



The Courier

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2022

Court Street United Methodist Church

A Reflection for November

The eleventh month is now upon us, drawing us closer to the end of the calendar year. It is a transition month, a month between autumn and winter, when the leaves get raked, and the crops have been harvested. We “fall back” from Daylight Savings Time and revert to Standard Time. Most of us prepare for rain, snow, and winter storms. It is also a month that reminds us to be grateful which is so fundamental to Christian stewardship. During the month of November, we express our gratitude for the saints, witnesses to the Gospel who challenge us to find our own path to holiness. We are grateful for the lives of all who have gone before us to meet the Lord, especially those we know and hold dear. We thank our veterans who have offered their lives on our behalf. And of course, in the United States, there is Thanksgiving Day, a holiday that is all about gratitude. The month of November is an ideal time of the year to focus our spiritual lives more intently on being grateful for the blessings of the Lord. Sacred scripture is a good place to start because it is filled with the themes of thanksgiving and gratitude. The psalmist sings: “*Give thanks to God, bless his name.*” We can become more aware, too, of gratitude as it is expressed in the celebration Holy Communion. Other spiritual exercises, too, may help us to grow to be more grateful stewards of God’s love. Set aside some time for prayer each day. If you are new to the habit of daily prayer, find 10 minutes in your daily schedule. Pray as a family as well. And begin with a prayer of gratitude. Do something in your church or neighborhood to share your material blessings with those who might otherwise go hungry. Contribute to a food bank or help deliver food baskets. Find ways to thank others for their generosity and kindness toward you every day. Let us use the month of November as an opportunity to grow in stewardship which, simply put, means living a life of gratitude. And as the psalmist encourages us to do: “*O give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love endures forever.*”

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*

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

NOVEMBER’S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

November 6: “**Showing Respect for Other Faith Traditions**”

November 13: “**Working for Abiding Peace**”

November 20: “**Lessons from Other Faith Traditions**”

November 27: “**Sensitivity Training**”

Join us every Sunday after worship service in the Refectory.

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

TRUNK-OR-TREAT FUN!!

We had lots of fun Saturday October 29th! Kids from the neighborhood and friends of Court Street came out to trunk or treat in their best costumes. About 100 kids visited the 6th street parking lot for fun, games and of course treats! Here are some pictures of the fun:





PARKVIEW MISSION FOOD DRIVE for nonperishable canned or boxed goods can be placed in the basket in the Bishop Early Hall. The worship committee will collect donations from now until Sunday November 20th. Donations will be taken to Parkview's food pantry.

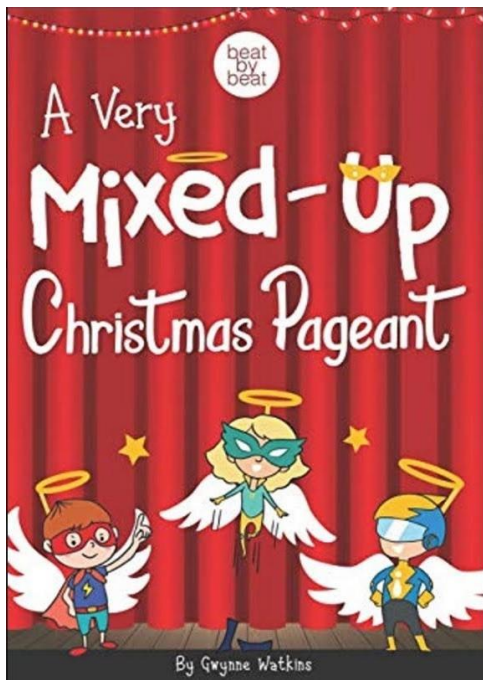
DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR PASTOR'S FUND to help families in need for the upcoming holiday season. Please make your checks payable to Court Street with "pastor's fund" in the memo line.



Hanging of the Greens

HANGING OF THE GREENS we will "Hang the Greens" **November 20th** after church! We will begin our afternoon with lunch in the Refectory followed by fun and fellowship as our Church family gathers to prepare our Sanctuary and other spaces for the Season of Advent. There promises to be jobs for all ages, abilities and mobilities. **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

December Events at ESA (upstairs)



December 16th ~ 7:00pm
Auditorium on the 3rd floor
(Not Handicap Accessible)



Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays		December Birthdays
Gina Wright November 01	November Anniversaries	Hunter Alan Tyree December 02
Chiswell Logan November 06	November Anniversaries	Milton West December 03
Landen Larkin November 10	Shelley & Bill Burleigh Dec. 16	Brennalynn Diuguid December 05
Phyllis Coleman November 11	Bobbi & Randy Hurst Dec. 23	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

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
- Matthew Diuguid – 3501 A Ave. 1st Platoon, Bravo Company 266 Qm Bn; Fort Lee, VA 23801
- Robert Allen Tyree – stationed at Fort Bragg, 1404 Brookville Ln., Lynchburg, VA 24502
Grandson of *Mary Tyree

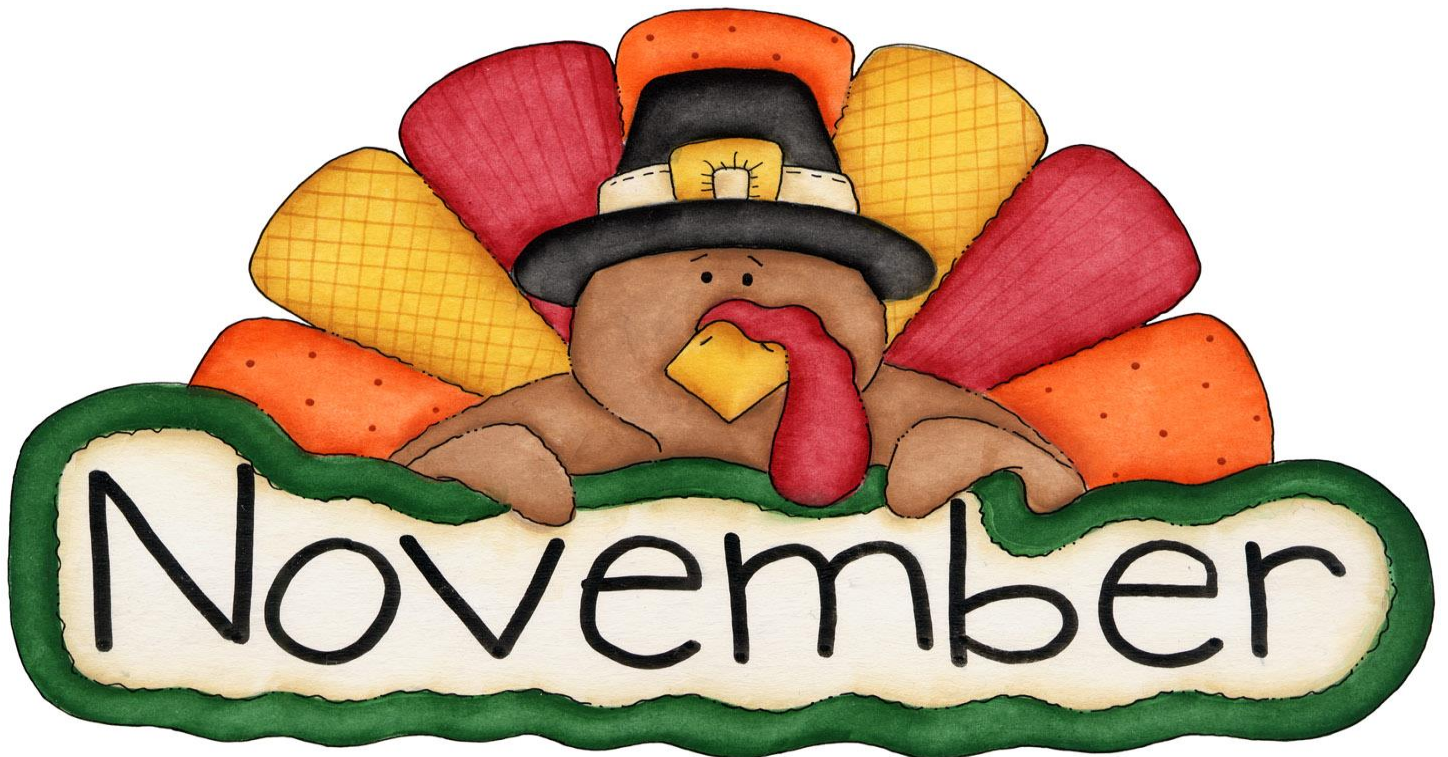
In Need of Prayer

- 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
- *Dave Petty – 1519 Clayton Ave. Lynchburg, VA 24503
- *Phil Ripley – C/O Julie Strong 1356 John Anderson Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32176
- *Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- *John Sweeney - 1487 Jennings Drive, 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
- * Church members

Update on Capital Campaign:

Campaign Goal	\$300,000
Promised as of 10/30/21	\$278,981
Balance needed to reach goal	\$21,019
Received to Date	\$249,416
Received since last update	\$00.00
Elevator fund	\$10,328

Court Street UMC
621 Court Street
Lynchburg Va. 24504



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.

COURT STREET UMC WEBSITE: www.courtstreetmethodist.com

EMAIL: 621courtstumc@gmail.com

PHONE: 434-845-3427

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.

