



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Court Street United Methodist Church

REFLECTION ON ORDINARY TIME

The period of Ordinary Time that we are in now in the life of the Church is very short seven weeks. The Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season ended with the Baptism of Our Lord on January 13 and the season of Lent-Easter-Pentecost will be introduced with Ash Wednesday on March 6. The other period of Ordinary Time is longer —from Pentecost until we start another liturgical year at the end of November with the season of Advent. These periods of liturgical Ordinary Time are to remind us that it is in and through our ordinary days that we live out the mystery of our salvation.

Most of us live ordinary lives with ordinary days in which we know our best and our worst self and everything in-between. We have our days when, with a bounce in our step, we are able to bring joy, patience, and gratitude to others, and days when we need hope, trust, and a forgiving heart to put one foot in front of the other. It is in these ordinary days that the extraordinary mystery of God's faithful love accomplishes saints-in-the-making.

Nightly news makes the extraordinary a part of our ordinary days —acts of terrorism, disasters of nature, kidnappings, and the disappearances of hundreds of people from "*thin air*." Our prayers are stretched to every corner of the globe as we cry out, "*Come, O God of Peace, take charge of our hearts and make us whole*." We need to keep remembering that each and every ordinary day is wrapped in God's saving love. For the transformation of ourselves and of our world we must live intentionally within and out from the magnificent gesture of God's saving help. The wisdom of the liturgical year reminds us of this. Our ordinary lives are holy because it is here, we experience who we are and who our God is for us. Blessings on all our ordinary days.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*

**IT'S HARD TO GET INTO SHAPE SPIRITUALLY
IF YOU ONLY WORK OUT ON SUNDAY.**



Musical Musings

Anthems for February



February 3RD ~ Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

“Steal Away”, arr. Hogan

The spiritual “Steal Away” was one of a number of songs containing dual meaning from times of slavery in the United States. The broad appeal to escape our earthly bonds and serve Jesus also disguised a more immediate invitation to physically escape slavery, either by the “Underground Railroad” or on one’s own.

February 10TH ~ Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

“Say, Where Is He Born, the King of Judea?” From *Christus*, by Mendelssohn

Trio - Gabriel Kirby, tenor; Justin Robinson and Benjamin Stogner, baritone

Felix Mendelssohn began work in 1846 on an unnamed new oratorio, with a libretto drawn from biblical sources. Sadly, the composer died in 1847 after completing only two sections of the work. Felix’s brother Paul provided the name “Christus”, and the incomplete work was published posthumously. The recitative and men’s trio “Say, Where Is He Born” is from the opening of the work.

February 17TH ~ Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

“I Will Rise” by Speer

Written in one day after a night of dreaming the music, I Will Rise employs elements of Gospel and Spiritual to the irregular phrase lengths of the Beatitudes. The central theme is one of gratitude, but also of picking one’s self up and continuing on (rising, standing, and walking).

January 24TH ~ Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

“My Lord, What a Mornin’” arr. Burleigh

Harry Thacker Burleigh chronicled a great number of African American spirituals. His conservatory training is evidenced in his arrangement “My Lord, What a Mornin’”, which quotes Richard Wagner’s *Tristan und Isolde* near the end.

MISSIONS – BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

Meals on Wheels

DRIVERS GOTTEN! for Meals on Wheels February 19th -22nd. Thank you for volunteering to drive. A reminder email will be sent to drivers the week before. If you cannot drive call the church office or contact Bobbi Hurst 847-7335, bobbihurst1@gmail.com. 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.

Parkview

PARKVIEW FOOD FOR THOUGHT has been approved by church council to receive \$100 per month to help with the costs of supplying food and snacks to James Crossing’s Before and After School Program. Please consider adding a donation to your monthly giving to the cause. Add Parkview on the memo line of your check and the amount to allocate to the fund. The Alice B. Williams Fund will be used to cover any shortfalls. Parkview will also receive matching gifts from an anonymous donor for up to \$5,000 in the 2019 year.

James Crossing Dawn To Dusk Before & After School Program

James Crossing “Dawn to Dusk” is a before and after school program at James Crossing Apartments and focuses on helping kids stay on track in school. A hot breakfast in the morning; snacks in the afternoon. A helping hand with homework, a listening ear to talk about the school day, a chess competitor, are just a few of the things that the volunteers do for the kids in what most would consider a rough neighborhood. With good reason; just do a search online for news on this community and you will find page after page of nothing but reports on incidents being investigated by the Lynchburg police department, BUT search a little deeper and you will find the work being done by SHOPO (Self Help Obtaining Positive Opportunities). Search a little more and you will find happy, healthy, smart kids who see a bright future! See for yourself:





Lunch at Westminster

**Every 2nd Thursday is
 Lunch with members living at
 Westminster-Canterbury**
 Join us on February 14th
 Fauber 2 - 11:30am



A big THANK YOU to last month's guest Allison Szuba, Director of the Adult Care Center, for updating us on how the Center is doing and for giving us exercises to help build the mind and body as we age. Plan to join us February 14th for a Valentine's get together to catch up and visit with our members who live at Westminster.



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

February 3: **"Renounce Everything for Christ"**, Richard Chaffin
 February 10: **"Pondering God's Everlasting Love"**, Lewis Johnson
 February 17: **"Praising God's Mighty Works"**, Richard Chaffin
 February 24: **"Living with God's Loving Assurance"**, Richard Chaffin

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays	February Anniversaries	March Birthdays
Lauren Hudnall Knapp February 02	Kathy & Robert Draper Feb 09	Sharon Brooks March 04
Mary Tyree February 02	Robin & Irby Hudson Feb 12	Tom Coleman March 04
Kenneth Bagshaw February 13	GiGi and John Sweeney Feb 21	Randy Speer March 05
Lewis Averett February 15		Lori Letchford March 12
Dottie Diuguid February 17	March Anniversaries	Susan Angus March 14
Deanna Hester February 17	Amy & Rick Pillow Mar 15	Amy Pillow March 15
Sarah Leazer Johnson February 18	Karen & David Hudnall Mar 20	Rick Pillow March 18
Reiman Shober February 22	Eva & Reiman Shober Mar 30	David Petty March 19
Brenda Whitehead February 22		Bill Puckett March 22
James Blankenship February 23		Marty Diuguid March 27
Bill Burleigh February 24		Shanda Horner March 31
Bobbi Hurst February 24		
John Spencer February 24		



PRAYER CONCERNS

All Men and Women serving in the Military

Travis Dean Burleigh – Shepherd AFB, TX, son of Shelly and Rev. Bill Burleigh
Robert Shoher – Fort Bragg, NC, son of *Eva Lee and *Reiman Shoher
Kenny Kincaid and children, son of *Bobbi and *Randy Hurst

SICK (Church members*)

*Dolly Clingempeel – 2231 Woodcrest Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
*Patsy Cundiff – 1559 Lexington Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
Susan Dwyer – sister of Rev. Bill Burleigh
Waylon and Emberly Evans – NICU at UVA – (Waylon is home; praise God!)
newborns of Beth Watts and Steven Evans, cousins of *Sharon Brooks
*Pam Jackson - 300 Old Trents Ferry Road, Lynchburg, Virginia 24503
*Christopher Lilley - 408 Blackford Street #2, Lynchburg, VA 24504
*Warren Martin – 174 Salisbury Circle, Lynchburg, VA 24502
*Ann & Phil Ripley – 60 Jill Alison Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32176
*Eva Shoher - 172 Shoher Lane, Monroe, VA 24574
*Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503
*Nada Sweeney – 1930 Royal Oak Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
* Church members

Lord, I pray we will
press through every
struggle, endure every
trial, and overcome
every hurdle through
the power of the
Holy Spirit working
in us and through us.

Gifts in Honor

To the General Fund in Honor of:

Eleanor & Doug Pillow by:
Conrad Frey, Jr. and Nada Sweeney
Susan Hall by Nada Sweeney
Kenny Kincaid by Bobbi & Randy Hurst
Nada Sweeney by Eleanor & Doug Pillow

To the General Fund in honor of:

Sharon & Ray Brooks, David Case, Jr.
Harriette Cash, Jodi Center, Debbie & Richard
Chaffin, George Clark, Dolly Clingempeel, Susan
Cobbs, Patsy Cundiff, Noel Draper, Dottie Diuguid,
Sam Franklin, Pat Haley, Ellen & Craig Hinkson,
Shanda & Garnett Horner, Robin & Irby Hudson,
Bobbi & Randy Hurst, Pamela Jackson, Lewis
James, Jr., Kenny Kincaid, Cheryle & Lewis
Johnson, Susan & Keith Leazer, Ann Lis, Chis
Logan, Kathy Mason, Ann McDaniel, Lillie
McDaniel, Martha Ann Moorman, Sherwood
Newton, Ellen & David Petty, Eleanor and Doug
Pillow, Dennis Pruitt, Bill Puckett, Ray Pulliam,
Ann & Phil Ripley, Dr. Mark Roper, Megan Straw,
Nada Sweeney, Charles Thaxton, Cornell Ray
Thompson, Flo Traywick, Mary Tyree,
Walter Wright

By: Anne & Bruton Langley

To the Pastor's Fund in honor of:

Anne Langley by Kathy Mason

Gifts in Memory

To the General Fund in memory of:

William "Bill" Sweeney by:
Bill Puckett
Hallie Dodson & June Clark by:
Rayford Clark
Anne Stevens Thaxton by:
Bill Puckett
Carolyn Kelly by:
Bill Puckett
Bobby McDaniel by:
Mary S. Meriwether

Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 1/27/18	\$246,881
Balance needed to reach goal	\$53,119
Received to Date	\$201,116
Received since last update	\$450.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON WEDNESDAYS @ 7pm. 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH ~ FELLOWSHIP WILL START WITH A COVERED DISH (POTLUCK) AT 6PM FOLLOWED BY BIBLE STUDY.						
3 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	4 All People's Ascend 6pm	5 LSYO Practice 4pm	6 AGLOW 9AM Refectory Bible Study 6pm Potluck		1 All Peoples Conference "The Shaking" 6pm	2 All Peoples Conference "The Shaking" 10am, 6pm
10 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	11 ACC Bocce Ball Tournament with Heritage Green 11PM All People's Ascend 6pm	12 LSYO Practice 4pm	13 Bible Study 7pm	14 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2	15	16 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
17 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	18 All People's Ascend - 6pm LSO Board 6pm – Wesley Guild	19 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7:30	20 Bible Study 7pm	21	22	23 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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