

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

## **8th Sunday after Pentecost**

### **CONNECTIONS**

**Welcome**

**Singing:** *Days of Elijah*

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Singing:** *Water Into Wine — Our God*  
by Chris Tomlin

**Scripture:** John 2:1-11

**Message:** God's Greatest Miracle  
Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

**Prayer Time**

**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 with Offering:** *Shine Jesus, Shine*

**Benediction**

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July 19, 2015

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

- Prelude Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring  
Piano and Organ duet
- Introit Servant Song FWS 2222  
Verses 2 and 3
- + Call to Worship\*  
Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good.  
**People: May the Lord give strength to His people!**  
Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**All: Thank you for being our refuge and strength.**
- + Opening Prayer:  
**Almighty God, who gave Your Son Jesus Christ a realm where all peoples, nations and languages should serve him; make us loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow His teachings, and live in His spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord, Amen!**
- + Hymn UMH 108 *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets* Ebenezer

## TO HEAR THE WORD

- A Time with the Children Laura Griggs
- Prayer of Illumination\* Prayer for a New Heart UMH 392  
**Thou who are over us, Thou who are one of us, thou who are: Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee; a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.**
- First Reading\* Ezekiel 37:1-11 Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn UMH 539	<i>O Spirit of the Living God</i>	Forest Green
Second Reading*	John 2:1-11	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Sermon	God's Greatest Miracle Rev. Dr. Peter Moon	

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory	The Gospel of Grace	arr. Mark Hayes
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
+ Hymn UMH 384	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	Beecher
+ Benediction*		
+ Benediction Response	Freely, Freely Refrain Only	UMH 389
+ Postlude		

**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 are glad you are here!

- Pick up a welcome gift in the foyer— Our “**Join the Mix**” bean soup mix.
- **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 and in memory of Evelyn F. Clarke on her birthday, July 18, given by Beverly and Ron Brooks.

**The flowers in the Narthex** are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 62nd wedding anniversary of Barbara and Bill Blankenship.

Please welcome The Rev. Dr. Peter Moon, Richmond District Superintendent, as our guest speaker today. We also appreciate Laura Griggs, our Lay Leader, for leading us in worship today.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

All men of Providence are invited to have lunch with and get to know our new Pastor, Derrick Parson. Our “**Meet Derrick**” luncheon is Saturday, July 25, at 11:00 a.m. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Gary Vest at [drivingcoach@verizon.net](mailto:drivingcoach@verizon.net). Please sign up today if you would like to attend.



Lunch With the Pastor

**MARY Christmas!** The annual **Women’s Retreat** with a potluck dinner will be Saturday, August 8, at Lake Braxton in Richmond. This one-day retreat focuses on the life of Jesus’ mother, Mary. She was given a frightening challenge, but she immediately said yes. The retreat will also focus on our responses to God and how we can respond like Mary. You do not need to be a part of the United Methodist Women to attend. If you are interested in attending, please sign the sign-in sheet today. Registration forms are available in the red folder beside the United Methodist Women’s bulletin board. The registration form and \$5 fee are due by August 1, and may be given to Marilyn Bell, Tracey Kellam, or Pat Loud. If you have questions, contact Tracey at 869-3439 or Pat at 763-3792.

Save the Date! **Creative Arts at Providence** (CAP) for 2015 will run August 3-7. Join us in learning God’s word through Drama, Art, and Music! Our theme this year is “The Body of Christ!” CAP is open to rising K-6th graders. **Dinner for kids** will be available at 5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday nights. Our program begins

each night at 6:00 p.m. and will run through 8:00 p.m. On Friday, August 7, we will have a Family Fun Night where kids will invite their parents to join us for food, games and fun. Our week will culminate with a children's presentation on Sunday, August 9, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Direct questions to [creativeartsatprovidence@gmail.com](mailto:creativeartsatprovidence@gmail.com).

Our **Upward Soccer** season is rapidly approaching and registration is already open ([register online](#)). Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning August 25 or 27. Games are on Saturdays and begin September 5 and end November 14. If you would like to volunteer to help or need more information, put your name on the sign-in sheet today or email Jennifer Clemmons at [upwardpumc@gmail.com](mailto:upwardpumc@gmail.com). Someone will contact you.

**Homeward's Summer Point in Time Homeless Count** is July 30. We are collecting clothing and are especially in need of men's underwear, socks, shorts, jeans, T-shirts, tennis shoes, work boots, ball caps, individual snacks, sunscreen and bug repellent. If you can help with any of these items, please leave them in the tub on the second floor near the elevator by July 27.

The Youth group will meet every Sunday night through August for a **Teen Neighborhood Block Party** with different themes each week. Expect food, games, glow parties, water games, life size game night, and some surprises. Bring a friend or meet one here! Meet in the Youth House next to the church,

Sunday nights, 5:30-7:30. If you have questions, email Susan Clark at: [susan.clark@providenceumc.net](mailto:susan.clark@providenceumc.net).

**CCHASM** (Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry) is a community resource that provides assistance to people in need. Their mission is to provide food, financial assistance, and career clothing to area residents who have experienced, or are experiencing, an emergency situation which threatens their survival needs. It is easy for the people of Providence to assist CCHASM in their ministry simply by bringing food. If you find a good sale and are able, please buy a little extra for CCHASM. Bring it to church and put it in the tub near the elevator on the second floor and it will be taken to CCHASM for you. Our assistance is needed and greatly appreciated.

**Support our Softball team!** The remaining games for the Providence Softball Team are:



**July 31**  
7:30 & 8:30 p.m.  
Field #8

**August 7**  
7:30 & 9:00 p.m.  
Field #9

You can help fund the programs of Providence UMC by shopping on **UMCmarket.org**. There are many major retailers who donate a percentage of the money you spend with them to our church. Go to **UMCMarket** to sign up or to begin shopping.

Love to shop the "back to school" sales? Then we have a project for you! Students at A. M.

Davis Elementary could use extra school supplies. There is a pressing need for:

- Ziplock bags
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Tissues
- Pencils
- Solid Colored Folders
- Headphones
- Markers
- Dry-Erase Markers
- Marble Notebooks

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Collins ([mrscollins17@aol.com](mailto:mrscollins17@aol.com), 276-2418). A copy of the complete school list is on the church website.

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](mailto: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:**

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

## **Our gathered prayer concerns:**

Brian Bilski, Jim DeLap (home), the family of Howard Dawson (who died on June 20), Tim Eaton (brother of Mary Elliott, Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), Cynthia Gifford (friend of Brenda Woodward), Mary Carolyn Gwinn (friend of Judy Miles), Shirley Hathaway, Mildred Isbell, the family of Elizabeth Keller (who died on June 6), Jack Kerry, Jerry Lenhart (nephew of Shirley Collins), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Iris Ryder (sister of Mae Clarke and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), **Carolyn Sharpe and her family** (on the death of her brother, Garland Sharpe, on July 12), **Billy Walton and his family** (on the death of his brother on July 13, John Walton, in O-Fallon, MO), Stuart Watkins, Carla Wootten and family (on the death of her father, Watson Pizon, on June 18), James Yeatts, Rosie Zerkle (aunt of Kathy Cullen).

## **Metro Richmond at Prayer for July 19, 2015:**

We pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: for the Supervisors of Chesterfield County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, July 19

- 9:00 Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship Service
- 5:30 Teen Neighborhood Block Party

### Monday, July 20

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (309)

### Tuesday, July 21

- 10:00 ESOL Classes (205)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Boy Scouts (PS/3rd Floor)
- 7:00 SPRC (L)

### Wednesday, July 22

### Thursday, July 23

- 10:00 ESOL Classes (205)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (P)
- 12:15 Worship Committee (L)
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (309)
- 6:30 Ministry in Motion

### Friday, July 24—Church Office Closed

- No Softball Game Tonight
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, July 25

- 11:00 "Meet the Pastor" Luncheon (SH)

## 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 Jackson Holland

### Greeters:

9:00 Carolyn Bilski (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
11:00 Carolyn Sharp (Library)  
Judy Miles (Narthex)

### Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons  
SS Sarah Stubblefield  
11:00 Carol Urso & Shirley Collins

### Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)  
Anne Baird, Wayne Smith

### Ushers:

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

### Reader:

Amy Palmer

### Audio/Media Shout Team:

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

### Sanctuary Organizer:

Elizabeth & Meredith Kyser

CCLI License #1495687  
CCVLI License #502817990

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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Friday Office Closed

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**Nursery Attendant** Cynthia Liverpool

**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres