

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**April 3, 2011**

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)  
 \*Words Projected

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)  
 +Please stand as you are able

Gathering Music                    “The Lord’s My Shepherd”                    Raymond H. Haan

Welcome and Announcements

+Call to Worship\*

Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord

**People: That we may learn God’s ways and walk in God’s path.**

+Hymn                                 “Since Jesus Came into My Heart”                    FWS 2140

Morning Prayer

Psalm Reading                         Psalm 23   UMH 754

Anthem  
           (8:45)                                 “The New 23<sup>rd</sup>”   Ralph Carmichael

   Morning Glory Choir  
           (11:00)                             “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”                    Virgil Thomson  
    Chancel Choir

New Testament Reading\*                    Ephesians 5:8-14   **Thanks be to God.**

Offertory                                 “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”                    Paul Kretschmar

+Response\*                             “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”                    UMH 95

+Gospel Reading                         John 9:1-41   **Thanks be to God.**  
 Sermon                                     “I Saw the Light!”

Service of Holy Communion

  Invitation

  Prayer of Confession   UMH 12

  Passing the Peace

  Prayer of Thanksgiving   UMH 17

  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.*

Breaking the Bread  
 Musical Offering                         “Behold the Lamb”   Getty and Townsend  
    Emma Breeden, Soloist

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  
 to receive a piece of bread with open hands and dip it into the cup of juice.  
 Healing prayer will be offered by the pastor at the altar rail for those who desire it.  
 Gluten-free wafers are also available as you come forward.  
 Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.*

*The congregation is invited to sing the following hymns during communion\*: “Let Us Break  
 Bread Together” UMH 618;” Precious Lord” UMH 474;” Eat this Bread” UMH 628;  
 “Open Our Eyes, Lord” FWS 2086*

Prayer after Communion

+Benediction  
 +Postlude                                 “Let Me Be Thine Forever”   Johann Christoph Bach

*Weather permitting, we will proceed outside for the dedication of the mission garden.*

*Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.*

- Welcome, guests. We’re glad you’re here!**
- Children’s worship bags and age-appropriate worship activity bulletins are available in the foyer.
  - Restrooms are located on the main hall to the left.
  - Name tags can be found on the clipboards in the pews.
  - Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Communion Preparers:	(8:45) Ginny Thompson (11:00) Anna Knight and Barbara Roberson
Greeters	(8:45) Ben and Mary Brown (11:00) Mary Lou Robinson and Doris Creasy
Acolytes	(8:45) Andrew Bowers (11:00) C. J. Alred
Nursery	(8:45) Lori Justice (11:00) Michelle Butler, Carol Urso, Megan Roberson
Sunday School	Pam Groome
Counters	Bobby Wood, Captain
Ushers	(8:45) Billy Blankenship, Janet Knight, Wayne Latimer, Gary Wright (11:00) 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) Boyd Gurney, Emma Breeden, and Laurie Breeden (11:00) Brad Wootten, Emma Breeden, and Laurie Breeden
Name Tag Organizer	Ginny Thompson
Sanctuary Organizers	Laurie Breeden and Doris Creasy

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her Daddy, Joseph Skwartz, by Carolyn Bilski.



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*Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.*

*April 3, 2011*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, April 3

- 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 4

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing Class (Room 309)
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Disciple Group (Parlor)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)

### Tuesday, April 5

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)
- 11:00 a.m. Small Group (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Believer (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)
- 7:00 p.m. Newton Circle (with Lois Reil)
- 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee (Library)
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)

### Wednesday, April 6

- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner (Social Hall)
- 6:20 p.m. Informal Worship
- No KC JAM Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (Youth House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, April 7

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Study (Room 309)
- 6:30 p.m. Family Council Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Morning Glory Choir (Sanctuary)

### Friday, April 8

- 6:00-9:00 p.m. Confirmation Mini-Retreat (Youth House)
- 7:00 p.m. "Building Your Marriage"
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

### Saturday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon Confirmation Mini-Retreat (Youth House)

### Sunday, April 10

- 7:45 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting (Social Hall)
- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take a look at the display of **crosses** in the Narthex. Each cross will have one symbol from Jesus' life, especially his suffering, death and resurrection. The symbols will be added one by one throughout the six weeks of Lent. **Today's new symbol is the crown of thorns**, representing Christ's suffering.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** is being observed across the United Methodist Church. Together we support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which responds to disasters and human suffering around the world. Our gifts today help support the daily operations of UMCOR so that 100% of every disaster response goes to the immediate need.

**Wednesday Night Dinner** on April 13 will be grilled hamburgers and grilled hot dogs with all the "fixins," pasta salad, cucumber salad, corn, and yummy desserts. Dinner costs \$5.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children 10 and under. Sign up on the clipboard today. The meal is sponsored by the Preschool. Come and welcome some of our preschool families.

**Play ball!** It's spring time - and you know what that means. Hot dogs, clay dirt, gloves, and bubble gum. If you're interested in playing for the church team, and you're at least 14 years of age, please contact Gregg or Donna Jenkins at 674-8718.

The **Spring Festival** (April 16) plans are in full effect. Are you helping with this great community outreach? Many hands make for light work. Please bring your eggs, candy, and books this week as we gear up for egg stuffing on April 13<sup>th</sup>. We also need many hands to volunteer to run the many different stations and activities. Stop by the bulletin board today to sign up. Don't forget we also need bakers for the cake walk!

Today, after 11 a.m. worship, we will dedicate our **mission garden**. You will see lettuce, greens, and onions already sprouting!

You may join an **online Bible Study** called Encounter Faith that links current events with faith at [rethinkchurch.org/encounterfaith](http://rethinkchurch.org/encounterfaith). Go to our website ([providenceumc.net](http://providenceumc.net)) to connect with Facebook where you will find information that will lead us through this season of Lent.

Ask a **question** about faith and drop it in the question box in the foyer. Our pastor will select questions each week to answer in the sermon or on Facebook.

**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](mailto:l.bradshawjr@verizon.net)) or to Linda Collins in the church office ([linda.collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:linda.collins@providenceumc.net)).

**We would like you in our new church directory.** Don't be left out! Sign up at our website (or call the church office) for our remaining dates: April 15 and 16. Contact Kristie Willis (363-9047) if you have questions.

**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.

The Missions bulletin board 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 Kits for Conference.

### **Health Kits**

1 Hand towel (15" X 25" up to 17" X 27" (no kitchen towels)

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child size brushes)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (Band-aids)

NOTE: **Do not include toothpaste!!** UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.) Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag.

### **Birthing Kit**

1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)

1 pair of clean latex gloves

1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting

3 pieces of clean string each 12" long

1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury)

2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

**Important Packing Instructions:** All items included in kits must be NEW items. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items - nothing more.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

**Hospitalized:** Arnold Ashburn (VA Hospital)

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, 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), 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), Joseph Salvaggio, Ginny Thompson, Kim Torres' husband's family in Mexico, **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 3, 2011:** We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's Name.