

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

16th Sunday after Pentecost

CONNECTIONS

9:00 a.m.

Call to Worship

O God, our Guide and Guardian, You have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the up building of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us that we may not fear the coming of night, when we shall resign into your hands the task which you have committed to us. So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Singing: My Life Is in You, Lord

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Scripture: Psalm 119:1-8

Matthew 6:5-7; 6:19-20

Singing: I Need Thee Every Hour

Message: Pray in Secret and God Will Reward You Openly

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: 10,000 Reasons

Benediction

September 13, 2015

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11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Suite in G Op. 25 Charles Callahan
Movements I, II

+ Call to Worship*

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+ Hymn UMH 155 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Diadem
Verses 1, 2, 5, and 6

TO HEAR THE WORD

Making Connections

A Time with the Children Pastor Derrick Parson

Prayer of Illumination* UMH 477

Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain thee with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen!

First Reading* Psalm 119:1-8 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn FWS 2202 Come Away with Me Recreation

Second Reading* Matthew 6:5-7; 6:19-20 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pray in Secret and God Will Reward You Openly
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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayer

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Offertory

God and God Alone
Piano and Organ Duet

M.McDonald, L. Shackley

+ Response*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn FWS 2173

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Shine, Jesus, Shine

+ Benediction*

+ 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 today are given to the glory of God by the faculty, staff and families of A.M. Davis, who are looking forward to a new school year in partnership with PUMC!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Promotion Sunday Celebration for Children is today, in the social hall. A pancake breakfast for children and adults will be during the Sunday School time. The children will not have Sunday School in the classrooms today but will be able to meet and talk with their teachers during breakfast. Children will actually move up to their new classroom next Sunday, September 20.

There will be a **2015-16 Church Council Planning Meeting** today, in room 309, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. A light lunch is being provided.

The Gregory Circle postponed their meeting to next Sunday, September 20. They will meet in room 309 at 12:15 p.m.

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!

The **Bells of Providence** resume practice this evening at 5:30 p.m.

The **Youth Choirs** (grades 4-8) will resume their weekly practices on Sunday, September 20. The Vocal Choir meets 4:00-4:45 p.m., in room 106. The Handbell Choir meets from 4:45-5:30 in room 105.

The **KC Jam Choir** (Kids Choir/Joy and Music) will begin practicing on Wednesday, September 23, from 6:30-7:30. All children in grades K-3 are invited to meet in room 108.

Flu shots are being offered at Providence on Sunday, September 27, in the social hall, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Vaccination consent forms will be available that day but are available now on the table in the hallway near the office if you would like to complete it in advance.

Wednesday Night Dinners will resume on October 7. That will be our Community dinner. The usual prices apply (\$5 adults; \$3 children 10 and under). Guests eat free. But there is a twist now. Anyone who brings a guest from the community will also get their dinner free.

Branches Buddies is collecting No. 2 pencils to send to Branches in October but you don't need to wait for October to bring them. There is a box labeled "Pencils for Branches" in the hallway near the elevator on the second floor. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Trunk or Treat, here at Providence, will be October 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please sign up if you might be willing to decorate your trunk and dress up with a theme. There will also be games and a bounce house for the children to enjoy so all volunteers are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors now!

Newsletter Correction: Our Charge Conference, scheduled for Sunday, October 4, will be at **10:00 a.m.** (not 10:30 a.m. as printed in the newsletter). There be one worship service with breakfast for everyone at 9:00 a.m. in the social hall.

Christian Believer—Knowing God with Heart and Mind is part of the Disciple series. This 30-week study focuses on the classical teachings of the Christian faith through the centuries, using scripture, writings, hymns and symbols. Participants will use their Bible and a book of poems, hymns and short essays from significant Christian leaders. Christian Believer will be led by Laura Griggs. The introductory meeting, to hand out materials, will be on Tuesday, September 15, at 6:30-7:00 p.m., in room 205. This class will meet on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in room 205. Workbook and Reader—\$45. Please sign up today on the sign-in sheet if you would like to participate. If you have questions, contact Laura Griggs at 909-9470. The prerequisite for this class is completion of Disciple I.

If you are so moved, will you consider a donation to the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** to meet varying needs both inside and outside our church family. At present, we are interested in helping the Rev. Hugh Harris in his mission of publishing books reflecting Christian faith, strength, ethics and morality. Anything you can do to aid in this cause will be greatly appreciated.

The deadline for the **October Newsletter** is Tuesday, September 15. Please email your articles to Linda Collins (Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net) or leave a copy in the Office Staff mailbox in the hallway.

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.

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.

Wifi internet access is now available in a larger area within Providence. The name of the network you need to look for is: **ProvidenceUMCWiFi**. Password: **praisegod1**. Capitalization is important!

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:

Hunter Blankenship, Megan Thomas Clark, Jennifer Collins (relocating to Naples, Italy on September 15), Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Brian Bilski, Percell & Mary Brown (friends of Judy Gindhart), Judy Burl (friend of Linda Collins), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), Lindsay Garrison, Bob Gillie (on the recent death of his sister, JoAnn), Sandra Gordon (battling cancer, friend of Paul & Beverly Martin), Betty Jo Hackworth (surgery), Mary Harris (mother of Hugh Harris), Shirley Hathaway, Charlice Hathaway (surgery, friend of Nikki Earley), Lori Hudson (fell & injured knee; surgery 9/9), Mildred Isbell, **Dustin Kellam** (pneumonia), Norma Kidd (Morningside at Belgrade, room 141), Jerry Lenhart (nephew of Shirley Collins), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Michael Mazzo (cancer, surgery 9/15), Eva Raymond (JW Rehab), Betty-Anne Roberson, **Iris Ryder** (sister of Mae Clark and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), **Ken Skelton** (son of Pat Loud's friend) Stuart Watkins, **Joyce Wilderson** (sister-in-law of Althea Armstrong), Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts

Metro Richmond at Prayer for September 13, 2015: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for all public schools: for students, teachers and support staff, and school bus drivers; for all private and religious schools, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 13-Promotion Sunday

- 9:00 Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 Pancake Breakfast (SH)
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 Church Council Planning Mtg. (SH)
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 5:30 No Youth or Inukshuks
- 5:30 Bells of Providence

Monday, September 14

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 10:30 Providence Retired Club (Cracker Barrel)
- 3:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 7:00 Stewardship Mtg. (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Mtg. (309)

Tuesday, September 15

- 10:30 Whitt Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, September 16

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17

- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 5:30 Ministry in Motion Rehearsal

Friday, September 18—Church Office Closed

- 9:15 Cooks for Christ
- 8:00 AA Group (309)
- Cub Scouts Camping →

Saturday, September 19

- Cub Scouts Camping
- 9:00 & 10:00 Upward Games

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 Zoe Brown

Greeters:

9:00 Nikki Earley (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Nicki Price (Library)
Pam Groome (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons
SS Jennifer Ostrum
11:00 Laurie Breeden

Meredith Kyser (Y)

Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)
Anne Baird, Wayne Smith

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:

Beverly Evans

Audio/Media Shout Team:

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

Sanctuary Organizer:

Eula Phillips
Peggy Gillette

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Office Hours:

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

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