

Greeters	(8:45) (11:00)	Ben and Mary Brown Mary Lou Robinson and Doris Creasy
Acolytes	(8:45)	Emma McConnell (11:00) Kelsey Alred
Nursery	(8:45) (11:00)	Ann Busbee Lindsey and Sean Collins
Sunday School		Susan Worrell
Counters		Gary Wright, Captain
Ushers	(8:45) (11:00)	Billy Blankenship, Janet Knight, Wayne Latimer, Gary Wright Tony Fleshman, Laurie Breeden, Sean Collins, Jennifer Kennedy, Joe Sullivan, Brad Wootten, Klaus Worrell
Audio/Visual Team		Ron Wootten (Audio), Russ Byers (Video)
Readers	(8:45) (11:00)	Bob Johnson, Brenda Woodward Andrew Bowers, Matt Patterson, Barbie Vest
Name Tag Organizer		Amy Mott
Sanctuary Organizers		Laurie Breeden and Doris Creasy

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The altar flowers are placed by Al Riekers to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ethel “Nana” Riekers. “Not a day goes by that you are not thought of and dearly missed by your family, your grandchildren, your children and most of all me, your loving husband forever.”

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April 10, 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 10

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Cross Trainers
- 3:45 p.m. A Cappella Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Study (Room 206)

Monday, April 11

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing Class (Room 309)
- 10:30 a.m. Providence Retired Club (Social Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Disciple Group (Pastor's office)
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelism (Parlor)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)

Tuesday, April 12

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)
- 10:30 a.m. Laughon Circle (Social Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Small Group (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Believer (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (3rd Floor)
- 6:30 p.m. Missions Committee (Parlor)
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee (Library)
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)

Wednesday, April 13

- 1:30 p.m. Knitters and Crocheters
- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Social Hall)
- 6:20 p.m. Hands-On Mission Project
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. KC JAM Rehearsal (Room 306)
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Youth House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 14

- 6:00 p.m. Starlighters (Social Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Study (Room 309)
- 6:30 p.m. Palm Crosses to be made (Third Floor)
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Gregory Circle (Room 206)

Friday, April 15

Newsletter Deadline

- 9:15 a.m. Cooks for Christ to Centenary
- 2:30-9:00 p.m. Directory Pictures
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

Saturday, April 16

- 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Directory Pictures (Rooms 205 and 206)
- 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Growing Christians' Chicken Bar-B-Q
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Spring Festival

Sunday, April 17

- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Sunday (Social Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Easter Walk will be held next Sunday during the fellowship hour at 9:45-10:45 a.m. Come to the Social Hall to mingle with new and old friends. Then take a short break from the food for a walk through Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Ascension. Small groups will be formed in the fellowship hall and assigned a guide who will lead them to various decorated rooms in the church building. The whole process will take around 10-15 minutes. Our first group will begin at 9:40 a.m. and is for children, youth and adults. There are no regular Sunday School classes. If you have questions about this event, please contact Isabelle Sullivan (Isabelle.Sullivan@providenceumc.net).

Spring Festival is this week (Saturday, April 16, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.). YOU can make a difference by baking a cake or volunteering at the event. The festival is just as much fun for adults as it is for the kids. Please volunteer today by signing up on the bulletin board outside the library. Join us on Wednesday night following dinner for an extra fun egg-stuffing event. Everyone will be talking about the fun on Thursday morning, so don't be left out! Contact Isabelle Sullivan if you have any questions.

The Providence Retired Club will meet tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Come out and tap your toes with "The Dancing Grannies," our entertainment this month. Bring a bag lunch and stay for a time of fellowship.

Holy Week begins next week on Palm/Passion Sunday, with special services also on Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Easter Sunrise service will be in our outdoor chapel at sunrise (6:00 a.m.!) with breakfast to follow. Share the door hanger in your bulletin today with someone who might like to worship with you.

The Chicken B-B-Q will be held on Saturday, April 16. If you wish to pre-order, the Growing Christians Class will have a member in the Library after each service today. The cost is \$5.00 for half a chicken.

The display of **crosses** in the Narthex has an added symbol each week from Jesus' life, especially his suffering, death and resurrection. **Today's new symbol is the Stalk of Wheat**, telling us that grains must be placed in the ground and decay before they can bring forth an abundant harvest. Jesus' death was like wheat buried in the ground, which produced life abundant.

Wednesday Night Dinner on April 20 will be Shepherd's Pie, salad, and dessert. Dinner costs \$5.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children 10 and under. Sign up on the clipboard today.

Softball Season starts this coming Monday, April 11. The team is now playing on Monday nights, due to the Friday night league filling up so quickly. We'll also be playing at Ironbridge Park, Field #7. This is a beautiful field and the concession stands are right next to the field. This is an awesome place to bring the children. Lots of room to run around, and it's away from parking lots and moving vehicles. For those who wish to play, please contact Gregg or Donna Jenkins by phone or email (674-8718 or vasoftball5@gmail.com). We're looking for everyone from last year to join again, and hope that a few of our younger folk will join us as well.

You will have an opportunity to sign up for giving through **Electronic Funds Transfer** on April 24 and May 1 immediately following both worship services. A voided check is needed to complete the enrollment. If you give regularly, this simplifies your life by automating your contributions. If you give occasionally, consider putting your faith into action by financially supporting the life changing ministries of your church all year long.

We need the addresses for those of our church family that are in the military. Please send them to either Lee Bradshaw (l.bradshawjr@verizon.net) or to Linda Collins in the church office (linda.collins@providenceumc.net).

We would like you in our new church directory. All members, regular attendees, and friends are urged to participate. Sign up at our website (or call the church office) for our remaining dates this Friday and Saturday: April 15 and 16. Contact Kristie Willis (363-9047) if you have questions.

Geranium Sale is here again! Plants are \$4.50 a pot (4 1/2 inch pots). Plants will arrive on Friday, April 29. Contact Shirley Collins (745-3024) or place your order in the Church Office.

Are you interested in knowing how to become a member of Providence United Methodist Church? Contact Pastor Mary Beth Blinn (276-4289 or marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net) to learn more about transferring your membership from another church or about being baptized and professing your faith in Jesus Christ.

Check out the updated Missions bulletin board that has been redone to include information about each of the projects the church is supporting with the Lenten and Easter offerings. There is also information about how you can make Kits for Conference.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Home from the Hospital: Arnold Ashburn

New Address: Evelyn Agee, Hanover Health and Rehabilitation, 8139 Lee Davis Road, Room 300A, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

The prayer request forms are located in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. In order to keep our GATHERED PRAYER CONCERNS list up-to-date, names will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You may resubmit a request at any time.

Our gathered prayer concerns: Jeff Alred, **the family of Robert Bennett**, H. Lee Bradshaw (son of Leslie Lee Bradshaw, Jr.), Michael Byrd (Frances Byrd's grandson), **Diane Claiborne** (Eula Phillips' cousin), Pete Cole (Jean Winfree's friend), Alex D'Arville (submitted by Bill Estes), Ed Driskill (LaVonne Stanley's father), Sheila and Bob Fogle (niece and nephew of Ken and Eula Phillips), Jessica Fulghum (Nancy and Tom Coffman's granddaughter), Dr. Perry T. Fuller (cousin of Barbara Ritch-Brant), Nancy Gillie, Effie Goins (sister-in-law of Ken and Eula Phillips), Shirley Goins (sister-in-law of Ken and Eula Phillips), Gilda Jordan, Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), Mike Mercer (Kathy Smith's brother), **Lewis Miller**, Maxine O'Neal (sister of Joy Keeran's nurse aide), William Ragland (son of a co-worker of Wendy and Sean Collins), Barbara Ritch-Brant, Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke's nephew), Isca Wilms and her family (on the death of her grandmother, Cassevah Hamilton, on March 27), Teri Wynne (Gregg Jenkins' sister).

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

Julia Berger	Kevin Judd	Megan Thomas Clark	Bobby Swanson
Nathan Berger	Kenneth Wagner	Cris Deyo	Brent Davis
Hunter Blankenship	Wayne Lee	Brian Wilson	Jennifer Collins
Bob Muchow	Tom Koertge		

Providence Church has an email Prayer Ministry. Please call the Church Office at 276-4289 if you have an immediate need for which you think prayer is appropriate. The call should come from the person in need, or a member of his/her immediate family.

Metro Richmond Prayer for April 10, 2011: We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit; for spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, income, or neighborhood.