

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.

“CONNECTIONS” 9:00 am

Gathering Music

Singing

“Grace Like Rain” and “Everything Glorious”

Making Connections

Scripture

Genesis 1:9-13, 20-23, 26-27

Message: “And It Was Very Good”

Pastor Mary Beth Blinn

Prayer Time

“Every Season” by Nichole Nordeman

Ansley Higginbotham, Solo

Photography by church members and friends

The Lord’s Prayer

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 and Offering Our Gifts

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Benediction

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Festival of God's Creation
April 21, 2013 11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome/Announcements
Prelude

Call to Worship	"Lift Thine Eyes" SonRise Sisters	by Felix Mendelssohn
+ Opening Prayer		
+ Hymn	"For the Beauty of the Earth"	UMH 92
+ Psalm Reading	Psalm 8	UMH 743

TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

First Reading*	Genesis 1:9-13, 20-23, 26-27	Thanks be to God.
Musical Offering	"For the Beauty of the Earth" Chancel Choir	by John Rutter
Gospel Reading*	Matthew 6:26-29	Thanks be to God.
Sermon	"And It Was Very Good"	

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayer
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Amen.

Offering "Every Season" by Nichole Nordeman
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+ Response* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+ Hymn "All Creatures of Our God and King" UMH 62
Verses 1-4

+ Benediction
+ Postlude

The congregation is invited to gather outside to dedicate the mission garden.

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red) FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* Words Projected † Please stand as you are able

Welcome, guests. We're glad you're here!

- **Children's worship bags** and age-appropriate worship activity bulletins 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.
- **Name tags** can be found on the clipboards in the pews.
- **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).

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Emily and Meredith Kyser's birthdays by their parents, Don and Elizabeth.

The **narthex flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in recognition of Kelsey Alred's 16th birthday by Kathy and C.J. Alred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **mission garden** is grown every year to supply local mission organizations with fresh food. You can help with the garden on Monday mornings at 9 am or by calling Joe Gillette at 745-3182. Feel free to hoe or pull weeds any time, day or night!

Wednesday Night Dinners continue this week with Taco Salad, Dessert, and a Beverage. The cost of the meal: \$5. Sign up today!

Our **guest speaker** this Wednesday night at 6:30 will be a representative from **Embrace Richmond**. It is a faith-based organization which is Connecting caring groups and individuals to neighborhood partners so that together we can make Richmond a great place to live.

The **Sweet Potato Festival** is coming May 11. Help bag 40,000 lbs. of sweet potatoes for area food banks beginning at 7 a.m.! Celebrate our community festival 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There will be moon bounces, petting zoo, games, cake walk, face painting, dog training demonstration, and free food! And more potato bagging! Spread the word!

You can help with the Sweet Potato Festival in several ways. Please sign-up on the sheets near the water fountain in the hallway to assist by donating a cake, or by assisting with traffic control, face painting, and the Moon Bounce, or by giving out bracelets, working in the games or cake walk areas.

The new topic for the **Men's Study Group** is: The Essentials of Effective Prayer. They meet in room 205 on Thursday evenings at 6:00.

The Branches mission team is selling "stock" to raise money for our mission trip in July. Stock can be purchased in increments of \$25. As an investor, you will be invited to a stock holder's dinner on July 21 to see pictures of our week at Branches and hear stories from the youth. Checks can be made to Providence Church with STOCK written in the memo line. **Take STOCK in youth!**

Psalm 8 will be our **congregation-wide prayer** for the month of May. As you read and pray it, think of ways you would like to express the meaning of the psalm in art. Draw a picture, take a photograph, write a poem. We will post these in a central place for the congregation to enjoy.

Chesterfield Ruritan Club has **stew for sale** (made March 16). \$6 per quart (only 12 quarts left). Contact Bobby Burton at 794-2898 or 432-5096.

Help **repair and beautify Camp Westview** on the James in Goochland, VA by attending the PUMC Family Mission, May 17-18. Cabin

camping with air conditioning and full kitchen, Friday night cookout and campfire. Saturday morning devotion, mission work, lunch, and end with swimming in the lake or hanging out on the beach. Cost is \$16.00 plus \$15.00 to swim. Sign-up sheet for food supplies coming soon. RSVP to Mary Elliott at: Peapot@cavtel.net. Westview is one of our United Methodist Camps.

You are invited to consider the important step of Christian baptism or transferring your membership to Providence Church. Contact Pastor Mary Beth Blinn for more information at 276-4289 or by email at: MaryBeth.Blinn@providenceumc.net.

A Planned Giving and PUMC Endowment session will be held today in the library at 10 a.m. If you have ever had questions about Planned Giving Methods or are considering making PUMC Endowment part of your overall Planned Giving strategy please consider attending this session. Discussion Leaders will be:

- Endowment Committee—Ron White or Hugh Miles
- Planned Giving Methods—Bill Mannering

Do you have a graduate in your family? We are looking for PUMC youth, young adults, or adults who have graduated from high school, college, or university this year. Please email their names and the school/degree to the church office:



providenceumc@providenceumc.net

Members of the Growing Christians class are planning a **trip to the Holy Land** in 2014 and have space for additional travelers. Are you interested in joining them on this spiritual journey or do you know of anyone who would like to join? The trip is April 7-16, 2014 and the [\$2898] all inclusive cost covers airfare, first class accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, ground transportation, tours with guided sightseeing, admission fees, etc. For details contact Dave Long at : dave.long@earthlink.net

Wednesday Night Speaker Series

- May 1: Jennifer Hawthorne from the **Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities**. The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success through inclusion by addressing prejudices in all forms in order to improve academic achievement, increase workplace productivity, and enhance local trust.
- May 8: **YWAM** (Youth With A Mission). An international volunteer movement of Christians from many backgrounds, cultures and Christian traditions, dedicated to serve Jesus throughout the world. Our purpose is to know God and to make him known.
- May 15: **Pathways—Youth Civic Engagement**. The speaker will tell us about Youth Build, a uniquely comprehensive, fulltime, non-residential, community-based program that offers at-risk youth an immediately productive role in rebuilding their communities.

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like to keep your concern on this list for more than four weeks, please contact the office.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Gordy Adams (requested by Heather Harper), **Grace, Lisa and Emily Grace** (friends of Amy Palmer), **Andrea Barnes** (friend of Amy Palmer), Virginia Anderson (Laurels of Bon Air, Room 211), **Barbara Baron**, Joseph E. "Ed" Beck (friend of Jack and Juanita Waters), Nan Blackwell and her family, **Dale Blevines** (niece of Catherine Milholen), Mary Casey-Mills, Mae Clarke, Jackie Craddock, **Paul Cullen and kids** (requested by Elizabeth Kyser), Edwin Dandy (Frances Miller's brother), David Dillard, Charles Elbert (Jane Elbert's father), Frances Ellis (requested by Pam Groome), **Carole Evans**, Fran Fitch, Jane Fleenor, Bob and Sheila Fogle (nephew and niece of Ken and Eula Phillips), Robert Halley (requested by Johnise Malloy), Sharon Harris (New Address: Hopewell Health Care Center, 905 Cousins Ave., Room 225-B, Hopewell, VA 23860), Donna Jenkins, Pam Jones, Don Keerans, Jack Keery (surgery on April 15), Jonathan Lafferty (requested by Judy Miles), **Maria Mendoza** (requested by Pat Loud), Frances and Lewis Miller, Patricia Myers (Judy Miles' sister), **Jack Raikes** (requested by Barbara & Bill Blankenship), **Erma Robins** (Laurels of Bon Air, Room 116A), **the family of Mary Lou Robinson**, Ken Roberson, Jan Rogers and family (co-worker of Wendy and Sean Collins), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wyatt Skinnell (requested by Anne Blane Wootten), Loretha Taylor (Paul

Martin's neighbor), **Charles Wade** (cousin of Amy Palmer), Gladys Wesson (requested by Paul Martin)

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

Julia Berger	David Dias
Nathan Berger	Kevin Judd
Hunter Blankenship	Matt Latimer
Megan Thomas Clark	Wayne Lee
Steve Cobb	Bobby Swanson
Jennifer Collins	Brian Wilson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 21

- 9:00 Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 Endowment Session (Library)
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 Dedication of the Mission Garden
- No Pass It On Choir
- 5:30 Youth
- 6:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 7:30 Bells of Providence

Monday, April 22

- 9:30 Line Dancing
- 7:00 Disciple 1 (205)

Tuesday, April 23

- 11:00 Bible Study (Library)
- 6:30 Disciple 3 (205)
- 6:30 Cub Scouts (3rd Floor)
- 6:30 Boy Scouts (SH)

Wednesday, April 24

- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:00 KC Jam (Room 108)
- 6:15 Genesis-John Locke Study
- 6:15 Mission Class (SH)
- 6:30 Cross Trainers
- 6:30 SonRise Sisters (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 25

- 11:00 Knitters and Crocheters (205)
- 3:30 Men's Quartet
- 5:45 Ministry in Motion (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 Men's Study Group (205)
- 7:00 Providence Green HO Association (206)

Friday, April 26

- 3:00-9:00 p.m. Social Hall (Ann Scott)
- 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, April 27

- 11:00-2:00 Chicken BBQ Sale
- 4:00 Scott/Jamison Wedding (Sanctuary)

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

Greeters:

- (9:00) Sue Duganne (Ed. Bldg.)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
(11:00) Marlene & Boyd Gurney
(Ed. Bldg.)
Carolyn Bowman (Narthex)

Acolyte:

(11:00) Laura King

Nursery:

- (9:00) Kelly Horne
(SS) Shirley Collins
(11:00) Michelle Butler

Counters:

Gary Wright
Anne Baird
Wayne Smith

Ushers:

- (9:00) Bill Blankenship, Wayne
Latimer, Janet Knight, Joe
Sullivan
(11:00) Klaus Worrell, Sean Collins,
Gary Wright, Laurie Breeden,
Brad Wootten, Jennifer Kenne-
dy, Tony Fleshman, Rudy
Petrick

Audio/Media Shout Team

- (9:00) Keith King (A)
(9:00) Bob Gillie (MS)
(9:00) Mary Elliott (B)
(11:00) Keith King (A)
(11:00) Bob Gillie (MS)

Name Tag Organizer:

Pam Asbury

Reader for 11:00: Lindsey Collins

Sanctuary Organizers:

Ralph & Billie Vernon

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