



Chaplain's Corner

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Welcome to the Chaplain's Corner newsletter. If you have a joy or concern you'd like to share with our staff, send an e-mail or give us a call at Ext. 8348. We only share concerns with the campus community, via newsletter or e-mail, with permission. You can view the current issue of our newsletter (in PDF format), and previous issues, on the Spiritual Life page of the Lynchburg College website—www.lynchburg.edu/spirituallife.

Ready to Serve

My grandfather's nickname was "Boots" Furlow. I think of him every time Veterans' Day comes up. He flew a Corsair during WWII in the Pacific. He was a wingman to Joe Foss, one of the United States' greatest aces. Granddad, as I use to call him, earned his nickname because he was always prepared, having his boots on, ready to fly at a moment's notice.

I like to think that his spirit of being ready and being personally available is what drives me in my own vocation as an Episcopal priest. Priestly life is, I think, one that works amidst the circumstance and adversity that we encounter in the day-to-day, God always present. While we can't be all things to all people, I think baptized Christians are asked to consider the way God presents his or herself in our day-to-day lives, with our families, with friends, and especially our neighbors who are very different from us. It is that sense of God being in our midst that allows me to see others as a gift. My baptism also drives me to become more engaged and more aware of this gift, and how to respond in compassion, honesty, and a deep sense of reverence for humanity.



In 2007, I buried my grandfather in Arlington cemetery. He was laid next to someone about my age, a veteran of the Iraq war. For a brief moment, while putting my things away, I hoped that some day my grandfather might be famous for something other than war. The wariness of war can get to anyone, I think. I know that it was not easy for granddad either.

I am proud of granddad and his service as a veteran, but I'm even more thankful of the opportunity to know him as Boots Furlow. I want to be ready prayerfully to serve: to respond to the sacredness of life in front of me. I am happy that Veterans' Day reminds me of that deep spiritual desire to serve in reverence of others.

By Rev. Mark Furlow
Minister-on-Call and Instructor of Theatre

Dates to Remember

Date/Time/Location	Event	Description
Thursday, November 10 6 p.m. Memorial Ballroom	National Coalition of Homeless Speakers	Part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
Thursday, November 17 5 p.m. Snidow chapel	Thanksgiving "Eve" Service	Come share with community that for which you are thankful
Saturday, November 19 9 a.m. The Peace Practice	Gratitude Meditation	Brief, silent meditation & quiet reflection (3200 Memorial Ave.)

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

For a list of our regularly scheduled meetings during the academic year, go to the Spiritual Life website—www.lynchburg.edu/spirituallife and select "Spiritual Life Fall Semester Calendar."

Spiritual Life Center
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Concerns

Our sympathies are extended to:

- **Kelly Holland** (sophomore, Suffolk, VA) on the death of her uncle.

Congrats

- **Lyn Kraje** (Nursing) and her husband Neal on the birth of their granddaughter. Lyn's daughter Heather and her husband David had a baby girl on November 4th. Sarah Jeanne Carpenter weighed in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21.24 inches long. This is Lyn and Neal's 8th grandchild.



Sarah Carpenter

- **Joe Prinzing** (Economics) and his wife Sheelin on the birth of their first grandchild. Joseph Malachi Prinzing was born on November 7th to parents Joseph and Erin Prinzing. Joey weighed 7 pounds and was 18 inches.



Joey Prinzing

Sunday Worship Opportunities on Campus

- **Roman Catholic Mass**— 4:30 p.m. Snidow Chapel
- **Lynchburg Christian Fellowship [lcf]** - 10:30 a.m., Sydnor Performance Hall
- **Quaker Meeting** – 10:30 a.m., Spiritual Life Center