



# The Courier

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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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September 2019

Court Street United Methodist

### Autumn: Reflections on the Season

The autumn equinox marks the arrival of the season of fall, traditionally seen as a period of changes leading to the dark of winter. On the autumn equinox, day and night are of equal length. This signals the need to balance light and darkness within us. As we watch leaves fluttering to the ground in the fall, we are reminded that nature's cycles are mirrored in our lives. Autumn is a time for letting go and releasing things that have been a burden. All the religious traditions pay tribute to such acts of relinquishment. Fall is the right time to practice getting out of the way and letting the Holy Spirit take charge of our lives. James Hillman, the elder statesman of contemporary depth psychology, challenges us to learn from others about this: *"For what the actor tries to achieve on stage is to 'get out of the way' so that the character he or she is portraying can come fully out. So, too, the writer and the painter; they have to get out of the way of the flow of the work onto the paper and the canvas."* Fall is the perfect season to give generously of your time and talents to others. Autumn reminds us of the impermanence of everything. We have experienced the budding of life in spring and the flowering and profusion of summer. When the leaves fall and branches become bare it reminds us of the fleeting nature of all things. When we contemplate fall's changes, we grow more appreciative of all the beauty that surrounds us. The poet Wallace Stevens once wrote, *"Death is the mother of beauty."* What those words say to me is that we cherish the beauty of a sunrise, of the changing colors of the leaves, of a relationship, of a child's hug, precisely because those things will not be around forever and neither will we be around to enjoy them. Fall also brings home to our consciousness the challenge to live every day to the fullest. I was once told that certain spiritual masters in Tibet used to set their teacups upside down before they went to bed each night as a reminder that all life was impermanent. And then, when they awoke each morning, they turned their teacups right side up again with the happy thought, 'I'm still here!' This simple gesture was a wonderful reminder to celebrate every moment of the day.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*

**AS LEAVES FALL MAY YOUR SPIRIT SOAR.**

## The Chancel Choir returns September 8<sup>th</sup>!

The Chancel Choir will have rehearsal for the new choir year on Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> and will sing for the Sunday service on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Let's give them a big WELCOME BACK and invite friends to come worship with you to enjoy the wonderful music and message at Court Street!



## *Musical Musings*

### Anthems for September



September 1<sup>ST</sup> ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Kris Blackthorn, soprano**

September 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**"Clap Your Hands"** by F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)

The son of a Norwegian factory worker, F. Melius Christiansen is recognized as a pioneer of American a cappella choral tradition. He founded the world-famous, powerhouse St. Olaf College Choir in 1912, and directed that ensemble for thirty years. Christiansen composed over 250 choral works, of which "Clap Your Hands" remains a popular anthem to this day.

**"Blessing for the World"** by Allan Robert Petkerk (b. 1955)

This Benedictine blessing, written by Sister Ruth Marlene Fox, provides a poignant and inspirational message that we can, in fact, make a difference in the world. The text is stirringly set by Allan Robert Petker, a widely popular composer and conductor in choral music today.

September 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**"Immortal, Invisible"** arranged by Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

A favorite at Court Street, this popular hymn with music adapted from a Welsh melody is arranged by British composer Eric Thiman, whose music is regularly heard in our sanctuary in choir responses and anthems.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**"There Is a Balm in Gilead"** arranged by William Dawson (1899-1990)

William Dawson's arrangement of "There Is a Balm" was a favorite of our own beloved C. Douglas Pillow, whose ministry in Lynchburg was for many years a modern-day, pastoral balm to heal our own community. An influential figure in American music, Dawson taught at the Tuskegee Institute. His arrangement of "There Is a Balm" is considered the definitive arrangement of this well-known spiritual.

September 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**"Fight the Good Fight"** by David H. Williams (b. 1919)

Mostly active in the mid-20th century, British composer David H. Williams continued to publish works even into the 21st century. His setting of "Fight the Good Fight" is rousing and celebratory, with short fanfare-like punctuation in the organ.

### **Did You Know?**

For the past thirty years, Court Street United Methodist Church has kept record of which hymns were used in their services, and when. In recent months, your Music Director has entered that record onto a database, which he maintains and updates weekly. The top 10 hymns of the last three decades? Here they are!

10. No. 154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (sung 28 times, most recently last May)
9. No. 415 Take Up Thy Cross (sung 29 times, most recently in 2018)
8. No. 430 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (sung 30 times, most recently in 2018)
7. No. 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (sung 31 times, most recently in 2016)
6. No. 64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (sung 34 times, most recently last June)
5. No. 382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord (sung 37 times, most recently in 2018)
4. No. 92 For the Beauty of the Earth (sung 38 times, most recently in 2018)
3. No. 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (sung 40 times, most recently last January)
2. No. 73 O Worship the King (sung 41 times, most recently in 2018)

**And in the Number One spot: No. 529 How Firm a Foundation (sung 41 times, most recently on August 11)**

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON RECITAL WITH JOHN LOWE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

Over 90 people attended John Lowe's concert on Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. A big THANK YOU to George Clark, Randall Speer, Mark Roper, Jodi Center, Dennis Pruitt, Kenny Kincaid, Anne Langley, Kathy Mason, and Susan Hall. As seen in the pictures below; a wonderful time was had by all.





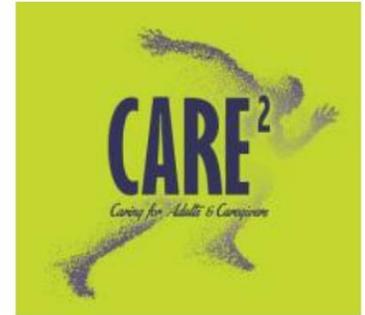
## Lunch at Westminster

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday is  
Lunch with members living at  
Westminster-Canterbury  
Join us on September 12<sup>TH</sup>  
Fauber 2 - 11:30am



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

Beautiful Setting ♦ Beautiful Homes  
♦ Beautiful Cause ♦



## CARE<sup>2</sup> 5K

### Date & Time

Saturday, October 12, 2019  
8:30AM EDT – 10:30AM EDT

### Place

University of Lynchburg  
1501 Lakeside Drive  
Lynchburg, VA US 24501

### Description

Adult Care Center of Central Virginia, a non-profit United Way partner agency, is pleased to present the **Care<sup>2</sup> 5K Run/Walk, One-Mile Walk, and Care Anywhere**. ACCCV provides supervised daycare services to health-impaired adults, and provides their caregivers respite & support, to improve the quality of life for our clients & their family caregivers.

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



A big THANK YOU to Anne Langley and Dave Petty for Driving last month for Meals on Wheels. Court Street volunteers a few weeks every year to help people stay independent in their own homes by providing a warm nourishing meal with a smile. I can always count on my church family to volunteer and for that I am very grateful!  
 ~ Bobbi Hurst, coordinator



**JAMES CROSSING LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL** will kick off the season with a game at Lynchburg City Stadium on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Then again on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am (admission is \$5) The football team will be comprised of 8 to 12-year-old players from James Crossing and will compete in the Lynchburg City League. Updates will be given on the team's progress during the season.

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

- September 1: **"In the Beginning, God"**, Richard Chaffin
- September 8: **"Together, But Why?"**, Lewis Johnson
- September 15: **"The Thick Darkness"**, Richard Chaffin
- September 22: **"God's First Creation"**, Richard Chaffin
- September 29: **"God's Ultimate Messenger"**, Richard Chaffin

**\*Birthdays and Anniversaries\***

September Birthdays	September Anniversaries	October Birthdays
Mike Russell            Sept 01	Nancy & Mike Russell    Sept. 03	Jeb Haley                October 01
Alicia Speer            Sept 01	Stuart & Tracy Jackson   Sept. 24	Charles Sweeney      October 05
Dane Peterson        Sept 04	Lisa & Jeff Thaxton        Sept. 25	GiGi Sweeney          October 05
Cecil Kidd             Sept 06		Addison Johnson     October 08
Mark Roper            Sept 06	<b>October Anniversaries</b>	Libba McCraw         October 09
David Case, Jr.        Sept 07	Christine & Karl Speer    October 10	Caroline McCraw      October 09
Pam Jackson          Sept 10		Pat Haley                October 10
Lynette James        Sept 10		Karen Hudnall         October 13
Dennis Pruitt          Sept 10		Patrick Pillow         October 15
Robert Draper        Sept 16		Susan Leazer          October 16
Aubrey McDaniel     Sept 29		Irby Hudson            October 22
Eva Shober            Sept 29		Charles Thaxton        October 22
Patsy Cundiff         Sept 30		Robin Hudson          October 23
		Anne Quillian         October 28
		Karl Speer                October 29



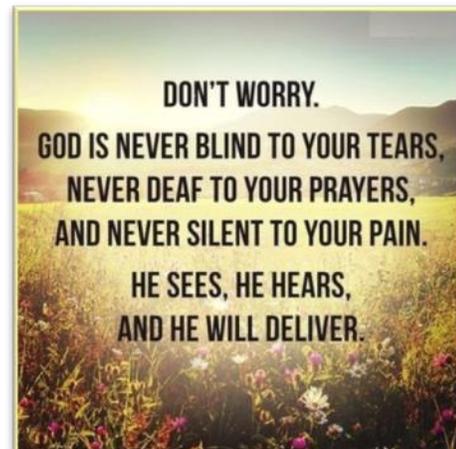
## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **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 Room 631, 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
- \*Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- Elaine St. Vincent – 501 VES Road Room 415, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \*Nada Sweeney - 1930 Royal Oak Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \* *Church members*



### ***Gifts to the church***

To the General Fund in Honor of:

***Anne Langley*** by:  
Eleanor Pillow

### **Update on Capital Campaign for church repairs:**

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 8/25/19	\$248,081
Balance needed to reach goal	\$51,919
Received to Date	\$205,216
Received since last update	\$1050.00
<b>Elevator fund</b>	<b>\$10,328</b>

# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> AGLOW 9AM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> LSO Auditions 9am – 4pm All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>8</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory	<b>11</b> Trustee / Finance committee meeting 2pm ~ Wesley Guild Bible Study 7pm	<b>12</b> Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Faubert 2	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> LSYO Auditions 9AM – 12PM All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>15</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory	<b>18</b> Bible Study 7pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
Hall Family Beach Week – Church Office Closed September 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>						
<b>22</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Church Council 12pm Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	<b>23</b> LSO Board Meeting 6pm – 8pm Wesley Guild	<b>24</b> LSYO 3pm – 7pm Refectory	<b>25</b> ACC OPEN HOUSE 12pm-5pm Bible Study 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
<b>29</b> Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am Breakthrough Worship ~ 7:00pm	<b>30</b>	<b>October 1</b>	<b>October 2</b>			

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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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