

# The Corner Journal



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**OCTOBER  
2018**

## *New Sermon Series*

### *Sin & Evil*



*Heritage Festival  
October 6 & 7th  
Come Help with the  
BBQ Sales or  
Come Enjoy Some &  
Support the United  
Methodist Men!*

*Women's Book Club  
Meeting at  
Elly Hakel's home,  
October 18th*

*Next Month  
Charge Conference  
November 4th  
All Are Welcome!*

October is a favorite month for many. Maybe it's because of the seasonal changes: the changing colors of leaves, the cooler temperatures. For others fall's coming is exciting because of the things that accompany those seasonal changes: apple harvesting, apple cider donuts, and all things pumpkin spice. Still others get really into Halloween and dress up in crazy and unexpected ways (like your parsonage family!). This October in worship, we're gonna explore sin and evil and the role it plays in our lives. This isn't going to be in a scary kind of way, but in a way that invites us to pull back the curtain on those things that we like to hide away. I think sin, and the things that accompany it, like guilt and shame, serve to corrupt us in ways that we don't like to hear or talk about. But we can't begin to acknowledge God's work of forgiveness, redemption, and freedom without coming to terms with sin, and evil, and sadly, our participation in it. So, come and explore with us – we'll begin the conversation on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> in worship. This Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will observe World Communion Sunday, and all the connections we have globally with fellow Christians, and the way the Gospel unites us.

Our church's charge conference will be Sunday November 4, 2018, following our late worship service. One of the things that charge conference offers is a chance to meet the District Superintendent and to talk about where we've been and where we're going as a local church. To help with these conversations we're going to have a visioning conversation on Sunday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. All church members and participants are welcome to come and be apart of this important conversation.

I'm looking forward to all the things the busy fall has in store for our church family!

I hope to see you Sunday!

Grace & Peace,

*Erich*

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**MONTH AT A GLANCE:**

- 10/ 1 Finance Committee, 7pm, Image Class
- 10/ 3 Children's Choir, 6pm, Underground
- 10/ 4 Ruritans, FH\*
- 10/ 7 World Communion Sunday
- 10/ 8 Trustee's Committee, 7pm, Image Class
- 10/ 9 ARISE Sub-Committee, 7pm, Image Class
- 10/10 Worship Committee, 5:30pm
- 10/14 Visioning & Conversations for Charge Conf. 3pm, FH
- 10/ 15 LUMP Advisory Meeting, 7pm, FH
- 10/17 Children's Choir, 6pm, Underground
- 10/18 Women's Book Club, 6:30pm, Elly Hakel's home
- 10/25 Senior TRIAD, 9-2, Christ UMC Shenandoah

\* Not a church event

**HAPPENING EVERY WEEK THIS MONTH:**

- Tuesday-Thursday, Preschool, 3 & 4yr olds, 8:30-11:30am
- Tuesday, Bible Study with Pastor Ellen, 11am, Image Class
- Tuesday, ASAP, 5-7pm, Auditorium\* Private Meeting
- Wednesday, 1st & 3rd unless noted, Childrens Choir, 6pm
- Wednesday, Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Auditorium
- Wednesday, Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Underground
- Thursday, Men's Bible Breakfast, 7:15am, FH-Men Only
- Thursday, Noon Community Svc, Christ Episcopal Church
- Thursday, Girl Scouts, 6-8pm, Image Class\*
- Thursday, Praise Band Practice, 7pm, Sanctuary

***It's Pastor Appreciation Month! The SPRC is encouraging the congregation to take the opportunity to say a special word of thanks to Pastor Erich and his family. A wire basket with "Duke Blue" ribbons has been placed in the vestibule. Please feel free to drop a personal note in this basket. Blank cards are provided should you wish to use one for this purpose. If you wish to include a gift card, we are certain that it will be appreciated. This will be presented to the family on October 28th.***

*The Jennings family would like to send a great big thank you to all of you who pitched in to quickly set up a reception for Phil and Erin in the fellowship hall on a moment's notice Saturday 9/1. We don't even have a full handle on what all went on behind the scenes but it was lovely and a lifesaver! We also noticed many of you gave up your reception spots to out of towners since the space wasn't able to quite accommodate all the guests. Thank you for living out our motto of "See the Love, Share the Joy"!*

*The Jennings family is now So Thankful for all your prayers, notes & support for John & his continuing recovery...*

*If you would like to follow John's recovery - Go to Caring Bridge and type in John Jennings and you can create a login & password and see all the progress he is making. Praise God!*

***Happy Birthday!***

- 10/ 2 David Sours
- 10/ 5 Emily Price
- 10/ 6 Andrew Chamberlain
- 10/ 6 Mike Weaver, II
- 10/12 Sheryl Brockman
- 10/19 Mindy Bogue
- 10/26 Mary Lou Owens
- 10/28 Wanda Tate
- 10/31 Ed Broyles
- 10/19 Susan Rocke



If your birthday is this month and you do not see your name, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

- 10/23/15 Daniel & Cheslynn Graves 3 Years!
- 10/28/12 Wes & Christina Grieve 6 Years!



**CONGRATULATIONS!**



If your anniversary is this month and you do not see your names, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

**The October Communion Rail Offering will bless: Choices****The October Grocery Cart will bless Choices!**

**Needs:** Canned fruit, pasta, tuna/meat, boxed dinners, any non perishable food items and personal items.

**Please Pray for our church members in Senior Centers & Nursing Homes:**

**Betsy Campbell:** 110 Luther Rd. Dickson, TN 37055

**Hidden Springs: Nell Strong**

973 Buck Mountain Rd., Bentonville, VA 22601

**Please keep our members in your daily prayers:**

John Jennings, Frances Smith, Bj Garner,  
Don Garner, Walt Gordon, June Clark, Mary  
Jane Ricketts, Ann Moody, George Nosek &  
Barbara Shenk



***If you would like to send a card of encouragement & love to Frances Smith - Please contact Carla in the church office for her address at her sisters house.***

## Reflections from Russia!

As you may know, between August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>, I participated in a mission trip to visit Pastor Irina and our friends in Stavropol, Russia. I went with three members of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Charles Harrell, Tom, Ann Dudley, and met up with Mel Munchinski, the General Board of General Missions Eurasia In Mission Together Coordinator in Moscow. The five of us then traveled first to Voronezh to participate in work at a Methodist Camp and Retreat center that provides camping experiences for Russians with disabilities. Our work there was rewarding as we met many Russian Methodists from throughout the country, some coming farther than we traveled—Russia is a HUGE country!

From there we traveled to Stavropol, to visit with Irina and her congregation and to visit the Roma village where Irina is doing mission work with the Roma people. I think Mel put it best that this was a “ministry of presence.” We didn’t “do” anything special, but our mere presence meant so much to them. They were amazed that we would take the time and resources to simply come and visit. We had some interesting flight connection issues on the way to Stavropol, but by God’s grace we were able to arrive so we could fellowship with them on Sunday morning for worship. The service was 2 ½ hours long and simply wonderful. There were about 25 people in attendance, including the 5 of us. After worship, like the good Methodists we are, we ate!

During the afternoon and the next day, we visited with our Russian friends, saw the sights of Stavropol, traveled to the Roma village and met families there and shared meals and tea with them, and participated in a Skype bible study that is conducted by a Methodist layperson from Tulsa, Oklahoma every Monday evening—7 pm in Stavropol, 10am in Tulsa.

I left Stavropol with a great fondness for our fellow Methodists there and saw how faithfully they are applying the gifts we send from our Mission budget to assist their work in Stavropol. I hope to return soon to visit them again. Here are a couple of the photos I took of our time together. Thank you for your prayers and support for me. And thank you for your tithes and offerings that go toward providing support for Irina and the Methodist Church in Stavropol.

Walt Surratt

See Pictures... Opposite section

## Luray United Methodist Preschool:

The Luray UMC Preschool, which started Tuesday, September 4th, is in full swing, and welcomed all 23 students of the class of 2018-2019. We introduced the students to our learning, social activities, and the Page Librarian, Ms. Stephanie, who came and read books, and sung songs with all.

If you are interested in student sponsorship, or providing financial help, Email: [preschool@lurayumc.org](mailto:preschool@lurayumc.org)



## Pictures from Russia!





**DID YOU SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES?**

Please email the church office: [lurayumc@embarqmail.com](mailto:lurayumc@embarqmail.com)  
Let us know the dates of your service, rank, what branch, and what you did and where you served.

**So far, Thank you for your service to:**



*Jim Ashanky, USCG*  
*Erich Bennett, USAF - Active!*  
*Dan Bogdewic, USN*  
*Brad Chamberlain, USN*  
*Bill Cook, USA*  
*David Covington, USA*  
*Don Garner, USN*  
*Larry Hakel, USA*  
*Gerald Judd, USA*  
*Sam McNeely, USMC*  
*George Nosek, USA*  
*Bill Ricketts, USA*  
*Jimmy Sullivan, USN*  
*Walt Surratt, USA*  
*Charles Yates, USCG*

**2018 Women's Book Club: Oct 18 at Elly Hakel's**

Book: *Unafraid: Mary* by Francine Rivers, #5 in the Lineage of Grace Series, believe me, you'll want them all! Meet Mary, the young girl who was obedient to God and became the most revered woman in history, the mother of Jesus.

Questions, Contact Beverly Wood 860-0795 or [beverly@thewoodhome.net](mailto:beverly@thewoodhome.net)

**JOIN OUR CHURCH HELPERS:**

Would you like to join our church helpers?

There is a LOT to choose from.

Communion Steward - Help with preparing Communion  
Acolyte - Help the Pastor and light the altar candles  
Ushers - Help the Pastor at the 11am Worship Service  
Greeters - Greet people coming to church & hand out bulletins  
Readers - Read scripture verse during Worship  
Nursery - Assist our Staff Nursery Worker  
Counters - Count & Deposit Offering  
AV Tech - Work the computer with Power Point projection  
Fellowship Snack - Prepare a light snack for Fellowship Time

We also need substitutes in all these areas. If you just can't commit to serving in one area, which we do on a rotating basis, we can always use substitutes.

Please contact the church office if you would like to be added to the rotation on any church helper category.

We also need Choir Members & Bell Ringers.

Talk to Mark Nichols!

**Keep Our College Students in Prayer**

*Eva Bogdewic, UVA*  
*Andrew Chamberlain, LFCC*  
*Bradley Chamberlain, Old Dominion*  
*Cassie Hutton, Radford*  
*Danielle Martin, VT*  
*Joel Osborne, VT*  
*Catherine Spain, Liberty*  
*Matthew Stevens, LFCC*  
*Caroline Suddith, JMU*  
*Cheyenne Wilson, So. Adventist U, TN*

**If we missed your student - Contact the church office**

**College Students:** If you have a current college student, please email the church office with their name, major and address so we can remember them each month in the newsletter and send some love during exam time. We need to let them "See the Love"

**Fellowship Plans 2018 - Mark Your Calendars**

November 16, Turkey Trot Soup Supper, 6-8pm

December, Date TBD, Make & Take Christmas décor.

**Our Mission Teams are back in country! We will share their Mission Stories at an event, coming soon to Luray UMC! Watch for Details! You won't want to miss the presentations!**

**Corrections & Updates to the LUMC****Pictorial Directory:**

*Jim Sullivan cell: 540-209-5505 - Remove Sullivan Land line*

*The Carlson's do not have a landline, use cells*

*Susan Lloyd: Home 860-5496, cell 742-1422*

*Walt & Sharon Surratt - Remove land line*

*David & Carol Angier - Remove land line*

*Larry & Elly Hakel: [lhakel1@comcast.net](mailto:lhakel1@comcast.net)*

*Julia Verba cell: 244-8402/Carey Verba 742-4110*

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## OCTOBER CHURCH HELPERS

### COMMUNION STEWARD:

Layne Vickers



### ACOLYTES 830/11:

10/7 Drayvin Stevens/Jeremiah Bennett  
10/14 Abby Knesh/Zach Cummings  
10/21 Caleb Grieve/Allison Atkins  
10/28 Olivia Grieve/Berkley Bennett

### USHERS 11am:

10/7 Wanda Butler & Bill Cook  
10/14 Charlie & Laura Yates  
10/21 Berkley Bennett & Judy Peabody  
10/28 Ron Vickers & Robert Spencer

### GREETERS - 8:30:

10/7 The Chamberlain's  
10/14 Jim Grieve  
10/21 Ken & Eileen Knesh  
10/28 Jeff & Elaine Thomas



### GREETERS - 11:00:

10/7 Helen Harman & Wanda Butler  
10/14 Jon & Lisa Sisler  
10/21 Walt & Nancy Gordon  
10/28 Nancy Bell & Mary Lou Owens

### READERS - 8:30:

10/7 Alex White  
10/14 Cathy Weaver  
10/21 Jim Ashanky  
10/28 Cathy Ashanky

### READERS - 11:00:

10/7 Chris Deibert  
10/14 Alice Gray  
10/21 Jim Grieve  
10/28 Walt Gordon



### COUNTERS:

10/7 Chris Deibert & Jon Sisler  
10/14 Walt Gordon & Jon Sisler  
10/21 Walt Gordon & Jim Grieve  
10/28 Ron Vickers & Jim Grieve

### AUDIO VISUAL: 830 / 11am

10/7 Alex White/Ron Vickers  
10/14 Larry Hakel/Bill Ricketts  
10/21 Garnett Brockman/  
Robert Spencer  
10/28 Karen Grieve/Bill Duke

### NURSERY - 8:30:

10/7 Cindy Lauritzen  
10/14 Robert Spencer  
10/21 Karen Grieve  
10/28 Betty White



### NURSERY - 11:00:

10/7 Betty White  
10/14 TBD  
10/21 Heather Sours  
10/28 Missie Deibert

### FLOWERS:

10/7 The Brockman's  
10/14 Carol Eackles  
10/21 Mike & Cathy Weaver  
10/28 The Angier's



### SNACK:

10/7 Carol Angier  
10/14 Sue Raeburn  
10/21 The Bogdewic's  
10/28 The Verba's



### REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

**LUMPreschool** - Tuesday-Thursday - 8:25-11:30am - Watch for heavy traffic from 11am-11:40am these days

**Bible Study with Pastor Ellen** - Each Tuesday, 11am in the Image Class.

**ASAP** - Tuesday nights from 5-7pm in the Auditorium (non-church related)

Children's Choir - Watch For Details

**Hand Bell Choir** - Wednesday Evenings, 6:30pm, Auditorium

**Chancel Choir** - Wednesday Evenings, 7:30pm, Underground

**Men's Bible Breakfast Club** - Thursday mornings from 7:15 - 8:15am

**Each Thursday** - 12 Noon Community Service - **Christ Episcopal Church**

Each Thursday - Noon Bible Study in the Image Classroom - On Break until fall

**Praise Band Practice** - Thursday nights at 7pm, sanctuary



### 2018 LUMC Church Council Members:

Dale Houff-Church Council Chair  
Cathy Whittle - UMW President  
Walt Surratt-Treasurer  
Beverly Wood-Communications  
Robert Spencer-Missions  
Faith Carlson-Staff/Parish  
Wanda Butler-at Large Member

Cathy Weaver-Council Secretary  
Sharon Surratt-Board of Trustees  
Ron Vickers/Carol Angier-Fellowship  
Julia Verba-Worship  
Karen Grieve-Sunday School Super.  
Rusty McCoy-at Large Member  
Rev. Erich Bennett

Jeff Jennings-Lay Leader  
Larry Hakel-Financial  
Tommy Page-Outreach





**TOPICS FOR BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study w/Pastor Ellen - 11am, Image Class**

**Thursday Mornings, 7:15am - Men's Bible Breakfast  
Breakfast and Bible study with a lot of discussion in the Fellowship Hall. "Men Only".**

**Thursdays at Noon - Bible Study - On Hold Until Fall**

**Sunday Mornings, 10-10:50am Children's Sunday School - 4th Floor**

**There is something for everyone, and if we don't offer it, let us know and we will see if others are interested too.**

**Nursery for Infants and preschoolers available 8:15-12:15 During Worship Services**

**3yr Old Sunday School Class - Stories & Sharing**

**Preschool - Age 4 through Kindergarten - Heartshapers Curriculum**

**Early Elementary - Grades 1-3 - Bible Lessons Planned by Teacher**

**Older Elementary - Grade 4-5 - Faithweaver Curriculum**

**Tweens - Grades 6-8 - A Lively Class using Gospel Light materials**

**High School - Grades 9-12 - Coming Soon! Need Volunteers 1 Sunday/Month**

**Adult Sunday School - All Ages - CrossWalk, Image Class, 4th Floor**

**Adult Women's Sunday School Bible Study Class - Parlor, Sanctuary level**

**2018 COMMUNITY NOON WORSHIP SERVICE - ROTATING SCHEDULE**

JANUARY - LURAY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

FEBRUARY - LURAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH - CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

APRIL - LUMC

MAY - MAIN ST BAPTIST

JUNE - ST. MARK LUTHERAN

JULY - LURAY SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

AUGUST - LURAY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

SEPTEMBER - LURAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**OCTOBER - CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

NOVEMBER - LUMC

DECEMBER - MAIN ST BAPTIST

**Chancel Choir:** *Bases: CR Suddith, Jim Ashanky, Larry Hakel, Dale Houff, Jim Grieve; Tenors: Erich Bennett, Dave Naser; Altos: Cathy Whittle, Alice Gray, Layne Vickers, Judy Suddith, Carol Miller; Sopranos: Julia Verba, Elly Hakel, Nancy Brubaker, Cathy Ashanky, Beverly Daugherty*



**Weekly KIT Email (Keeping in Touch)**

**This is an informative weekly email to let you know what is coming up or happening at the church each week. Call or email the church office to be added to the list.**

**Keep in Touch!**

**TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN:**

*If you have need for prayer and would like to be placed on our prayer chain, call the church office or Peggy Turner 743-3386.*

*If you would like to be called when a situation comes up that needs prayer, or if you could be a caller, calling 5-6 persons once you receive the message, let the church office know.*



**Praise Band:** *Cathy Ashanky-Leader/Piano/Singer, Jim Ashanky-Singer/Devotions, Erich Bennett-Guitar, Bruce Clark-Singer, Abby Knesh/Singer; George Nosek-Singer, Tommy Page-Singer/Devotions, Doug Raeburn-Guitar & Robin Stevens-Singer*



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