

The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2019

Court Street United Methodist Church

HOW PRAYER UNDERPINNED AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

Prayer played an important role in the American struggle for independence. The First Continental Congress (Sept. 5-Oct. 26, 1774), comprised of delegates from all the colonies except Georgia, met for the first time, in September 1774. In a letter to his wife, John Adams described the spiritual backdrop as the colonies were about to launch the Revolutionary War for independence. “When the Congress met, Mr. Cushing made a motion that it should be opened with prayer. It was opposed by Mr. Jay of New York and Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina because we were so divided in religious sentiments — some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists — that we could not join in the same act of worship. Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said that he was no bigot, and could hear a prayer from any gentleman of piety and virtue who was at the same time a friend to his country. He moved that Mr. Duche, an Episcopal clergyman, might read prayers to Congress the next morning. The motion was seconded and passed in the affirmative.” Adams continued: “Accordingly, next morning the Rev. Duche appeared with his Episcopal vestments and read the 85th Psalm. I never saw a greater effect produced upon an audience. It seemed as if heaven had ordained that psalm to be read on that morning. George Washington was kneeling there, alongside him Patrick Henry, James Madison, and John Hancock. By their side there stood, bowed in reverence, the Puritan patriots of New England, who at that moment had reason to believe that an armed soldiery was wasting their humble households. They prayed fervently for America, for Congress, for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and especially for the town of Boston whose port had been closed and in which British troops were being quartered. And who can realize the emotions with which they turned imploringly to heaven for divine help. It was enough to melt a heart of stone. I saw the tears gush into the eyes of the old, grave, pacifist Quakers of Philadelphia.” Diverse as it was, the spirituality of the First Continental Congress gave the initial spiritual encouragement that was needed on the road to American independence. The First Continental Congress proved to be an inspiring example of the fraternal unity that can come through devout prayer.

By Stephen Lynch

~ Pastor Bill Burleigh

PRAYER SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST CHOICE... NOT A LAST RESORT.



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.

July 7TH ~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Joseph Vazquez, Baritone

July 14TH ~ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gabriel Kirby, tenor

July 21ST ~ Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezra Lafleur, bass

July 28TH ~ Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Benjamin Stogner, baritone

August 4TH ~ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Dennis Pruitt, tenor

August 11TH ~ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Julio Aleman, baritone

August 18TH ~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lydia Warren, harp

August 25TH ~ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Marianne Virnelson, soprano

September 1ST ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Kris Blackthorn, soprano



Lunch at Westminster

**Every 2nd Thursday is
Lunch with members living at
Westminster-Canterbury**

**Join us on July 11TH
Fauber 2 - 11:30am**



DRIVERS NEEDED for Meals on Wheels

August 12th – 16th . 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.



News from the Virginia Annual Conference

5K Walk, Run, Bike, and Yoga event

To live out the vision of Bishop Sharma D. Lewis and support the Annual Conference theme, Moving Forward in God's Mission, clergy and laity participated in the 2019 Annual Conference 5K Walk, Run, Bike, and Yoga event on Saturday, June 22 at 6:15 a.m. Over 300 people registered for the event. The Moving Forward in God's Mission 5K raised funds for KIDS SOAR (formerly Community Outreach Program of Roanoke), a Virginia Conference Advance Special and a direct service provider for children, youth and families of poverty in inner-city Roanoke. The 5K took place in two locations -- first, outside (walking, running and biking,) on a part of the Roanoke Greenway. The second was inside (chair yoga) in a hotel event space. At last count, 1,324 books were received from Kids Soar from the event.

Conference Kits and Special Offerings

This year's kit collection required the addition of a third tractor trailer due to the influx of kits. These kits will be transferred to Mission Central warehouse in Pennsylvania for distribution by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Annual Conference members brought 51,202 disaster relief kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to Annual Conference. Kits included: 36,296 Hygiene kits; 14,243 School kits and 663 Flood buckets. 9 At the Friday afternoon retirement service, 60 pastors retired. This year's retiring class has a combined total of 1,288.75 years of service. Attendees of conference contributed almost 10,000 pounds of canned goods and boxed dry foods as part of the "4 Cans 4 Conference" drive. At last count, \$90,000 was collected for the conference offering. The offering was divided between the following: Africa University Student Scholarships, Cambodia Pastors Leadership Training, Mozambique Lay Leadership Training, Brazil "Shade and Fresh Water" children's program and Just Neighbors Matching Funds Grant for Immigrant Legal Counsel.

Statistics

The Conference Statistician and Treasurer David Domnisse reported that membership stood at 318,000. Worship attendance stood at 101,000. Engaged in small groups were at 90,000. He shared there were 3,000 professions of faith and 2,100 baptisms. Some 80,000 serve in mission reaching over 1 million in their communities and around the world. Financial resources are good. Virginia Conference church members tithed \$200 million. Other church owned assets generated \$27 million. The conference has \$130 million in cash reserves, \$140 million in investments and \$2.6 billion in real estate. The conference has 996 active clergy serving.

For more information on the 2019 Annual Conference: <https://www.vaumc.org/AC2019>

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

July 7: "Jesus Teaches About Fulfilling the Law", Richard Chaffin

July 14: "Jesus Teaches Us to Love One Another", Lewis Johnson

July 21: "Jesus Teaches About Transforming Love", Richard Chaffin

July 28: "Jesus Teaches About Spiritual Discernment", Richard Chaffin

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



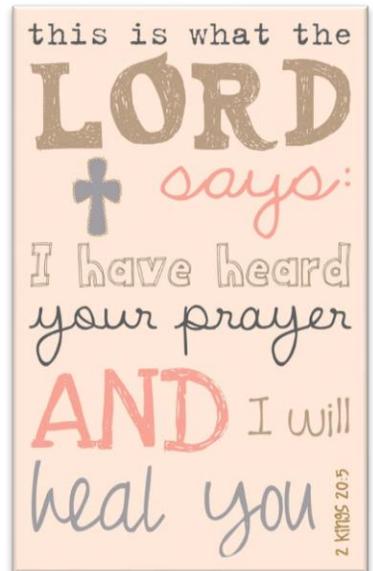
PRAYER CONCERNS

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 Shober – Fort Bragg, NC, son of *Eva Lee and *Reiman Shober

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
- *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 Shober - 172 Shober Lane, Monroe, VA 24574
- Elaine St. Vincent – 501 VES Road Apt. HAL427, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- Sylvia Shuff - Mother-in-Law of *Pastor Bill Burleigh
- *Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- *Nada Sweeney - 1930 Royal Oak Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- * *Church members*



Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 6/30/19	\$248,081
Balance needed to reach goal	\$51,919
Received to Date	\$203,766
Received since last update	\$700.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 JULY 4 TH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 Unity in Our Community 9am All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
7 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	8 All Peoples's Ascend 6pm	9	10 Bible Study 7pm	11 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2 Trustees Meet 2PM	12 ESA Paint Night 6:30pm	13 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
14 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	15 All Peoples's Ascend - 6pm	16	17 Finance meeting 2pm Bible Study 7pm	18	19	20 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
21 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Church Council 12pm Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	22 All Peoples's Ascend ~ 6pm	23	24 Bible Study 7pm	25 ESA Candyland Camp 1pm	26 ESA Candyland Camp 1pm	27 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
28 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	29 All Peoples's Ascend ~ 6pm	30	31 Bible Study 7pm	<p style="text-align: center;">BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON WEDNESDAYS @ 7pm. 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH ~ COVERED DISH (POTLUCK) WILL NOT BE HELD IN JULY.</p>		

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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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