



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Court Street United Methodist Church

LENT

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ, his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. During the six weeks of self-examination and reflection, Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast, or to give up something, a habit, such as smoking, watching TV, swearing, or a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate, or coffee. Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline, such as reading the Bible and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God. Strict observers do not eat meat on Fridays, often opting for fish instead. The goal of these spiritual disciplines is to strengthen the faith of the observer and develop a closer relationship with God. The significance of the 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13). In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Technically 46, as Sundays are not included in the count). Officially named "Day of Ashes," the exact date changes every year because Easter and its surrounding holidays are movable feasts. On Ash Wednesday, adherents attend Church, where a minister distributes ashes by lightly rubbing the sign of the cross with ashes onto their foreheads. This tradition is meant to identify the faithful with Jesus Christ. In the Bible, ashes are a symbol of repentance and death. Thus, observing Ash Wednesday at the start of the Lenten season represents one's repentance from sin as well as Jesus Christ's sacrificial death to set followers free from sin and death. Not all Christian churches observe Lent. Lent is mostly observed by the Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican denominations, and also by Roman Catholics. The Bible does not mention the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21. The account of Jesus' death on the cross, or crucifixion, his burial, and his resurrection, or raising from the dead, can be found in the following passages of Scripture: Matthew 27:27-28:8; Mark 15:16-16:19; Luke 23:26-24:35; and John 19:16-20:30. Early Christians felt the importance of Easter called for special preparations. The first mention of a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for Easter is found in the Canons of Nicaea (AD 325). It is thought that the tradition may have grown from the early church practice of baptismal candidates undergoing a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for their baptism at Easter. Eventually, the season evolved into a period of spiritual devotion for the whole church.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*



Musical Musings

Anthems for March



March 3RD ~ Eighth Sunday After the Epiphany/Transfiguration

“How Excellent Thy Name, O Lord”, by Handel

“How Excellent Thy Name, O Lord” is a piece from the oratio “Saul”. Taken from the First Book of Samuel, the story of *Saul* focuses on the first king of Israel's relationship with his eventual successor, David; one which turns from admiration to envy and hatred, ultimately leading to the downfall of the eponymous monarch. The work, which Handel composed in 1738, includes the famous "Dead March", a funeral anthem for Saul and his son Jonathan, and some of the composer's most dramatic choral pieces. *Saul* was first performed at the King's Theatre in London on 16 January 1739. The work was a success at its London premiere and was revived by Handel in subsequent seasons. Notable modern-day performances of *Saul* include that at Glyndebourne in 2015.

March 10TH ~ First Sunday in Lent

“Thus Then, the Law of the Spirit ” by J.S. Bach

Trio - Kris Blackthorn, soprano; Karen Speer, Jaelyn Evans, mezzo-soprano

March 17TH ~ Second Sunday in Lent

“The Lord is My Light” by Peter Hallock

Hallock, a native of Washington state, served as organist/choirmaster at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral from 1951-1991 and was named Canon Precentor during his tenure at the cathedral – one of the first laypersons to hold a title traditionally reserved for clergy. The “Lord is My Light” is one of the most widely known of Hallock’s works. Hallock describes the Anthem as “first rate – short and super tight”.

March 24TH ~ Third Sunday in Lent

“Like as the Heart Desireth the Waters” by Palestrina

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina was an Italian Renaissance composer of sacred music and the best-known 16th-century representative of the Roman School of musical composition. He had a lasting influence on the development of church music, and his work is considered as the culmination of Renaissance polyphony.

March 31ST ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

“See What Love”, from *St. Paul*” by Mendelssohn

St. Paul is an oratorio composed in 1834. The first performance in the United States was in Boston on March 14, 1837. Mendelssohn himself conducted the first performance in Leipzig in the Paulinerkirche on 16 March 1837. Numerous performances followed in Europe and in the United States. During Mendelssohn's lifetime, *St. Paul* was a popular and frequently performed work.

MISSIONS – BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

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.



Lunch at Westminster

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



LYNCHBURG COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES 2019

Court Street United Methodist Church
621 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504

COMMUNITY MIDWEEK SERVICE

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon
Organ Prelude ~ 11:45am

GUEST SPEAKERS:

George Clark ~ Organist
Dennis Pruitt ~ Soloist

Caleb Hunter ~ Organist
Paul Dakin ~ Soloist

Sumner Jenkins ~ Organist
Susan Carol ~ Soloist

MARCH 6TH

REV. BILL BURLEIGH
COURT STREET UMC

MARCH 13TH

REV. PAUL DAKIN
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 20TH

REV. DR. DIANE VIE & REV. TODD VIE
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MARCH 27TH

REV. MARK TINSLEY
AMELON UMC

APRIL 3RD

REV. MARTHA KEARSE
PEAKLAND BAPTIST

APRIL 10TH

REV. AMY BETH COLEMAN
BOONSBORO UMC

Lunch: 12:30 ~ Refectory

Prepared and Served by the United Methodist Women
\$6 suggested donation

LYNCHBURG SYMPHONY YOUTH
ORCHESTRA AND JUNIOR STRINGS

FEATURING THE CONCERTO COMPETITION WINNER,
ANDREW COLEMAN, CLARINETIST

SPRING

CONCERT

SATURDAY, MAR. 16, 2019 | 3 P.M.
HERITAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TICKETS: \$12 ADULT
\$6 YOUTH

*Tickets must be purchased
in advance from a musician,
from Givens Books, or from
Lynchburg Music Center.*

LSYO

PIECES TO INCLUDE:

*Pirates of the Caribbean,
Gladiator, World Premier of
"A New Chapter," Hamilton,
Spiderman, and more!*

Mr. Bruce Habitzruther, Conductor
Mrs. Ellen Habitzruther,
Assistant Director & Manager

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

March 3: **"Called to Humility and Hospitality"**, Richard Chaffin

March 10: **"A Costly Call"**, Lewis Johnson

March 17: **"Calling the Lost"**, Richard Chaffin

March 24: **"Calling to Salvation"**, Richard Chaffin

March 31 **"Called to Discipleship"**, Richard Chaffin

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays	March Anniversaries	April Birthdays
Sharon Brooks March 04	Amy & Rick Pillow Mar 15	Doug Pillow April 01
Tom Coleman March 04	Karen & David Hudnall Mar 20	Eleanor Pillow April 01
Randy Speer March 05	Eva & Reiman Shober Mar 30	Mickenly Kreuziger April 04
Lori Letchford March 12	April Anniversaries	Harriette Cash April 05
Susan Angus March 14	Anne & Bruton Langley April 21	Emilia Dimitrova April 10
Amy Pillow March 15	Laura & Brent McCraw April 23	William Draper April 12
Rick Pillow March 18	Susan & Sam Angus April 24	Stuart Jackson April 14
David Petty March 19		Aaron McGlothlin April 20
Bill Puckett March 22		Marcia Thom-Kaley April 23
Marty Diuguid March 27		Drew Leazer April 25
Shanda Horner March 31		Emma Grace Thom April 25
		Jennifer Draper April 26
		Lewis James April 28

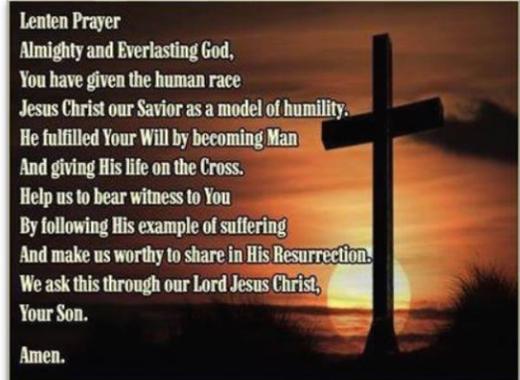
PRAYER CONCERNS

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
- *Pam Jackson - 300 Old Trents Ferry Road, Lynchburg, VA 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 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



Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 2/24/18	\$247,081
Balance needed to reach goal	\$52,919
Received to Date	\$201,466
Received since last update	\$350.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

March 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 ACC PARTY Refectory 11:30am LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7:30pm	6 AGLOW ~ 9AM Wesley Guild Ash Wednesday Service ~ 12pm Lunch ~ 12:30 Bible Study ~ 6pm Potluck	7 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2	8 ESA Spaghetti Dinner FUNdraiser 5PM	1 Unity in Our Community ~9am All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
10 Daylight Savings Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	11 ACC Bocce Ball Tournament with Heritage Green 1PM All People's Ascend 6pm	12 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7:30pm	13 Lenten Service ~ 12pm Lunch ~ 12:30pm <u>Finance Committee</u> 2pm ~ Wesley G. Bible Study 7pm	14 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2	15 ACC Devotions with Pastor Bill	16 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
17 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am <u>Church Council 12pm</u> Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	18 All People's Ascend - 6pm	19 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7:30pm	20 Lenten Service ~ 12pm Lunch ~ 12:30pm Bible Study 7pm	21	22	23 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
24 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	25 All People's Ascend ~ 6pm LSO Board 6pm – Wesley Guild	26 LSYO Practice 4pm LSO Practice 7:30pm	27 Lenten Service ~ 12pm Lunch ~ 12:30pm Bible Study 7pm	28	29	30
31 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	5th Sunday combined service CSUMC host 					

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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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