

January 8, 2012

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude "Aria" Charles Callahan

Welcome/Announcements

Greeting\*

Leader: In the beginning, God created light out of darkness and life out of chaos.

**People: And God said, "This is good!"**

Leader: God created us, men and women, boys and girls.

**People: And God said, "This is very good!"**

Leader: Let us worship God who has given us life, water-washed and spirit-born.

+Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" UMH 723

Anthem 8:45 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" James Manley  
Morning Glory Choir

11:00 "Sing A New Song" M. Praetorius  
Chancel Choir

## TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

Old Testament Reading\* Genesis 1:1-5 **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" UMH 605

+Gospel Reading\* Mark 1:4-11 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Water-washed, Spirit Born"

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant\*  
+Hymns\* "Spirit Song" UMH 347  
"Peace Like a River" FWS 2145

*All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come to the font to use the water as a sign of refreshing. Pick up a shell as a symbol of your renewal today.*

*All are welcome at the altar rail for prayer*

Prayer

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.***

Offertory Voluntary for Organ: Andante Anonymous 17<sup>th</sup> Century  
+Response\* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94  
+Prayer of Dedication

## AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+Hymn\* "Spirit Song" (Refrain) UMH 347  
+Benediction  
+Postlude Improvisation on "Beech Spring"

*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  
 Acolytes: (8:45) Tristen Kellam (11:00) Emma McConnell  
 Nursery: (8:45) Jennifer Ostrum Sunday School Ann Busbee  
 (11:00) Michelle Butler and Carol Urso  
 Counters: Jimmy Sculthorpe, Captain  
 Ushers: (8:45) Bill Blankenship, Wayne Latimer, Janet Knight, Gary Wright  
 (11:00) Tony Fleshman, Sean Collins, Klaus Worrell, Laurie Breeden,  
 Joe Sullivan, Brad Wootten, Jennifer Kennedy  
 Readers (8:45) Bill Duganne (11:00) Kim Parr  
 Audio/Visual Team: Ron Wootten and Bob Gillie  
 Name Tag Organizer: Jahna Seymour  
 Sanctuary Organizers: Nancy Coffman and Gracie Martin

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The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Marion Schlottman. Happy Birthday in Heaven. We all miss you. With much love from your family.

The **narthex flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Sean Collins in honor of Lindsey on her birthday.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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
- 12:15 p.m. Cross Trainers (Youth House)
- 1:30-5:30 p.m. District Training Event (Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Avenue)
- 4:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence (Room 306)

### Monday, January 9

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing (Room 309)
- 10:30 a.m. Providence Retired Club (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 206)

### Tuesday, January 10

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)
- 10:30 a.m. Laughon Circle (Church)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Library)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Task Force
- 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. Missions (Parlor)

### Wednesday, January 11

- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Social Hall)
- 6:00 - 6:40 p.m. KC Jam Rehearsal (Room 306)
- 6:30 p.m. Classes (see announcement)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, January 12

- 6:00 p.m. Starlighters (Social Hall)

### Friday, January 13

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

### Sunday, January 15

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School

#### **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

**Wednesday Night Dinners begin again Wednesday.** Menu: Pizza, salad, and dessert. Please sign up on the clipboard if you will be coming. **We also have immediate openings for January 18 and February 8. Would your group like to raise money?** Contact Laura Griggs at 794-9470 or by email ([laura.griggs@acs-inc.com](mailto:laura.griggs@acs-inc.com)).

**Wednesday Night classes will start Wednesday, 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.

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.

**United Methodist Day at the General Assembly will be on February 2, 2012.**

Registration includes: information packet, hot breakfast, snack, lunch, parking, transportation to the Capitol grounds, and afternoon speakers. Registration Forms are on the table by the Church Office. You can ask Donna Jenkins (Social Action Director for UMW) (674-9718) or Jennifer Kennedy (Conference Registrar) (858-0610) for information. Register soon by visiting the Conference web site ( <http://www.vaumc.org> ); click on EVENTS.

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

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

**Scriping** is purchasing gift cards to your favorite stores which then return a percentage to our church. We will resume this program today with orders taken in the library. Scrip order forms are available on the church's website, [www.providenceumc.net](http://www.providenceumc.net), or on the bulletin board near the Library.

## 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 our GATHERED PRAYER CONCERNS list up-to-date, names will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You may submit or 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), **Connie Bowlin**, Helen Bowman (Laurels of Bon Air), **James Busbee** (home from the hospital), **Dave Clarke**, Mae Clarke, **Pete Cole**, 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), **The Family of Steve Jones** (friend of Hugh Miles), Gilda Jordan, a friend of Katie Kuzel (requested by Dave & Mary Lou Robinson), the family of Ruby Milby, Clyde Randall, **Kathy Rhea and her family** (requested by Travis Brandel), Dr. Barbara A. Ritch-Brant, Autumn Robinson, Dr. Joshua Rubinstein (Wayne & Kathy Smith's dentist), **Hazel Saunders**, Lorna Schaeffer, Mary and 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 8, 2012:** 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, and churches in Metropolitan Richmond.