



# The Courier

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2023

Court Street United Methodist Church

### Holy Week

Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this by distributing palms to the faithful which are returned to the Church to be burned and their ashes are saved and distributed at next year's Ash Wednesday services. Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him. The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested. The Last Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month and on Holy Thursday. After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday. The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord. On that morning, Jesus was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric who condemned Jesus for blasphemy. From there, Jesus was presented to Pilate for trial. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, he agreed to have him crucified to appease the crowd of people and prevent a riot. Christ was stripped, flogged, and crowned with thorns. He was then forced to carry His Cross to the place of His execution. There, He was nailed to the Cross between two thieves who were likewise crucified. Late that afternoon, seeking to ensure Christ's death, a Roman guard stabbed him in his side with a spear. When Jesus died, an earthquake is said to have occurred as well as a great darkness which covered the land. Suddenly, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God. Jesus was taken and laid quickly in a borrowed tomb, in accord with Jewish law, which required the dead be buried by sundown before the Sabbath. On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus was descended into hell and he opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy. This concludes Holy Week. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.

~ *Pastor Bill Burleigh*



**LET YOUR NEW BEGINNINGS BEGIN WITH JESUS.**

## APRIL'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

April 2: "Your Will Be Done"

April 9: "Resurrection Turns Everything Downside Up"

April 16: "Too Good to Be True?"

April 23: "Unwrapping the Gift of Resurrection"

April 30: "A Living Hope and a Non-Perishable Inheritance"

Join us every Sunday after worship service in the Wesley Guild.

**WORSHIP NIGHT** will be **Thursday, April 6th at 7 pm**. This service will have a relaxed, casual atmosphere and will feature guests helping to lead worship. This month's worship falls on Maundy Thursday so we will worship with humility. It would be wonderful to see you (and your friends) join us for the Worship Night.



### LU CONCERT CHOIR RETURNING APRIL 23!

Dr. John Hugo and the LU Concert Choir will join us for worship on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are delighted to have them join us. Please plan to attend and invite your neighbors and friends to come as well.



**IN LIEU OF EASTER LILLIES** Back by popular demand: Court Street will be accepting donations for Valor Farms and Liberty Christian Foundation. (see information on both below) 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 5th.

### Easter Donation Recipients:

**VALOR FARMS** National Center for Healthy Veterans is located in Altavista Virginia. The National Center for Healthy Veterans is a unique combination of a natural healing environment; state-of-the-art technologies; proven faith-based recovery programs; power of veterans in community. For more information:

<https://www.healthyveterans.org/>

**LIBERTY CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL** founded in 2011 is a Christian humanitarian organization serving children and families in Nigeria. Their mission outreach this Easter is to raise \$ 5,000 to provide new fencing at the Everjoy Orphanage Home to keep our children safe and human traffickers out.

**LU HONORS STRING QUARTET** will perform at Court Street UMC on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. The concert is free, and all are welcome to attend. Please spread the word to friends and family to show our support to these young talented artists!

**LIYA MUSIC CAMP RETURNS** for its second year at Court Street! We are excited to once again host this weeklong summer camp for young musicians July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open on the camp website [www.liyacamp.org](http://www.liyacamp.org). Help us get the word out to our community about this wonderful and affordable camp.

Scholarships are available for those who need assistance.



**JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

**Performance: July 28 @ 7 pm**

Liya Music Camp 2023 is open to all instruments, including voice.

Campers will be immersed in two genres of music:

Traditional Classical & Contemporary Worship.

**The camp is open to students through High School age.**

The minimum requirement is to have studied your primary instrument for **at least 1 year.**

**Connect with others to grow in your musical ability.**

**Connect not only musically but also Spiritually.**



## \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

April Birthdays	April Anniversaries	May Birthdays
Emilia Dimitrova      April 10	Laura & Brent McCraw      April 23	Brad Diuguid              May 01
William Draper        April 12	Susan & Sam Angus        April 24	John McDaniel            May 04
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		



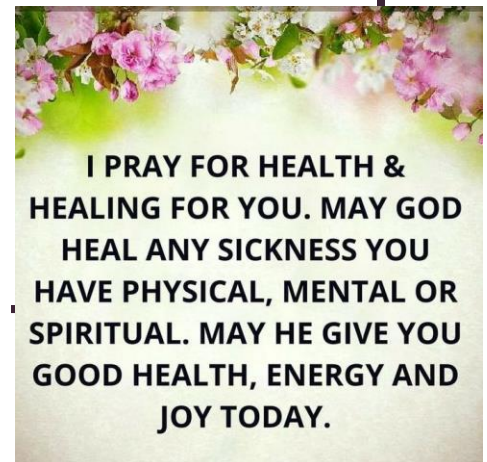
### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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

- Dee Brown ~ aunt of Christopher Lilley.
- Phillip Burleigh ~ brother of Rev. Bill Burleigh
- \*Noel Draper - 501 VES Road Drinkard 619, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- Joanne Johnson ~ C/O Charlie Johnson @ Forest UMC 1150 Burnbridge Road, Forest, VA 24551
- \*Christopher Lilley – 1705 Rivermont Ave. Apt 8, Lynchburg, VA 24503  
Toby Lilley ~ Buena Vista, VA ~ uncle of Christopher Lilley.
- \*Phil Ripley – C/O Julie Strong 1356 John Anderson Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32176
- \*Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \*GiGi Sweeney ~ 1487 Jennings Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \*John Sweeney - 1487 Jennings Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503
- \*Nada Sweeney ~ 501 VES Road, Drinkard 621, 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



### ***Gifts to the church***

To the Flower Fund in honor of:  
Ray Pulliam by Anne Langley

#### MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

March Offerings	: 5,429.00
March Expenses:	21,939.59
Shortfall:	16,510.59



# **Marsh Memorial Early Learning Center 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**

**9-hole Tournament  
Captains Choice/Shot Gun Start  
Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Poplar Forest Golf Course**

**Lunch:** after tournament •• **Registration:** 8:00 am •• **Tee-Off:** 8:30 am  
**Cost:** \$50 per person or \$200-4-man team or **Poplar Forest Members** \$30 per person  
(doesn't include cart)

Includes entry into 9-holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, and a chance  
to win various prizes!

Buy Mulligans \$5 each and 50/50 tickets

### ***Awards***

**First Place Team \$200, Second Place Team \$100, Third Place  
Team \$60, Prizes for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive**

## **Thank you!**

**To sign-up call Shelley Burleigh or Marsh Memorial ELC at 509-2239,  
239-2546 or email [shelleyburleigh3@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyburleigh3@gmail.com)**

**Registration deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>**

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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.

