

Those serving today:

Greeters (8:45) Bill Mannering and Peg Martin (11:00) Patty Wright
Acolytes (8:45) Molly Roberson (11:00) Gabrielle Sullivan
Nursery (8:45) Lori Justice Sunday School Wendy Collins
(11:00) Anne Blane and Brad Wootten
Ushers (8:45) Bill Blankenship, Chris Healy, David Tokich
(11:00) Gary Vest, Lee Bradshaw, Bob Fitch, Linwood Hudson, T. L. Jenkins,
David Sommer, Stuart Watkins, George Winstead
Readers (8:45) Emma Fleenor (11:00) Barbie Vest
Advent Wreath (8:45) Ellen, Neal, & Abby Fleenor (11:00) Pat Loud

Counters Klaus Worrell, Captain
Audio/Visual Team Rick Fleenor, Captain
Name Tags Cathy Patterson
Sanctuary Organizing Nancy Coffman and Nickie Price

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December 12, 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 12

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Cross Trainers
- 12:15 p.m. Orientation for new Committee Chairpersons (Library)
- 12:15 p.m. Education Committee Meeting (Room 206)
- 3:45 p.m. Rehearsal for all YOUTH SOLOISTS (Sanctuary)
- 4:15-5:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 p.m. Life-Giving Christmas Advent Study (Room 206)
- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence Rehearsal

Monday, December 13

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing (Room 309)
- 10:45 a.m. Providence Retired Club (Social Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)

Tuesday, December 14

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)
- 11:30 a.m. Whitt Circle (Meet at Shoney's Restaurant on Hull Street Road)
- 12:00 p.m. Laughon Circle (with Evelyn Hastings)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Believer Class (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (3rd Floor)
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)

Wednesday, December 15

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline (send articles to Kathy.Smith@providenceumc.net)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 16

- 7:00 p.m. Morning Glory Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. Bethlehem City

Friday, December 17

- 9:15 a.m. Cooks for Christ to Centenary UMC
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Bethlehem City
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

Saturday, December 18

- 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Rehearsal for Youth (Sanctuary)
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Bethlehem City

Sunday, December 19

- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday a "**Longest Night Service**" will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel. Everyone is welcome. The service of light and hope will be especially offered for those who have experienced various kinds of loss in the past. Do you have a friend or acquaintance who is going through a difficult time? Invite them to come with you. The "longest night" refers to the winter solstice, December 20, after which the days begin to lengthen.

The **Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles"** will be presented by our combined choirs next Sunday at both 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Today is the last day to offer a silent bid on the **quilt** displayed in the library. The proceeds will go to support families in need from A. M. Davis School.

Our **Christmas Offering** will be divided between three important ministries: United Methodist Family Services—adoption, foster care, residential crisis care for teens
Brazil Shade and Fresh Water Program—outreach to children who are on the street
Branches—Florida City, Florida ministry to children and teens, Kim King Torres

Our Christmas "Mail" Box is located by the Chapel door. Place Christmas cards for your church friends under the appropriate letter. Don't forget to check each week for your family's cards.

The Youth Choir needs your help! Within the next week, could you please email pictures to the church that we might display on the wall during the Youth Christmas Musical on December 24? Pictures of trees, carolers, presents, bells, happy people/children would be great! Send them to linda.collins@providenceumc.net. Any questions, call Carla Wootten (276-5683). Thank you so much from the Youth Choir.

Christmas Eve Services:

5:00 p.m.—Family Service with Holy Communion; Youth Choir with children in the musical, "Wonderful Joy"

11:00 p.m.—Traditional Candlelight and Communion Service

Permission forms are available in the bulletin today for the church to use pictures of you and your family in our church media ministries. Please fill out and leave on the seat for our ushers to gather up after the service.

Today is the last day to order Poinsettias for Christmas.

Deadline for the January newsletter is Wednesday, December 15th.

Stewardship Report for Sunday, December 5, 2010:

Attendance – Worship: 297 Sunday School: 132 Offering: \$8,125.75
November Receipts: \$29,657 Disbursements: \$33,832

There will be **no KC Jam** rehearsals until January.

Are you interested in knowing how to become a member of Providence United Methodist Church? Contact Pastor Mary Beth Blinn (276-4289 or marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net) to learn more about transferring your membership from another church or about being baptized and professing your faith in Jesus Christ.

The **flowers on the altar and on the left in the narthex** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Robin Urso and Karl Hayter.

The **flowers on the right in the narthex** are given by Cathy and Mike Patterson. “We give these flowers to our precious Lord Jesus who was, and is, and is to come!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Hospitalized: Gilda Jordan, Chippenham; Jeff Alred (NIH, Building 10, 3 Northwest, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892); Chuck Schlottman, Johnston-Willis

Rehabilitation: Joy Keerans, Sheltering Arms; Arnold Ashburn, Laurels of Willow Creek

The prayer request forms are located in the narthex 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. Call the church office if you would like to have someone added to this prayer list.

Our gathered prayer concerns: Evelyn Agee, **Shirley Bailey, Louise Berger**, Edna Bowen, Mae Clarke, Gail Crosby, Jessica Fulghum (Nancy and Tom Coffman’s granddaughter), **Nelle Hitchcock** (Gail Crosby’s mother), Ruth Jarrell, Steve Jones (friend of Hugh Miles), **Tonya Kiper** (Ashley’s sister); Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke’s sister), Barbara Ritch-Brant, Anna Grace Ritter (granddaughter of Jackie Hargrave’s friend), Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke’s nephew), Hannah Stnons, **the family and congregation of the Rev. Carl Ulrich**, pastor of Belmont UMC.

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

Julia Berger	Kevin Judd	Megan Thomas Clark
Nathan Berger	Kenneth Wagner	Cris Deyo
Hunter Blankenship	Wayne Lee	Brian Wilson
Brent Davis	Jennifer Collins	Bobby Swanson
Bob Muchow		

Providence Church has an email Prayer Ministry. Please call the Church Office at 276-4289 if you have an immediate need for which you think prayer is appropriate. The call should come from the person in need, or a member of his/her immediate family.

Metro Richmond Prayer for December 12, 2010: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions; for all in the midst of life transitions.