

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: “Hello, My Name Is” and “Revelation Song”
Michael Kalson, Contemporary Worship Music Leader

Making Connections

Scripture: John 15:1-8

Sermon: “Abiding: The Benefits of Growing Older”
Mary Beth Blinn, Pastor

Holy Communion

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: “Life Song”

Everyone is welcome at the Lord’s Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. You are invited to put your offerings in the basket as you come forward for communion. The altar rail is always available as a place of prayer. Special offerings left on the altar rail will go toward families with emergency needs. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available.

Singing: “Amazing Love”

Benediction

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015 11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude "Hyfrydol" arr. John Purifoy
Laura Griggs, flute

+ Greeting*

Leader: Here in this place of worship with the congregation of the faithful,

People: we lay down our fears, to boldly sing God's praise.

Leader: Here in the vineyard of the Lord, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,

People: grandparents tell stories of faith to little ones sitting on their laps.

Leader: Here where God waits to serve us at the Table:

People: we shall be so filled with love that we will run to serve others.

+ Hymn "Thine Be the Glory" UMH 308

TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading* 1 John 4:7-21 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "Abide With Me" UMH 700

Second Reading* John 15:1-8 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Abiding: The Benefits of Growing Older"
Pastor Mary Beth Blinn

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

All: Abide in us, Vine Grower. Forgive us of our sins, so we may live boldly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Do you feel it – there, deep down in your hearts? God’s love is alive, beating, breathing – in you!

People: **Because God abides in us, we can live for others, allowing God’s love to bear fruit in us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offertory

+ Response* “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving* UMH 17

The Lord’s Prayer

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Breaking the Bread

Anthem “In Remembrance of Me”
Chancel Choir

Giving the Bread and Cup

Everyone who is present today is welcome at the Lord’s Table. The ushers will invite you to come to the front or the rear of the sanctuary to receive the bread and a small cup of juice, kneeling or standing as you are able. Gluten-free wafers are available at the front. Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.

Prayer after Communion

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+ Hymn “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified” FWS 2150

+ Benediction*

Go now, in the love of our God.

We will live for others through our God.

Go now, in the grace of Jesus.

We will forgive others, just as we have been forgiven.

Go now, in the community of the Spirit.

We will serve others in every need, in every place, in every heart.

+ 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).

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Boyd and Marlene Gurney.

The **flowers in the narthex** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tracey Kellam with great appreciation for her work on the new church directory.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Conner Wood who is our organist today.

Join a new group for **study and fellowship** today: 9:45 in the Social Hall. Topic: Books of 1, 2 and 3 John.. Everyone is welcome.

Our **Community Festival** is coming soon! Spread the word about this wonderful outdoor event for our church and neighborhood. It will be Saturday, May 16, 11-2. Would you like to help? Check the bulletin board near the water fountain to sign-up. We need cakes and cupcakes for the cake walk; helpers with the moon bounce, games, crafts, etc.

Join us to **refurbish the picnic shelter** next Saturday, May 9. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. and everyone is invited to assist in whatever way they are able. Lunch will be provided so please sign up

on the clipboard today. If you have questions, please contact Gary Vest, 378-2632, or by email at vestfamily5@yahoo.com.

Start Cleaning Out and Saving! The UMW and the Missions Committee have arranged for the **CARITAS truck** to be left in our parking lot from Friday, May 15 through Monday, May 18. We want Providence to fill this truck with furniture, kitchen items, household goods and clean linens for families coming out of homelessness. Let us know and we will arrange for your items to be picked up if you can't get them to the church. Contact Brenda Woodward at 745-1259 or brendawoodward1@verizon.net.

Providence has about **40 trophies from the 1950's—1990's** that we would love for you to have since we have no place to display them. They were earned for basketball, bowling, softball and volleyball. The trophies will be on display on the table beside the Chapel, May 14-17. You are welcome to take any of them.

NPH: Journey into Dementia and Out Again

When you think of dementia, you don't think of recovery. Yet sometimes it happens! Sharon and Hugh Harris have written about her experience with dementia as a consequence of a neurological condition called normal pressure hydrocephalus (NPH). It affected her memory and thinking, her balance and walking, and produced incontinence. The miracle is, Sharon recovered! Sharon and Hugh will have copies of their book, **NPH: Journey into Dementia and Out Again**, available in the Library after worship today.

The Laughon Circle is having a guest speaker, Bonnie Inge Bell, speak to them on **poverty in**

Chesterfield County on Tuesday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. Ms. Bell has worked with Chesterfield County Department of Social Services for decades and will inform us of what is being done and what needs to be done in the county. Everyone is invited to join us for this informative meeting. If you would like to join us for lunch afterwards, please bring a sandwich and drink. Dessert will be provided.

Remember a moment when the **music at Providence touched your heart?** Write a brief reflection (1-5 sentences) and we will print those at the time of our Music Sunday on May 17, and in the following weeks. Email Margaret at m.e.taylor003@gmail.com or leave it in the foyer today.

Musicians, singers, and baseball enthusiasts, Mark Your Calendars Now! On May 9 (next Saturday) at 7:00 p.m., PUMC will be attending **Faith Night at the Diamond with the Flying Squirrels!** Tickets are available from Margaret Taylor (\$8 each). See her at church or email her at M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com. Tickets are being sold in the Library today after worship.

Please vote for the video our Youth created showing how they live out The Great Commandment on a mission trip. If you have a Facebook account, you can help the Youth group win a \$2,000 grant to help with costs for their summer mission trip. Go to the Providence UMC Facebook page and scroll down to the "Create for Christ" Video contest. Click on Woodbox.com to go directly to the voting page. You will then need to "like" Entrust Financial Credit Union in order to vote. Voting ends May 13. Thank you for all you do for our Youth!

Save the Date! We will be hosting families with children in the **CARITAS** program (Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter) from May 23-30. Many hands are needed to make this week a success. Please consider, or have your group discuss, hosting a dinner, packing lunches, being an overnight chaperone, taking home a bag of laundry to return the next day and coming in to help with homework or play with the children in the evening. Providence has participated in the CARITAS program for over 25 years and it takes the entire church to pull off this most important mission. Watch for sign-up sheets to appear soon. We intend to plan early this year!

The **new church directories** have arrived for everyone! Pick up a copy outside the Library after the worship services today and get to know your church family. Additional copies are \$5.

When you visit the grocery store and see a great sale, please remember to get a non-perishable **food item for CCHASM**. Items can be dropped off at any time and are taken to the Food Bank at Southminster Presbyterian Church monthly. The food bins are in the hallway near the elevator. Your food gifts are greatly needed for the community and are appreciated.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a **member of Providence**? Speak with Pastor Mary Beth who will guide you in the next steps to take (276-4289).

The Tuesday Bible Study **WILL** meet this week at 10:30 a.m. The mid-week update mistakenly said that they would not be meeting. Apologies! Linda

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 Coffman's.

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

Hunter Blankenship, Megan Thomas Clark, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Brian Bilski, **Corey Collier** (coworker of Linda Keery), **Judy Conkle** (Jane Elbert's sister), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), Sandra Gordon (friend of Paul Martin), Shirley Hathaway, Mildred Isbell (The Laurels of Willow Creek, rehab), Ronnie Justice, Rachel Kiser (friend of Mike Collins), **Jerry Lenhart** (nephew of Shirley Collins), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Sharon Vanlohy, Stuart Watkins.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for May 3, 2015:

We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: that the true light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may awaken and heal every heart in every corner of Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, and the surrounding counties and towns.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 3

- 9:00 Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 2:00 UMW New Member Tea (SH)
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 4:00 Youth Choir
- 4:45 Youth Handbells
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks
- 5:30 Confirmation Class (308)

No Bells of Providence

Monday, May 4

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Ruritans (309)

Tuesday, May 5

- 10:30 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Boy Scouts (3rd Floor)
- 7:00 Newton Circle

Wednesday, May 6

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 6:30 KC Jam (Sanc)
- 7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 7

- 4:00 C. Urso (SH/Stage)
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (205)
- 6:30 Ministry in Motion

Friday, May 8

- 7:30 Softball Game (Ironbridge, Field #9)
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, May 9

- 9:00 Refurbish Picnic Shelter (PS/SH)
- 7:00 Faith Night at the Diamond

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

Communion Preparers:

(9:00) Lisa Fleenor
(11:00) Amy Palmer

Acolyte:

(11:00) Meredith Kyser

Greeters:

(9:00) Nikki Earley (Ed. Bldg.)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
(11:00) Tracey Kellam (Ed. Bldg.)
Beverly Evans (Narthex)

Nursery:

(9:00) Jennifer Ostrum
Emma McConnell (Y)
(SS) Wendy Collins
(11:00) Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)
Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

Ushers:

(9:00) Bill Blankenship
Neal Fleenor, Ron White
(11:00) Bobby Burton, Meredith Kyser
Tom Koertge, Ed Harper
Ralph Vernon, Lori Justice

Reader:

Marisa Evancoe

Audio/Media Shout Team:

(9:00) Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)
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Steve Oliver (MS)

Sanctuary Organizer:

Kathleen White

Sign Changer:

Gene Duckworth

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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