



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Court Street United Methodist

WHAT SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF CHRISTIANS ON THANKSGIVING?

The original thanksgiving celebration was held by the Pilgrim settlers in Massachusetts during their second winter in America in December 1621. The first winter had killed 44 of the original 102 colonists. At one point their daily food ration was down to five kernels of corn apiece, but then an unexpected trading vessel arrived, swapping them beaver pelts for grain, providing for their severe need. The next summer's crop brought hope, and Governor William Bradford decreed that December 13, 1621, be set aside as a day of feasting and prayer to show the gratitude of the colonists that they were still alive. These Pilgrims, seeking religious freedom and opportunity in America, gave thanks to God for his provision for them in helping them find 20 acres of cleared land, for the fact that there were no hostile Indians in that area, for their newfound religious freedom, and for God's provision of an interpreter to the Indians in Squanto. Along with the feasting and games involving the colonists and more than 80 friendly Indians, who added to the feast by bringing wild turkeys and venison. Prayers, sermons, and songs of praise were important in the celebration. Three days were spent in feasting and prayer. From that time forward, Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a day to give thanks to God for his gracious and sufficient provision. President Abraham Lincoln officially set aside the last Thursday of November, in 1863, "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." In 1941, Congress ruled that after 1941, the fourth Thursday of November be observed as Thanksgiving Day and be a legal holiday. Scripturally, we find things related to the issue of thanksgiving nearly from cover to cover. Individuals offered up sacrifices out of gratitude in the book of Genesis. The Israelites sang a song of thanksgiving as they were delivered from Pharaoh's army after the crossing of the Red Sea. The book of Psalms is packed full of songs of thanksgiving, both for God's grace to the Israelite people as a whole through his mighty deeds, as well as for his individual graces to each of us. In the New Testament, there are repeated admonitions to give thanks to God. Thanksgiving is to always be a part of our prayers. Some of the most remembered passages on the giving of thanks are the following: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Of all of God's gifts, the greatest one he has given is the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. On the cross of Calvary, Jesus paid our sin debt, so a holy and just Judge could forgive us our sins and give us eternal life as a free gift. This gift is available to those who will call on Christ to save them from their sin in simple but sincere faith. For this gift of his Son, the gift which meets our greatest need, the Apostle Paul says, "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" We, like the Pilgrims, have a choice. In life there will always be those things that we can complain about but there will also be much to be thankful for. As our society becomes increasingly secular, the actual "giving of thanks to God" during our annual Thanksgiving holiday is being overlooked, leaving only the feasting. May God grant us the gift of gratitude every day for all he gives us! God is good, and every good gift comes from him. For those who know Christ, God also works everything together for good, even events we would not necessarily consider good. May he find us to be his grateful children!

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*



Musical Musings

Anthems for November



November 4th ~ All Saints Sunday

"Requiem Aeternam" by John Rutter

Composed in 1985 for a United Methodist church choir and orchestra in Dallas, Texas, Rutter's Requiem follows the tradition of the Anglican Requiem, which omits the Roman Catholic "Dies irae" (Day of Wrath), inserting instead settings of Psalm 130 and 23, which focus on reassurance and comforting the living. The first movement, "Requiem Aeternam", begins with a musical depiction of grief and loss – but soon proceeds prayer confident in the promise of comfort as the choir sings, "Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy."

"Out of the Deep"

An Anglican addition to the Requiem Mass, this setting of Psalm 130 uses a solo cello in word-painting the text, "Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord." Interestingly, Rutter chose to employ a sound influenced by the blues for this setting – a kind of classical blues, if you will.

"Sanctus"

A lively counterpart to the more lyric movements we will perform this day, Rutter's *Sanctus* contains a theme whose first notes are remarkably similar to the opening theme to the original *Star Trek* series.

"Pie Jesu"

This movement from the Roman Catholic version of the Requiem Mass is characterized by the most exquisite of soprano solos.

November 11th ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," by Ned Rorem (1923-)

Pullitzer Prize – winning American composer Ned Rorem has written in just about every classical musical genre, and is well known for his writings about music. His setting of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" is characterized by soft dissonances and the occasional harmonic surprise.

November 18th ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

"Little David, Play on Your Harp," by Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Moses Hogan's fun and energetic arrangement of the traditional spiritual "Little David" draws on a combination of texts from First Samuel, a reference to Joshua son of Nun, and curiously, a stern admonition against gambling.

"Praise Him," by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

An adaptation of the spectacular opening chorus to Bach's Cantata 207, "Praise Him" is a glorious way to celebrate the bounty of God's creation. For this chorus, Bach actually recycled a movement from his first Brandenburg concerto, written five years prior to occasion for which Cantata 207 was composed.

November 25th ~ Christ the King Sunday

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," Healey Willan

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.

Lunch at Westminster is BACK!!!



**Every 2nd Thursday is
Lunch with members living at
Westminster-Canterbury**
Join us on November 8th
Fauber 2 - 11:30am



Upcoming at Court Street:

O' FOR A THOUSAND
TONGUES
TO
Sing

Hymn Sing

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH ~ 4PM

Court Street United Methodist Church ~ 621 Court St., Lynchburg, VA

Join other Christians from the Lynchburg community for a festive time of singing great hymns of our faith!

All Welcome ~ Bring a Friend!

An offering will be received to benefit Parkview Mission

Join Us

**THANKSGIVING
EVE SERVICE**

COURT STREET UMC & ALL PEOPLES CHURCH
621 COURT STREET ~ LYNCHBURG, VA

•COMMUNITY DINNER ~ 6PM •WORSHIP ~ 7PM



TAIZE prayer
soul-filling
silence

healing candlelight contemplative
song peace reconciliation
scripture

Friday November 30th
7:00pm

During this first week in Advent, take time to breathe and meditate by attending a worship service that's centering, prayerful, and peaceful.

Court Street United Methodist Church
621 Court Street ~ Historic Downtown Lynchburg



Ecclesia
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

The Nutcracker

PERFORMANCES
DECEMBER 7TH AT 7:00PM
DECEMBER 14TH AT 7:00PM
DECEMBER 16TH AT 6:30PM
DECEMBER 21ST AT 7:00PM

TICKETS
\$9 ADULTS
\$7 STUDENTS

ECCLESIA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
621 COURT STREET, LYNCHBURG

OUR THEATER IS LOCATED ON THE TOP FLOOR AND IS NOT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE.

PURCHASE TICKETS AT ECCLESIAARTS.COM
WITH QUESTIONS, CALL 434.818.1844

COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Presents:

"A Four-Legged Opera"

To Benefit:  The Humane Society of Amherst County

Featuring:

Carol Williams  Andrew Potter  Megan Rose Potter 

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2ND ~ 3PM

Court Street UMC – 621 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504

Court Street Members in the Community

LYNCHBURG, Va. (WSET) -- More than 4,000 runners and walkers hit the streets of Lynchburg this weekend for the Virginia 10 miler.

One of those walkers was Irby "Hot Sauce" Hudson.



This is the second time the 79-year-old has taken on the 4 miler. Hudson is legally blind, so he walks with his daughter. He says his favorite part is all of the good music. "It don't seem like any big deal to me a lot of people say 'I can't believe you still doing all that' and I say well that's what keeps you young," Hudson said. "Other than my eyes I still feel the same way I did when I was thirty years old." Hudson plans to do the 4 miler until his legs give out, and he says he's got at least 40 more years until that happens.

Irby is an inspiration to us all! Congratulations on your 2nd finish of the Virginia 4 Miler. May you complete many more! A special thanks to Irby's daughter, Elizabeth, for walking with her dad. Here are a few pics of them in last year's race:

(Making sure he beat his daughter to the finish line!)



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

November 4: **“A Troubled Birth”**, Megan Straw
 November 11: **“Jacob Receives Isaac’s Blessing”**, Lewis Johnson
 November 18: **“Jacob Forms a Relationship With God”**, Richard Chaffin
 November 25: **“God Blesses Jacob and Rachel”**, Richard Chaffin

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays		November Anniversaries		December Birthdays	
Gina Wright	November 01	Meg & David Case Sr	Nov 26	Hunter Alan Tyree	December 02
Bill Ford	November 02			Milton West	December 03
Chiswell Logan	November 06			Brennalynn Diuguid	December 05
Landen Larkin	November 10			Phil Ripley	December 05
Phyllis Coleman	November 11			Nancy Russell	December 06
Megan Straw	November 12			Elizabeth Larkin	December 07
Nada Sweeney	November 12			Adam Bryant	December 09
Cornell Thompson	November 18			Jeff Thaxton	December 11
Jodi Center	November 19			Suzanne Baker	December 12
Julia McConnell	November 21			Susan Cobbs	December 12
Sam Angus	November 22			Lisa Thaxton	December 14
				Randy Hurst	December 20
				Douglas Thom	December 28
				Ray Pulliam	December 30
				Anne Langley	December 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
- Waylon and Emberly Evans – NICU at UVA
- newborns of Beth Watts and Steven Evans, cousins of *Sharon Brooks
- *Christopher Lilley - 408 Blackford Street #2, Lynchburg, VA 24504
- *Ann & Phil Ripley – 60 Jill Alison Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32176
- *Eva Shober - 172 Shober Lane, Monroe, VA 24574
- Sylvia Shuff - Mother-in-Law of *Pastor Bill Burleigh
- *Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503

* Church members



Memorials:

In memory of *Ralph “M C Hymnal” Hudson*
 By: Walter Tirie Hudson

Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 10/28/18	\$246,481
Balance needed to reach goal	\$53,519
Received to Date	\$199,166
Received since last update	\$600.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS @ 7pm. 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS FELLOWSHIP WILL START WITH A COVERED DISH (POTLUCK) AT 6PM FOLLOWED BY BIBLE STUDY. CSUMC TO HOST NOVEMBER!!!						
4 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	5 LU Film Students 1PM-8PM	6 LU Film Students 1PM-8PM	7 LU Film Students 1PM-8PM Bible Study 6pm	8 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2 <u>Ask front desk for directions</u>	9	10 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
11 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am HYMN SING – 4PM Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	12 All People's Ascend 6pm	13 LSYO Practice 4pm All People's Oasis Training 7pm	14 Finance Committee 2pm Bible Study 7pm	15	16	17 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
18 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Church Council after Worship Service Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	19 ACC Thanksgiving Lunch 12pm All People's Ascend 6pm	20 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7pm	21 Thanksgiving Eve Community Dinner 6pm	22 Thanksgiving Office Closed	23 Black Friday Office Closed	24 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:
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events and notices posted on the church website.
(The newsletter, The Courier, is also on the website)

