



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Court Street United Methodist

Reflection in the Christian Life

The spiritual disciplines are receiving a sort of resurgence within the Christian church today, with good reason. As Christianity has stagnated in the USA, a new emphasis has been placed on true discipleship within the Christian church. However, one of the spiritual disciplines which has not received a great deal of attention is that of reflection. I believe the reason for this inattention to be twofold. First, our American society tells us to never slow down and keeps us running frantically from one thing to the next. Everything in our lives is fast paced, and any time spent in reflection would obviously be seen as wasted time. Unfortunately, this attitude has crept into the church. As church members we are whisked along from one meeting to another, from one program to the next. Slowing down is simply not something we are good at. Second, I believe our Reformed theology has led us to disregard reflection. We have taken up the Calvinistic idea of reforming all of creation and bringing all things under the Lordship of Christ. However, we have often times gone too far in thinking we are the ones bringing the kingdom, and we have busied ourselves too much in this kingdom work. By no means do I mean to undermine reforming all of creation but, like all things, it needs to be kept in check. So what is the value of the reflection? Regular reflection always reminds us to constantly check in on the state of our spiritual lives. We can take an honest look at ourselves and see our weaknesses and our strengths. Reflection also allows us to keep our spiritual things in the forefront of our minds. If we reflect daily on what God is doing and has done in our lives, it makes living in God's presence much easier for us. Reflection allows us to look for God in our own lives, in the lives of those around us, in our churches, and in our world. I believe wholeheartedly that reflection is something that we as Christians need to integrate into our daily lives. Reflecting on who we are, who God is making us, how God is working in us, and how God is working around us will allow us to live more fully Christian lives. Christian reflection will allow us to step away from the worldliness of life and reorient ourselves to our Savior and Creator. Reflection will truly allow us to become better disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

~ Pastor Bill Burleigh

YOU MAY BE THE HOPE SOMEONE FINDS TODAY.



Musical Musings

Anthems for September



October 6th ~ World Communion Sunday

Communion, by Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)

As close to a twentieth-century Renaissance man as could be, Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály was also an ethnomusicologist, pedagogue, linguist, and philosopher. He is most widely known nowadays as the creator of the Kodály Method of music education, which references musical notes by hand signals. His anthem, “Communion,” possesses a conversational quality while suggesting a personal and deeply spiritual approach to the Lord’s Table: “Come ye with adoration, throw aside all affairs of the world - those have only passing worth...”

O Lord, Increase My Faith, by Henry Loosemore (1616-1681; attrib. Gibbons)

Historically attributed to the great Elizabethan composer Orlando Gibbons, this beautiful anthem is now considered to have come from the pen of one Henry Loosemore, organist and choirmaster at King’s College, Cambridge. Where we often use the word “amen” to simply punctuate prayers and certain statements, the text of this compelling anthem uses the word in its original meaning of *so let it be*: “In all my adversity, teach me to say Amen.”

October 13th ~ Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Great Day, by Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

New Orleans composer, pianist, and conductor Moses Hogan was a strong and influential voice in modern performance of African American spirituals. In international demand as a clinician, he directly and profoundly influenced countless choral directors – your own Music Director among them. Hogan’s collections of spirituals are considered staples of church and school American repertoire. “Great Day” exuberantly proclaims “God’s gonna build up Zion’s walls,” foretelling the establishment of God’s “city” and the establishment of the kingdom of God.

October 20th ~ Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Hear My Prayer, by Moses Hogan

Another gem by Moses Hogan, “Hear My Prayer” is beautiful, fervent, and powerful.

October 27th ~ Reformation Sunday

The Pharisee and the Publican, by Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

The Chancel Choir is pleased to return to early Baroque composer Heinrich Schütz’ famous setting of Jesus’ parable depicting the Pharisee and the tax collector (publican). Each character is dramatically represented by a soloist, whereas Jesus’ words are performed by the entire choir.

Did you know? Fun Facts!

The Chancel Choir library contains

- over 650 individual scores for anthems
- more than 80 larger collections and major works
- over 100 solo publications and collections

For a grand total of about 2,400 selections, card and electronically catalogued, and cross-referenced by scripture (when applicable), and by date(s) performed. What a wealth of superb music!

Lunch at Westminster

**Every 2nd Thursday is
Lunch with members living at
Westminster-Canterbury**
Join us on October 10TH
Fauber 2 - 11:30am



THANK YOU to everyone who prepared and served 132 meals at Park View Community Mission on Wednesday, September 25 under the leadership of Mary Tyree. Barbecue on buns, with slaw, baked beans, potato chips, and homemade desserts were enjoyed by happy participants. Walmart provided Asters and Lilies for centerpieces, which were arranged by Dr. Dana Woody of Liberty University and five of her nursing students in vases provided by Jodi Center. Pastor Bill Burleigh led the worship, and George Clark provided music. Thank you, Sharon Brooks, Shelley and Bill Burleigh, Suzanne Campbell, Jodi Center, Debbie and Richard Chaffin, George Clark, Susan Cobbs, Susan Hall, Kenny Kincaid, Anne Langley, Ann Lis, Kathy Mason, Lillie McDaniel, Sherwood Newton, Ellen Petty, Mary Tyree.

LOOK AT THESE WONDERFUL SMILING FACES OF OUR MEMBERS HARD AT WORK!

(Plus nursing students from LU)





Beautiful Setting ♦ Beautiful Homes
♦ Beautiful Cause ♦

THE ADULT CARE CENTER needs volunteers to help with the *Smith Mountain Lake Charity Home Tour*, October 11th -13th, serving as traffic host or room host. To volunteer, please call 434.847.8111 or email office@adultcarecenter.org

THE ADULT CARE CENTER Care² – 5K Walk/Run will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the University of Lynchburg track. Find out more at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2007608745942035/>.

Sponsorship, runner, and volunteer information can be found in the Bishop Early Hall



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 football team is comprised of 8 to 12-year-old players from James Crossing who attend R.S. Payne Elementary School. They compete in the Lynchburg City League. October Schedule:

October 5 - RS Payne vs VA Wolverines 10:00am @ City Stadium

October 12 - RS Payne vs Heritage 10:00am @ Heritage

October 19 - SWVA 611 vs RS Payne 2:00pm @Roanoke

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

October 6: **“Hidden Inside”**, Lewis Johnson

October 13: **“One Size Fits All”**, Lewis Johnson

October 20: **“Bridging the Chasm”**, Lewis Johnson

October 27: **“All In”**, Richard Chaffin

OCTOBER 13TH is Pastor Appreciation Sunday!!!!

Pastor appreciation month is October, but according to Google; October 13th is pastor appreciation Sunday and the best gift you can give is the gift of your attendance in church.

~We have an awesome pastor at Court Street! Thank you for all that you do for our church and our community. ~ *The Members of Court Street*



Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith. - Hebrews 13:7 (NLT)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays	October Anniversaries	November Birthdays
Jeb Haley October 01	Christine & Karl Speer October 10	Gina Wright November 01
Charles Sweeney October 05		Chiswell Logan November 06
GiGi Sweeney October 05		Landen Larkin November 10
Addison Johnson October 08		Phyllis Coleman November 11
Libba McCraw October 09		Megan Straw November 12
Caroline McCraw October 09		Nada Sweeney November 12
Pat Haley October 10		Cornell Thompson November 18
Karen Hudnall October 13		Jodi Center November 19
Patrick Pillow October 15		Julia McConnell November 21
Susan Leazer October 16		Sam Angus November 22
Irby Hudson October 22		
Charles Thaxton October 22		
Robin Hudson October 23		
Anne Quillian October 28		
Karl Speer October 29		
	November Anniversaries Meg & David Case Sr Nov 26	
		

PRAYER CONCERNS

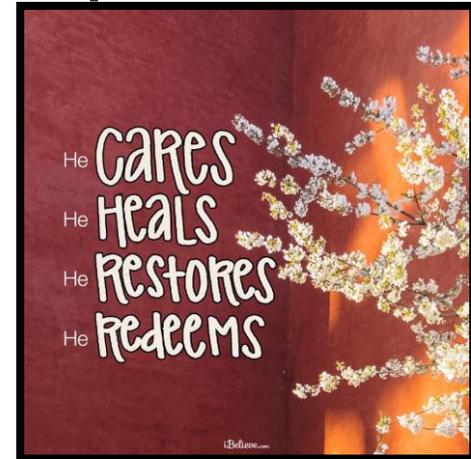
All Men and Women serving in the Military

- 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 – 501 VES Road Room 628, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- *Patsy Cundiff – 1559 Lexington Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- *Noel Draper - 501 VES Road Drinkard 630, 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
- Sylvia Shuff - Mother-in-Law of Rev. Bill Burleigh
- Noah Slocum – Great Nephew of Karen and Randall Speer
- *Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- Elaine St. Vincent – 501 VES Road Room 415, Lynchburg, VA 24503

* Church members



Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 9/29/19	\$248,381
Balance needed to reach goal	\$51,619
Received to Date	\$205,716
Received since last update	\$500.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	7	8 LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory	9 Bible Study 7pm	10 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2	11	12 LSYO Auditions 9AM – 12PM All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
13 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	14 LSO 7pm – 10pm Refectory	15 LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory LSO 7pm – 10pm Refectory	16 Bible Study 7pm	17	18	19 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
20 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	21	22 LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory	23 LIGHTHOUSE SEMINAR 8:30AM-4:30PM Finance Committee Meeting ~ 2pm Bible Study 7pm	24 LIGHTHOUSE SEMINAR 8:30AM-4:30PM	25	26 ESA Nutcracker Rehearsals 10am-3pm All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
27 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Church Council 12pm Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	28 LSO Board Meeting 6pm – 8pm Wesley Guild	29 LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory	30	31 ACC Halloween Party with James River Day School	November 1	November 2 Unity in Our Community 9AM ESA Nutcracker Rehearsals 10am-3pm 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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