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 previous and current issues of our newsletter (in PDF format), on the Spiritual Life page of the Lynchburg College website—www.lynchburg.edu/spirituallife.

An Angel in the House

I am in the very early stage of grief. On April 2nd my brother Mark died suddenly at age 59 of a heart attack. We truly believed that he was the healthiest one in the family, so his death was a shock as well as a reminder of the fragility of life. During this time of sadness I found a poem by Pat Schneider to be especially comforting. I will share it with you.

Is there an angel in the house?
If there is,
and if you aren't too tired, or otherwise occupied, and if it isn't too tacky a request, please rock me.
I am bruised.
If you hold me until morning, I promise I will rise and light the fire and break the bread and put back on my shoulder my corner of the world.
But for now I could use the shelter of a wing.

Is there an angel in the house?

Life sometimes brings difficulties that leave us bruised. I am comforted by a living God who heals and rocks me with many advocates. I have been rocked by friends, family, flowers, a beautiful memorial service with words of encouragement and amazing music, notes of encouragement, hugs and yes, the shelter of angel wings.

Grief is a complicated process and experienced differently for each individual. Loss comes to each of us in many different experiences of life. Each can leave us bruised. Consider... regardless of your belief system...to take the time to heal and be open to being rocked by those who care about you. There just may be an angel in the house.

By Kay Higgins
Pastoral Associate

Concerns
Our sympathies are extended to:
• Jade Brown (sophomore, Lynchburg, VA) on the death of her grandmother who raised her.
• Katie-Lee Melvin (first year, Eagle Rock, VA), whose great aunt died.
• Bill Noel (Communication Studies) and his family on the loss of his mother. Joan Lyle Noel, 84, died on April 25th at her home in Kentucky, just a mile from her parents’ home where she was born. Bill was in Kentucky for the funeral service which was held this morning. Click on the link for Mrs. Noel’s full obituary.

Congrats
Congratulations to:
• Rebecca Metcalf (senior, Mechanicsville, VA) on her recent engagement to Joshua Tyler Parker. They will be married on April 16, 2016 in Richmond.

1948 May Day/Spring Festival at LC

Facts About May Day (May 1st)
• The earliest May Day celebrations appeared in the pre-Christian time
• Some traditions of this Springtime festival include a dance around a pole cut from a birch tree, holding the ends of a ribbon in hand (see photo at left from the LC Archives)
• For the Druids of the British isles, May 1st was the second most important holiday of the year.
• Beginning in 1886 May Day was also observed as an international workers day.

Dates to Remember

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<td>Friday, May 15 5:30 p.m., Snidow Chapel</td>
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Regularly Scheduled Meetings
For a list of our regularly scheduled meetings during the academic year, go to the Spiritual Life webpage and click on “Spiritual Organizations on Campus.”

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