


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

CONNECTIONS—9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: Every Move I Make

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21

Singing: God of This City

Message: Getting Past Your Past
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: The Trees of the Field

Benediction

Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Moment by Moment

arr. Cindy Berry

+ Greeting*

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: so God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: so God rejoices over one sould restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of our Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. **Amen.**

+ Hymn UMH 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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A Time with the Children

Susan Clark

TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading UMH 847*

Psalm 126

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading*

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn UMH 383	This is a Day of New Beginnings	BEGINNINGS
Sermon	Getting Past Your Past	Derrick Parson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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.

Offertory	O Sacred Head Now Wounded Bells of Providence	arr. Dan R. Edwards
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+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
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+ Hymn FWS 2279	The Trees of the Field All children, please come forward during singing.	THE TREES OF THE FIELD
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Reception in the Local Congregation UMH 38		Jan Keith deCheubel
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+ Benediction

May the blessing of God, fountain of living water, flow within us as a river of life.
May we drink deep of her wisdom. May we never thirst again.
May we go through life refreshing many, as a sign of healing for all; through the One who is Life eternal. Amen.

+ Postlude

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

* = Words Projected

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

+ = Please stand as you are able

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here!

- Pick up a welcome gift in the foyer.
- **Children's age-appropriate 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



It's a great day for ice cream! Sweet Frog near Chesterfield Towne Center is hosting a fundraiser for our church today. A portion of our sales will benefit the ministries of church. Join us any time today for ice cream and fellowship at 11415 Midlothian Tnpk. and tell them you are from Providence!

MARK YOUR MARCH CALENDARS!

- 20 Palm Sunday
- 24 Holy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Spring Festival, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 27 Easter Sunday Services, 6:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Lenten Dinners are at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up today for next Wednesday's (3/16) dinner. Donations will be accepted.

Are you interested in learning about the Bible, but not in a "Study"? Join us on Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 309, for **Bible Basics** and fun facts. No cost and no "study" required. Led by Laura Griggs.

On Easter Sunday, please **bring fresh flowers** to place on Christ's cross before either the 9:00 or the 11:00 a.m. worship services. Helpers will be there to assist you. Please join us in making our "**living cross**" beautiful!

Invite a friend and join us for an afternoon at our Spring Festival! We will have an Easter egg hunt, live petting zoo, hay rides, crafts, face painting, plastic duck races, spoon races, flower planting and free popcorn! The festival is Saturday, March 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Volunteers and donations of plastic eggs, candy, stickers, are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex and drop off donations in the purple tub outside of the office.

The United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond Auxiliary is taking orders for **Geraniums**. The geraniums are available in red, salmon, coral, hot pink and white. Specific colors can be requested, but cannot be guaranteed. The cost is \$4.50 per 4-1/2" pot. The deadline to place your order is April 11, with delivery on April 15. There is an envelope in the office where you can place your order. Contact Shirley Collins (745-3024 or scol23235@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Join the UMW for a “trip” to **Shalom Farms** on April 2. They will leave from Ramsey Memorial at 8:15 a.m. and work at the farm from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You are invited to bring a friend, especially a friend who has never been before! Drinks will be provided but bring a snack if you like. The cost is \$4.00 per person. Please sign up today if you plan to go.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for the **PUMC Softball Team**. Please sign up today or contact Steve Reese (804-914-2987) if you are interested. Leave a message if there is no answer and Steve will call you back.

The United Methodist Women are selling **Tote Bags**. The bags are \$5 and are available today, in the church office, between the worship services and after the 11:00 service. They are nice bags and can be used for gifts, groceries, crafts or as a carry-on for your next airplane trip! The bags will also be available in the church office during the week. Get yours today while supplies last!

Do you know someone in our congregation who is unable to attend church, who might like to have a visit and receive communion? If so, please call Jane Elbert (675-0534) or email her at: janeelbertquilts@gmail.com.

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

PRAYER MINISTRY

Hand-knitted **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 Tom and Nancy Coffman at tlcnic@verizon.net. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact the Coffmans.

Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families: Jessica Ammon, Hunter Blankenship, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Ruby Agee, the family of Carolyn Bilski (on the death of her son, Brian on 2/15), Lee Bradshaw, the family of Mary Brown (who died 2/24), Jim & Laura DeLap, Linda Downey (Health South, Room 103), **Dan Gentili** (friend of Judy Gindhart), Mildred Isbell, Ronnie Justice, Tristen Kellam, **Charles and Diane King** (Chippenham), Buddy Lindsey (son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Charlene Reardon (sister of Linwood Hudson), Lois Reil (hip replacement on 3/8), **the family of Iris Ryder** who died on 3/7 (sister of Mae Clark & Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith (home), Barbara Sutton (Brookdale), Gary & Dorothy Taylor, Stuart Watkins, James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for March 13, 2016:

We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: to remove any spirit of

contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles; for spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, religion, income, or neighborhood.

Obituary Info for Mary Brown:
March 17, 1:00 p.m.
Peace United Methodist Church
801 Maple Grove Drive
Fredericksburg, VA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 13

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Choirs
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks
- 5:30 Bells of Providence

Monday, March 14

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 9:30 Providence Retired Club (Joe's Inn)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Mtg. (309)

Tuesday, March 15

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 7:00 Young Adults (L)

Wednesday, March 16

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 5:30 Lenten Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Bible Basics (309)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 17

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 5:45 Ministry in Motion
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 19

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 Meredith Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 Anna Knight (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Boyd Gurney (Library)
Marlene Gurney (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons
SS Lindsay Garrison
11:00 Laurie Breeden
Meredith Kyser (Y)

Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)
Steve Oliver, Stuart Watkins

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Chris Healy, Carolyn Bilski
11:00 George Winstead
Linwood Hudson, Jack Waters
T L Jenkins, Stuart Watkins
Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins

Reader: 11:00 Karrie Ostrum

Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Tyler Griggs (MS)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Tyler Griggs (MS)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Peggy Gillette (3/1-3/31)
Eula Phillips

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CCVLI License #502817990

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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