the great English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, C. Armstrong Gibbs is known primarily for his solo songs. His choral anthem "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" is essentially a great fanfare extolling the greatness of God in the bounty of creation and in the harvest.

### October 28 ~ Reformation Sunday

**"O Taste and See,"** by Ralph Vaughan Williams

One of Britain's all-time great composers, Ralph Vaughan Williams composed this simple, beautifully affective motet for the coronation of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey, 1953.

### **Coming up: November 4: All Saints Celebration**

Our service honoring those of our number who have passed on, featuring four movements of John Rutter's exquisitely moving *Requiem*.

## **Lunch at Westminster is BACK!!!**



**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday is  
Lunch with members living at  
Westminster-Canterbury**

Join us on October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Fauber 2 - 11:30am  
Ask the front desk for directions to  
the new location of Fauber 2



### **October Paint Night with Ecclesia:**

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30pm-8:30pm

\$10 pre-registered

\$12 at the door

All ages

(children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)

Sign up at: <https://ecclesiaarts.com/paint-night/>





**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Plans are underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 at CSUMC.

This year we are collaborating with All Peoples' Church and Breakthrough Church to provide fun for all ages. Plans include a free hot dog dinner and musical entertainment for all as well as games, storytelling, face painting and treats for the wee ones.

Our evening will culminate with a silent movie at 7:00 with musical accompaniment on the Great Shantz Organ by our organist, Carol.

Sign-up sheets for Trunk or Treat and help with the hot dog dinner and games are located in the Bishop Early Hall. You may also contact the church office for more information. 434-845-3427 or 621courtstumc@gmail.com



### **COLLABORATIVE BIBLE STUDY ON OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Court Street UMC, All Peoples, Breakthrough, and Lighthouse will have a covered dish dinner followed by a bible study on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 6pm. Each ministry will take a turn in hosting the fellowship meal/Bible study for those two Wednesdays in the month. Hosting will include set-up, clean-up, and bible study. All Peoples will host the month of October. A sign-up sheet for covered dishes will be in the Bishop Early Hall. We are excited for this collaboration and the opportunity to get to know one another and bring unity to Christ's body in the city of Lynchburg.



**THE ADULT CARE CENTER** needs volunteers to help with their two major fundraisers of the year. To volunteer, call 434.847.8111

**Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour**, October 5-8, serving as traffic host or room host. Shift availability/preference: Friday, Saturday 9:15 am – 1:30 pm or 12:15 – 5:00 pm and Sunday, 12:15 – 5:00 pm. Sign-up sheets are available in the Bishop Early Hall to submit by September 16, 2018.

[www.smlcharityhometour.com](http://www.smlcharityhometour.com)

**CARE2 5k RUN & WALK**, University of Lynchburg campus, Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Volunteer or participate. <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Lynchburg/CARE25k>

**You will have a great time!  
Just ask this cute couple that crossed  
the finish line last year!**





**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers for Dinner with Neighbors. We served 100+ people Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> at Parkview Mission. They received not only nourishment for the body, but also food for the soul. We were blessed to have George Clark perform a sing along and Rev. Burleigh for devotions. Following the program, members of All Peoples Church, Breakthrough Church, Light House Mission and Court Street United Methodist Church served the Wednesday Night Meal for the Neighbors of PVC. We were so pleased to have such a great turn out of volunteers from all of the churches. Thank you for all that you do!

*~ Mary Tyree and Harriette Cash, co-chairs*



## OCTOBER'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS ~ SUNDAYS ~ 9:45AM

October 7: **“Noah’s Steadfast Faith”**, Megan Straw  
 October 14: **“God is Always Working”**, Lewis Johnson  
 October 21: **“Abraham and Sarah Birth God’s People”**, Richard Chaffin  
 October 28: **“Isaac and Rebekah Continue the Legacy”**, Richard Chaffin

### \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

October Birthdays	October Anniversaries	November Birthdays
Jeb Haley            October 01	Christine & Karl Speer    October 10	Gina Wright        November 01
Charles Sweeney    October 05	Carol Williams & Kerry Bell   Oct. 22	Bill Ford            November 02
GiGi Sweeney        October 05		Chiswell Logan    November 06
Addison Johnson   October 08		Landen Larkin     November 10
Libba McCraw        October 09		Phyllis Coleman   November 11
Caroline McCraw    October 09		Megan Straw        November 12
Pat Haley            October 10		Nada Sweeney      November 12
Karen Hudnall        October 13		Cornell Thompson November 18
Patrick Pillow        October 15		Jodi Center         November 19
Susan Leazer         October 16		Julia McConnell    November 21
Irby Hudson          October 22		Sam Angus          November 22
Charles Thaxton     October 22		
Robin Hudson        October 23		
Anne Quillian        October 28		
Karl Speer            October 29		
	<b>November Anniversaries</b> Meg & David Case Sr    Nov 26	
		

### PRAYER CONCERNS

- **All Men and Women serving in the Military**
- Robert Shoher – Fort Bragg, NC, son of \*Eva Lee and \*Reiman Shoher
- 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
- Waylon and Emberly Evans – NICU at UVA
- newborns of Beth Watts and Steven Evans, cousins of \*Sharon Brooks
- \*Pam Jackson - C/o Richard Anderson, 95 Anderson Place, Rustburg, VA 24588
- \*Christopher Lilley - 408 Blackford Street #2, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504
- \*Ann & Phil Ripley – 1101 Federal Street, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504
- \*Eva Shoher - 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



A gift was presented to the Capital Campaign in honor of the members & friends of Court Street by Eleanor & Doug Pillow in gratitude for the cards, meals, thoughts and prayers. We miss being in church and hope to return soon.  
 ~ Eleanor & Doug

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

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 9/30/18	\$246,281
Balance needed to reach goal	\$53,719
Received to Date	\$198,566
Received since last update	\$3900.00
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,328</b>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7pm	3 AGLOW 9am Bible Study 6pm	4	5	6 Unity in Our Community – 9am All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
7 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	8 Adult Care Center Bocce Ball Tournament 12pm	9 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7pm	10 All Peoples Service ~ 7pm	11 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2 Ask front desk for directions	12 ESA Paint Night 6:00pm (register online)	13 All Peoples Men's Breakfast – 8:30am All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
14 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	15	16 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7pm	17 Bible Study 6pm	18	19	20 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
21 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	22	23 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7pm	24 All Peoples Service ~ 7pm	25 LSO Practice 7pm-10pm	26 Trunk-or- Treat!! 5:30pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Parking Lot	27
28 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	29	30 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7pm	31 All Peoples Service ~ 7pm			

**BIBLE STUDY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY @ 6pm. FELLOWSHIP WILL START WITH A COVERED DISH (POTLUCK) FOLLOWED BY BIBLE STUDY. ALL PEOPLES WILL HOST THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. COVERED DISH SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE IN THE BISHOP EARLY HALL. CSUMC TO HOST NOVEMBER!!!**

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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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[621courtstume@gmail.com](mailto:621courtstume@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)

