

The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August 2022

Court Street United Methodist Church

Some Interesting Historical Facts About August

Francis Asbury: Francis Asbury is remembered most for the leadership he provided to early American Methodism. Asbury was not one of the theologians of Methodism. Rather, Asbury was a great churchman within the American Methodist Episcopal Church. He was one of the first two general superintendents or bishops of American Methodism and was said to be more widely known than General George Washington. On August 17, 1771, John Wesley presented a special plea to his ministers at the Bristol conference in England for preachers to go to America. Asbury responded and almost immediately set sail with Richard Wright for America, landing in Philadelphia on October 27. At the Christmas Conference of 1784, John Wesley authorized Asbury to become a "General Superintendent," the title later being changed by Asbury to "Bishop." The ministry of Francis Asbury in America was one of the most significant religious moments in American history. As a result of his ministry, Methodism became the largest Protestant denomination in nineteenth-century America.

August 5, 1620: On August 5, 1620, a portion of the Pilgrim Fathers departed from Southampton, England for the New World, but the smaller of the two boats in which they were traveling began to take on water. It was decided to return to England, where they put into harbor at Plymouth. After deciding to sail with only one vessel, some of the passengers were forced to remain behind to await future passage or other alternatives.

August 10, 70: On August 10, 70 A.D. (the 9th of the Jewish month of Av), according to Jewish chronology, the very day when the King of Babylon burned Solomon's Temple in 586 B.C., the newly renovated Temple of Herod was burned by the Roman general, Titus, following a Jewish revolt that began a few years earlier, in 66. After months of siege about the city, Titus took the city on this date and put it to the torch, burning the Temple, leaving not one stone upon another. Thus, Jerusalem was destroyed and as Jesus had predicted, not one stone was left upon another. When the Temple was set on fire the Roman soldiers tore apart the stone to get the melted gold. The Menorah and vessels were carried to Rome and the treasury was robbed. But perhaps the most astonishing prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem by Rome is that it happened just as Daniel had predicted, in that the Temple was destroyed only after the Messiah had come, and not before he had presented himself to Israel! (Daniel 9:26; Luke 19:41-45)

August 15, 1096: The First Christian Crusade began on August 15, 1096. After more than 450 years of watching their lands taken and their families destroyed, Christians decided to defend themselves against the Muslim Crusades against Christians that began under Muhammad.

~ Pastor Bill Burleigh

YESTERDAY IS HISTORY. TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY.
TODAY IS A GIFT, THAT'S WHY IT'S CALLED THE PRESENT!

Court Street History

The Chancel

Defined in the 14th century as: the part of a church containing the altar and seats for the clergy and choir.



Chancel Painting The chancel painting by the noted French Artist, Charles Brunea, depicts Jesus saying, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." In Scripture it is found in Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, and Luke 18:15-17



Chancel Stained Glass The large stained glass piece at the rear of the Chancel was made by the J&R Lamb Studios in New York. They are America's oldest continuously-run decorative arts company, is famous as a stained glass maker, preceding the studios of both John LaFarge and Louis C. Tiffany. The scripture on the bottom of the piece is: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."— Matthew 11:28.

These focal points in the Chancel area remind us that God is always with us watching over us and giving us peace.

AUGUST'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

August 7: "God's First Choice" August 14: "Living Beyond Violence" August 21: "Loving Beyond Borders" August 28: "Betrayal and Victory"

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



THANK YOU for your calls, cards, and prayers during my recovery from hip surgery. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family! ~ *Bobbi Hurst*

THANK YOU for the delicious cookies sent to us for our graduation. We enjoyed the tasty treats and appreciate your kindness, caring and thoughtfulness. ~ *Ashleigh, Cloe & McKenzie*

A HUGE THANK YOU for all the help and donations of food for the First Responders Reception. All of you are a blessing to Court Street! ~ *Susan Cobbs*



CONGRATULATIONS TO MEGAN STRAW AND DAVID CASE on their marriage Saturday July 9th. Many blessings and may the years ahead be filled with lasting love and happiness.



THE VIRGINIA WHITEHOUSE MUSIC EMPHASIS FUND ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

presents

JOHN LOWE

In Concert

Sunday, 21st August, 2022 Four O'Clock in the afternoon

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays

Christopher Lilly August 01 Walter Wright August 08 Charlotte Larkin August 09 John Sweeney August 09 August 10 Martha Moorman August 11 Susan Hall Josh Larkin August 13 Jay Kelly August 18 Ann McDaniel August 20 August 20 Cheryl West Matthew Diuguid August 22 Debbie Chaffin August 26 Robert Allen Tyree August 31

August Anniversaries

Sarah & Aaron McGlothlin August 02 Debbie & Richard Chaffin August 23

September Anniversaries

Nancy & Mike Russell Sept. 03 Stuart & Tracy Jackson Sept. 24 Lisa & Jeff Thaxton Sept. 25



September Birthdays

Mike Russell September 01 September 01 Alicia Speer Dane Peterson September 04 Cecil Kidd September 06 September 06 Mark Roper September 07 David Case, Jr. Pam Jackson September 10 **Dennis Pruitt** September 10 Yevgeniy Dovgalyuk September 15 September 16 Robert Draper Kristian Jackson September 21 September 29 Aubrey McDaniel

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*)

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

~ We send our love and sympathy to Rev. Bill Burleigh and family in the passing of his mother, Anne on Sunday, July 24th.

Gifts to the church

To Liberty Christian Foundation in memory of:
Anne Wood Burleigh by Kathy Mason

To Memorials in memory of:
Anne Burleigh by Susan & Keith Leazer

Update on Capital Campaign:

Campaign Goal \$300,000
Promised as of 7/31/21 \$278,981
Balance needed to reach goal \$21,019
Received to Date \$249,416
Received since last update \$7,800.00
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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