

The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2022

Court Street United Methodist Church

Making and Keeping Promises

Promises are meant to be kept, or are they? There are valid reasons for making promises. One of the most common reasons is that we want to give assurance to a friend or anyone that something would be done, so they don't have to lose sleep over whatever situation that they're in. The other reason is that we want a person to stop bugging us, so we make a promise, knowing that the chances of fulfilling it is almost zero. This is what we call an empty promise. But then what happens when you discover that your genuine promise cannot be fulfilled due to unforeseen circumstances? Well, you could still be forgiven because we can't see the future, and the unexpected happens. Making a promise to God, however, is a totally different scenario. God, being our Creator, knows us in and out. He knows who we are and what we do. He knows our past, our present and our future. There's nothing that can escape his eyes. Therefore, before you make a promise to God, think wisely.

The bible says: *If you make a vow to the Lord your God, don't avoid keeping it. The Lord your God expects you to keep it. You would be guilty of a sin if you didn't. If you didn't make a vow, you would not be guilty. Make sure you do what you said you would do in your vow. You freely chose to make your vow to the Lord your God – Deuteronomy 23:21-23*

This verse is an indication as to the severity of making a vow to God. If you can't keep that promise or have even the faintest doubt of keeping it, then don't make the promise. You are making that promise to God, so you must keep it. Once I had to decide whether I should fast or not. At that time, I was quarantined at home after being exposed to Covid-19 and I couldn't go anywhere. It felt like self-incarceration. The 14-day quarantine wasn't a pleasant experience at all. Then I remembered that Christians could also fast, not just to ask for favor from God, but more importantly to find solitude in Him, and have a quieter time with Him in times of difficulty. I now fast regularly and find it brings me closer to God.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*

GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES

JUNE'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

June 5: **"Receiving the Spirit's Gifts"**

June 12: **"The Spirit Gives Wisdom"**

June 19: **"Life Apart From the Spirit"**

June 26: **"Life in the Spirit"**

Join us every Sunday after worship service in the Refectory.

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



LIYA MUSIC CAMP AT COURT STREET

The first Liya Camp was held in Ukraine in 2001. Since that time Liya Camp has become an annual tradition and over 20,000 students have participated in various camps.

We are proud that Court Street is the new home of Liya music camp! The camp will be a weeklong all day camp June 6 – 10. We have 19 students registered so far that play the violin, viola, piano, flute and voice: ranging in age from 8-16. The campers will be at the church from 9am-3pm all week with a concert on Friday the 10th at 7pm. All are invited to attend the concert. We hope to see you and don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors to join you!

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristian Jackson for placing 1st in the National Music Week competition for his Waltz (composition) called The Waltz of the Hummingbird's No.2 Op3. We are proud of your accomplishments and are blessed to have you in our congregation!



CONGRATULATIONS NEWLYWEDS: Best wishes to Kelly McConnell and Tre Evans who were united in marriage on Sunday, May 29, 2022, in Lexington, Virginia.



THANK YOU "LU SERVE" VOLUNTEERS!!

Court Street had 10 students from LU to help with yardwork on the playground and gardens as well as clean up work in the church building itself.

A big THANK YOU to Bobbi & Randy Hurst, Anne Langley, Ray Pulliam, Susan Cobbs and Susan & Keith Leazer for the prep work being done ahead of the workday. Thank you to all the members and volunteers who participated on workday – you are what makes this beautiful building a great church!!



Dinner and A Movie Night Fundraiser

Friday, June 17, 2022

5:30 pm

Where: CSUMC Refectory and Sanctuary (free movie)

Price for Dinner: \$12 – adults, \$6 – 3-12 year olds, 2 and under eat free!

(take outs available while supplies last)



Delicious Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Beverage

Tickets: Advance tickets are available. Please contact the church office or pick up your tickets after church in the Bishop Early Hall.

Details: All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Church Refurbishment and Sound System fund

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE NEWS:

The 2022 Annual Conference session will be held starting at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 16 to noon on Saturday, June 18, in person, at the Hampton Convention Center.

based on John 4:24 (CEB):

“God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.”

In the Virginia Conference, we are:

1,146 churches

308,490 members

1,895 clergy


Our domestic and international mission reaches over 1,400,000 people.

Mission opportunities during annual conference have been a highlight of the connectional system as 1,300 churches, their clergy, and annual conference members gathered, served, and shared our gifts with the world. In the coming 2022 annual conference, the Serving office is excited to announce three opportunities for us to come and serve this world together united as one

- **“Being together”** A 5K run/walk for members of the Annual Conference to remember the importance of well-being and health in ministry. A virtual platform will be offered for churches to hold a local 5K run/walk, allowing individuals to join in this effort to be together. All proceeds of this race will be contributed to the annual conference offering #nurturingtogether.
Registration for VAUMC 5K Run/Walk is open. Go to www.vaumc.org/beingtogether or find the race at <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Hampton/VAUMC5Krunwalk>. All are invited to run and walk together. There is a virtual option for anyone who might not be attending conference in Hampton.
- **“Nurturing together”** The annual conference offering will benefit both local and international mission projects to nurture leadership. This annual conference offering will directly sponsor the D.Min Program at Wesley Theological Seminary whose graduates serve to nurture soldiers all over the world. Also, Partnerships of Hope will continue to be the recipient of this annual conference offering. Most of the Partnerships of Hope projects focus on leadership development and their countries.
- **“Collecting together”** The annual conference Kits and Cans collection will continue to collect United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kits and food. Each district will host a district collection event one to two weeks before the annual conference. All UMCOR kits will be collected and sent to mission central, UMCOR Supply Depot and any collected food for any district-specific items will be distributed among the local ministry organizations.

We are thankful for this opportunity of serving together and we pray that the churches will continue their support by encouraging the local churches to be part of this effort. For more information, visit www.vaumc.org/acmission. Contact us at [serving@vaumc.org](mailto:-serving@vaumc.org) for any other questions.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays	June Anniversaries	July Birthdays
Cameron Jackson June 03	Karen & Randy Speer June 01	Samuel Jackson July 01
McKenzie Lynn Larkin June 07	Susan & Keith Leazer June 12	Sam Franklin July 06
Rob McDaniel June 09	Samantha & Matthew Turner June 17	Karen Speer July 11
Andy Whitehead June 16	Elizabeth & Josh Larkin June 23	Kathy Mason July 14
Rick Kinne June 17	Barbara & Bobby Brown June 26	Benjamin Jackson July 14
Katie Thaxton June 18	Ellen & David Petty June 30	Christine Speer July 17
Ellen Petty June 20		Madeline White July 18
Abigale Jackson June 21	July Anniversaries	Keith Leazer July 20
Nancy Lane June 28	Lori & Eddie Letchford July 12	Jo Woods July 20
Samantha Turner June 29	Sarah & Eric Johnson July 18	George Clark July 23
		Kathy Draper July 23
		Brent McCraw July 24
		Sarah Haley McGlothlin July 24
		Laura McCraw July 26
		Sherwood Newton July 28
		Noel Draper July 31

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*

Update on Capital Campaign:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 5/29/21	\$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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Please contact the church office at:

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

