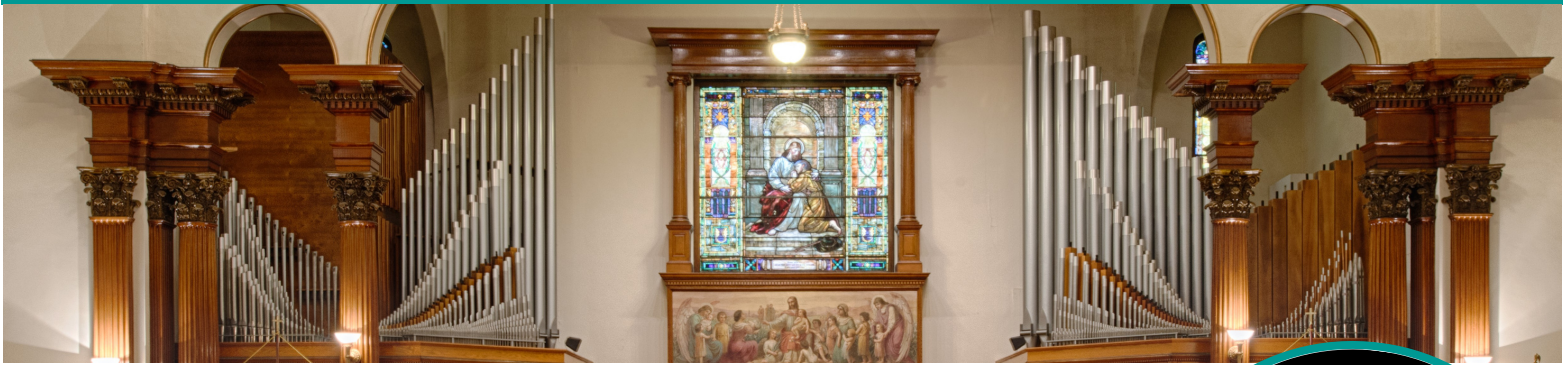


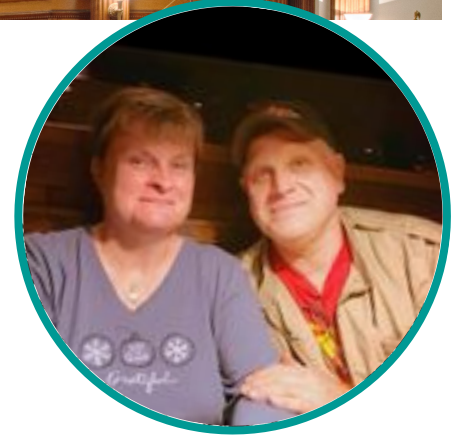


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"A Church that Couldn't Be Stopped."

In my younger years, I loved listening to the stories Paul Harvey told on his radio show. There was one story he shared that I thoroughly enjoyed. The story was entitled "A Church that Couldn't Be Stopped!" Below, you will read the story as told by Paul Harvey.



"The history of the church moved by the Hand of God" in Swan Quarter, North Carolina, is impressive and unique. In fact, the phenomenal event is considered one of God's miracles. In 1874, members of the Methodist faith in Swan Quarter decided it was time to establish a permanent church building and abandon the temporary place where they had been holding services.

The location of the church became a matter of concern. Benjamin Griffin Credle, leader and promoter, and his committee chose a perfect site for a church in the heart of town on its highest spot. They approached the owner of the lot, Sam Sadler, one-time clerk of Hyde County Superior Court, regarding the land purchase. Mr. Sadler would not sell it. The Methodists then accepted a gift of a lot offered by James W. Hayes, some thousand feet in the rear of the present courthouse, and in a short time began building operations. When the church, a modest structure on brick piers, was barely shut in, people began to worship in it. At that time, it was the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

In September 1876, a fateful event took place. The story is told in an affidavit given by Mrs. Lelia Brinn, an eyewitness, to P.G. Gallop in 1939. Mrs. Brinn was born and reared in Swan Quarter and lived into the 1950s. Mr. Gallop was superintendent of Hyde County schools from 1935-1941 and president of the first Hyde County Chamber of Commerce.

On September 16, 1876, on the eve of the church's dedication, a storm broke out and began to brew. Rain fell, and wind blew until, on the morning of September 17, 1876, the wind had reached such a height and the tide had risen to such depth that the force of the water moved the little Methodist Church from its temporary location into the road--now called Oyster Creek Road. A miracle was happening--the church was floating down the road. It went straight down the road to a corner and bumped into a



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general store owned by George V. Credle. The corner is now Oyster Creek Road and U.S. 264 Business. Then, a curious thing happened! The building took a sharp right turn and headed down that road for about two city blocks until it reached the corner of what is now Church Street. Then it moved slightly off its straight-line course, took another turn to the left, crossed the Carawan Canal directly in front of where the people desired the church to be, and settled precisely in the center of the Sam Sadler property, the site which had been refused.

After seeing the mighty work of Providence and realizing there was a mightier power than man ruling the universe, Mr. Sadler set about to secure the title for the land. When the church was dedicated years later, it was called "Providence."

It became apparent to the membership of this Methodist Episcopal Church South that God was completely in control of relocating this church structure. It was the responsibility of the congregation to recognize this move as an act of God and to embrace the change. God will never lead His people to a place where He has not prepared for the move. God is never caught off guard. He is always prepared. God needs us to accept, in faith, the direction God is leading. He needs us to join him in offering His love and His gift of salvation wherever we are planted. God will not literally float/move Court Street to a new location. However, he will encourage us to act out our faith journey. When this happens, growth will begin to take place. Henry Blackaby once wrote in his book "Experiencing God" that "we cannot go with God and stay where we are!" In other words, our God is active and constantly calls his disciples into action. So, let us begin to prepare ourselves for the action that is currently happening and about to happen. Hope to see you in Church on Sunday,

Pastor Steve



SEVEN HILLS CHAMBER MUSIC

The recent "Fantastic Fusions" event seamlessly wove together classical chamber music with contemporary styles, creating a captivating fusion that left the audience in awe.

The musicians showcased their remarkable ability to embrace tradition while fearlessly exploring the boundaries of modern composition, resulting in a harmonious blend.

Court Street UMC has always been a place where tradition and innovation meet, and "Fantastic Fusions" was a true reflection of our commitment to both. It was a night of music that reminded us all of the power of creativity and the beauty of diverse influences coming together in perfect harmony.

Stay tuned for more captivating events that celebrate the arts and bring our community together. Your Court Street family is dedicated to bringing you experiences that enrich the soul and inspire the heart.



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WORSHIP NIGHT

In September, Pastor Steve shared "his call." There was beautiful music to celebrate the worship of and praise to the Lord.

We are looking forward to October's Worship Night, when Dr. Yevgeniy Dovgalyuk shares the message "What are We Doing?"



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Programs exist in schools across the country, serving children who are identified as "food- insecure" by a teacher, counselor, or parent.

Court Street UMC delivered over 600 pounds of food from Park View to Heritage Elementary to help children have food for the weekends.



Improvements at Court Street

We are working on the continuous improvement of our church facilities to provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for our congregation and visitors. We're excited to share some recent updates that enhance both safety and functionality.

1. Solar-Powered Brilliance: One of the notable improvements is the installation of solar-powered, motion-sensitive lights along the 7th Street handicap entrance sidewalk. These lights not only illuminate the entrance but also contribute to energy efficiency.
2. Pipe Upgrades: We've also been hard at work addressing some maintenance issues within our church. Several pipe repairs and water damage in Pastor Steve's office have been successfully addressed, ensuring a more conducive space for ministry.
3. Internet Upgrade: In today's digital age, a reliable internet connection is crucial. We've upgraded our internet modem, and we're optimistic that this enhancement will result in more responsive internet service throughout our church building. This will not only benefit our day-to-day operations but also improve our ability to connect with the congregation online.
4. Let there be Light!: Randy Hurst, one of our dedicated members, is gradually replacing and upgrading our interior lights. This project enhances the aesthetics and functionality of our worship and workspaces, making them even more inviting.

As a historic church, there are always numerous projects to be completed. These updates are part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, comfortable, and technologically-equipped environment for worship, community, and outreach. We're grateful for your continued support and dedication to Court Street UMC. Together, we're building a stronger and more vibrant church for all.

Stay tuned for more exciting improvements on the horizon!

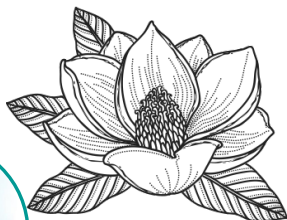
August Diaper Drive

We are excited to share the heartwarming results of our August Diaper Drive at Court Street UMC! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our church family, we have made a significant impact on the lives of families in our community. The response was nothing short of amazing. We collected a total of 503 diapers and 648 wipes!

But these numbers represent much more than just items collected. They symbolize the love, compassion, and community spirit that define our church. With these diapers and wipes, we are helping to ease the burden on parents who are working hard to provide the best for their children. We are especially thrilled to share that all these donations were delivered to Miriam's House, a local organization dedicated to supporting homeless women and their children. Our partnership with Miriam's House reflects our commitment to making a meaningful difference right here in our community.

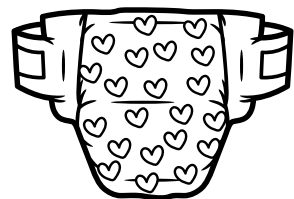
It's important to remember that acts of kindness, no matter how big or small, ripple out and create positive change. Our August Diaper Drive is a shining example of what can be achieved when a church family comes together with a shared purpose. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to every individual who contributed to this drive. Your generosity is a testament to the love and care that define our church community. You have shown, once again, that we are more than just a congregation; we are a family that looks out for one another and extends a helping hand to those in need.

As we celebrate the success of this Diaper Drive, let it serve as a reminder of the impact we can make when we unite for a common cause. Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of others, and that is something truly special.



MIRIAM'S HOUSE

SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS



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October is...

Clergy Appreciation Month

Print it out

Post it up

Pray each day

<p>1. Walk with God. May he have a close walk with God and love the Lord with all his heart, soul, and mind. (Matt. 22-27, Prov. 3:5-6)</p>	<p>2. Passion for Scripture. May he delight in Your Word and meditate on it day and night. (Ps. 119:15-16)</p>	<p>3. Prayer Life. May he be a man of prayer, devoting himself to prayer and communion with You. (Col. 4:2)</p>	<p>4. Character and Integrity. May he be a godly man, having integrity of heart and being a faithful doer of the Word. (Ps. 78:72, James 1:22)</p>	<p>5. Humility. May he be kept from pride and self-interest, remain teachable and humble to your instruction. (Gal. 6:15-15)</p>	<p>6. Obedience. May he obey your commands and faithfully follow Your leading in his life. (John 14:15, Rom. 6:16)</p>	<p>7. Health. Give him good health and help him to care for his physical body, for it is your temple of the Spirit. (1 Cor. 6:19-20, 3 John 1:2)</p>
<p>8. Thought Life. May he hold every thought captive for Christ and be continuously transformed by the renewing of his mind. (2 Co. 10:15, Rom 12:2)</p>	<p>9. Peace and Joy. Grant him peace, joy, hope, and a deep trust in You. Help him to not be anxious, but be thankful and prayerful in all things. (Rom 15:13, Phil 4:6)</p>	<p>10. Temptation. May his heart be kept guarded and pure. Keep him from falling into temptation of body or mind. (Prov 4:23, Ps 119:9, Matt 26:41)</p>	<p>11. Rest and Refreshment. Help him find the rest he needs, and may he find refreshment in your presence. (Ex 33:14, Matt 11:28-30, Mark 6:31)</p>	<p>12. Protection. Protect him and his family. Bless the work of his hands, delivering him from the schemes of the enemy. (Job 1:10, Ps 34:7, Ps 91)</p>	<p>13. Marriage. Establish his marriage and protect it. May the put each other's needs above their own. (Eph 5:22-33, 1 Peter 3:7)</p>	<p>14. Wife. May she love and respect him. May she walk with You and find support and encouragement to thrive in her unique position. (Eph 5:22-33)</p>
<p>15. Children. Help him to keep the way of the Lord in his household and train up his children to love and follow you. (Prov 20:7, Gen 18:19, Prov 22:6)</p>	<p>16. Finances. Provide for his needs and keep him from a love of money. May he be generous and a good steward. (Prov 3:9-10, 1 Tim 6:10-11, Heb 13:5)</p>	<p>17. Priorities/Time. May he seek Your kingdom above all else. Guide him in setting priorities and managing his time. (Matt 6:33, Eph 5:15-17, Ps 90:12)</p>	<p>18. Love for Others. May he love others with the love of Christ. Help him to humbly put his love into action. (John 13:34, Phil 2:3-4, James 2:14-17)</p>	<p>19. Shepherd's Heart. May he have a heart for those you have placed in his care and an appropriate sense of responsibility. (Acts 20:28-29)</p>	<p>20. Heart for the Lost. May he proclaim the gospel with compassion and truth. Help him to have Your heart for the lost. (Mark 16:15, Matt 28:19)</p>	<p>21. Conflicts. Help him to handle conflict biblically and with love. Give him discernment in difficult situations. (Matt 18:15-17, Prov 15:1, 1 Cor 13)</p>
<p>22. Elders/Leadership. May they be godly, unified in purpose, good examples to others, and serving You joyfully. (Heb 13:17, 1 Cor 1:10, 1 Peter 5:1-4)</p>	<p>23. Godward Focus. Help him to keep his eyes fixed on you in every effort and in the face of any challenge. (Prov 4:25-27)</p>	<p>24. Wise Counsel. May the scripture be his first counsel. Support him through godly counselors who strengthen and guide him with wisdom. (Prov 24:5-6, 19:20-21)</p>	<p>25. Encouragement. May his hope be found in You. Bring encouragement into his life to build up and support him. (1 Thes 5:11, Is 41:10, 1 Tim 5:17)</p>	<p>26. Discernment. May he listen to Your voice as You direct his path. Grant him godly wisdom and understanding. (Isa 30:21, Prov 3:13-18)</p>	<p>27. Biblical Faithfulness. May he understand and hold firm to the truth, teaching it and rebuking those who contradict it. (Titus 1:19)</p>	<p>28. Sermon Preparation. Grant him the time and focus to prepare his message, and give him the ideas and the words to present it clearly. (Col 4:5)</p>
<p>29. Teaching. May Jesus be exalted in every message. May he rightly deliver the word of truth and may the hearts of you people be open to it. (2 Tim 2:15)</p>	<p>30. Vision. May he lead the congregation by the Spirit. Impart to him Your vision for the church. (Jer 3:15)</p>	<p>31. Blessing. May he be blessed by the Lord and by the congregation. May it be received humbly and for Your glory. (1 Tim 5:17, 1 Thes 5:12-13, Num 6:24-26)</p>	<p>AND I WILL GIVE YOU SHEPHERDS AFTER MY OWN HEART, WHO WILL FEED YOU WITH KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING. <i>Jeremiah 3:15</i></p>			

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR

October Adult Bible Study Class

Oct 1: "Can God Open Your Eyes?"

Oct 8: "How Many Miracles?"

Oct 15: "Who's Voice Do You Hear?"

Oct 22: "The Biggest Spring in the World"

Oct 29: "Who Will You See in Heaven?"

Coming this October

Water

When we drink, we have a feeling of refreshment. Drinking provides relief along with necessary hydration. The rich man in Jesus' parable epitomizes this when he asked Abraham to "send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue" (Luke 16:24). Our lessons can help us appreciate water not just as a reflection of God's care but also as a symbol of spiritual transformation and renewal.

Lesson 5 highlights Yahweh ministering to a woman and her son who were dying from thirst. A limitless well appeared in a hot desert, revealing that God wants all people to have such an abundant supply.

In Lesson 6, we see the Hebrews in the wilderness clamoring for water once again. The way this was provided taught them that God will not leave any stone unturned, literally, for people to live and be refreshed.

In Lesson 7, the psalmist moves us toward viewing thirst and water in spiritual terms. We will be encouraged to ask ourselves what dries out our spirits and how we may discover the refreshment God offers.

Next, Jesus takes the psalmist's thoughts about spiritual renewal a step further. Lesson 8 highlights two incidents in his ministry where he boldly claimed that any who trusts him will discover never-ending living water. The one who quenches our thirst now lives with us.

Our unit ends by exploring the Christian stewardship of this resource. Jesus' parable of the sheep and goats reminds us that disciples can never be comfortable in life until all are offered life-giving water, physically as well as spiritually.



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Upcoming Events October



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THU

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Worship Night
7:00 PM

SUN

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Sunday Worship
LU Concert Choir
9:30 AM
Sunday School
10:45 AM

MON

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Nominations Committee
3:15 PM
In the Wesley Guild Room

TUES

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Missions Team at
Valor Farm

SUN

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Sunday Worship
9:30 AM
Sunday School
10:45 AM

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Sunday Worship
LU Chamber Singers
9:30 AM
Sunday School
10:45 AM

SAT

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Trunk or Treat
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

SUN

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Sunday Worship
9:30 AM
Sunday School
10:45 AM

TBD Worship Committee
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Sat | **1-3PM**
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Court Street UMC

Annual Trunk or Treat:
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Trunk or Treat

Get ready for a ghoulishly good time at Court Street UMC's annual Trunk or Treat event! It's one of our favorite Halloween traditions, and we're inviting you to join in on the fun.

What's Trunk or Treat? For those new to the concept, Trunk or Treat is like traditional trick-or-treating but with a twist. Instead of going door to door, families gather in one spot, and the trunks of parked cars are decorated in creative and spooky themes. Children then go "trunk to trunk," collecting candy and treats in a safe and friendly environment.

We Need Your Help! This event wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers. Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Decorate Your Trunk:** We're looking for volunteers to decorate their car trunks and provide treats for the kids. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your creativity and spread some Halloween joy.
2. **Donate Candy:** If you're not up for decorating a trunk, consider donating bags of candy to ensure we have enough treats for everyone.
3. **Spread the Word:** Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about our Trunk or Treat event. The more, the merrier!
4. **Come in Costume:** Don't forget to wear your own costume, too! It's not just the trunks that get to be creative.

Let's make this year's Trunk or Treat the best one yet! Your participation helps create a safe and joyful Halloween experience for our community. We look forward to seeing you on October 28th for an afternoon of spooky fun and community togetherness.

To volunteer your trunk or donate candy, please email Julia in the church office.



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Events

- THU**
2 Worship Night
7:00 PM
NOV
- SAT**
4 Liya Christian Ministry
presents
Strings Concert
NOV 4PM
- SUN**
5 All Saints Sunday
9:30 AM
Sunday School
NOV 10:45 AM
- FRI**
10 Missions Team at
Valor Farm
NOV
- SUN**
19 Bright Nights on the Bluffwalk
4 PM - 8 PM
NOV
- SUN**
26 Decorate the Sanctuary
11:45AM
NOV

- SUN**
3 Missions Team /Committee
Meeting
DEC 11:45 AM
- THU**
7 Worship Night
7:00 PM
DEC
- SAT**
9 Historic Church
Open House
DEC 10 AM - 2 PM
- SUN**
24 Sunday Worship
9:30 AM
Sunday School
10:45 AM
DEC Candlelight Service
TBD



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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



October Birthday

Jeb Haley	01
Charles Sweeney	05
GiGi Sweeney	05
Addison Johnson	08
Libba McCraw	09
Caroline McCraw	09
Pat Haley	10
Karen Hudnall	13
Susan Leazer	16
Irby Hudson	22
Charles Thaxton	22
Aliya Dovgalyuk	23
Robin Hudson	23
Anne Quillian	28
Karl Speer	29

November Birthdays

Gina Wright	01
Chiswell Logan	06
Landen Larkin	10
Phyllis Coleman	11
Megan Case	12
Nada Sweeney	12
Cornell Thompson	18
Jodi Center	19
Julia McConnell	21
Rosemary Heusted	23

October & November Anniversaries

Christine & Karl Speer Oct 10

Happy Anniversary

PRAYER REQUESTS (*Church Members)

All Men and Women serving in the Military

Travis Dean Burleigh - 7425 Snowy Owl St. Unit 102, N. Las Vegas, NV 89084

Matthew Diuguid - 3501 A Ave. 1st Platoon, B. Company 266 QM BN, Ft. Lee, VA 23801

Robert Allen Tyree - stationed at Ft. Liberty *grandson of *Mary Tyree

In Need of Prayer

Dee Brown ~ aunt of Christopher Lilley

Phillip Burleigh ~ brother of Rev. Bill Burleigh

*Tom Coleman- 303 Tomahawk Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502

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

Joanne Johnson - C/O Charlie Johnson @ Forest UMC 1150 Burnbridge Rd, Forest, VA 24551

*Kenny Kincaid ~son of * Randy & Bobbi Hurst

*Christopher Lilley - 1705 Rivermont Ave. Apt 8, Lynchburg, VA 24503

Gary Lowe - 113 Springvale Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24502

Tina Propst ~ Sister of Pastor Steve Propst

*Phil Ripley - C/O Julie Strong 1356 John Anderson Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32176

*Alex Speer - 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503

*John Sweeney ~ 1487 Jennings Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24503

*Nada Sweeney ~ 501 VES Rd, 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

Daniel Woody ~ Forest Health and Rehab 2406 Atherholt Rd Lynchburg, VA 24501

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

Offerings through 9/30:	5,034.00
September Expenses:	<u>22,615.60</u>
Shortfall:	17,581.60



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GLORIFYING THE LORD THROUGH THE ARTS

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News!” Romans 10:15

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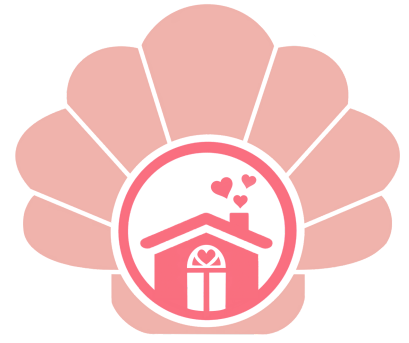
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Pink Pearl
EMPOWERED HOMEMAKING



Admin Corner: Updates and Musings

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news with you about a recent transformation right here within our church walls. In August, Pink Pearl Empowered Homemaking undertook a significant project to breathe new life into two rooms downstairs that had previously been occupied by the Adult Care Center. It has been a labor of love, and I am delighted to share the progress.

On September 1st, Pink Pearl hosted its first open house, extending a warm invitation to our community to explore the renovated space. The response was heartwarming, and I can't thank you enough for your support and encouragement along the way.

Here are some of the highlights of our renovation journey:

- **Classroom Space:** We've transformed this area into a welcoming and light-filled room, painted in a soft, inviting pink. The formerly peeling cabinets have been lovingly refinished, ensuring their longer life and use here at Court Street.
- **Our storage room within the classroom space** has been affectionately named "the Pantry." It's a cheerful and bold pink, complemented by bright white shelves.
- **Workshop and Office Space:** In the final room of Pink Pearl, we've created a warm and richly hued environment. This space will house larger equipment like 3-D printers, a laser printer, a weaving loom, and other essential tools for our creative endeavors.

Pink Pearl is a project very close to my heart, inspired by the values of love, joy, and community that we hold dear here at Court Street UMC. Our mission is to empower others by providing life skills and homemaking education, fostering creativity, and building strong connections among our community members. I believe in making education accessible to all, which is why we offer tiered ticket pricing for our classes and events. The Essentials (reduced and scholarship-based pricing), the Enthusiast (standard price), and Empowerment for those who wish to support our mission and help others access domestic arts education.

Here's a sneak peek at some of our upcoming events:

- Love + Stitches: Community Stitch Group (Every Tuesday)
- Edible Art
- Crochet
- Ghost Painting Workshop at Rhodora on Church Street
- Knitting
- Punch Needle
- Forever Jack-o-lanterns
- Sewing

Your involvement and support mean the world to our growing mission. Thank you for your unwavering support as we embark on this journey. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Love + Joy,

Julia Pearl



Do you have photos to share?
Submit articles and photos for
November's Courier by October 20th!

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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 sharing God's love.

Please contact the church office at:

621CourtStUMC@gmail.com or (434) 845-3427 on or before Wednesdays to have events and notices posted online and in the bulletins.