

Epiphany Sunday
January 1, 2012 10:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Johann Pachelbel
Welcome/Announcements

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas.

People: We have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us celebrate the wondrous gift given to us in Jesus Christ.

People: We'll praise the name of Jesus, born for our sake, crucified and risen!

+Hymn "The First Noel" UMH 245

+Prayer

TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

Old Testament Reading* Isaiah 60:1-6 **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" Pace/Boyce
Men's Quartet

+Gospel Reading* Matthew 2:1-12 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The End of Gloom"

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayer of Confession

Lord God of Christmas, we stand on the threshold of another year. We thank you for giving us another year of life. You have given us many gifts during the last year; and yet we realize that we have often failed to use those gifts or our lives as creatively and constructively as we might have. Now give us the care to shape the moments of this next year into tender, gentle expressions of concern. May the year be fulfilled with

achievements: wrongs corrected, friendships deepened, the disheartened encouraged, justice and righteousness fulfilled. Help us to share your love, even as you became love to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

+The Peace

Offertory Offertory on "Dix" Carlos Staeszski

+Response* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

+Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving UMH 17

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Musical Offering "Mary, Did You Know?" arr. Douglas Wagner
The SonRise Sisters

Giving the Bread and Cup

Everyone who is present today is welcome at the Lord's Table.

The ushers will invite you to come forward to kneel or stand as you are able.

You will receive a piece of bread and a small cup of grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are also available as you come forward.

Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.

Prayer after Communion

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+Hymn* "There's a Song in the Air" UMH 249

+Benediction

+Postlude Improvisation on "Dix"

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red) FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

*Words Projected

+Please stand as you are able

Greeters: Sarah Lowe Thompson
Acolyte: Emily Kyser
Nursery:
Counters: Gary Wright, Captain
Ushers: Bill Blankenship, Wayne Latimer, Janet Knight, Gary Wright
Tony Fleshman, Sean Collins, Klaus Worrell, Laurie Breeden,
Joe Sullivan, Brad Wootten, Jennifer Kennedy

Communion
Preparers: Lisa Fleenor and Holly Mayton
Reader: Elizabeth Kyser
Audio/Visual Team: Gary Vest and Bob Gillie
Name Tag Organizer: Gracie Martin
Sanctuary Organizers: Nancy Coffman and Gracie Martin

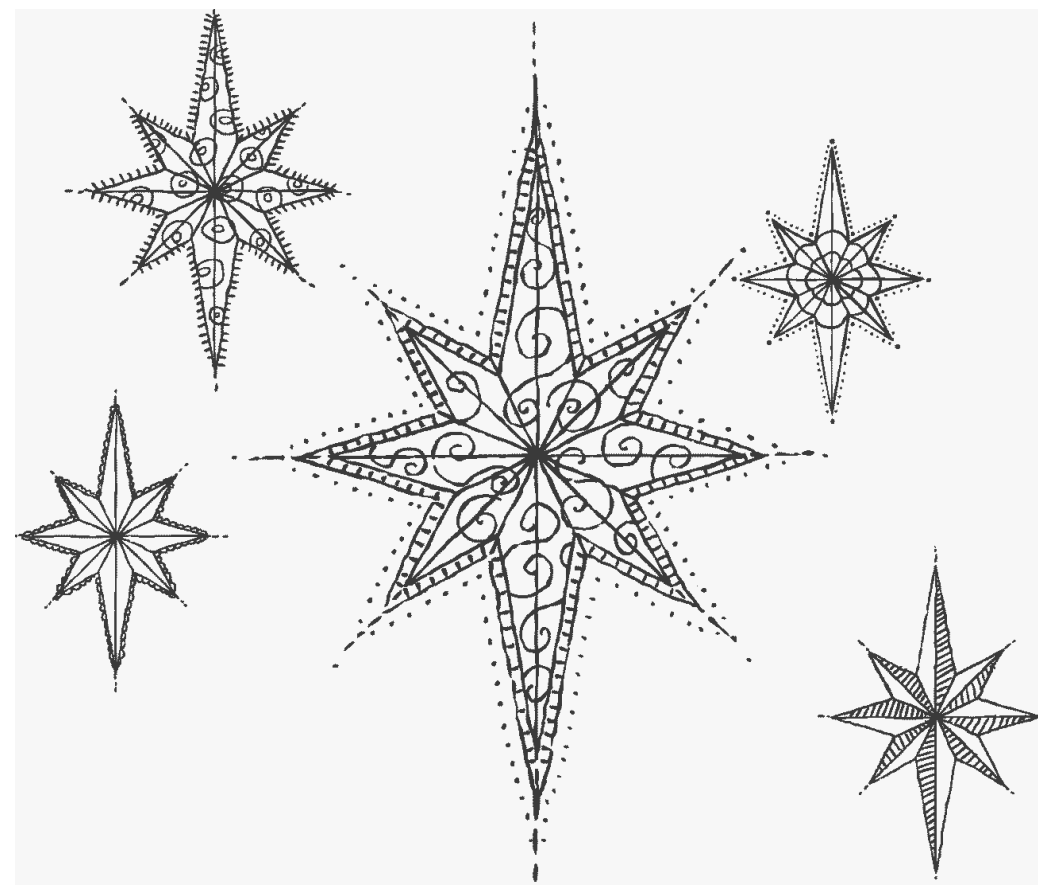
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 1

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

No afternoon or evening activities

Monday, January 2

CARITAS at PUMC through Friday

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)

11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Library)

6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Third Floor)

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Third Floor)

6:30 p.m. Called Trustees' Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, January 4

6:10 p.m. KC Jam Rehearsal (Room 206)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 5

6:30 p.m. Family Council (Library)

7:00 p.m. Morning Glory Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 6

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

Saturday, January 7

9:00-12:00 Preschool CPR and First Aid Training (Room 309)

Sunday, January 8

7:45 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting (Social Hall)

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Cross Trainers

1:30-5:30 p.m. District Training Event

4:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir (Sanctuary)

5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)

5:30 p.m. Youth (F.I.R.E. House)

7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence (Room 306)

Welcome, guests. We're glad you're here!

- Children's worship bags and age-appropriate worship activity bulletins are available in the foyer.
- Colorful bags at the back for you have helpful information.
- Restrooms are located on the main hall to the left.
- Name tags can be found on the clipboards in the pews.
- Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- A nursery is offered as an option for our children newborn through age four (located downstairs).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our service today celebrates Epiphany, which means "showing forth." As the star showed the way for the magi to find and worship Jesus, so is the light of Jesus Christ's love and grace can be seen by the whole world.

Thank you for your contributions to the **Christmas Offering**. If you have been collecting your gifts for the Advent Offering for United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond, you may bring those designated gifts at any time in the offering or to the Church Office.

Please check the **Christmas mailbox** by the chapel door to see if you have any mail! The mailbox will come down this week.

Starting tomorrow, we are hosting CARATAS for women. Thank you for all the ways you are contributing to our hospitality.

The Parenting Class is beginning a new series on January 8 called "Confident Parenting." All parents are welcome to join the class in Room 304.

On Sunday, January 9, we will be remembering **the baptism of our Lord**. The service will include a time to renew your baptism vows and rededicate your life to God. Prayerfully consider how God is leading you in this new year.

Scriping is purchasing gift cards to your favorite stores which then return a percentage to our church. We will resume this program on January 8. Scrip order forms are available on the church's website, or on the bulletin board near the Library.

Homeward's January **"Point in Time" homeless count** will be held on January 26. The missions committee will be collecting adult size hats, gloves, socks, scarves, sweatshirts, and sweaters. We would also appreciate any donations of toiletries and granola bars. We will not be collecting any other clothing items for this event. Please limit your donations to the items listed above. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of this mission.

Wednesday Night Dinners will start January 11 (5:30-6:15 p.m.) The following small group opportunities will be available at 6:30 p.m.:

- **Children and Youth Hands-on Missions** – (6 weeks) in Room 309. All the children in the church are invited to a new kind of group. We are having all of the children and youth together to explore areas of mission in our church and around the world. Each week we will have a different mission focus with different speakers, activities, and hands on mission work. Older Youth will help younger children as each learns where God is leading them to make a difference in the world. Topics and activities will include: therapy dogs, hunger and food backpacks, homelessness, and more.
- **Learn to Knit or Crochet** to make a difference – Learn to knit and crochet prayer shawls and hats for the church's outreach (Room 307).
- Bible Study, **"Faith from the Backside"** – Facilitated by Allen Branson (12 week series) in Room 206. In his popular series of books, "From the Back Side," J. Ellsworth Kalas looks at Christian topics through a new lens, takes unique starting points on those subjects, and uses creative retelling from different points of view. In *Faith from the Back Side*, Kalas explores something that is central in a Christian life but often difficult to understand.
- DVD-based study, **"They Like Jesus, But Not the Church"** – Facilitated by Don and Elizabeth Kyser (6 week series) in Room 303. This DVD-based study looks at the most common objections and misunderstandings cultures have about the church and Christianity. Through interviews and exploration of the scriptures, author and pastor Dan Kimball addresses six of the common objectives.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The pink prayer request forms are located on the clipboards and may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. In order to keep out GATHERED PRAYER CONCERNS list up-to-date, names will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You may submit a resubmit a request at any time.

Our gathered prayer concerns: Isabell Bodtke's relatives and friends (Bruce Roeder and his mother, Lorraine, Caroline, Ann Louise, Stacy, and Randy's father, Larry), Helen Bowman (Laurels of Bon Air), Mae Clarke, Jackie Estes and her family (on the death of her mother in North Carolina), Janet Fattizzi, Leon and Dottie Headley (Lisa Fleenor's parents), Sally Hunter (grandmother of Glenn Jones), Gilda Jordan, a friend of Katie Kuzel (requested by Dave & Mary Lou Robinson), **The Family of Ruby Milby**, Catherine Milholen, Clyde Randall, Dr. Barbara A. Ritch-Brant, Autumn Robinson, Dr. Joshua Rubinstein (Wayne & Kathy Smith's dentist), Lorna Schaeffer, Mary Steele, Bill Steele, **Madeline Tarantino** (friend of Kathy Kincaid), Kim King Torres (our covenant missionary in Florida who has the shingles), A. M. Davis students, faculty, and staff

Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families.

Julia Berger	Kevin Judd	Megan Thomas Clark	Bobby Swanson
Nathan Berger	Kenneth Wagner	Brent Davis	Jennifer Collins
Hunter Blankenship	Wayne Lee	Brian Wilson	David Dias
Matt Latimer			

Providence Church has an email Prayer Ministry. Please call the Church Office at 276-4289 if you have an immediate need for yourself or a family member.

Metro Richmond Prayer for January 1, 2012: We pray in Christ's name the heritage of racism: for racial reconciliation and healing in Metropolitan Richmond: For an end to all racial prejudice and discrimination, beginning with what is in our own hearts.