



# The Courier

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August 2019

Court Street United Methodist Church

### THE THREE TREES

Once upon a mountain top, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up. The first little tree looked up at the stars and said: "I want to hold treasure. I want to be covered with gold and filled with precious stones. I'll be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world!" The second little tree looked out at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. "I want to be traveling mighty waters and carrying powerful kings. I'll be the strongest ship in the world!" The third little tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and women worked in a busy town. "I don't want to leave the mountain top at all. I want to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me, they'll raise their eyes to heaven and think of God. I will be the tallest tree in the world." Years passed. The rain came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain. The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his ax, the first tree fell. "Now I shall be made into a beautiful chest, I shall hold wonderful treasure!" The first tree said. The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, "This tree is strong. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his ax, the second tree fell. "Now I shall sail mighty waters!" thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship for mighty kings!" The third tree felt her heart sink when the last woodcutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to heaven. But the woodcutter never even looked up. "Any kind of tree will do for me," he muttered. With a swoop of his ax, the third tree fell. The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought her to a carpenter's shop. But the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feedbox for animals. The once beautiful tree was not covered with gold, nor with treasure. She was coated with saw dust and filled with hay for hungry farm animals. The second tree smiled when the woodcutter took her to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ship was made that day. Instead the once strong tree was hammered and sawed into a simple fishing boat. She was too small and too weak to sail to an ocean, or even a river. Instead she was taken to a little lake. The third tree was confused when the woodcutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard. "What happened?" The once tall tree wondered. "All I ever wanted was to stay on the mountain top and point to God..." Many, many days and night passed. The three trees nearly forgot their dreams. But one night, golden starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feedbox. "I wish I could make a cradle for him." her husband whispered. The mother squeezed his hand and smiled as the starlight shone on the smooth and the sturdy wood. "This manger is beautiful." she said. And suddenly the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world. One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the old fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the second tree quietly sailed out into the lake. Soon a thundering and thrashing storm arose. The little tree shuddered. She knew she did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through with the wind and the rain. The tired man awakened. He stood up, stretched out his hand, and said, "Peace." The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun. And suddenly the second tree knew she was carrying the king of heaven and earth. One Friday morning, the third tree was startled when her beams were yanked from the forgotten woodpile. She flinched as she was carried through an angry jeering crowd. She shuddered when soldiers nailed a man's hands to her. She felt ugly and harsh and cruel. But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God's love had changed everything. It had made the third tree strong. And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God. That was better than being the tallest tree in the world. The next time you feel down because you didn't get what you want, sit tight and be happy because God is thinking of something better to give you.

**Author Unknown**

*~ Pastor Bill Burleigh*

**WHEN YOU ARE WILLING, GOD IS ABLE.**



# *Musical Musings*

## Summer Soloists



*Starting July 7, 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.*

August 4<sup>TH</sup> ~ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**Dennis Pruitt, tenor**

August 11<sup>TH</sup> ~ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Julio Aleman, baritone**

August 18<sup>TH</sup> ~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Lydia Warren, harp**

August 25<sup>TH</sup> ~ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Marianne Virnelson, soprano**

September 1<sup>ST</sup> ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Kris Blackthorn, soprano**

**SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL**  
**AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> ~ 3:00PM**  
**FEATURING JOHN LOWE**



## DRIVERS NEEDED for Meals on Wheels

August 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</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.



**ECCLESIA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS OPEN HOUSE:** Join ESA Saturday, August 10th to kick off their new season with an afternoon of fun! Come and go between 1pm - 4pm:

- Fellowship and enjoy refreshments
- Silent auction
- Scavenger hunt (with prizes!)
- Visit our ESA Store to get what you need for class
- Meet your teachers

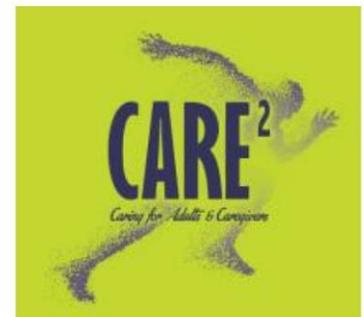
At 2pm Balloon Dude Travis will be twisting balloons!

If you are not an ESA student, you are welcome to come check out our studio!



**THE ADULT CARE CENTER** needs volunteers to help with the *Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour*, October 11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>, serving as traffic host or room host. To volunteer, please call 434.847.8111 or email [office@adultcarecenter.org](mailto:office@adultcarecenter.org)

Beautiful Setting ♦ Beautiful Homes  
♦ Beautiful Cause ♦



# CARE<sup>2</sup> 5K

### Date & Time

Saturday, October 12, 2019  
8:30AM EDT – 10:30AM EDT

### Place

University of Lynchburg  
1501 Lakeside Drive  
Lynchburg, VA US 24501

### Description

Adult Care Center of Central Virginia, a non-profit United Way partner agency, is pleased to present the **Care<sup>2</sup> 5K Run/Walk, One-Mile Walk, and Care Anywhere**. ACCCV provides supervised daycare services to health-impaired adults, and provides their caregivers respite & support, to improve the quality of life for our clients & their family caregivers.

**Sponsorship, runner, and volunteer information can be found in the Bishop Early Hall**

## Lunch at Westminster



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

Join us on August 8<sup>TH</sup>  
Fauber 2 - 11:30am



**JAMES CROSSING LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL** has been approved to receive funding up to \$1,870.00 from the Alice Williams Mission Fund. The motion to support the players was passed unanimously at our last Church Council meeting. The football team will be comprised of 8 to 12-year-old players from James Crossing and will compete in the Lynchburg City League. Updates will be given on the team's progress during the season. The church's financial support is a great start! Thank you

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

August 4: "A Covenant Between Friends", Richard Chaffin  
 August 11: "A Mother – Daughter Promise", Lewis Johnson  
 August 18: "A Covenant to Marry", Richard Chaffin  
 August 25: "Marriage: A Covenant of Mutual Love", Richard Chaffin

### \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

August Birthdays		August Anniversaries		September Birthdays	
Christopher Lilly	August 01	Sarah & Aaron McGlothlin	August 02	Mike Russell	Sept 01
Walter Wright	August 08	Debbie & Richard Chaffin	August 23	Alicia Speer	Sept 01
John Sweeney	August 09			Dane Peterson	Sept 04
Martha Moorman	August 10			Cecil Kidd	Sept 06
Susan Hall	August 11			Mark Roper	Sept 06
Josh Larkin	August 13			David Case, Jr.	Sept 07
Ann McDaniel	August 20			Pam Jackson	Sept 10
Cheryl West	August 21			Lynette James	Sept 10
Matthew Diuguid	August 22			Dennis Pruitt	Sept 10
Debbie Chaffin	August 26			Robert Draper	Sept 16
Robert Allen Tyree	August 31			Aubrey McDaniel	Sept 29
				Eva Shoer	Sept 29
				Patsy Cundiff	Sept 30



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### All Men and Women serving in the Military

Travis Dean Burleigh – 5271 Avenue Unit 373, Shepherd AFB, TX 76311  
husband of Harley Burleigh, son of Shelley and Rev. Bill Burleigh  
Robert Shoher – Fort Bragg, NC, son of \*Eva Lee and \*Reiman Shoher

### SICK (Church members\*)

\*Dolly Clingempeel – 501 VES Road Room 628, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
\*Patsy Cundiff – 1559 Lexington Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
\*Noel Draper - 501 VES Road Room 631, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
Susan Dwyer – sister of Rev. Bill Burleigh  
\*Warren Martin – 174 Salisbury Circle, Lynchburg, VA 24502  
\*Eleanor Pillow - 2926 Ravenwood Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
\*Ann & Phil Ripley – 60 Jill Alison Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32176  
\*Eva Shoher - 172 Shoher Lane, Monroe, VA 24574  
Sylvia Shuff - Mother-in-Law of Rev. Bill Burleigh  
\*Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
Elaine St. Vincent – 501 VES Road Room 415, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
\*Nada Sweeney - 1930 Royal Oak Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
\* Church members



I said a prayer for you today,  
that God would touch you  
with His healing hand and  
give you the comfort  
and strength you need  
to get through.

## Gifts to the church

To the General Fund in memory of:

**Rev. C. Douglas Pillow** by:  
Lillie McDaniel, Charles Thaxton

**Anne Stevens Thaxton** by:  
Lillie McDaniel

**Joyce Marks** by:  
Kathy Mason

To Organ Maintenance in Honor of:

**George Clark** by:  
Jay Kelly

To Soloists/Choir in Memory of:

**Virginia Whitehouse** by:  
Jay Kelly

### Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 7/28/19	\$248,081
Balance needed to reach goal	\$51,919
Received to Date	\$204,166
Received since last update	\$350.00
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,328</b>

## We send our love and sympathy to:

~ Anne and Bruton Langley in the passing of their brother  
in-law, Edward "Ned" West Daniel, on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

~ Sharon Brooks and family in the passing of her brother,  
Corbin Lee Evans, on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

~ Sharyn Marks and family in the passing of her mother,  
Joyce Cox Marks on Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>

# AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON WEDNESDAYS @ 7pm.</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH ~ COVERED DISH (POTLUCK)</b> <b>POTLUCK WILL NOT BE HELD IN AUGUST.</b>						
<b>4</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	<b>5</b> Music Committee 1:00PM All People's Ascend 6pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> AGLOW 9AM Bible Study 7pm	<b>8</b> Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> ESA Open House 1PM – 4PM All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>11</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	<b>12</b> MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS 8/12 – 8/17 All People's Ascend - 6pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bible Study 7pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>18</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Church Council 12pm Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	<b>19</b> All People's Ascend ~ 6pm	<b>20</b> ACC United Way Cabinet Meeting 8AM – 5PM	<b>21</b> Bible Study 7pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>25</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am <b>ORGAN RECITAL</b> <b>3:00PM</b> Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	<b>26</b> All People's Ascend ~ 6pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bible Study 7pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> ESA The Prodigal Son Understudy Performance 7PM	<b>31</b> ESA The Prodigal Son Understudy Performance 8:30AM

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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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