

The Courier

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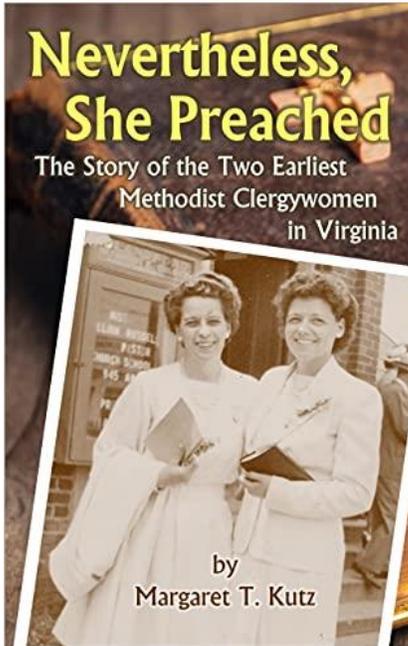
Court Street United Methodist Church

How to Honor Christ Throughout the Year

There's plenty of eggs, bunnies and chocolates on Easter, but Easter Sunday holds a much deeper meaning. This highly anticipated holiday offers an opportunity to gather with family, but it can be much more. On Easter, we remember the love Christ showed mankind when he gave the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. He is risen from the dead, so we truly have reason to celebrate! While this special day offers a valuable reminder and reason to celebrate, it should by no means be the only day on which we show our gratitude. After all, this holiday regularly changes dates in our modern calendar, reminding us that the essence of Easter is not exclusive to one single day. The resurrection story can be told throughout the year. This story forms the essence of our faith. We know that, in Christ, death can be defeated and give way to everlasting life. By remembering this throughout the year, we can find relief from the burden of sin as well as greater joy in the blessings of everyday life. Christ's resurrection gives us a reason to live not only for today, but to sustain hope in our future, no matter how difficult the circumstances we currently face. While Easter calls our attention to Christ's remarkable sacrifice, we should never lose sight of His willingness to give His life for our sake. While it is important to honor Him on Easter, our efforts should continue throughout the year. We can do so by regularly reading the Bible, gathering with other Christians for fellowship and showing gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. He loves us even though we continue to sin and through His love, we are transformed. While it's impossible for any mere human to achieve this level of unconditional love, we can do our best to emulate His example, even when this proves challenging. Think of Easter as your faith-based New Year's resolution. This is your opportunity to fully embrace the power of prayer. Strive to incorporate prayer into your daily life. Short prayers throughout the day will keep you grounded in your faith as you establish a closer connection with God. The story of Christ's triumph should play a central role in your biblical study and reflections throughout the year. If you are not sure where to start check out Luke 24:1-8, John 21:13-17 and Mark 16:1-8. If you feel inspired, take notes in the margins of your Bible or record your reflections in a dedicated journal. In addition to rereading passages about Christ's resurrection, take time to examine verses about the apostles' ongoing efforts to spread the word about this miracle. Let passages such as Acts 4:33 inspire you: "*With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.*" This Easter, go beyond the eggs and candy to find a deeper, more meaningful experience. You can find great hope and fulfillment in Christ's remarkable feats on Easter Sunday and throughout the year.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*

EASTER: IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BUNNY, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE "LAMB"



Centenary UMC to host Rev. Dr. Margaret T. Kutz

on Sunday May 15th at 3pm Dr. Kutz will present a book talk and signing on her book, “*Nevertheless, She Preached*” in the Fellowship Hall. Subtitled “*The Story of the Two Earliest Clergymen in Virginia*”, the book covers the lives of Lillian Russell and Mildred Long, both born in 1914. Because Long’s first appointment was at the former Piney Forest Methodist Church on the Danville District and the second nearby on the Lynchburg District, guests from both districts are being invited.

Marg Kutz is a retired United Methodist pastor in the Virginia Conference. While she has written many sermons and many articles for various religious periodicals, this is her first book. It has been a labor of love and she’s grateful for the privilege of getting to know Mildred Long and Lillian Russell through this process of research and writing.

Why would a retired clergywoman spend three and a half years researching? Kutz says those two earliest Virginia clergywomen “were too busy *making history to write history*”. She tells their story as historic fiction rather than biography, considering character development key.

You are invited to hear the captivating story of two women in Virginia Methodism, one appointed nearby. You will understand a bit more of the many steps to clergy ordination and the extra challenges of women called to the ministry. Throw in details of writing and publishing a book along with Marg’s starting a school in Africa, should those questions arise in the Q&A period. Afterward you can obtain your own copy of “*Nevertheless, She Preached*” and have it signed on the spot.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristian Jackson for placing 2nd in The Virginia Federation of Music Clubs’ Junior Composers Contest for his composition “The Waltz of the Dancing Owls” We are proud of your accomplishments and are blessed to have you in our congregation!

IN LIEU OF EASTER LILLIES Back by popular demand: Court Street will be accepting donations for Meals on Wheels and the Flower Fund. Please make a donation in Honor and/or Memory of loved ones. The list of names “Given to ~ Given by” will be published on Good Friday and will be added to the end of the Easter Service posted online. Please send in your donations by April 13th.

SUNRISE SERVICE AT MARSH MEMORIAL will be at 7:00am on Easter morning in the top parking lot of the church. Please join our sister church to celebrate our risen Lord! (bring a chair if you need to sit) After the service you are also welcome to join members at Cracker Barrel for breakfast.

APRIL’S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

April 3: “**Right on Time**”

April 10: “**Off Target**”

April 17: “**Stirring Up Emotions**”

April 24: “**Creation Meditation and Creator Worship**”

Join us every Sunday after worship service in the Refectory.

Children’s Sunday School meets on the main floor off the Bishop Early Hall.

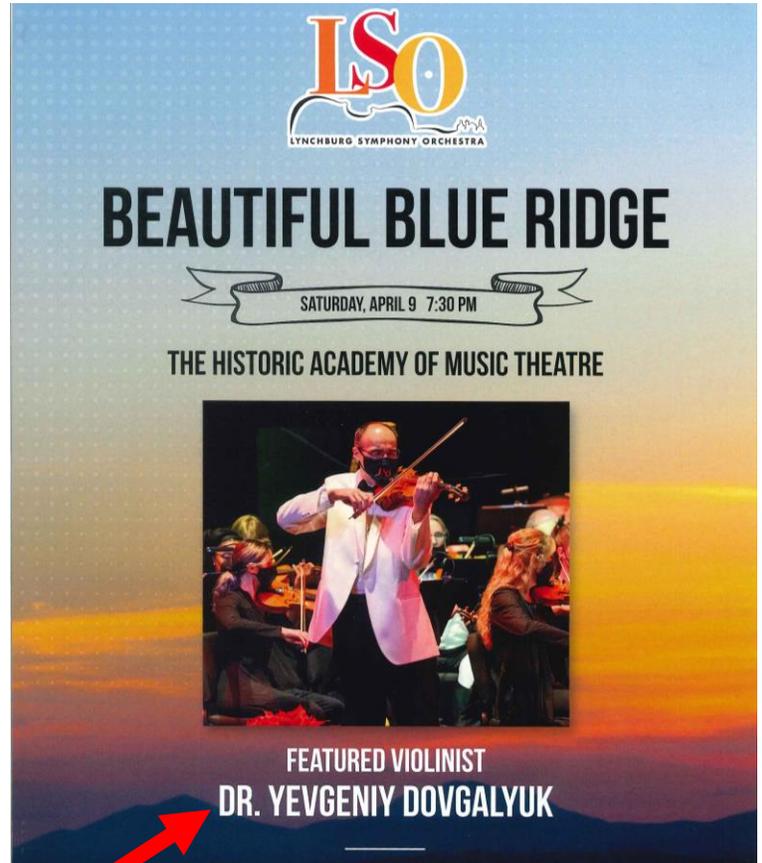
Coming Events

ANNUAL
**EASTER
EGG
HUNT**
Saturday, April 9th
1:00 pm
COURT STREET UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
Ages 12 & younger
**Arts
& Crafts**
621 COURT STREET - LYNCHBURG, VA



LSO
LYNCHBURG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
BEAUTIFUL BLUE RIDGE
SATURDAY, APRIL 9 7:30 PM
THE HISTORIC ACADEMY OF MUSIC THEATRE

FEATURED VIOLINIST
DR. YEVGENIY DOVGALYUK



Our Minister of Music!!!

HOME RATES & REGISTRATION PAST EVENTS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Liya Music Camp
At
Court Street United Methodist Church

LIYA MUSIC CAMP AT COURT STREET we are proud to announce that Court Street will be the new home of Liya music camp! The camp will be a weeklong all day camp June 6 – 10 with a performance June 10th at 7pm.

For more information go to: <https://www.liyacamp.org/>

~ Dr. Yevgeniy Dovgalyuk

Esther
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS
MAY 14, 2022
12:30 P.M. & 4:30 P.M.
\$15.00
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays		May Birthdays	
Harriette Cash	April 05	Brad Diuguid	May 01
Emilia Dimitrova	April 10	John McDaniel	May 04
William Draper	April 12	Dottie Scales	May 14
Stuart Jackson	April 14	Matthew Turner	May 26
Emmerson Johnson	April 17	Jason Brooks	May 31
Aaron McGlothlin	April 20		
Marcia Thom-Kaley	April 23		
Drew Leazer	April 25		
Emma Grace Thom	April 25		
Jennifer Draper	April 26		
Lewis James	April 28		
	April Anniversaries Laura & Brent McCraw April 23 Susan & Sam Angus April 24  <i>Anniversaries and Birthdays</i>		

PRAYER CONCERNS

All Men and Women serving in the Military

Travis Dean Burleigh – 7425 Snowy Owl St. Unit 102, 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

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

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

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

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

*Cornell Thompson ~ 2029 Grace Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504

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

son of *Mary Tyree, brother of *Debbie Chaffin

*Walter Wright - 474 Amelon Road, Madison Heights, VA 24572

* *Church members*

Gifts to the church

To the General Fund in Memory of:

Bill Phillips by:
Kathy Mason and the Khazai Family

Dottie Diuguid by:
Judy Dudley and the Madison Heights Youth Baseball Association

Randolph Hudson by:
Walter Tiree Hudson

Update on Capital Campaign:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 3/27/21	\$278,981
Balance needed to reach goal	\$21,019
Received to Date	\$241,616
Received since last update	\$0.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

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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.

