



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Court Street United Methodist

A Reflection for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a day many Christians set aside as a special day. It is a day to remember our humanness and mortality. It is a day to begin the season of Lent, a time for reflection, penitence, and preparation for Easter. Some Christians do not recognize Ash Wednesday or Lent, which is just fine. Nothing in Scripture requires acknowledgement of these special days. In fact, I grew up with almost no awareness of either Ash Wednesday or Lent, even though I was raised in a strong Christian family and church. Ash Wednesday and Lent were for my Catholic friends, or so I thought. But, about three decades ago I discovered that there is a wide array of Ash Wednesday traditions and practices. But the central meaning of these has to do with our humanness, mortality and weakness. When church leaders place ashes on people's foreheads, they usually say something like, "*From dust you were made, and to dust you will return.*" This is a quotation from Genesis 3:9, a verse where God delivered to Adam the bad news of what his sin had brought about. Adam once enjoyed the reality of deathless life in God's perfect creation, now his body would die. In time, he would return to the dust from which he was made. This was bad news for Adam. And it is bad news for us. Like Adam, we have come from dust, and to dust we will return. Throughout our lives, our dusty bodies remind us of our mortality, when they get sick, or when they work imperfectly, or when they age, or when they stop working altogether. Often, our bodies are the instruments of sin, rather than of God-honoring work and worship. Of course many good things come from our bodies, including new human life, fulfilling work, loving embraces, and acts of charity. The inherent goodness of our bodies has not been obliterated by sin, though it has been tarnished and twisted. So Ash Wednesday begins with bad news. It invites us into a time of extended contemplation and contrition, as we consider during Lent just how much we need to be saved from our sin. But Ash Wednesday also signifies hope. The ashes that are imposed on our heads form the shape of a cross. Sometimes these crosses are obvious; sometimes more subtle. But the very stuff that symbolizes our mortality and sin also alludes to that which will set us free. It reminds us that God has entered into our human condition in order to break the power of sin and welcome us into the fullness of his life. Yet Ash Wednesday is not Good Friday. It is not a day to focus on the cross so much as a time to begin to realize just how much we need the cross. Like millions of Christians throughout the world, on Ash Wednesday I am reminded of my mortality. I have come from dust, and to dust I shall return. Thanks be to God, this is not the end of the story, but just the beginning, because God himself entered into my dustiness in Jesus Christ.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*

EVEN ON GRAY WINTER DAYS, WE HAVE SON-SHINE!



Musical Musings

Anthems for February



February 2ND ~ Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

The Beatitudes by Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

Best known for his famous setting of “The Lord’s Prayer,” the American composer Albert Hay Malotte treats the Beatitudes to a beautiful and sensitively flowing accompaniment.

February 9TH ~ Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

“Keep Your Lamps!”, arranged by André Thomas (1952-)

Conductor, composer, educator and arranger André Thomas has achieved international recognition for his arrangements of spirituals for choirs, as exemplified by “Keep Your Lamps!” This delightful rhythmic piece exhorts the Christian worker: “Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh!” Thomas is currently Director of Choral Activities at Florida State University.

February 16TH ~ Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” arranged by Carl Diton (1886-1962)

Philadelphia-born Carl Diton is said to be the first African-American concert pianist to embark on a transcontinental tour. His arrangement of “Swing Low” is refreshing, with some modest additions to the traditional tune.

February 23RD ~ Transfiguration Sunday

“Lift Thine Eyes,” from *Elijah*, by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Appropriate for Transfiguration Sunday, this women’s trio encourages us to lift our eyes to mountains, from whence comes our help. In the narrative of Mendelssohn’s oratorio *Elijah*, “Lift Thine Eyes” comes as encouragement to a despondent Elijah.

“Ain’t Got Time To Die,” arranged by Hall Johnson (1888-1970)

Conductor, composer, violinist, and Broadway show director Hall Johnson founded the Hall Johnson Choir in 1925, which focused on the preservation of the African American spiritual, helping to elevate the spiritual to an art form comparable in its musical sophistication to compositions of European composers. The choir’s legacy of success is evident in its presence in a good many Hollywood film soundtracks from the 1930s and ‘40s. “Ain’t Got Time to Die” is arguably Johnson’s most popular work.

FEBRUARY’S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS ~ SUNDAYS ~ 9:45AM

February 2: **“Holy Place”**, Richard Chaffin

February 9: **“Holy Presence”**, Lewis Johnson

February 16: **“Holy People”**, Richard Chaffin

February 23: **“Holy Purpose”**, Richard Chaffin



Lunch at Westminster

Every 2nd Thursday is
Lunch with members living at
Westminster-Canterbury
Join us on February 13TH
Fauber 2 - 11:30am



ESA PAINT NIGHT FUN!!!!



Stay Tuned for ESA's next Paint Night so you can join in the FUN!!!!!!

Support our partner organizations:

**Valentine Spaghetti
Dinner**
All You Can Eat

**Marsh Memorial United Methodist
Church**

Saturday, February 15th

4:00-7:00 pm
Adults \$9.00 Children \$4.00
Children 2 and under free

Located on the corner of Greenview Drive and
Leesville Road.

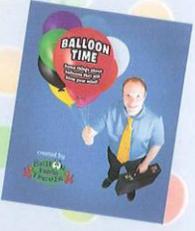


Proceeds benefit Marsh Memorial Early
Learning Center

BALLOON TIME
with
'BALLOON DUDE TRAVIS'



**Author, Speaker, and Balloon
Artist, Balloon Dude Travis,
will be doing a Book Launch
Party, including giveaways,
refreshments, and a
family-friendly Balloon Show!**



**Free Admission and
open to the public!**

FEB 22nd 2020
10AM - 12 PM

**@ Ecclesia School of the Arts
621 Court Street
Lynchburg, VA**



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February Birthdays	February Anniversaries	March Birthdays
Lauren Hudnall Knapp February 02	Kathy & Robert Draper Feb 09	Sharon Brooks March 04
Mary Tyree February 02	Robin & Irby Hudson Feb 12	Tom Coleman March 04
Kenneth Bagshaw February 13	GiGi and John Sweeney Feb 21	Randy Speer March 05
Lewis Averett February 15		Lori Letchford March 12
Dottie Diuguid February 17	March Anniversaries	Susan Angus March 14
Deanna Hester February 17	Amy & Rick Pillow Mar 15	Amy Pillow March 15
Sarah Leazer Johnson February 18	Karen & David Hudnall Mar 20	Rick Pillow March 18
Reiman Shober February 22	Eva & Reiman Shober Mar 30	David Petty March 19
Brenda Whitehead February 22		Bill Puckett March 22
James Blankenship February 23		Marty Diuguid March 27
Bill Burleigh February 24		Shanda Horner March 31
Bobbi Hurst February 24		
John Spencer February 24		

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

SICK (Church members*)

- *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
- *Christopher Lilley - 408 Blackford Street #2, Lynchburg, VA 24504
- *Eleanor Pillow – 1201 Langhorne Road, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- *Phil Ripley – 60 Jill Alison Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32176
- 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 Room 415, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- * Church members

“For I will restore
Health to you

and heal you of your
wounds,” says the Lord.

-Jeremiah 30:17



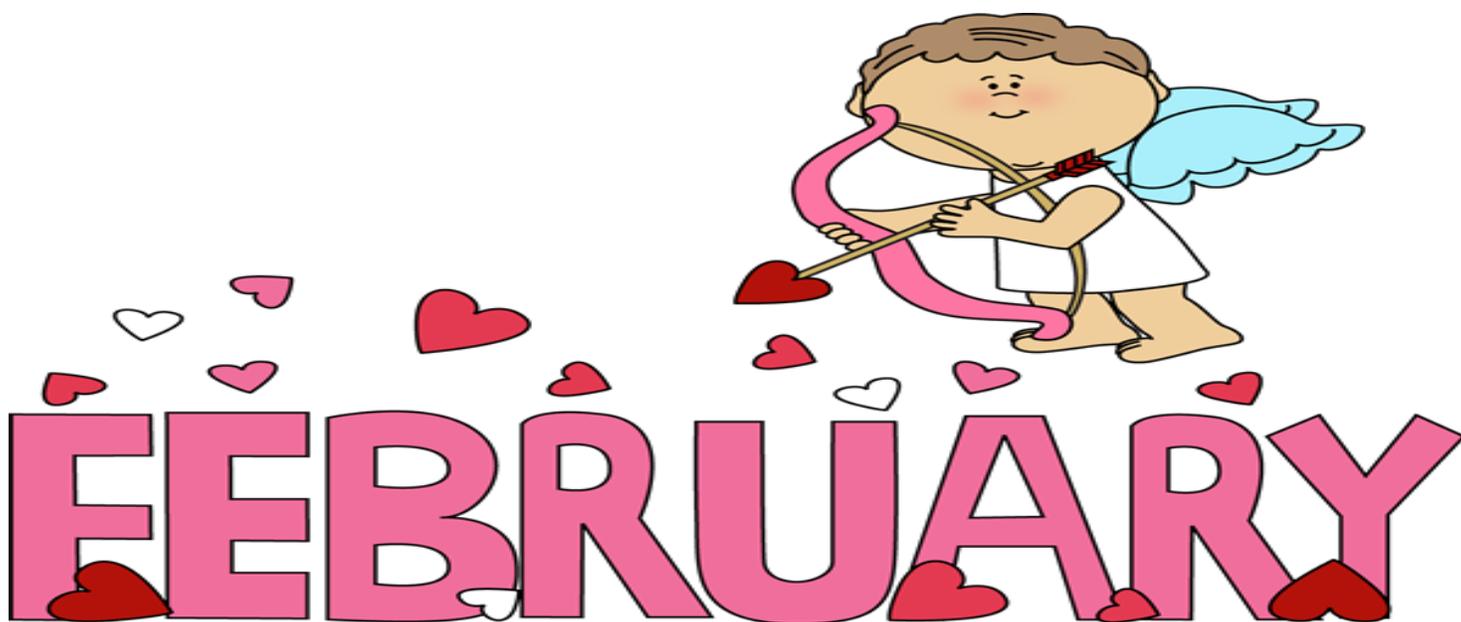
Update on Capital Campaign:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 1/26/19	\$248,981
Balance needed to reach goal	\$51,019
Received to Date	\$208,116
Received since last update	\$550.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Unity in Our Community 9AM ~ Wesley Guild All Peoples Worship Service ~ 6pm
2 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am	3	4 LSYO rehearsal 3pm – 7pm	5 AGLOW 9AM Bible Study 7pm	6	7	8 All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
9 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am	10	11 LSYO rehearsal 3pm – 7pm APC Ladies Fellowship 7pm – 9pm Wesley Guild	12 Bible Study 7pm	13 Lunch at Westminster 11:30am Fauber 2	14	15 Marsh Memorial Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner 4PM-7PM All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
16 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am	17	18 LSYO rehearsal 3pm – 7pm	19 Bible Study 7pm	20	21	22 "Balloon Time" With Balloon Dude Travis ESA 10AM-12PM All Peoples Worship Service 6pm
23 Adult Sunday School 9:45am Worship 11am	24 ACC Board Meeting 11AM Wesley Guild	25 LSYO rehearsal 3pm – 7pm	26 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 12 NOON Bible Study 7pm	27	28	29

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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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on the church website.

