

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

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 is into the cup of juice.

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.

Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" Verse 1

UMH 557

+Benediction

+Postlude

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Herbert Colvin

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.

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Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.

May 1, 2011

Second Easter of Sunday May 1, 2011

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)
*Words Projected

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

Prelude "It Is Well with My Soul" Herbert Colvin
Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer
Hymn "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UMH 304

A Litany* A Poem for Easter by R. Preston Price

Like a blade of grass pushing up stubbornly through the sidewalk.
or like the butterfly emerging from the tomb-like chrysalis.
But much more.

Like the seed after years of dormant death sending up a sprout.
or like the brown bulb breaking forth from brown earth into brilliant color.
But much more.

Like brilliant daybreak after stormy, darkened night.
or like a rainbow mystically appearing amidst the rain.
But much more.

Like a patient making an unexpected, unpredicted turn for health.
or like the pine cone opening to spread seed only after being touched by fiery death.
But much more.

Like a beautiful vase emerging from a lump of clay in the potter's hands.
or like a hidden spring burbling forth in the middle of a barren desert.
But much more.

Like the surprise of Spring's buds pushing aside Winter's snow.
or like someone finally emerging from the fatality of addiction.
But much more.

So, it comes. Nothing else like it. No image adequate. No simile. No metaphor.

Unable to talk about it but inadequately.

We celebrate this great, real mystery that neither language nor imagination can encompass.
Easter!

Musical Offering "Alleluia Canon" Arr. Donald Moore
Pass it On Choir, Laura Griggs, flute

A Time with the Children

Morning Prayer

New Testament Reading* 1 Peter 1:3-9 **Thanks be to God.**
Offertory "Holy Manna" Lee Rogers
(8:45 a.m.) Morning Glory Choir
(11:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir

+Response* "Give Thanks" FWS 2036
*Give thanks, with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son, Repeat
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!*

+Gospel Reading* John 20:19-31 **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon Ron White, Associate Lay Leader

Hymn "Alleluia" UMH 162

Service of Holy Communion The Rev. Dr. Tom Coffman

Invitation

Prayer of Confession UMH 12

Today, along with Brother Thomas we confess that we are often slow to believe.

All: There are times that we refuse to believe unless we see the marks of Jesus' nail-scarred hands.

Forgive us, Lord. . .for the times we fail to recognize you in our midst. (Silence)

Forgive us, Lord. . .for demanding proof! (Silence)

Forgive us, Lord, for times when we would rather believe the shouts of fear, than the whispers of faith. (Silence)

Forgive us, Lord, and empower us to live lives of faith and witness. Amen.

Passing the Peace
Prayer of Thanksgiving

UMH 17

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Greeters (8:45) (11:00)</p> <p>Acolytes (8:45)</p> <p>Nursery (8:45) (11:00)</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>Counters</p> <p>Ushers (8:45) (11:00)</p> <p>Audio/Visual Team</p> <p>Readers</p> <p>Communion Servers</p> <p>Name Tag Organizer</p> <p>Sanctuary Organizers</p>	<p>Ginny Thompson</p> <p>Mary Lou & Allen Branson</p> <p>Laura King (11:00) Gabrielle Sullivan</p> <p>Linda Koertge</p> <p>Laurie Breeden and Isabelle Sullivan</p> <p>Lori Justice</p> <p>Klaus Worrell, Captain</p> <p>Bill Blankenship, Neal Fleenor, Ron White</p> <p>Mike Patterson, Bobby Burton, Ed Harper, Bob Johnson, Tom Koertge, Ralph Vernon, Bobby Wood</p> <p>Rick Fleenor</p> <p>(8:45) Jean Chappell (11:00) Nickie Price</p> <p>(8:45) Christopher & Isca Wilms (11:00) Dave and Mary Lou Robinson</p> <p>Laurie Breeden</p> <p>Anna Knight and Emma Fleenor</p>
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The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God by Mike and Cathy Patterson in celebration of their 34th Wedding Anniversary.

The narthex flowers on the left are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Callie Gregory's 98th birthday on April 28.

The narthex flowers on the right are placed to the glory of God and in honor of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Frances and Bob Fitch by Margie Fitch Ligon.

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Sunday, May 1

- 12:00 p.m. EFT (Library)
- 12:00 p.m. Cross Trainers
- 3:45 p.m. A Cappella Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

- 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 (3rd Floor)
- 7:00 p.m. Newton Circle (with Peggy Gillette)
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)

Wednesday, May 4

- 6:30-7:30 p.m. KC JAM Rehearsal (Room 306)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 5

- 6:30 p.m. Family Council Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Morning Glory Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 6

- 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Watkins/Hall Wedding)
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

Saturday, May 7

- 5:30 p.m. Watkins/Hall Wedding

Sunday, May 8

- 7:45 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting (Social Hall)
- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. EFT (Library)
- No Youth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Providence today! We are thankful for our Associate Lay Leader Ron White, The Rev. Dr. Tom Coffman, and others who are leading our service today. Ron has recently received training on Lay Speaking in the United Methodist Church, and was approved by our Charge Conference. He participates on the Richmond District level by leading worship regularly at an area retirement facility. Pastor Mary Beth Blinn is on vacation and will return to the office on Tuesday.

Take stock in our youth!! Please help send our youth on a mission trip to Impact Richmond this summer. Each stock cost \$25.00. This entitles you to a stockholders' dinner when the youth return from their trip and the idea of knowing you made a difference in the life of someone (or many people), in the Richmond area. The certificates are located on the youth bulletin board across from the Church Office. Checks should be made payable to PUMC with "stock" on the memo line.

You can still join the **church softball team!** The games are played on Monday evenings at Ironbridge Park, Field #7. Teens and adults, men and women are welcome. For those who wish to play, please contact Gregg or Donna Jenkins by phone or email (674-8718 or vasoftball5@gmail.com). Fans are welcome!

Sign up for giving through **Electronic Funds Transfer** TODAY 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.

Help our Cross trainers as they collect supplies for the SPCA. In the month of May this group of **5th and 6th graders** will be volunteering their time to help care for homeless pets. They are collecting dog and cat food, old blankets, soft sheets, or towels for pet bedding, cat litter, and durable leashes. All items can be placed in the box outside Room 203. Contact Isabelle Sullivan (Isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net) for more information.

Thank you for your generous **Easter offerings:** We have received \$2,111.00 for our Easter offering so far. We will update you on the Lenten offering when we have a total.

Attention, Providence Retired Club Members: Please note that the dates for PRC programs printed in the newsletter are incorrect. They should be June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12. Please accept our apologies.

On May 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., **Commonwealth Parenting will offer a class** at our church called "**The Confident Parent.**" For parents of children of all ages, this class will inspire confidence in your child as you become a confident parent. Discuss how to create a balance between loving your children and giving them boundaries. To register for this class please log on to www.commonwealthparentingcenter.org/ or by calling 545-1272. There is a \$25 registration fee.

Each year, our congregation has an opportunity to support the **Samaritan Fund** of the United Methodist Homes. This fund pays for residents whose funds have run out at one of our retirement facilities around the conference. Next week, your gifts for the Samaritan Fund will be received.

The Providence Retired Club is sponsoring another trip to Fredericksburg to see the play, "Hello, Dolly!" **It will be on Tuesday, June 14.** The cost is \$82.00 per person. Make your reservation and payment by May 13 to Bobby Wood (276-3058 for questions).

Once again, we are planning a women's retreat for May 20-22. HOWEVER, please note that we do not plan to interfere with the All Music Sunday planned for services on May 22. All planned activities for the retreat will conclude at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Folks can drive back that evening so they can go to service on Sunday. If you choose to stay the night on the 21st, that is fine also. Folks can begin to arrive any time after 2:00 p.m. on Friday. Wonderful worship and activities have been planned for this retreat. The event is \$30.00 and will include Friday's dinner, Saturday's breakfast, lunch, and dinner. We only have space for 20 women! Please make all checks payable to Providence UMC and give them to Isabelle Sullivan. She will need all participants' money by May 11th. Contact her at Isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net if you have questions.

Preschool registration is now open to the community and spaces are filling for both our Summer Program in July and our 2011-2012 classes. We offer a variety of classes for children ages 2-Pre-K. More information may be found on the table outside of the church office. Please call Charlotte Cervarich at 276-1462 to arrange a tour or to learn more about what our Preschool has to offer you and your child.

The United Methodist Men will have their monthly Breakfast Meeting next Sunday at 7:45 a.m. in the Social Hall. All men of the church are invited.

Save the date! Sunday, May 15, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Monacan High School, Rachael Harvey and Jasmine Heath, are hosting a Religious Diversity Fair as their Gold Award Project for Girl Scouts. Pastor Mary Beth will be doing the booth for PUMC.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Hospitalized: **Virginia Anderson** (Brandermill Woods Rehab Center)
 Mary Steele (Johnston-Willis)

New Address: Don and Joy Keerans: Sutherland Place, 14016 Turnberry Lane, Midlothian, VA 23113 (Cell phone: 980-6569)

The family of Clayton Briggs may be reached at the following address: Ron and Debbie Briggs, 14413 Clipper Cove Court, Midlothian, VA 23112

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 Arnold Ashburn, the family of Robert Bennett, the family of Clayton Briggs, Pete Cole (Jean Winfree's friend), Ed Driskill (LaVonne Stanley's father), Jessica Fulghum (Nancy and Tom Coffman's granddaughter), Dr. Perry T. Fuller (cousin of Barbara Ritch-Brant), Nancy Gillie, Shirley Hathaway, **Abby Heare**, Kimberly Jones (requested by Barbara Ritch-Brant), **Steve Jones** (Hugh Miles' friend), Gilda Jordan, Jack Keller, Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), Sylvia Mahaney (Ann Busbee's mom), Mike Mercer (Kathy Smith's brother), Lewis Miller, Bobby Norman, Nicole Norman, Barbara Ritch-Brant, Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke's nephew), Joseph Salvaggio, **Elizabeth Utley** (Marian Crowder's cousin), Bea West (aunt of Carolyn Bilski), the family of Phyllis Wier (friend of Carolyn Bilski)

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			

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 May 1, 2011: We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: That the true light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may awaken and heal every heart in every corner of Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, and the surrounding counties and towns.