



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2021

Court Street United Methodist Church

Thanksgiving

As we approach our national holiday of Thanksgiving, we are probably thinking a lot about our current reality, which is a very harsh reality. Some aspects of this reality may be distracting us from our call to give thanks. This has been the year of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the pandemic still going strong in the US and throughout most of the world. It has been a year of social unrest, of violence in the streets, and of a very tumultuous national election. I think all of us can admit that we are a country that is very much divided at this point. For those of us who are Christians, we have seen our religion increasingly come under attack. We have seen our church buildings burned down and our statues desecrated. We have heard politician call some of our founding fathers white supremacists. We have seen politicians defend the right for people to protest, yet, at the same time, some of these same politicians try to deny the right that Christians have to protest in front of an abortion clinic. This has been a tough year. And it continues to remain so, as none of this has been resolved. Yes, this past year has been filled with tremendous loss, grief, anxiety, hurt, unrest and fear. But, in the midst of this year, we give thanks and we celebrate our national holiday of Thanksgiving. As Paul gave thanks for the joy he had in his heart even in the midst of his difficulties and his incarceration in prison, we are called to give thanks in the midst of our struggles and our difficulties. We are called to recognize our many blessings in the midst of our challenges. I found this prayer of thanks on the website of an Anglican Church in England. I wanted to share its spirit of thanksgiving with all of you. Blessings to all of you as we celebrate Thanksgiving together as a nation.

Prayer of Thanks: God of all creation, thank you for the wonderful things you have made. Thank you for the universe full of stars and planets. Thank you for our world, full of life. Thank you for making each one of us. Thank you for loving each one of us. Take these gifts we now offer back to you. May they be used to the glory of your name. We offer you ourselves and all the gifts you have blessed us with. Take us and use us to share your love with the world. Amen.

~ Pastor Bill Burleigh

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



Musical Musings

Anthems for November



November 7th ~ All Saints Sunday

"Requiem" by Giacomo Puccini

Composed in 1905 for in memory of Verdi who died in 1901. The duration of Puccini's requiem is only 5'35. But it is a masterpiece with a lovely and moving violinsolo. The mournful tones of the solo viola lend a distinctive atmosphere to the composition which is also characterised by the composer's restrained choral writing, and his use of subtly shifting harmonies in the organ part.

"Pie Jesu" by Webber

Pie Jesu is a text from the final couplet of the hymn "Dies irae", and is often included in musical settings of the Requiem Mass as a motet. Andrew Lloyd Webber's setting of "Pie Jesu" in his Requiem (1985) has become well known and has been widely recorded, including by Sarah Brightman, Charlotte Church, Jackie Evancho, Sissel Kyrkjebø, Marie Osmond, Anna Netrebko, and others. Performed by Sarah Brightman and Paul Miles-Kingston, it was a certified Silver hit in the UK in 1985.

November 14th ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

"Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land," arr. by Page

Court Street Chancel Handbells

This song is based in part on **Isaiah 32:2**, which reads: *"And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."* Isaiah is foretelling the Man, the coming Messiah – Jesus Christ. His book is so full of references to Jesus some refer to it as "the fifth gospel account." What Isaiah is prophesying about Jesus – and what the hymn is describing – is the safety and completeness experienced by being His friend and part of His family.

November 21st ~ Christ the King Sunday

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," by Matthias

William Mathias' Lift Up Your Heads O Ye Gates Op.44 No.2 is a lively and rhythmic setting of Psalm 24:7-10. Mathias was born in Whitland, Carmarthenshire. A child prodigy, he started playing the piano at the age of three and began composing at the age of five. At Aberystwyth University Mathias was a member of the Elizabethan Madrigal Singers and wrote 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo' for them in 1954. He studied at the Royal Academy of Music under Lennox Berkeley, where he was elected a Fellow in 1965. In 1968, he was awarded the Bax Society Prize of the Harriet Cohen International Music Award. He was professor of music and head of department in the University of Wales, Bangor, from 1970 until 1988.

November 28th ~First Sunday of Advent

Choir will be on Thanksgiving Break

Plan on listening to beautiful music provided by Dr. Dovgalyuk:

Who is Dr. Dovgalyuk?



Dr. Dovgalyuk is a world-renowned violinist, having performed in premiere concert venues throughout the USA and Europe, including Sweden, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Latvia, and Russia. Having completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at George Mason University, Dr. Dovgalyuk holds his Doctor of Musical Arts in Violin Performance degree from the University of Maryland. Assistant Professor Dovgalyuk has served as a substitute violinist with the National Symphony Orchestra and has performed with some of the world's greatest artists including Yo-Yo Ma, Joshua Bell, Gidon Kremer, Wynton Marsalis, Stevie Wonder, The Getty's, Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, Martina McBride, and many others.

Dr. Dovgalyuk is a recipient of many performance awards and has served as Concertmaster with various orchestras throughout his career. In 2017, Dr. Dovgalyuk was appointed as Concertmaster with the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra (LSO). An avid chamber musician, he is also a member of the Liya String Quartet.

OCTOBER'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

November 7: "Shared Abundance"
November 14: "A Meal of Reconciliation"
November 21: "Communion Connections"
November 28: "Come to the Banquet"

Join us every Sunday after worship service in the Refectory.
Children's Sunday School meets on the main floor off the Bishop Early Hall.



FUN, FUN, FUN!!

We had lots of fun Saturday October 30th! Kids from the neighborhood and friends of Court Street came out to trunk or treat in their best costumes. About 200 kids visited the 6th street parking lot for fun, games and of course treats! We had such a great turn out that pastor Burleigh had to make a candy run to Walmart. Thank you to all who participated. Especially to our candy runner!



SOCIETY OF SAINT ANDREW'S alternative Christmas cards are available to order online. Ending hunger is one bold goal. And yet every day, each year, generous and courageous farmers, volunteers, and donors like you give selflessly in pursuit of that goal to rescue and share good food with families in great need. As a result, **more than 4,000,000 servings of fresh food are shared through SoSA's network each holiday season** by donors who order SoSA's Alternative Christmas Cards.

Artist Jim Harris created and donated *Sharing is Caring* for use as this year's cover of the Alternative Christmas Cards and frameable prints. Order Yours Today! Click [HERE](#)

A Christmas Celebration

Join the music students of Ecclesia School of the Arts, and local guest artists for *A Christmas Celebration*.

December 10, 2021
7:00 p.m.
621 Court St.
Lynchburg, Va.

Admission: Donations

EcclesiaArts.com
434-818-1844

Ecclesia
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays		December Birthdays	
Gina Wright	November 01	Hunter Alan Tyree	December 02
Chiswell Logan	November 06	Milton West	December 03
Landen Larkin	November 10	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
Rosemary Heusted	November 23	Susan Cobbs	December 12
		Lisa Thaxton	December 14
		Randy Hurst	December 20
		Ray Pulliam	December 30
		Anne Langley	December 31

November Anniversaries

Meg & David Case Sr Nov 26

December Anniversaries

Shelley & Bill Burleigh Dec. 16

Bobbi & Randy Hurst Dec. 23



PRAYER CONCERNS

All Men and Women serving in the Military

Travis Dean Burleigh – 7425 Snowy Owl St., N. Las Vegas, NV 89084
son of Shelley and Rev. Bill Burleigh

Robert Allen Tyree – stationed at Fort Bragg, 1404 Brookville Ln., Lynchburg, VA 24502
Grandson of *Mary Tyree

SICK (Church members*)

Anne Burleigh ~ 2608 Plum Branch Road, Concord, VA 24538
mother of Rev. Bill Burleigh

Phillip Burleigh ~ brother of Rev. Bill Burleigh

*Susan Cobbs ~ 1062 Grand Oaks Drive, Forest, VA 24551

*Noel Draper - 501 VES Road Drinkard 619, Lynchburg, VA 24503

Susan Dwyer – sister of Rev. Bill Burleigh

*Christopher Lilly – 1705 Rivermont Ave. Apt 8, Lynchburg, VA 24503

*Bill Phillips – Liberty Ridge, 30 Monica Blvd #223, Lynchburg, VA 24502

*Phil Ripley – 1356 John Anderson Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32176

*Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503

*Robert Tyree – 1404 Brookville Lane, Lynchburg, VA 24502

son of *Mary Tyree, brother of *Debbie Chaffin

* Church members

*LORD JESUS CHRIST, HEALER
of all diseases and our
GREAT PHYSICIAN of all times,
we intercede for all those who are
in traumatic condition not knowing
the depth of their illness.*

*We pray and ask You to come and
take Your place in spirit in the
doctors, nurses and specialists,
who will aid them in medical
needs.*

*We believe nothing is impossible in
Your hands of POWER,
in Your hands of HEALING
and in Your heart of
LOVE, MERCY and COMPASSION.*

Update on Capital Campaign:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 10/31/21	\$278,981
Balance needed to reach goal	\$21,019
Received to Date	\$241,516
Received since last update	\$50.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

Gifts to the church

To the General Fund in Memory of:

Edward Graham by:
Walter Tiree Hudson

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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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621courtstumc@gmail.com or (434) 845-3427 on or before Wednesdays to have events and notices posted on the church website.

