


Providence United Methodist Church

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CONNECTIONS—9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: My Savior Lives

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

Singing: Lamb of God

Message: Follow the Leader
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: How Great is Our God

Benediction

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lamb of God
Duet, Carla Wootten & Laura Griggs

+ Call to Worship*

Leader: By your cross you destroyed the curse of the tree.

People: By your burial you slayed the dominion of death.

Leader: By your rising, you enlightened the human race.

People: O benefactor, Christ our God, glory to you.

+ Hymn UMH 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

A Time with the Children

Susan Clark

TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading UMH 754 *

Psalm 23
(with sung responses)

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

The Lord My Shepherd Is

Austin C. Lovelace

Second Reading*

Acts 9:36-43

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Follow the Leader

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	Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness	J. G. Walther
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
+ Hymn FWS 2140	Since Jesus Came Into My Heart	McDANIEL
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	Fantasia	Pachelbel

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

Please take a moment after the 11:00 a.m. worship service to join us in the Social Hall as we give our best wishes to Susan Clark as she leaves Providence UMC. Susan has been a part of the Providence family for 7+ years putting together our wonderful Youth ministry, mission trips, sleepovers, snacks, neighborhood projects, Easter egg hunts, picnics, and many, many more events. We are definitely sorry to see her go but wish her well and many more successes as she assumes the position of Director of Youth Ministries at St. Matthews UMC in Goochland.

Compassion Sunday is Coming!

April 24, 2016

A child is waiting ...

for **you** ♥

Children all around the world are waiting for a sponsor like you. Please join us on Sunday, April 24 during the Sunday School hour at 10:00 in the Social Hall to learn more about being a sponsor for Compassion International. Won't you please help us and others release children from poverty in Jesus' Name?
Cathy & Mike Patterson

Please welcome Janet Watts who is filling in at the organ while Margaret Taylor is away. Janet is an occupational therapist, piano teacher and organist. She has studied piano since childhood and the organ since her teens, pursuing these interests in college, and after college with local teachers. Janet has substituted in Richmond area churches over the years, and was part-time staff organist at Battery Park Christian Church for 9 years, and most recently served as 3-month substitute for Steve Henley at Bon Air Presbyterian Church and 4 months at St. John's Episcopal Church as Interim Organist. She is Emeritus Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy and is Gram Jan to her 4 grandchildren

Our food backpack program has two more months of school (plus a month of summer school) left and we are growing short of funds. Please pass the word to your Sunday school classes, women's and men's groups, etc., that we need help. Thanks so much for being such dedicated supporters of this ministry program in our church.

Wendy Collins
Providence Road Partners

Mark Your Calendars! Make a note that the **Virginians will be here in concert** Sunday, May 15, at 4:00 p.m. There will be a reception to follow. The Virginians Barbershop Chorus is a

nationally competitive ensemble that has been performing in central Virginia for over 60 years. This non-profit group, sponsored in part by the Arts Council of Richmond, brings educational programs to the community and participates in charitable activities and events. We are looking forward to hearing them! The concert is free of charge.

The **Chesterfield Ruritan Club** has funds available to send up to 6 youth to Ruritan Youth Camp at W. E. Skelton 4-H Center on Smith Mountain Lake in Wirtz, VA from July 1-3. This camp is for boys and girls from ages 9 to 19. Some of the activities include swimming, boating and horseback riding. All forms must be completed and turned in by June 1. Contact Dave Robinson of the Chesterfield Ruritan Club (804-739-2991 or by email at dmlrobinson@comcast.net) for forms or if you have questions. Please try to decide as soon as possible so we can offer this opportunity to others if the youth at Providence cannot fill our quota.

Readers Needed! There are books waiting to be read by UMW members and ALL members of Providence. The books are in the library on the shelves to the right of the computer desk. They are a great source of information, our mission outreach as well as enjoyable reading. Sign them out on the notebook. Read, read and read even more!

The **Youth Group would like to thank everyone** for their support of our sausage biscuit sale to raise money for our summer mission trip. Because of your generosity, we raised \$353.

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!

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

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 tlcnlc@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	Wayne Lee
Hunter Blankenship	Bob Muchow
Jennifer Collins	Megan Thomas
Matt Latimer	

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Ruby Agee (at home), Virginia Anderson (home), Frances Byrd, Jason Davies, Jim & Laura DeLap, Nikki Earley (surgery 4/13), Ronnie Justice, Tracey Kellam, Tristen Kellam, Diane King (home), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Jean Mannering (Bill Mannering's mother), Betty Jo Marvin (sister of Shirley Collins), Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons), Caroline & Brett Randall (death of aunt), Phyllis Ranger, the family of Charlene Reardon (who died March 25, sister of Linwood Hudson), Lois Reil (hip replacement on 3/8), **the family of Allen Rennie** (who died April 9, cousin of Nan Blackwell), Marilyn Rudzinski (friend of Rene Wenleder), 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, Jake Waldrop (nephew of Ken & Betty-Anne Roberson), Stuart Watkins (Sunrise), James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for April 17, 2016: We pray for emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff. For hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs; and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 17

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 12:00 Reception for Susan Clark (SH)
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Choirs
- 5:30 Inukshuks & Youth

Monday, April 18

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (PS/SH)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)

Tuesday, April 19

- 10:30 Whitt Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts (SH/309)
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 7:00 Young Adults

Wednesday, April 20

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 6:00 Providence Court (205)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 21

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 MIM Rehearsal

Friday, April 22

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, April 23

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 Emily Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 Marisa Evancoe (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Pam Groome (Library)
Patty Wright (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Carol Urso

Zoe Justice (Y)

Counters:

Ron Wootten (captain)
Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek
11:00 Klaus Worrell
Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman
Laurie Breeden, Brad Wootten
Rudy Petrick

Reader:

11:00 Marlene Gurney

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

Sanctuary Organizers: (4/1-4/30)

Flora Scott
Jean Winfree

Grass Cutter:

April 18 week
John Bradley (Area 2)

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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