

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: "Noel"
Solo — Sherry Jeter

Making Connections

Children's Time
Sherry Wright-Jeter

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11

Sermon: "What difference has your Baptism
made in your life?"

Holy Communion/Singing: "All Who Are Thirsty"

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.

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. The altar rail is always available as a place of prayer. Special offerings left on the altar rail will go toward families with emergency needs. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available.

Singing and Offering: "Lift Your Heavy Weary Sinner (Chains)"

Benediction

Baptism of the Lord

11:00 a.m.

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here!

- Please pick up a welcome gift from an usher in the foyer.
- **Children's activity bulletins, bags and boxes** are available in the foyer.
- **Restrooms** are located down the main hall turning to the left. A baby changing table is available in the handicap accessible restroom.
- Assisted listening devices, large-print hymnals and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- A **nursery** with professional care is offered as an option for our children newborn through age four (located downstairs).

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

"Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. by Cindy Berry

+ Call to Worship *

(based on Mark 1:9-11)

Leader: The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

People: God has shown himself to us..

Leader: The Son bows his head beneath the waters of the Jordan.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Leader: Christ submits to John's baptism and frees us from slavery.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Leader: God's love is seen to the end of the world.

People: God has shown himself to us. Amen!

+ Hymn *

"Baptized in Water"

FWS #2248

+ Opening Prayer

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TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading UMH 761)

Psalm 29

Thanks be to God.

Offertory

"Noel"

by Lauren Diagle

Solo — Sherry Jeter

+ Response*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

Second Reading *

Mark 1:4-11

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What difference has your Baptism made
made in your life?"

Derrick Parson

Reaffirmation of Our Faith

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

UMH #12

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Holy Communion

(with Musical Response A)

UMH #17

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Everyone who is present today is welcome at the Lord's Table. The ushers will invite you to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and juice, kneeling or standing as you are able. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available. Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.

Prayer after Communion

+ Hymn

"Shall We Gather at the River

UMH #723

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in recognition of Michael Worrell's birthday.

The **flowers in the narthex** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lindsey Collins' birthday. We love you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All guests, visitors and members (adults and children), **please sign in** on a clipboard today and include your contact information. Please continue to sign in each Sunday and especially tell us if you have changes to your personal information that the church maintains.

Happy New Year — wait, not yet! But we will be starting the second 8-week segment of the Covenant Bible Study series on Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. "Living" focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love and how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life. We'd love to have you join us. No, you don't have to have taken the first 8-week class, but you will need a workbook. **Please sign up on the clipboard** or call the church office if you want us to order one for you, at \$15 each. There's been interest in moving the class to Sunday afternoons. We'll decide as a group on January 10. Hope to see many of you there.

Laura Griggs

LauraLoperGriggs@gmail.com

Homeward's Winter Point In Time Homeless Count will be held downtown on January 25, 2018. We depleted our winter clothing at the big event in November but will accept any warm or layering clothing, comfortable shoes or boots and especially gloves, if you would like to donate. We will also be collecting individual snack items. Thank you for your continuing support of this mission.

Providence began **Confirmation Classes** today with an introductory session. The classes will be during the Sunday School hour and Confirmation will be Palm Sunday, March 25. If you want to be confirmed but do not have the class information yet, please contact the church office.

The **District Conference Leadership Training Event** is today, 1:30-5:00 p.m., at Reveille UMC, (4200 Cary Street Road, Richmond 23221). There are 12 different sessions and workshops that might be of interest to you. PUMC has several people attending.

Human Relations Awareness Day is next Sunday, January 14. This is a churchwide Special Sunday of the United Methodist Church. Your gift will help strengthen community outreach and empower at-risk youth and makes difference for God's children everywhere.

The **2018 Flower Calendar** is in the hallway, near the water fountain. The **BLUE** flower forms are there too. Please remember: *payment should accompany the blue form*. Complete the form and put it and your check in the offering plate or bring it to the office. Please do not put your name on the calendar until you submit your form and check.

The office will be closed on the following days:

January:

- 1 New Year's Day
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

PRAYER MINISTRY

January 7, 2018: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: for the elimination of discrimination in living patterns, public education, employment, political jurisdiction, transportation, and churches in Metropolitan Richmond.

Handmade **prayer squares are available** in the foyer to take or mail to someone for whom you are praying.

To connect with our email prayer ministry, you may send a prayer request to Nancy Coffman at nlctlc73@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact Nancy. Please check your email address book to make sure you have this email address.

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

Jessica Ammon	John Harper
Harrison Bailey	Wayne Lee
Hunter Blankenship	Matt Latimer
Terrance Brunson	Megan Thomas
Jennifer Collins	

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * Curtis Bailey
- * Nan Blackwell
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Charles Clarke (blood clots; brother of Beverley Brooks)
- * Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Uldine Curtis
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * The family of Myrna Hartley (Janet Goode's sister)

- * Kelton Honeycutt (grandfather of Danielle Hellams)
- * Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * Diane Huchingson (sister-in-law of Diane King)
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * The family of Joy Keerans (who died 12/24)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * Blanca & Jose Mera
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Leigh Middleton
- * Johnise Molloy (home)
- * Sheila Scott (cancer)
- * David Slenaker (heart failure; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * Donna Smith (shoulder replacement, 1/2)
- * **Jeff Smith** (father of Fran McConnell)
- * Darla White (battling cancer; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Ron White (hip replacement surgery on 12/20)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 7

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 9:45 Confirmation Class (L)
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 1:30 District Training (Reveille UMC)
- 3:00 Girl Scouts
- 4:30 Youth Choir
- 5:15 SonRise Sisters
- 6:00 Bells of Providence
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks

Monday, January 8

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 SPRC (205)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Meeting (309)
Young Adults

Tuesday, January 9

- 10:30 Laughon Circle
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Cubs/Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, January 10

- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 6:30 "Living" Covenant Study (205)

Thursday, January 11

- 9:30 Prayer Team (L)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA (YH)

Friday, January 12

- 8:00 AA Group (309))

Saturday, January 13

Prayer Requests

Pray for:

Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: _____

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address:

Drop this sheet in the offering plate or at the church office.

To direct an urgent concern for yourself or a family member to our email prayer group, please contact the church office by phone or email.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:

11:00 Meredith Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Patty Wright (Library)
Jean Riekers (Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek
11:00 Klaus Worrell
Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman
Laurie Breedon

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Troye Hamilton
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)
Wayne Smith, Anne Baird

Reader:

Betty Gregory

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (V)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Peggy Gillette (January 1-31)

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