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**Churches of the  
Eastern Virginia Association  
are invited to participate in a**

**Service of Celebration  
and Racial Reconciliation**

**honoring the life of  
the Reverend, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Sunday, January 19  
2:00 p.m.**

**Sermon to be given by  
Dr. Yvonne Delk**

**hosted by  
Providence United Church of Christ  
220 Vicker Avenue  
Chesapeake, VA 23324**



## Christmas Pageant Photos



**Mary, Joseph & Jesus**



**The Shepherds**



**The Heavenly Host**



**King Herod**



**The Magi + One**

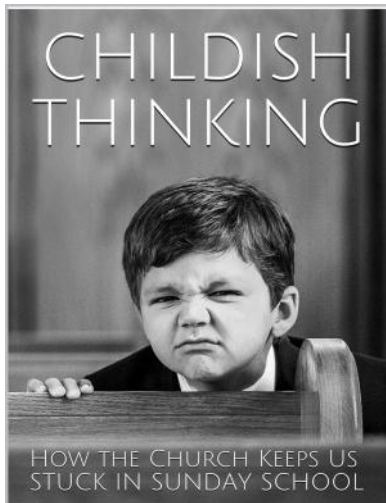


**Narrator**



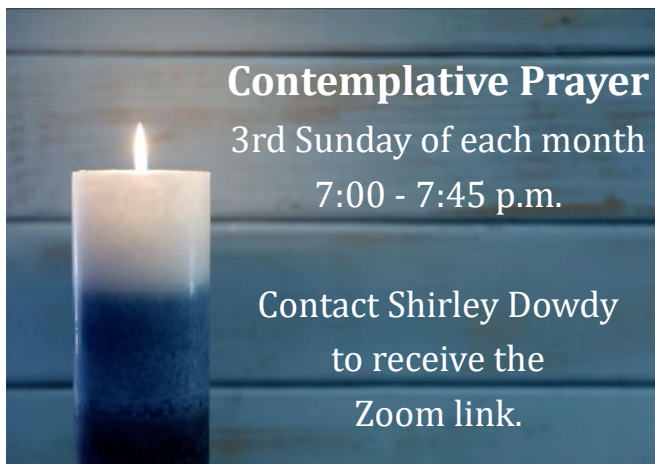
**Full Assemble**





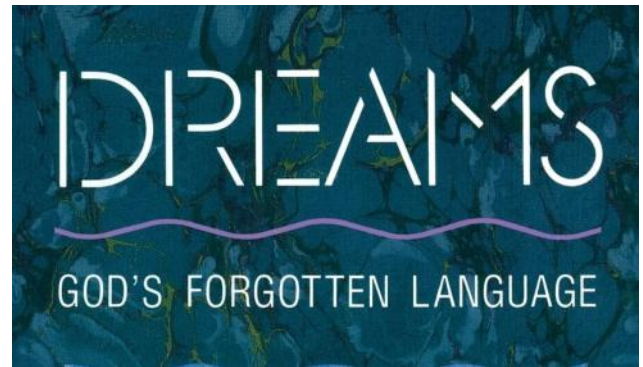
## Lynnhaven Scholarly Scribes

Our Sunday morning Adult Reading Group will resume on Sunday, January 5th. We will start a new book called *“Childish Thinking: How the Church Keeps Us Stuck in Sunday School”* by Rev. Salvatore Sapienza, UCC. Books can be acquired on Amazon, or if assistance is needed, check with Benita Jefferies.



**Wisdom is knowing  
when to speak your mind and  
when to mind your speech.**

- Unknown



In the Fall of 2022, Pastor Phil provided a six week program entitled, *“Dreams: God’s For-gotten Language.”* After exploring some of the history, symbolism, and Biblical stories connected with dreams, participants assisted one another in attempting to make sense of these mysterious visitors of the night.

At the request of some former participants - as well as some folks who missed out the first time around - Pastor Phil plans to start a new Dream Group in January.

**An Introductory Retreat** will be held at the church on **Sat., Jan. 25th** from **9:30 am to 12:30 pm**. The material covered during this time will be especially beneficial to anyone who did not participate in the 2022 Dream Group. It may also serve as a “refresher course” for those who received this material previously. While highly recommended, the retreat is not a pre-requisite for participation in the group.

Then starting the next week, the **Dream Group** will meet weekly each Thursday (*except for the 2nd Thursday of each month.*) Sessions will be held via Zoom from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Specific meeting dates include:

- January 30;
- February 6, 20 & 27;
- March 6, 20 & 27;
- April 3.

To ensure that adequate materials are available for the retreat, please let him know of your interest no later than **Jan. 22nd**.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone you think may be interested. Like all other programs offered at LCCC, the Dream Group is not restricted to church members.



It's been nearly 2 years since LCCC published a membership directory with family photos. Mindful that there are quite a few new faces within the congregation, and as a means of helping us all identify one another, it's time to publish an updated directory.

We really want to encourage as many people as possible - including regular visitors - to submit their own digital photos, preferably taken within the past 3-4 months. As you think about what you might submit for you and your family, here are a few suggestions:

- The photo doesn't have to be of professional quality with perfect brightness, contrast, etc. No need to photoshop!
- Don't worry about capturing the background. We're more interested in the people in the foreground.
- Closer is better. In general, the lower portion of the photo should stop at the waist.
- *Special Note:* In order to make all the photos uniform in size, we may have to crop some of the edges.

If you don't have the capability of submitting a digital image, you have at least two other options:

- have a friend or family member snap a photo of you and ask them to submit that for you,
- ask Roxy Webster to take your picture the next time you're at church, or
- bring a printed photo to church sometime and we can scan it.

Our goal is to collect all photos by **Jan. 30th**. You can send your photos to Pastor Phil at:

[lcccmyers@gmail.com](mailto:lcccmyers@gmail.com)

## Gifts for Immigrant Girls

On December 19, Cathy Combs delivered the following items to the children's home providing shelter for 10 unattended immigrant girls:

Item	Total Cost/Value
25 gift cards	\$400
15 pajamas sets	\$300
10 hats	\$63
9 scarves	\$93
15 travel bags	\$318
6 toiletry sets	\$60
11 pairs of gloves	<u>\$12</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,246</b>

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this special appeal and to Cathy Combs for serving as the project's coordinator.

And here is a brief email received from Katie Johnson, the Community Engagement Officer with Commonwealth Catholic Charities:

*"Thank you so much for your support and generosity! We appreciate your partnership to help CCC provide a wonderful Christmas to the young ladies in the shelter."*

## ALANTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

12/03/2024

Greetings Pastor Phil Myers and Congregation,  
 We cannot thank you enough for the generous gift cards for Thanksgiving. Your congregation fed 5 Alanton families. Without your generous offering, these families might not have had a Thanksgiving meal. We look forward to partnering with you in the near future.

Kindest regards,  
 Alanton Elementary



## CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets

Thanks to everyone who helped assemble cleanup buckets on Sun. Dec. 8th. 20+ volunteers packed up 10 emergency buckets and shipped them to the Church World Service distribution center in Maryland.

As of Oct. 18, CWS has distributed 5,824 Emergency Cleanup Buckets, 10,310 Hygiene Kits, 7,280 Blankets, 1,800 Menstrual Hygiene Kits, 650 School Kits and 72 Welcome Backpacks to partners in Florida and North Carolina (a value of more than \$697,000). CWS will also be involved in long-term recovery to help meet the needs of those impacted in the months and years to come.



Supplies before transfer to the buckets



“Which item goes in first?”



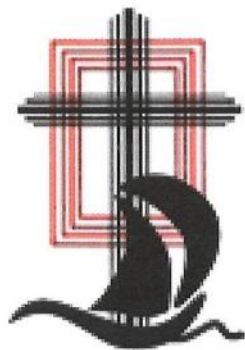
“It DOES all fit!”



Packed and Sealed



Boxed up & ready for shipping



## VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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*Phone (804) 321-3300 — Fax (804) 329-5066*  
*www.vacouncilofchurches.org*

December 3, 2024

Rev. Phil Myers, Senior Pastor  
Lynnhaven Colony Congregational United Church of Christ  
2217 W. Great Neck Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Dear Pastor Phil,

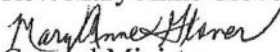
I am writing on behalf of the Virginia Council of Churches to express deep appreciation and to thank you and Lynnhaven Colony Congregational United Church of Christ hosting the VCC October Christian Nationalism Workshop. I am filled with joy that God allowed me to meet you, first via cell phone call, then face to face; I will keep you and Lynnhaven Colony Congregational UCC Church on my “front mind page” to remember you are my go-to source for everything in Virginia Beach. I am always blessed to connect with other brothers and sisters on this journey who are resourceful.

Again, thank you for your supporting and embracing the ministry and work of VCC racial justice work. The day was a life-giving event. I pray that God will continue to richly bless you as you continue to usher in God’s will and plan for this current moment in time.

May you continue to bring glory to God in all you do!

With you on this journey,

Rev. Mary Anne Glover

  
General Minister

Virginia Council of Churches

# January Birthdays



- January 6      Tim Barrow
- January 10    Roxy Webster
- January 15    Sara Smiley
- January 19    Lois Fortune
- January 20    Lanny Bailey; Brianne Henderson
- January 24    Gwen Hagar; William Faulkner
- January 25    Sarah Storar
- January 28    Mitch Storar
- January 30    Keith Whidden

# January Anniversaries



- January 2      Lyn and Brian Finman
- January 26    Michael and Nancy Langrehr

## Social Media Accounts for Lynnhaven Colony UCC



**lccucc.org**



**Lynnhaven-Colony-Congregational-Church-United-Church-of-Christ**



**Lynnhavencolonyucc**



**Lynnhaven Colony UCC**

## On Line Donation Options

Want an easy way to make a donation to the ministries and programs of the church? You may either:

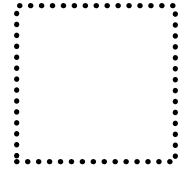
- Visit the church’s website (*address below*) and click on the tab labeled “Donate,” or
- Scan this QR code:



Ministers	The Entire Congregation	Website:	lccucc.org
Pastor	Rev. Phillip Myers	Pastor’s email:	lccmyers@gmail.com
Parish Associate	Rev. Benita Jefferies	Office email:	office@lccucc.org
Parish Associate	Rev. Christina Moss	Office Phone:	757-481-7674
Choir Director	Dean Englert		
Accompanist	Rob Yatteau		
Office Administrator	Stephanie Vega		
CDC Director	Tiffany Elson		
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**- RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED -**



## **Congregational Covenant**

We, the members of Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, join together as a community of service for the purposes of worship, spiritual growth, and interacting with others as loving human beings, using the example set by Jesus as our guide.

Although we are many members, we are one community.

As such, we are called to love one another, to do justice, to offer freedom from oppression, and to walk humbly in our understanding of God.

We are an open and affirming church, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person.

We welcome into full membership and participation in this community of service persons of every race, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, socio-economic status, marital status, and faith background.

We welcome all people as they are, without reservation, to share in the full life, leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation.

The ideals we hold most dear are expressed in the two greatest commandments ascribed to Jesus:

***to love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself.***

