

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**CONNECTIONS**

**9:00AM**

**CHILDREN'S SABBATH**

**Singing:** Hello My Name Is

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Scripture:** Luke 8:41-56

**Singing:** Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

**Message:** I Want to Be Restored

**Special Music**

Prayer of the Children

**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:** We Are

**Benediction**

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## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

11:00 a.m.

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Children of Our Heavenly Father arr. Douglas Wagner  
Bells of Providence

Introit UMH 191 Jesus Loves Me This I Know JESUS LOVES ME

+ Call to Worship\* Marian Wright Edelman

Leader: Do you have a vision for God's peace?

**People: "And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets." (Zechariah 8:5)**

Leader: Do you have a vision for God's peace?

**People: "Nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." (Micah 4:3b)**

Leader: Do you have a vision for God's justice?

**People: "I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them." (Amos 9:14a)**

Leader: Do you have a vision for God's justice?

**People: "See, I am going to bring them from the land of the North and gather them from the farthest parts of the lame, those with child and those in labor, together a great company they shall return here." (Jeremiah 31:8)**

Leader: Have you glimpsed God's vision?

**People: "I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of the distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime." (Isaiah 65:19a)**

Leader: Do you have a vision?

**ALL: Yes, we have a vision! Let us gather to seek God's vision for the children of the world and God's guidance as we work to pursue it.**

+ Hymn UMH 576 Rise Up, O Men of God FESTAL SONG

## TO HEAR THE WORD

### Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Joy Wagner

Prayer of Illumination\*

Thou who art over us, Thou who art one of us, Thou who art: 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\*

Psalm 22:1-8

**Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Jesus Loves the Little Children  
Youth Choir

Second Reading\*

Luke 8:41-56

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

I Want to Be Restored

Pastor Derrick Parson

Special Music

Prayer of the Children      Words & Music by Kurt Betor  
Emma Breeden, Kelsey Fleshman, Margaret Taylor, Pam Jones

## 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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Lavawan Riley

+ Response\*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn FWS 2172

We Are Called

WE ARE CALLED

+ Benediction\*

Marian Wright Edelman

O God, help us to feel your presence everywhere I go today.

Let us see You in everyone we meet today.

Let us sense You in all we hear today.

Let us reflect You in all we do today.

Let us struggle to become more like You today. 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).

**The flowers on the altar today** are given to the glory of God by Rose Bradshaw, in memory of our second son, Sheldon Montagu Bradshaw.

Today we are celebrating **Children's Sabbath**. To further explain the meaning and theme of today's service, here is an excerpt from the UMC discipleship website:

### **Children's Sabbath 2015**

*This year's Children's Sabbath theme is "How Long Must I Cry for Help? Bending the Arc toward God's Vision of Justice for Children." As United Methodists, our roots rest in the care for those who are vulnerable, especially children, and we participate in this weekend of advocacy for children "that aims to unite religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf." During this important weekend we join with other denominations and religions to bring to light the plight of children in a "bigger, more powerful and more inspiring way than the efforts of any one congregation" or denomination can accomplish on its own.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The pumpkins are here and we are getting ready for our **Trunk or Treat** event on Friday, October 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Besides candy, there will be lots of things for everyone to enjoy. If you are able to bring a baked (or store-bought) item for the **Cake Walk**, please sign up on the sign-in sheet today. Goodies can be dropped off in the church kitchen beginning Thursday, October 29. Anyone willing to dress-up, decorate your trunk and give out candy, please sign up today as well. Anyone able to assist Joy Wagner with some of the Trunk or Treat activities on October 30, please email Joy at : [joyinthepottershands@gmail.com](mailto:joyinthepottershands@gmail.com).

There will **NOT be a Wednesday Night Dinner this week**. We need groups willing to cook in order to have dinners. We currently have no one

signed up to prepare dinner on the following dates:

**October 21 and 28**

**November 18**

**December 9**

Please take a moment and add your group's name to the Wednesday Night Dinner **Cook's Schedule** located in the hallway near the counter's room. Or email Linda Collins ([Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net)) and she will add your group's name to the list for you.

The Living Word Sunday School Class is beginning a new study on "**Favorite Bible Passages.**" Anyone is welcome to join them in Room 303 on Sunday mornings. If you have questions or would like to know more, contact Betty-Anne Roberson at (804) 241-0945.

Providence Road Partners are continuing to provide **food backpacks** for students in need at A. M. Davis. \$12 a week will provide 6 meals for one student for one weekend. If you would like to assist with this ministry, please make your check payable to Providence UMC, with A. M. Davis on the memo line. Contact Wendy Collins (276-2418 or [MrsCollins17@aol.com](mailto:MrsCollins17@aol.com) if you have questions).

**Branches Buddies** is collecting No. 2 pencils to send to Branches during October. There is a box labeled "Pencils for Branches" in the hallway near the elevator on the second floor. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

The Cemetery Committee requests that **all non-seasonal flowers be removed** from the cemetery by Thursday, October 15.

## Providence Pumpkin Patch is Open!

**The pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, and minis were delivered on October 7.** The patch is open for business until October 30, Noon to 7:00 p.m. each day. Ministries and groups in the church can "own the patch" for a day and keep the profits for their ministry/group. We earn 25% of what we sell. To add to the fun, we will have movie nights in the patch, hayrides, story times, pumpkin carving, face painting, and more!

**Pansy Sale** to benefit **United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond's Shalom Farms** is currently underway. There is an order envelope in the church office if you would like to place your order while you are here today. Cost is: 1 flat (\$20—32 plants); 1/2 flat (\$10—16 plants); 1/4 flat (\$5—8 plants). Order deadline is Monday, October 12, with delivery on Friday, October 16. If you have questions, contact Shirley Collins (745-3024 or [SCOL23235@gmail.com](mailto:SCOL23235@gmail.com)). Make checks payable to UMUMR. Donations are accepted for pansies to be planted at Providence.

In light of recent events widely covered by the news media affecting places of worship, it was considered prudent to examine our own safety and security at Providence UMC. Under the guidance of the Chesterfield County Police Department's Community Services Division, a variety of security options are being considered to ensure a safe and enjoyable worship experience here at Providence for the congregation, and a safe work environment for the Church Staff. As a temporary measure until other security options can be fully evaluated, beginning today, an off-duty, uniformed Chesterfield County Police Officer will be present

on Church property during all Sunday services and Sunday School hours.

Robbie Robertson, Trustees Chairperson

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](mailto: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](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, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

### **Our gathered prayer concerns:**

Ruby Agee, Brian Bilski, Helen Bowen-Carter (Nickie Price's friend who is battling cancer), Judy Burl (friend of Linda Collins), Kim Epps (friend of Amy Palmer), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), the family of Sandra Gordon (died 9/17, friend of Paul & Beverly Martin), Beth

Hastings (Ruby Agee's daughter who is battling cancer), the family of Shirley Hathaway (who died September 26), Lori Hudson, Mildred Isbell, Norma Kidd (Morningside at Belgrade, room 141), Diane King, Dan LaFleur (co-worker of Pat Loud), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Michael Marretti (quad bypass on 9/24, friend of Brenda Woodward), Michael Mazzo, Lisa Adams McNerney (friend of Amy Palmer), the family of Brett & Caroline Randall (on the death of Brett's mother), Eva Raymond (JW Rehab), Betty-Anne Roberson, Iris Ryder (sister of Mae Clarke and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Ken Skelton (son of Pat Loud's friend), Scott Warner (starting dialysis), Stuart Watkins, Joyce Wilderson (sister-in-law of Althea Armstrong), Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts, **Karen Young** (Charles & Diane King's daughter; had knee surgery on 10/7).

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for October 11, 2015:** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: for all in need of mental health services, all mental health workers, counselors, and treatment facilities.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, October 11

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

### Monday, October 12

- Pansy Order Deadline
- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 10:30 Providence Retired Club (SH)
- 3:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Mtg. (309)

### Tuesday, October 13

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study
- 2:00 Women's Study (205)
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

### Wednesday, October 14

- NO** Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 15

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

### Friday, October 16

- Pansies Delivered
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, October 17

- Boy Scout Brunswick Stew
- 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 Carrie Ostrum

### Greeters:

9:00 Carolyn Bilski (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00 Shirley Collins (Library)  
Carolyn Bowman (Narthex)

### Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum  
SS Barbara Oliver

11:00 Sarah Stubblefield

### 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: 11:00 Emily Kyser

### Audio/Media Shout Team:

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

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Steve Oliver (MS)

### Sanctuary Organizer:

Anna Knight

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
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