

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: "Famous One"

Opening Prayer

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
David & Troye Hamilton and Family

Singing: "He Came Down"

Scripture
Mark 1:1-8

Message: "Prepare the Way"
Derrick Parson

Prayer Time

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.

Singing with Offering: "How Many Kings"
Benediction

Second Sunday of Advent

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	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" The Bells of Providence	arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski
+ Call to Worship		
+ Hymn	"People Look East"	UMH #202
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	<i>Love</i>	Don & Elizabeth Kyser & Family
+ Hymn *	"Light The Advent Candle" (vs 2)	(lyrics projected)
+ Opening Prayer		

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time		Sherry Wright-Jeter
First Reading *	Isaiah 40:1-11	Thanks be to God.
+ Hymn	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (2 times)	UMH #204
Second Reading	Mark 1:1-8	Thanks be to God.
The Apostle's Creed		UMH #881
Sermon	"Prepare the Way"	Derrick Parson

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" The Bells of Providence	arr. By Kevin McChesney
+ Response *	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #94
+ Hymn	"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"	UMH #224
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude		

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lane and Gilda Jordan.

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.

“THE FIRST NOEL”

Our Christmas Cantata will be presented at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 17. Invite your friends and neighbors to experience the beauty of the Christmas story told through music by our PUMC vocalists, musicians, and guest instrumentalists!

A Candlelight Service of Remembrance

Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m.
Bon Air UMC, Chapel

If you or your family has had a loved one die recently or long ago, you are invited to join in the afternoon worship of remembrance.

Please note the **Christmas Poinsettia or Bible** order form insert in today's bulletin. Poinsettias and Bibles are \$10 again this year. Please complete the form, include your donation and place the form and your check in the offering

plate or drop it off in the office, today. Today is the last day to submit your order.

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

All are invited to join the Youth for an afternoon of **Christmas Caroling** on Sunday, December 17. We will meet at the Youth House at 2:30 p.m. and proceed to share Christmas music and cheer!

The “**Christmas Card Exchange Box**” is on the table near the Chapel beginning Sunday, December 3. Address your cards, put them in the appropriate mail slot and check for cards addressed to you as well.

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.

A big thank you to all the people who provided items for the hygiene bags that were given for the women in Fluvanna Prison. We provided 60 bags. This ministry has been in existence since 1998 and is sponsored through the Chaplain Service Prison Ministry of Virginia. It is sponsored entirely through donations. Each of the approximate 1300 inmates will receive a gift this year. This is the second year the Providence UMW has sponsored this ministry and we hope to exceed the number of gift bags next year.



At our UMW Leadership Meeting on November 30, we voted to donate monies to the Pastor's Discretionary fund, Branches, Backpack Program and Ettrick Elementary School for coats for the students. These donations reflect the vision of the United Methodist Women which is to turn faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth. All women at PUMC are invited to become part of this mission.

Jane Elbert, President
Providence UMW

The Youth are selling **"2018 God's Creation" calendars**. Price is \$7 each and are available in the Library.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence? Speak with Pastor Derrick (804-276-4289) who can guide you in the next steps.

PRAYER MINISTRY

December 10, 2017: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: for persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

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
- * **The family of Louise Berger** (died 12/3)
- * Nan Blackwell
- * The family of Bursell Bradshaw Jr. (died 11/9; brother of Natalia Parson)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Charles Clarke (blood clots; brother of Beverley Brooks)

Our gathered prayer concerns: (continued)

- * **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)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * The family of Anne Klotz (died 11/12; mother-in-law of Christine Forte Klotz)
- * Wayne Latimer (hip replacement, 11/28)
- * Blanca & Jose Mera
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Leigh Middleton
- * The family of Lewis Miller (died 11/8)
- * Matthew Moyer (Crohn's surgery 11/29 in Florida)
- * The family of Monique Turner (died, 11/26; sister of Isaac Nedd)
- * The family of Ursula (Sue) Pickeral (a member of PUMC, died 11/9)
- * Sheila Scott (cancer)
- * **David Slenaker** (heart failure; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * Barbie Vest (surgery 12/4)
- * **Darla White** (battling cancer; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Ron White (hip replacement surgery on 12/20)
- * Tracy (recovering from fall, surgery on 11/13; friend of the Fleshmans)

Please send them a card!

As some of you may remember, PUMC has been partnering with Ramsey and Asbury Memorial to provide some special refreshments for the military people who pass through Richmond during the holiday season. If the soldiers stop by the USO at the airport, free pizza and bottled water is available there for them to enjoy.

Please take a moment to send a Christmas card to show your appreciation to the people who started this holiday tradition. Let's overwhelm them with cards of appreciation for what they are doing for our traveling military personnel.

Mr. Wayne Blanton & Team
801 Acorn Lane
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Mr. Lynn McQuillen
6203 Ridgefield Dr.
Charlestown, IN 47111

Papa John's Pizza
Attn: Stephanie Smith Paul & Team
2104 W. Laburnum Ave., Ste. 104
Richmond, VA 23227

The inspiration for the USO holiday pizza and bottled water began with Wayne Blanton (a former Marine). Lynn McQuillen (of Papa John's) approved the program and Stephanie Smith Paul (Papa John's Richmond) implemented the program in the Richmond area for our traveling soldiers.

Thank you for your generosity,
Missions, PUMC, AMUMC & Ramsey

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 10

9:00 Connections Service
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Service
3:00 Girl Scouts
3:30 CHAMPs
4:30 Youth Choir
5:30 Youth & Inukshuks

No Son Rise Sisters

No Bells of Providence

Monday, December 11

10:00 Line Dancers (309)
6:30 Providence Green Mtg. (205)
7:00 Finance (L)
7:00 Ruritan Board Mtg. (309)

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

6:30 Cantata Rehearsal (Sanc)
7:15 Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 14

9:30 Prayer Team (L)
11:00 Knitters & Crocheters
6:15 Men's Study (L)
6:30 Starlighters (SH)
6:30 MIM
6:30 AA (205)
7:00 Gregory Circle

Friday, December 15

9:15 Cooks for Christ
8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, December 16

9-12 Cantata Rehearsal (Sanc)

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 Kyle Ostrum

Greeters:

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

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Chris Healy
11:00 George Winstead
Linwood Hudson, Pam Asbury
Melvin Watkins

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Bethany Sharpe
11:00 Kathy Alred & Jean Riekers

Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)
Hugh Miles

Reader:

Jim Chappell

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Gary Wright (A)
Steve Oliver (V)
11:00 Gary Wright (A)
Steve Oliver (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree
(December 1-31)

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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