


Providence United Methodist Church

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April 2015

Holy Week 2015

Thursday, April 2, Holy Thursday, 6:30 pm
Passover Seder Meal with Holy Communion; social hall. Experience this traditional Jewish meal with prayers, scripture and stories that Jesus and his disciples would have had at the "Last Supper." All ages are welcome. (Hint: Eat supper before you come. It's not a full meal but there will be some very interesting foods to sample.)

Friday, April 3, Good Friday, 6:30 pm
Service of Stones and Shadows; sanctuary. Worship in gathering darkness with music by the Chancel Choir, Sunrise Sisters and solo violin. Remember that Jesus died for you.

Easter Sunday, April 5
Sunrise Service, 6:30 am; outdoor chapel. Jesus lives!
Breakfast to follow.
Worship Celebrations, 9:00 and 11 am

City Singers Concert

April 18, 7:00 p.m.


Providence UMC

(See page 6 for more details.)

Family Fun at Shalom Farms

On Saturday, April 25, our church members will meet to carpool to Shalom Farms for a fun-filled day of mission with something for all ages to do. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and will return to the church at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to learn more about Shalom Farms, visit their website at: <http://shalomfarms.org/>.



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Our mission statement is a living document. Every year the church council looks it over to make sure that it still captures who God is calling us to be and do. This year the church council wanted to reflect our commitment to ministry with our community. Instead of being a "community" within our community, we are "in community" with each other and all those around us. Here is our newly updated mission statement. May it be so!

"Providence United Methodist Church seeks to be in community, inviting all persons to belong, be transformed by God's love, and make a difference in the world."

April Worship

9:00 a.m. Connections Worship

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Contemporary Worship "Connections" at 9 am is informal and led by Ministry in Motion praise team.
Traditional Worship is at 11 am, includes a variety of music, and is led by the Chancel Choir and other musical groups. Our pastor, The Rev. Mary Beth Blinn, brings the message at both services.

April 5	Easter; Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	9 am: Ministry in Motion 11 am: Chancel Choir Bells of Providence
April 12	Second Sunday of Easter	Joshua 1:1-9 Acts 4:32-35	"What Do We Do Now?" Preacher: Laura Griggs, Lay Leader
April 19	Third Sunday of Easter	Genesis 1:29-31 Job 12:7-10	"Everything is Connected!" Native American Ministries Sunday Festival of God's Creation Dedication of Mission Garden
April 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter	1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18	"Who is Our Shepherd?"

Special Offerings

Lenten Offering

The **Society of St. Andrew** salvages food across many states and supplies food banks, church food pantries and other organizations with much needed fresh fruits and vegetables.

Easter Offering

The Virginia United Methodist Conference voted to support the **Imagine No Malaria** initiative. Unlike many other diseases that are awaiting a cure, malaria was eliminated in the U.S. in the 1950s. However, in Sub-Saharan Africa, malaria continues to kill a person every 60 seconds. Malaria is a 100% preventable disease, and the goal is to save 100,000 lives this year. As of February 10, 2015, the Virginia United Methodist Conference has saved more than 41,701 lives, so our goal seems attainable!



Pastor's Note

Most of you have heard the word: this year will bring transition to the pastoral leadership at Providence. I will be moving to be the pastor at Fairlington United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. The Rev. Derrick Parson will be coming to be the pastor here. I am excited about the opportunities at my new church, and for ministry at Providence under Derrick's leadership. I also know that change is hard.

My father was a pastor, too, and though he didn't move very often, my family knew what moving was like. Recently I've heard him tell of a time when the Bishop unexpectedly asked him to take a new appointment after I had gone off to college. And how, after announcing the news, he watched a tear trickle down the cheek of my younger brother who was still at home. Change is hard. In that case and for those personal family reasons, the move did not happen.

Providence hasn't experienced pastoral moves very often. How do we do it? As the move date gets closer, we will all be working hard for a smooth transition. We will be drawing on the reserves of God's love in our hearts, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. And we will share the excitement of a new adventure. God is with us. Thanks be to God!

Peace,
Mary Beth



New Pastor Appointed to Providence

Rev. Derrick Parson received his call to ministry while serving as a Marine in the first Iraq War. After attending seminary at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Rev. Parson served at both Ramsey Memorial UMC and Asbury Memorial UMC and has worked as the Campus Minister for the Wesley Foundation at James Madison University. He currently serves the Virginia United Methodist Conference as the Director for Ministries with Young People. As Rev. Parson shares in his professional profile:

I am energetic, highly motivated, creative, and passionate about ministry. It gives me great joy to work with God's people of all ages—children, youth, young adults, adults, and seniors. I really love preaching, presiding over worship, visitation, teaching, listening, and being present with God's people. This is how God has wired me and called me to do this great work.

Rev. Parson has been appointed to join PUMC (beginning July 1) as we continue our mission to belong, be transformed, and make a difference.

Our church is organizing a **softball team** for the spring and summer Friday night league. The games start on April 17. All men and women, age 16 and up, are welcome to participate. To sign up or to ask questions, contact Steve Reese at: smrtips1@yahoo.com or at 914-2987.



Mission Minute

We are always talking about "CARITAS" here at Providence; but if you are new to the church, you may be asking the same question I asked when I first came to Providence: "What is a CARITAS?". CARITAS is an acronym that stands for "Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter", and our church has been involved in providing shelter for homeless individuals or families for over 25 years! This year, we will be hosting homeless families (28 total) from Saturday, May 23 until Saturday, March 30.

So, what exactly does "hosting" mean? On the morning of May 23, mats, blankets and guests' personal items will be delivered to our Social Hall. We will arrange these items in family groupings, and that evening the CARITAS bus will deliver these family members to Providence where they will come in, get settled, have dinner, do activities or homework, take showers, gather their laundry that needs to be washed and go to sleep for the night. At about 6:00 a.m., the bus will return to pick them up after they have gotten up, gotten dressed and had a nice breakfast.

They will return that evening at approximately 5:00; and this continues for the whole week.

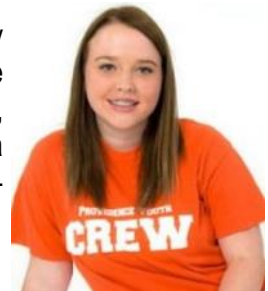
Wow! That's A Lot! Yes it is, and we need everyone to get involved in some way. Small groups will sign up to prepare a dinner, or pack lunches for the next day; and individuals are needed to come and take home a bag of laundry to wash, dry and return the next day; chaperone by being a "church presence" and staying overnight on an air bed down the hall in the nursery (a CARITAS staff person stays in the Social Hall with our guests) and to come in the evening to help with homework, do activities or crafts with the children or just talk with our guests if they choose to do so. This is a church wide event that takes many volunteers to accomplish. Watch for the sign up sheets that will be available, or contact Brenda Woodward at brendawoodward1@verizon.net to share how you would like to help during this awesome mission opportunity.

Brenda Woodward
Chairperson, Missions Committee

Hello!

I'm doing great in Athens, Ohio. I am finally settling in and learning my place. I just started with my new senior care friend! I am leading more and more mission teams out into the community to serve their neighbors, repairing homes. I have led orientations and devotions, and becoming a more confident public speaker! Thank you for all your cards and packages, they are keeping me going. I miss you all.

Megan Roberson



Geraniums for UMUMR

The Women's Auxiliary of the UM Urban Ministries of Richmond are selling **Geraniums**.



Available colors are: red, salmon, hot pink, and white. Cost is \$4.50 each. There is an order form in the church office or you can contact Shirley Collins at 745-3024 or scol23235@gmail.com to place your order. Deadline to order is April 11, with delivery on April 17.

The Spring Festival Is Coming!

May 16, 11 am—2 pm

**Invite a Friend
Enjoy the Outdoors
Eat Food
Have Fun
Make a Difference!**



Online Giving is a Popular Option

Did you know that you can give to Providence through our web site? At <http://www.providenceumc.net/giving/>, you can establish your own login credentials to securely set up recurring or one-time contributions. These contributions can come from your checking account, or a credit or debit card. Recurring contributions can be monthly or biweekly, and you can modify or cancel them at any time. Giving in this way is very convenient, and is a great way to stay on track with your plan for giving.

Christopher Wilms
Stewardship Coordinator



The Craft and Collectible Exhibit was a tremendous success. What great, talented people we have at Providence. Who knew?

Well, some of you may have known, but not everyone!

The United Methodist Women want to say “thank you” to those who shared their talents with us and to those who came to enjoy the exhibit. We appreciate your support and hope you will join us for future exhibits.

Don't forget to check PUMC's Facebook page for pictures.

Diane King,
Evelyn Hasting
Judy Jacobs

Just a note

from Margaret and Carla

Saturday, April 18, **City Singers Youth Choirs** will be performing in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. City Singers is based in Richmond and performs the highest caliber of distinguished youth choral music from the body of classical, traditional, and modern compositions from around the world. Their mission is to inspire the highest level of artistic choral performance while bringing together youth of the greater Richmond area in a joyful appreciation of their ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity. City Singers is committed to making the choral education experience available to qualified singers regardless of their economic situations.



City Singers Youth Choirs have been bringing Richmond area youth together through song since 1996.

Now in their 18th season, City Singers Youth Choirs consist of four performing vocal groups:

- City Singers Advanced Choir
- Young Women's Choir
- Young Men's Choir (for 6-12 graders)
- Neighborhood Singers (for 2-5 graders)

They believe in the power of song to give a voice to every child, build bridges in our communities and inspire music and life skills mastery. Please come out to support a local organization directed by Leslie Dripps, Mara Smith, and accompanied by our very own Margaret Taylor.



Position Available

Our Church Council has approved a new part-time staff position: **Director of Children's Ministries**. The job description can be found on our church website:

<http://www.providenceumc.net/position-available-2/>

Youth Ministry News

Youth Group meetings are Sunday nights from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
in the youth house next to the church.

Inukshuks (5th & 6th Grades)

Amy Palmer
pumctweens@yahoo.com

Youth Crew (7th-12th Grades)

Susan Clark
susan.clark@providenceumc.net

Easter Sunday	Bring our outdoor crosses to life on Easter morning! For many years families have brought live flowers to attach to the outdoor cross to celebrate the risen Christ. It becomes a beautiful symbol of Jesus alive in our hearts.
Wall of Giving	The Youth are asking for donations to help with the expenses of their summer mission trip to Virginia Beach where they will be doing home repair work for families in need. The wall of giving has 100 envelopes with amounts from \$1 to \$50. Envelopes can be dropped in the offering plate. Checks can be made out to Providence Church with "Youth Fundraiser" on the memo line. Thank you for supporting our youth and their efforts to spread the love of Jesus.
Confirmation Class	Here is the schedule for the final unit of confirmation classes. All classes are 5:30-7:00 p.m., in Room 308 April 12, 19, 26, and May 3, 17 <u>Confirmation Sunday is May 24!</u>
Summer Mission Trip Spots Still Available	Want to help others in need this summer? Our summer mission trip will be in Virginia Beach, June 21-27, where we will do home repairs for people in need. A deposit of \$89 will secure your spot. Mission work changes lives of those who give and those who receive. Be a part of something unforgettable. Contact Susan Clark for more information.
Jamberry Fundraiser	Jamberry nail wraps and paints is donating 75% of their profits to our mission trip! Nail wraps last up to a month without chipping. Shop online at: http://lindi.jamberrynails.net/ . Select "PUMC Fundraiser" at checkout. Look great while helping others!
Shalom Farms Mission Day	Shalom Farms is a six-acre sustainable organic farm at Westview on the James. The youth will join the United Methodist Women of Providence to help prepare the farm for planting. There is lots of work for all skill levels and ages. Saturday, April 25. Meet at the church at 9:30 for a ride and bring a bagged lunch.

United Methodist Women



April Meetings

- The **Gregory Circle** will meet on Sunday, April 12, at 12:15 in the church social hall.
- The **Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the church social hall or room 205.
- The **Newton Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. in a member's home.
- The **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Unit and District News

- "April Showers" Church Logo Umbrella Sale

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

APRIL 11: When's the last time anyone said YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL? Wonderful to hear, isn't it? Using scripture and real life examples from her own life, Sharon Harris will talk on "Beauty" at the UMW April 11 meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Bring a friend and your own simple tips about beauty! It should be an exciting and encouraging meeting! See you there!

APRIL 18, 8:30 a.m.—Prayer Breakfast at Shady Grove UMC, Mechanicsville, VA

APRIL 25: Shalom Farms Mission Trip

This will be our first volunteer day in 2015. Everyone is invited! Families are encouraged to

participate!! Work is available for all abilities and ages, including sit-down jobs! Be in mission with others from the Richmond District. Join in the fun! Departure time to be announced. Shalom Farms is directly across the street from 1033 Rock Castle Rd., Goochland, VA 23063. *Sign up on the **registration form** on the **RED folder** below the UM Women's bulletin board.

MAY 1-3: Spiritual Life Retreat "Fill My Cup"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Marva Usher-Kerr, Blackstone, VA Several women are going on Saturday, May 2, for the day. If you are interested in going, please sign up on the **registration form** on the **RED folder** beside the UM Women's bulletin board. Registration deadline: April 24.

MAY 15-18: The CARITAS truck is coming!

Our goal is to fill the truck with furniture, dishes, pots and pans, linens, etc. (no clothes). Start sorting now, and save your treasures.

MAY 21-22: Eastern Shore Mission Trip

We will be volunteering at the Agape Christian Children's Community Center in Horntown, VA as well as at the camp for migrant workers.

Areas of emphasis and items needed are listed below:

- **The Migrant Ministry** (items and clothes)
- **Two New Programs**
 - * After School Program
 - * Adult Education
- **Hispanic Ministry** (SPF 20/30 sunblock;

baseball hats or straw hats with brims, soccer balls, basketballs, or footballs; used but good clothes for infants, children, ladies and men; books; pencils; chapter books for grades 1-5; and old, but good dictionaries.

- **Agape Center** (construction paper, copy paper, glue sticks, pipe cleaners or fuzzy sticks, craft material writing paper or tablets for beginning writers, any pasta with tomato sauce, soups [chicken noodle, etc.], and canned beans)

JUNE 6: Ferrum College UMW Day

UMW Day 2015 invites you to wear your favorite summer straw hat and prepare for a southern "Adventure." Your day begins with some good ol' fashioned southern fellowship on the Vaughn Chapel patio at 9:30 am as you sip your choice of juice or coffee and enjoy sumptuous pastries. You will then move inside to relax in the cool of the Chapel and enjoy some

toe tapping bluegrass gospel as presented by the Java Brothers Bluegrass Band from Radford, VA. The fun continues over southern ladies lunch and "The Mark Twain Show" as presented by Professor Emeritus Rex Stephenson, creator of the Jack Tale Players and the Blue Ridge Dinner Theatre. The show is a real treat as it depicts the life of Mark Twain, and is written and performed by Dr. Stephenson.

So unpack your straw hat and get ready for the "Adventure" at this year's UMFw Day at Ferrum College.

Registration until April 3, 2015: \$17

Registration after April 3, 2015: \$22

Registration deadline: May 8, 2015

*Sign up on the **registration form** on the **RED folder** below the UM Women's bulletin board.

Tracey Kellam
UMW President

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 6.



Chicken Barbeque

On Saturday, April 25, The Growing Christians Sunday School Class will be hosting their Spring Chicken Barbeque. Half chickens will be smoked and are available for \$5.00. Side dishes of homemade coleslaw and world famous homemade baked beans will also be available. Please see any member of the Growing Christians to place your pre-order. Having pre-orders set aside moves the day along faster with lesser amounts of "street sales" having to be made. We now have regular customers who are not church members; and one customer places his order each time for 15 chicken halves and 10 quarts of beans! The chicken halves freeze nicely for later use. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.



Church Family News and Notes



Welcome and blessings on Joe and Terra Taylor, and their daughter, Giada, who were all baptized on Sunday, March 8. Joe and Terra are professing members of PUMC and Giada is a baptized member.

Welcome Janice Hutchison, who transferred her membership from another United Methodist Church to Providence on Sunday, March 8. Welcome, Jan!

Prayers and sympathy are offered to Wayne Smith on the death of his wife, Kathy, on March 10; also to Lewis Miller on the death of his wife, Frances, on March 16.



Congratulations to Bobs Eddy who received his U.S. citizenship!

To the wonderful people of PUMC,

How do you express gratitude for the outpouring of love you have extended to my family and me since Kathy's passing.

Thank you for the support you gave us and for all the cards, phone calls, visits, especially those from Pastor Mary Beth. The response for each has been overwhelming and gave such comfort to my family and me.

We want to thank the Bereavement Committee and all that helped prepare such a feast for us after the funeral service. We also want to thank our long-time friends, Linda Collins and Bob Ford for the beautiful music at Kathy's service. Lastly, a special thank you to our friend, Dr. Maurice Hancock, who knew Kathy so well and conducted her funeral service.

Please keep my family and me in your prayers in the days ahead.

In Christ's Love,
Wayne Smith & family



UMC Market

Do you occasionally shop online? If so, go to <https://www.umcmarket.org/>. **You Shop. They Give.** It's that simple. A percentage of the money you spend gets donated back to PUMC. Examples are: Amazon.com—1.5%, Lowe's—2%, Macy's—2%, Old Navy—5%, Kohl's—3%. There are many, many more retailers available. You can help Providence by shopping. Click on "Get Started" if have not already set up your account. If you already have a **UMCMarket** account, just log in (upper right corner). Find your ministry (Providence-Richmond). If you need assistance, give Jim Chappell a call — 276-7266.

Acolytes

Apr 5—*Communion*

Apr 12

Apr 19

Apr 26

Readers

Apr 5 Althea Armstrong

Apr 12 Zoe Brown

Apr 19 Jennifer Ostrum

Apr 26 Karrie Ostrum

Sanctuary Organizers

Flora Scott

Jean Winfree

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Wayne Latimer

Doug Sheek

11:00 Klaus Worrell

Sean Collins

Tony Fleshman

Laurie Breeden

Brad Wootten

Rudy Petrick

Greeters

9:00:

Library Linda Keery

Narthex Mike Patterson

11:00

Library Shirley Collins

Narthex Nickie Price

Nursery

Apr 5

9:00 Kelly Horne

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Apr 12

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum

SS Barbara Oliver

11:00 Lindsey Collins

Apr 19

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Carol Urso &

Shirley Collins

Apr 26

9:00 Lindsey Garrison

Emma McConnell (Y)

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counter Captains

Apr 5

Jimmy Sculthorpe

Paul Martin

Hugh Miles

Apr 12

Klaus Worrell

Steve Oliver

Stuart Watkins

Apr 19

Ron Wootten

Janice Bergeron

Bob Johnson

Gracie Martin

Apr 26

Gary Wright

Anne Baird

Wayne Smith

Audio / Media Shout

Apr 5

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Steve Oliver (MS)

11:00

Tyler Griggs (A)

Steve Oliver (MS)

Apr 12

9:00 Ron Wootten(A)

Tyler Griggs (MS)

11:00

Ron Wootten (A)

Tyler Griggs (MS)

Apr 19

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Jimmy Sculthorpe (MS)

11:00

Tyler Griggs (A)

Jimmy Sculthorpe (MS)

Apr 26

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Dano Holland (MS)

11:00

Tyler Griggs (A)

Dano Holland (MS)

Sign Changers

Apr 7

Gene Duckworth

Apr 14

Jim DeLap

Apr 21

Gene Duckworth

Apr 28

Jim DeLap



Little things do mean a lot — especially when those little things are brought together as United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kits. The contents of these “starter sets” are such simple, small things — pencils, tablets, washcloths, latex gloves — but having or not having them can make a world of difference. That’s why School, Health, Baby/Layette and Birthing Kits are among the items most requested by our overseas partners each year. The need is great, and we can never have too many on hand. Collecting materials for kits is a great group hands-on project for young and old alike. The full list of additional UMCOR kits is available at: <http://www.umcor.org/umcor/relief-supplies>

The UMW will be concentrating on gathering supplies listed below, or completed kits. Items needed for each kit are below:

HEALTH KIT

- **1 hand towel** (15"x25" to 17"x27"); kitchen cleaning & microfiber towels not accepted
- **1 washcloth**
- **1 comb**—needs to be sturdy, no pocket combs or picks; rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable
- **1 metal nail file or clipper** (no emery boards)
- **6 adhesive bandages** (3/4" to 1" size), common household bandaids
- **1 bath size soap** (3 oz. or larger sizes only). Do not remove original packaging.
- **1 toothbrush** (adult size only). Do not remove from original packaging.
- **1 plastic bag**, 1-gallon size; sealable bags only
- **\$1** to purchase toothpaste

Assembly: Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the bundle in the plastic bag and seal the bag.

Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. Toothpaste money must be sent to the Virginia Conference with shipping monies.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Connections Worship Service
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
 4:00 pm Youth Bell/Chime Choir
 4:45 pm Youth Vocal Choir
 5:30 pm Youth & Inukshuks
 7:30 pm Bells of Providence

Wednesday

6:30 pm KC JAM
 6:30 pm Studies or Classes
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:15 pm Men’s Study
 6:30 pm Ministry in Motion

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Nursery Attendant	Cynthia Liverpool
Our Covenant Missionary	Kim King Torres

