



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2019

Court Street United Methodist

Reflection in the Christian Life

Thanksgiving brings images of Pilgrims, Plymouth Rock and celebrating the first fruits of the harvest. While a meal of Thanksgiving had long been celebrated in America, it did not become a national holiday until Abraham Lincoln's declaration in the midst of the Civil War. On October 3, 1863, Lincoln declared: *I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him...they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.*

It is striking to me that in the midst of diversity and division, Lincoln calls for the nation to give thanks to God the Father and intercede on behalf of others that God may heal our wounds and restore our unity. Lincoln's declaration reminds us of power that giving thanks can have in the midst of difficult circumstances. While I'm not sure what inspired Lincoln's declaration, he touches on many of the themes we find in the New Testament regarding thanksgiving. On this Thanksgiving Day, reminding ourselves of who we give thanks to and what we give thanks for may just make a difference in our own divided nation. Giving thanks is the means by which we express our confidence in the sovereignty and goodness of God. Our thanksgiving is not dependent on our circumstances—whether in want or plenty. We give thanks “always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph. 5:20) and we do so because giving thanks in all circumstances is the will of God. Giving thanks always and in all things is an expression of our submission to God's will. As our nation seeks to heal its wounds once again, Thanksgiving Day reminds us where we must turn toward God with gratitude for who he is and what he has done. No doubt, a little bit of gratitude and kindness for the common grace we all share would go a long way in helping us bind up our nation's wounds and seek unity within our communities. However, I am convinced that the answer to our divided nation is not just being more grateful people in general but being a more united and grateful church. To say that a grateful church is the answer is to say that God is the answer. It is his peace that brings unity, his word which gives life, and his name which defines who we are and what we do. A grateful church puts the character and work of God on display for a watching and wounded world.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*

“THANKS-LIVING” IS EXPRESSING GRATEFULNESS IN WORD AND ACTION.



Musical Musings **Anthems for November**



November 3RD ~ All Saints Celebration

“Going Home” arranged by Rollo Dillworth (1970-)

Antonín Dvorák’s “New World” Symphony, written while he was the director of the National Conservatory of Music of America, was directly influenced by Harry T. Burleigh, a student at the Conservatory at the time. The musical theme from the second movement was later adapted into the spiritual-like Goin’ Home by Dvorák’s pupil William Arms Fisher, and in turn set in an African American gospel style by modern day composer Rollo Dillworth, who chose to include a quote from the spiritual Deep River.

“Funeral Ikos” by John Tavener (1944-2013)

Sir John Tavener was a convert to the Eastern Orthodox church, and was widely recognized as a composer of deep religious conviction. The text to his “Funeral Ikos” is translated from the Greek Orthodox rites for the burial of a priest, and this mostly unison setting sensitively and achingly emphasizes the reward in paradise for the righteous.

“Song for Athene” by John Tavener

Employing texts from Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* and the Greek Orthodox funeral service, “Song for Athene” is considered Tavener’s best known work. The piece was composed in 1993 as a tribute to a close family friend who was tragically killed in a cycling accident, but gained its fame when performed in 1997 at the funeral of Princess Diana.

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” arranged by Alice Parker (1925-)

Shape-note singing was designed in the mid-eighteenth century to help folks who could not read music to sing on sight. The American shape-note hymn “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” is robust and energetic, very much in the style of Southern Harmony singing. New York composer and arranger Alice Parker’s arrangement of “Hark, I Hear” heightens the piece’s great rhythmic vitality, and is considered the standard choral setting of this hymn.

November 10TH ~ Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

“Silent Devotion and Response” by Ernest Bloch (1880-1959)

Considered among the greatest of Swiss composers, Ernest Bloch emigrated to the United States in 1916, where he taught at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and the University of California, Berkeley. His “Silent Devotion and Response” is from *Sacred Service*, the first large-scale choral/orchestral composition to be written for Jewish worship by a composer of such renown. The well-known text, “May the words of my mouth...” is from Psalm 19, and Bloch’s setting reflects a simple, yet profound desire to be a better human being.

November 17TH ~ Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

“Cry Out and Shout” by Knut Nystedt (1915-2014)

Norway’s greatest modern composer, Knut Nystedt, enjoyed a particular success with his motet, “Cry Out and Shout.” Composed in 1955, it was his first work to be published in the United States, and in only a few years was selling between twenty and thirty thousand copies per year. Nystedt composed works for chorus, organ, and orchestra – including several oratorios – well into his eighties and nineties.

November 24TH ~ Christ the King Sunday

“Thanks Be To Thee” by Siegfried Ochs (1858-1929)

Long thought to be by George Frederic Handel, “Thanks Be To Thee” has been discovered as the work of much more modern composer Siegfried Ochs. Regardless of the piece’s authorship, “Thanks Be To Thee” is a long-time favorite at Court Street, entirely appropriate for the season of Thanksgiving.

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

November 3: **"An Interior Design"**, Anne Langley
November 10: **"The Permission Trap"**, Lewis Johnson
November 17: **"Shamed by Shams"**, Richard Chaffin
November 24: **"The Worship Impulse"**, Richard Chaffin



Lunch at Westminster

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



THANKGIVING EVE COMMUNITY DINNER will be held on Wednesday November 27TH. Lighthouse Mission will co-host with Court Street to provide a dinner and worship service to the members of our community at 5:00pm in the Refectory. Please let pastor Burleigh know if you are available to help serve or participate in the worship service. This service will be similar to what we do at Parkview Mission's Café.

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AND SUPPORT OUR
PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AT COURT STREET!!!**

**Lynchburg Symphony Youth
Orchestra & Junior Strings**
*With Special Guests from the Lynchburg City Schools
Elementary Honors Strings*

PRESENTS

**SOUNDS
OF THE
SEASON**

*Sunday
December 15th, 2019
3:00 pm
EC Glass Auditorium*

A decorative image of a green pine branch with clusters of bright red berries, positioned on the right side of the poster.

ECCLESIA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PRESENTS

The Nutcracker

December 13th
7:00 p.m.

December 14th
2:00 p.m.

R. S. Payne Elementary
Lynchburg, Virginia

Tickets range from
\$10.00 - \$14.00

To purchase tickets visit
EcclesiaArts.com

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SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

A promotional image for 'The Nutcracker' featuring a ballerina in a white tutu performing a dance move. In the background, a large, stylized nutcracker figure is visible against a blue, starry night sky with snowflakes. The scene is set in a snowy landscape with evergreen trees.



THE ADULT CARE CENTER would like to thank all of the participants and volunteers for their fundraising events in October. The care² 5K was held Saturday the 12th at the University of Lynchburg and the Smith Mountain Lake Home Tour was held Friday 11th -Sunday 13th. The funds raised will be used to continue the mission of providing health, social, and support services in a protected, home-like setting during weekday hours. If you didn't get a chance to volunteer or participate; please consider making a donation in the near future to show your support.

JAMES CROSSING LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL would like to thank the members of Court Street for donations of snacks for the games and their generosity in giving money to help pay for parents and siblings to be admitted into the games. (admission is \$5) The team has made it to the playoffs and will compete **Saturday November 2nd at 1:30pm at City Stadium**. If they win; they will move on to the Championships!!! Stay Tuned for more!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays		December Anniversaries		December Birthdays	
Gina Wright	November 01	Shelley & Bill Burleigh	Dec. 16	Hunter Alan Tyree	December 02
Chiswell Logan	November 06	Bobbi & Randy Hurst	Dec. 23	Milton West	December 03
Landen Larkin	November 10	<p>BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES</p>	Brennalynn Diuguid	December 05	
Phyllis Coleman	November 11		Phil Ripley	December 05	
Megan Straw	November 12		Nancy Russell	December 06	
Nada Sweeney	November 12		Elizabeth Larkin	December 07	
Cornell Thompson	November 18		Adam Bryant	December 09	
Jodi Center	November 19		Jeff Thaxton	December 11	
Julia McConnell	November 21		Suzanne Baker	December 12	
			Susan Cobbs	December 12	
			Lisa Thaxton	December 14	
			Randy Hurst	December 20	
		Ray Pulliam	December 30		
		Anne Langley	December 31		

PRAYER CONCERNS

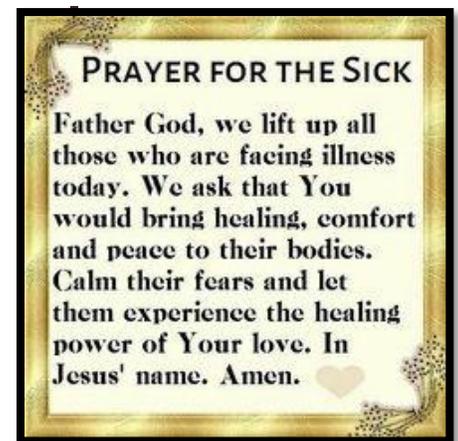
All Men and Women serving in the Military

- Travis Dean Burleigh – 5271 Avenue Unit 373, Shepherd AFB, TX 76311 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, Virginia 24503
- *Patsy Cundiff – 1559 Lexington Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- *Noel Draper - 501 VES Road Drinkard 619, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- Susan Dwyer – sister of Rev. Bill Burleigh
- *Warren Martin – 174 Salisbury Circle, Lynchburg, VA 24502
- *Eleanor Pillow – 1201 Langhorne Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- *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 Rev. Bill Burleigh
- Noah Slocum – 698 Don Pablo Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455
- Great Nephew of Karen and Randall Speer
- *Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- Elaine St. Vincent – 501 VES Road Drinkard 415, Lynchburg, VA 24503

* Church members



Update on Capital Campaign:	
Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 10/27/19	\$248,981
Balance needed to reach goal	\$51,019
Received to Date	\$206,466
Received since last update	\$750.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Charge Conference 2:30pm	4 Nutcracker Rehearsals 2pm-8pm	5 LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory	6 AGLOW 9am Bible Study 7pm	7	8	9 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
10 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am	11 Nutcracker Rehearsals 2pm-7pm	12 LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory APC Ladies Fellowship 7pm – 9pm Wesley Guild	13 Bible Study 7pm	14 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2	15 Nutcracker Rehearsals 2pm-7pm	16 Nutcracker Rehearsals 10am-3pm All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
17 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am	18 Nutcracker Rehearsals 2pm-8pm LSO Board Meeting 6pm ~ Wesley G.	19 LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory	20 Bible Study 7pm	21	22	23 ESA Nutcracker Rehearsals 10am-3pm All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
24 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am	25 ACC Thanksgiving party	26 LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory	27 Thanksgiving Community Dinner 5PM	28 Thanksgiving Church office closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm

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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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