

# January 2018

## DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

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Pastor

The Epiphany of a New Year

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Happy New Year! I find it amazing how quickly 2017 came and went. As we approach our Annual Meeting on Sunday January 28th, we are reminded of the Lord's faithfulness in the past as well as the joyful hope of His leading to us into the New Year. We are comforted in the assurance of His provision and captivated by a wondrous possibility of faithful movement of the Holy Spirit in 2018. We are reminded of His enduring presence yesterday, today, and into tomorrow. Not surprisingly, that is what we celebrate in the upcoming feast of the Epiphany; God who reveals Himself to all people in Jesus Christ.

I know that the Protestant Church has not always invested into the celebration of Epiphany as other feasts, such as Pentecost. I believe that there is richness and fullness that comes with the affirmation of God's revealing presence to all people in Jesus Christ today, not just long ago to the Magi. As we take faithful steps in the witness of Jesus Christ to this ever changing world, we are reminded of the continual journey all are making as travelers of faith in Christ: some just beginning their journey in 2018, some whose journey will move them into God's glory, some who find their journey overwhelming and challenging, some who resist taking steps, some who are carried, some who run, some in joy, some in hurt and pain. Regardless of what may transpire in 2018, the truth is that we journey as a people of faith together finding revelation of the One who came to us in the vulnerability of a baby and to taste the joys and sufferings placed before each one of us. Epiphany is our celebration of that truth of a God

who would become us, reveal to us His fullness, claim us as His own, restore to us true humanity, and lead us forward on our journey individually and as a congregation.

May this New Year be one of wondrous revelation for each of us. May the God, who has revealed to all humanity the fullness of Jesus Christ, reveal to you His enduring presence to you afresh and anew. May we, as a community of faith in this little part of the world that happens to be paradise, be led and guided to faithful affirmation of Jesus Christ today and onward through 2018. For that indeed is our purpose, our calling, our joy, our love.

Happy New Year Faithful!

Rev. Michael Hafele

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*The pledge envelopes for 2018 are in the Narthex. Please pick up yours and if you see one for a family member, neighbor or friend, please pick up their pack as well. Using your envelopes helps to insure accurate recording of your donations. If you are a regular visitor and would like offering envelopes, please leave a message at the church office, 783-6085.*

## January Birthdays

Janet	Clark	1/5
Art	Hitch	1/5
Kay	Hughes	1/5
Fred	Robinson	1/5
Carol	Woodburn	1/6
Ruth	George	1/7
Robert	Lehman	1/7
Cheryl	King	1/8
Wauneta	Lehman	1/8
Penny	Bernard	1/10
Carolyn	Bonnett	1/11
Lee	Bean	1/21
Doris	Feather	1/21
Kerri	Bower	1/23
Lili	Kepuska	1/23
Beverly	Ashby	1/25
Dorothy	Myers	1/26
Crissie	Sibel	1/26

## January Worship Calendar

### January 7

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
 8:45 AM Contemporary Service  
 10:00 AM Sunday School  
 11:15 AM Traditional Worship

### January 14

8:45 AM Contemporary Service  
 10:00 AM Sunday School  
 11:15 AM Traditional Worship

### January 21

8:45 AM Contemporary Service  
 10:00 AM Sunday School  
 11:15 AM Traditional Worship

### January 28

Annual Meeting  
 Blanket Sunday  
 8:45 AM Contemporary Service  
 10:00 AM Sunday School  
 11:15 AM Traditional Worship



# FELLOWSHIP

**Come over to Fellowship Hall after your service. Let's sit down with coffee and cookies. Let's discuss Pastor Mike's sermon. Let's share what we heard, learned and are still searching for. Then, let us leave to serve.**

***So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.***

**1 Corinthians 10:31**



On Saturday, December 2nd, 50 ladies came together to join in our annual Christmas Tea in Fellowship Hall. They enjoyed this festive time of the year with this year's theme of "The Lord's Light Within." Our musical program was presented by Cheryl Kaye with the ladies joining in with traditional Christmas carols. Thirty-four Salvation Army Christmas Stockings and \$89 were donated at the tea and delivered to the Salvation Army in Cocoa.

The Riverside Presbyterian Women invite all ladies to join in the Deborah Circle, the Hannah Ruth Circle or the Rebekah Circle. The Deborah Circle and Women's Bible study meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. Hannah Ruth Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1 PM and Rebekah Circle meets the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM. All Circles meet in our Knox Parlor. This year's Bible study is entitled "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews."

Happy New Year to all from Riverside's Presbyterian Women !



## January in the Kid's Corner One Room School House

Sunday class time in December was busy....children participated in the children's choir, prepared for the Christmas pageant, decorated tags for the Angel Tree, and created place mats to provide color for the Family Promise dinners. This was in addition to reviewing stories from the Old Testament starring

Samuel and David. In January, we look forward to stories of the early ministry of Jesus, starting with his Baptism, and which provide glimpses of God's Compassion, Healing, Power, and Peace. Miss Vicki Geiler and her group of volunteers welcome children pre-kindergarten through third grade, for lessons enhanced with activities. Come and join us in the Pfeiffer Room next to Fellowship Hall.

Happy New Year !!!

# A New Year's Resolution: JOIN CHOIR!

New members are very welcome in our music program!

What better time to join Chancel Choir,  
which resumes January 4th, 7:00 p.m.,

Youth and Children's Choir,  
which meets Sundays at 10:00 a.m.,  
or Handbells,

which resumes Tuesday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Leading in worship by singing praises to God and conveying his message through music is a wonderful and important contribution one can make to our church; using your talent, whatever level that may be, is an offering to God.



## International Food Potluck

Find the recipe for your favorite ethnic food (or your favorite food) and bring it (and the food!) to Fellowship Hall for the International Food Potluck on January 27, 2018 at 6 p.m. Bob and Paula Yost will be sharing about their mission trip to Malawi, Africa, with Teen Missions. Learn how God worked in the lives of the young people who went with them. And enjoy good food and good fellowship. See you there!

**The Dr. Vernon Boushell Concert Series**  
**Presents...**



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**featuring**

# **THE SWINGTIME BAND**

**with**

# **ART MARTIN - CONDUCTOR**

**Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**at**

**3:30 & 7:00 PM**

**For a free ticket, call 321-525-7825 or visit [riversidepres.org](http://riversidepres.org)**



**3400 N. Atlantic Ave.  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931**



God continues to reward the Family Promise efforts. Another family - the Milford's - graduated into a Melbourne home during their December Riverside stay. They were the eighty-sixth family. This was collaborated through Wings of Grace. Mathew, Linda, Tristen and daughter Azzaria are so grateful for Family Promise and the support Riverside provided. The excitement on their faces is reward enough. Listening to 'their plans to get the house ready shows confidence in their abilities to restart their lives. Dad was hired by Wal-Mart and mom still looking.

Thirty volunteers help make this possible by hosting, preparing meals, setting up/tearing down and chaperoning. There are over hundred on the Riverside roster and many have missed the joy of meeting these families, understanding their desire to restart and recognizing/hearing the changes necessary to succeed. Praise God!

Therefore, when called to volunteer say YES. You won't be asked to help at every visit, but you will witness homeless families doing whatever it takes to get back on track. You know a friend involved in the program. Partner a night. What do you have to loose by coming in at 5:30 and hosting until 8:00; or preparing your favorite casserole. A better task is to simply help set up or tear down the bedrooms to understand the privacy afforded the families. Our captains for the above tasks are happy to discuss your involvement. Speak to Jack Sprunger, Pam/Carl Plaughter, Flip/Linda Boehmer and Judy George.

Most important is to express appreciation to the volunteers, member prayers and financial support.

Thank you. Dick Gerhardt

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held on Sunday, January 28th in the Sanctuary in between services to elect new elders, deacons and nominating committee; receive the 2018 budget; and hear the annual report.**

**Commission Chairs: Please submit your annual report to the church office by January 22nd.**

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**BLANKET SUNDAY**

*Church World Service's Blankets help families locally and around the world recover from disasters and displacement, and build viable, sustainable lives and communities.*

*Please prayerfully consider how you can give to support this important mission on January 28th.*

# January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>7</b> COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:45a Worship 10a Sunday School 11:15a Worship 3:30p Concert	<b>1</b> Office Closed New Year's Day	<b>2</b> 9:30a Senior Fit 9:30a Worship 6:30p Fellowship 7:00p Education	<b>3</b> 7:30a Men's Bible 930a Stitchin' Sisters 9:30a Care & Support 10a Prayer Circle 7p Women's Bible	<b>4</b> 7:00p Choir	<b>5</b> 9:30a Senior Fit	<b>6</b>
<b>14</b> 8:45a Worship 10a Sunday School 11:15a Worship 3:30p Concert 5:30p Dinner 7:00p Concert	<b>8</b> 7:00p NA Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:30a Senior Fit 7:00p Deacons	<b>10</b> 7:30a Men's Bible 9a PEO 10a Prayer Circle 7p Women's Bible	<b>11</b> 7:00p Choir	<b>12</b> 9:30a Senior Fit	<b>13</b>
<b>21</b> 8:45a Worship 10a Sunday School 11:15a Worship	<b>15</b> MLK Day Office closed 7:00p NA Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:30a Senior Fit 1:00p Hannah 6:30p Bell Choir 7:00p Session	<b>17</b> 7:30a Men's Bible 930a Stitchin' Sisters 10a Prayer Circle 7p Deborah 7p Women's Bible	<b>18</b> 9:30a Rebekah 7:00p Choir	<b>19</b> 9:30a Senior Fit	<b>20</b>
<b>28</b> 8:45a Worship 10a Sunday School 11:15a Worship Annual Meeting Blanket Sunday	<b>22</b> 7:00p NA Meeting	<b>23</b> 9:30a Senior Fit 6:30p Bell Choir 7:00p OMEC	<b>24</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study 10a Prayer Circle 7p Women's Bible	<b>25</b> 7:00p Choir	<b>26</b> 9:30a Senior Fit	<b>27</b>