



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2019

Court Street United Methodist Church

PENTECOST

June 9th is Pentecost Sunday! Pentecost is a key moment in the history of the Christian faith. Pentecost (a reference to the 50 days that have passed since Easter) is a peculiar event that took place after Jesus' ascent into heaven. It's described in the second chapter of the New Testament book of Acts. Here's the key part of the account: *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"* On the surface, the Pentecost story is interesting but doesn't seem especially significant. Pentecost is important because Christians understand it to be the long-awaited fulfillment of prophecy. In other words, Pentecost was important enough to have been predicted hundreds of years in advance. In the Pentecost story linked above, the disciple Peter reminds his audience of the Old Testament prophecy that was being fulfilled right in front of them: That prophecy can be found in Joel 2:28-32, and had been made many hundreds of years earlier. But the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost had also been predicted much more recently by Jesus himself. Just before his ascension, Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would empower them to preach to the nations of the world: *"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* You might be thinking, why is Pentecost so important?" It's important because it infused the small community of Jesus-followers with the core mission that would define the Christian church to share the message of Jesus Christ with the entire world. Consider that in the weeks following Christ's death and resurrection, many of his followers were undoubtedly still processing the incredible events they had witnessed and were probably wondering what God wanted them to do now that Jesus had carried out his mission. On Pentecost, God made it clear what Christ-followers should do with the news of Jesus Christ: share it with others. And not just with the Jewish communities in which they lived; the multi-linguistic nature of this miracle made it plain that the Gospel message was not confined to one community, nation, ethnicity, or language. Pentecost is when the Christian church received, and was empowered to carry out, its grand assignment of evangelism. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the "birthday of the Christian church." The mission given to Christians on Pentecost still stands, thousands of years later. We are to share the saving message of Jesus Christ with the world and as we do so, we should rely on the presence of the Holy Spirit, who empowered the early church to share the gospel, and continues to do so today.

~ Pastor Bill Burleigh



Musical Musings

Anthems for June



June 2ND ~ Seventh Sunday in Easter ~ Ascension

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” by 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.

June 9TH ~ Pentecost

“If Ye Love Me” by Thomas Tallis

Thomas Tallis, teacher of the Renaissance master William Byrd, managed to successfully deflect the violence that claimed British Catholics and Protestants alike during his lifetime. A consummate churchman, he was memorialized in music of William Byrd and in the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church. “If Ye Love Me” is perhaps his most beloved anthem, written specifically for Pentecost. Though nothing remains of his burial site, a brass plate with the following engraving is said to have survived: “As he dyd lyve, so also did he dy, / In myld and quyet sort (O happy man!) / To God ful oft for mercy did he cry, / Wherefore he lyves, let deth do what he can.”

June 16TH ~ Trinity Sunday

“I Bind Unto Myself” Traditional Irish

One of early Christianity’s oldest surviving hymns, the text to “I Bind Unto Myself” has been considered to have been penned by Saint Patrick (5th century). However, recent scholarship has shown the lyrics may have originated a few hundred years later in the 8th century. The music is assumed to be in the style of a druidic chant for protection on a journey.

June 23RD ~ Second Sunday after Pentecost

“Ave Verum Corpus” by Byrd

"Ave verum corpus" is a short Eucharistic chant that has also been set to music by various composers. It dates from the 14th century and has been attributed to Pope Innocent VI. During the Middle Ages it was sung at the elevation of the sacramental bread during the consecration. It was also used frequently during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The poem is a meditation on the Catholic belief in Jesus's real presence in the sacrament of the Eucharist, and ties it to the Catholic conception of the redemptive meaning of suffering in the life of all believers.

June 30TH ~ Third Sunday after Pentecost ~ Independence Sunday

“An American Hymn” arr. Effinger

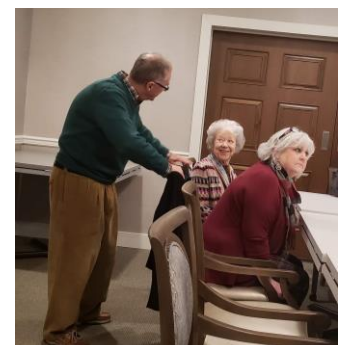
A perennial favorite at Court Street, “An American Hymn” (“O beautiful, for spacious skies,” better known as “America!”) is one of Effinger's most appealing choral works. Arranged in 1967 as a setting of "America the Beautiful" for mixed chorus and brass or organ. In a sense this is a traditional "hymn-anthem," but Effinger's expanded harmonic resources and skillful instrumental and choral writing put "An American Hymn" well above the average patriotic arrangement.



Lunch at Westminster

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

Join us on June 13TH
Fauber 2 - 11:30am





Abby Smith, nursery worker at Court Street during the past school year, will participate in an 8-week Music in World Cultures internship working in music and arts facilitation! She will be traveling and working with a friend who is also in Liberty's Music in World Cultures major, and alongside a local team. She is so excited to be a part of this mission trip to Africa.



Please Join Us in Congratulating:

Joshua Larkin who graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors from Averett University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He is the husband of Elizabeth Larkin and the son-in-law of Susan Cobbs

Kelly McConnell who graduated from Virginia Tech with a bachelor's degree in Architecture and will start as a project designer at VIA Design Architects, a firm in Norfolk, VA. She is the daughter of Susan and Mike McConnell

Julia McConnell who graduated from Jefferson Forest and will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall. She is the daughter of Susan and Mike McConnell.

Morgan Hutt who graduated with Summa Cum Laude honors from University of Mary Washington with a bachelor's degree in Biology with a minor in Neuroscience. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Sluder and Merrill Hutt and the granddaughter of Irby Hudson.

Justin Robinson who graduated from Liberty University with a master's in Music Education. He is a member of the Chancel Choir.

Charles "Chaz" Sweeney who graduated from E.C. Glass and will be attending Central VA Community College in the fall. He is the son of Gigi and John Sweeney and the grandson of Nada Sweeney.

Katie Thaxton who graduated from Roanoke College with a bachelor's degree in Sports Management and will be working for NASCAR in Daytona. She is the daughter of Cindy Peterson and Jeff Thaxton and the granddaughter of Charles Thaxton.

Please congratulate them and their parents/grandparents for a job well-done!

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

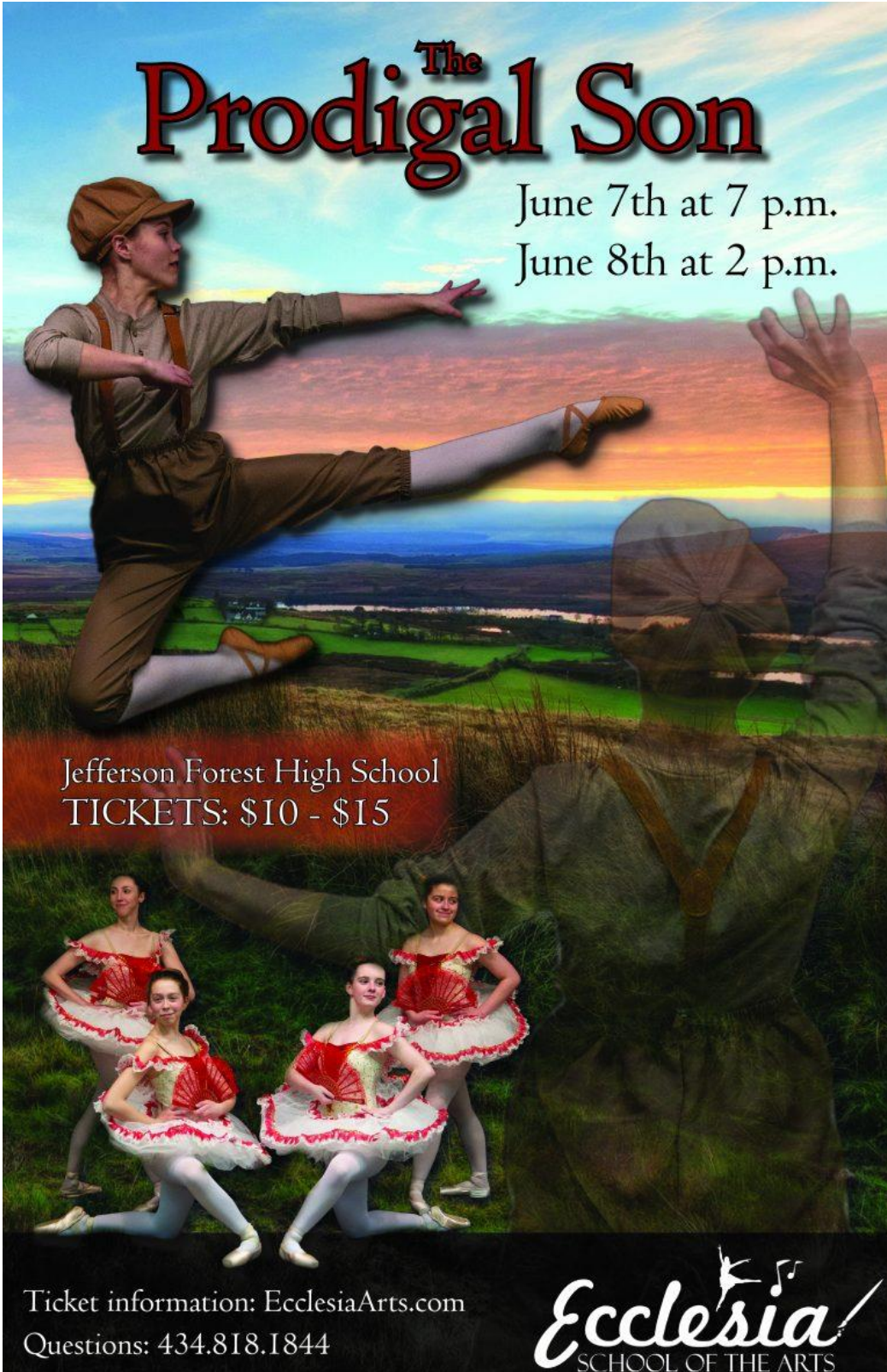
June 2: **"Jesus Institutes the New Covenant"**, Richard Chaffin

June 9: **"Jesus Seals the New Covenant"**, Lewis Johnson

June 16: **"The New Covenant's Sacrifice"**, Richard Chaffin

June 23: **"Hearts United in Love"**, Richard Chaffin

June 30: **"Jesus Teaches About Right Attitudes"**, Richard Chaffin



The Prodigal Son


June 7th at 7 p.m.
June 8th at 2 p.m.

Jefferson Forest High School
TICKETS: \$10 - \$15

Ticket information: EcclesiaArts.com
Questions: 434.818.1844

Ecclesia
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays	June Anniversaries	July Birthdays
Cameron Jackson June 03	Karen & Randy Speer June 01	Sam Franklin July 06
McKenzie Lynn Larkin June 07	Susan & Keith Leazer June 12	Lillie McDaniel July 06
Rob McDaniel June 09	Samantha & Matthew Turner June 17	Karen Speer July 11
Andy Whitehead June 16	Elizabeth & Josh Larkin June 23	Kathy Mason July 14
Rick Kinne June 17	Ann & Phil Ripley June 24	Christine Speer July 17
Katie Thaxton June 18	Barbara & Bobby Brown June 26	Madeline Pillow July 18
Ellen Petty June 20	Ellen & David Petty June 30	Keith Leazer July 20
Elaine St. Vincent June 28	July Anniversaries	Jo Woods July 20
Samantha Turner June 29	Lori & Eddie Letchford July 12	George Clark July 23
	Sarah & Eric Johnson July 18	Kathy Draper July 23
		Brent McCraw July 24
		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 Shoher – Fort Bragg, NC, son of *Eva Lee and *Reiman Shoher

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 Shoher - 172 Shoher 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 5/26/19	\$247,881
Balance needed to reach goal	\$52,119
Received to Date	\$203,066
Received since last update	\$1,150.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Unity in Our Community 9am All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
2 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	3 All Peoples's Ascend 6pm	4	5 AGLOW 9AM Bible Study 6pm Fellowship Meal	6	7	8 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
9 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	10 All Peoples's Ascend - 6pm	11 ACC Tupperware Party 5PM Refectory	12 Bible Study 7pm	13 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Faubert 2	14 Sanchez Wedding All Peoples Church 1:00PM	15 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
16 Father's Day Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	17 All Peoples's Ascend ~ 6pm	18	19 Bible Study 7pm	20	21	22 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
23 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	24 All Peoples's Ascend ~ 6pm	25	26 Bible Study 7pm	27	28	29 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
30 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	July 1 All Peoples's Ascend ~ 6pm	July 2	July 3	July 4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	July 5	July 6 Unity in Our Community 9am All Peoples Worship Service 6pm

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON WEDNESDAYS @ 7pm.
1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH ~ COVERED DISH (POTLUCK)
AT 6PM FOLLOWED BY BIBLE STUDY.

ESA's Spring Performance "The Prodigal Son" JUNE 7th and 8th at
 Jefferson Forest High! For Tickets: <http://ecclesiasts.com/performances/>

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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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