



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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May 2019

Court Street United Methodist Church

### MAY DAY

May Day is a May 1 celebration with a long and varied history, dating back millennia. Throughout the years, there have been many different events and festivities worldwide, most with the express purpose of welcoming in a change of season (spring in the Northern Hemisphere). In the 19th century, May Day took on a new meaning, as an International Workers' Day grew out of the 19th-century movement for labor rights and an eight-hour work day in the United States. The Celts of the British Isles believed May 1 to be the most important day of the year, when the festival of Beltane was held. This May Day festival was thought to divide the year in half, between the light and the dark. Symbolic fire was one of the main rituals of the festival, helping to celebrate the return of life and fertility to the world. When the Romans took over the British Isles, they brought with them their five-day celebration known as Floralia, devoted to the worship of the goddess of flowers, Flora. Taking place between April 20 and May 2, the rituals of this celebration were eventually combined with Beltane. Another popular tradition of May Day involves the maypole. While the exact origins of the maypole remain unknown, the annual traditions surrounding it can be traced back to medieval times, and some are still celebrated today. Villagers would enter the woods to find a maypole that was set up for the day in small towns (or sometimes permanently in larger cities). The day's festivities involved merriment, as people would dance around the pole clad with colorful streamers and ribbons. Today, May Day is an official holiday in 66 countries and unofficially celebrated in many more, but ironically it is rarely recognized in the country where it began, the United States of America. After the 1894 Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland officially moved the U.S. celebration of Labor Day to the first Monday in September, intentionally severing ties with the international worker's celebration for fear that it would built support for communism and other radical causes. Dwight D. Eisenhower tried to reinvent May Day in 1958, further distancing the memories of the Haymarket Riot, by declaring May 1 to be "Law Day," celebrating the place of law in the creation of the United States. I fondly remember, when I was a young lad, we had a May Day celebration in our small community of Concord, VA. The community would gather and celebrate around the May Pole and have many games and festivities. It was a time of great fun that I wish it had not been forgotten by later generations. So during the month of May let us celebrate the light that the season brings both from the sun and from the Son of God.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*



# Musical Musings

## Anthems for May



May 5<sup>TH</sup> ~ Third Sunday in Easter

**“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”** arr. Hogan

The song “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” is a traditional African-American spiritual that reminds us that no matter the situation, we can find refuge with the Lord.

May 12<sup>TH</sup> ~ Fourth Sunday in Easter ~ Mother’s Day

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”** by Gounod

**Charles-François Gounod** was a French composer, best known for his *Ave Maria*, based on a work by Bach, as well as his opera *Faust*. Another opera by Gounod still performed is *Roméo et Juliette*. At the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war, Gounod, who detested fighting, sailed for England together with his wife and two children. He conducted concerts at the Crystal Palace, concerts of the Philharmonic, and concerts of the Gounod Chorus (later the Royal Choral Society). While residing in England he is said to have written many of the very much sung sacred songs, including *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, a text paraphrasing Psalm 23.

In 1893 Gounod was engaged upon work with a Requiem. He was going over the score of what he hoped to make his greatest work and describing his purpose to a pupil when he came suddenly upon a particularly effective passage, and, in the excitement of the moment, fell over the score, dead.

May 19<sup>TH</sup> ~ Fifth Sunday in Easter

**“Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled”** by Dickey

Let Not Your Heart Be Trouble by Mark S. Dickey is based on John 14:1-2,27. A passage of Jesus comforting his disciples and telling them “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

May 26<sup>TH</sup> ~ Sixth Sunday in Easter

**“I Will Not Leave You Comfortless”** by Byrd

**William Byrd** was an English composer of the Renaissance. He wrote in many of the forms current in England at the time, including various types of sacred and secular polyphony, keyboard (the so-called Virginalist school), and consort music. Although he produced sacred music for Anglican services, sometime during the 1570s he became a Roman Catholic and wrote Catholic sacred music later in his life. *I Will Not Leave you Comfortless* is a piece based on John 14:18 “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”

## Lunch at Westminster

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday is  
Lunch with members living at  
Westminster-Canterbury  
Join us on May 9<sup>TH</sup>  
Fauber 2 - 11:30am



# PILLOW TALK



**Madeline Pillow**  
Editor

Loving  
those who  
are gone



**“Be the things you loved most about the people who are gone.”** -Unknown

I've been thinking a lot about this quote. On Monday, March 25, my “Papa”, the Rev. Doug Pillow, retired elder, passed into glory.

My office has not had much of a break between General Conference, working toward Annual Conference in June or in all of the events and action items in between.

I finally found some time the weekend following his passing to process and grieve his death.

His funeral was all we could have wished for. It was a celebration to honor a life well lived. Papa's favorite people were there, from members of his former congregations to clergy members to loved ones.

Papa loved that I worked at the conference center and was the *Advocate* editor. Loved it. Every month, whether by phone call or in his prolific letter writing, he would tell me about some aspect of the magazine that he liked. He wasn't alone in this. I am pretty convinced that my grandmother has been our highest-grossing subscription getter since I started (Hugs and kisses to you, Gaga!).

In reflecting on his life, I was never hazy about what Papa believed. He loved God and he loved his family. He also loved food; he was the quintessential United Methodist.

With Papa's death comes the knowledge and understanding that there has been a major loss in my life. I no longer live in a world where he is.

But I can choose to carry him with me. I can carry what I loved most about him with me in the world of which I am still a part. I can love God. I can love my family. And I can love all kinds of food. 🍷

Until our next issue,

*Madeline C. Pillow*



**ESA Art Show and Open House**

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>

1:00pm – 4:00pm



**Historic Academy Theatre ~ May 3 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Tickets:** <https://academycenter.org/event/lso-new-world/>

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

- May 5: **“Call to Righteousness”**, Richard Chaffin
- May 12: **“Called to Life in the Spirit”**, Lewis Johnson
- May 19: **“The Call of the Gentiles”**, Richard Chaffin
- May 26: **“Called to New Life in Christ”**, Richard Chaffin

**\*Birthdays and Anniversaries\***

May Birthdays		June Anniversaries		June Birthdays	
Brad Diuguid	May 01	Karen & Randy Speer	June 01	Cameron Jackson	June 03
John McDaniel	May 04	Susan & Keith Leazer	June 12	McKenzie Lynn Larkin	June 07
Flo Traywick	May 09	Samantha & Matthew Turner	June 17	Rob McDaniel	June 09
Bill Phillips	May 14	Elizabeth & Josh Larkin	June 23	Andy Whitehead	June 16
Dottie Scales	May 14	Ann & Phil Ripley	June 24	Rick Kinne	June 17
Matthew Turner	May 26	Barbara & Bobby Brown	June 26	Katie Thaxton	June 18
Ann Ripley	May 30	Ellen & David Petty	June 30	Ellen Petty	June 20
Jason Brooks	May 31			Elaine St. Vincent	June 28
				Samantha Turner	June 29



## 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  
\*Christopher Lilley - 408 Blackford Street #2, Lynchburg, VA 24504  
\*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 4/28/18	\$247,881
Balance needed to reach goal	\$52,119
Received to Date	\$203,066
Received since last update	\$1,150.00
<b>Elevator fund</b>	\$10,328

### ***Gifts in Memory***

To the General Fund in memory of:

***Rev. C. Douglas Pillow*** by:

Shanda and Garnette Horner

Ann and John Shively, Sr.

Bishop R. Kern Eutsler

Susan Cobbs

Chiswell Logan and Megan Straw

Anne Quillian

***Anne Stevens Thaxton*** by:

Lynn and Gary Garner

To Capital Campaign in Memory of:

***Rev. C. Douglas Pillow*** by:

Walter Wright

Kathy Mason

Anne McDaniel

Robert McDaniel

# MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 AGLOW ~ 9AM Refectory Bible Study ~ 6pm <b>Potluck</b>	2 ACC Tours the Sanctuary 1PM	3 <b>LSO Concert at The Academy 7PM</b>	4 Unity in Our Community 9am ESA OPEN HOUSE 1PM-4PM All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
5 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	6 All People's Ascend 6pm	7	8 Bible Study 7pm	9 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2 Trustees Meeting 2PM - Wesley G	10	11 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>Mother's Day 12</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	13 All People's Ascend - 6pm	14 ACC	15 Finance Committee Meeting 2PM - Wesley G. Bible Study 7pm	16	17 ACC Devotions with Pastor Bill	18 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
19 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Church Council 12pm Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	20 All People's Ascend ~ 6pm LSO Board 6pm - Wesley Guild	21	22 Bible Study 7pm	23	24	25 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
26 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship Service ~ 7:00pm	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> Office closed	28	29 Bible Study 7pm	30		

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

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