

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS — 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: The Family Prayer Song

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Sherry Wright-Jeter

Singing: God of Wonders

Scripture: John 14:1-14

Message: “Keepers of God’s Promise”

Rev. Hugh Harris

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: Firm Foundation

Benediction

Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

Mother's Day

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here!

- Please pick up a welcome gift from an usher in the foyer.
- **Children's 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).

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

+ Call to Worship and Prayer for Mother's Day

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love,
granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,
endurance to those who care for sick family members,
and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.

We thank you for the gifts of love we have received
from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.

As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.

Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen

+ Hymn FWS #2188

The Family Prayer Song

+ Opening Prayer

Rev. Hugh Harris

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

First Reading

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *

John 14:1-14

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn FWS #2146

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Sermon

"Keepers of God's Promise"

Rev. Hugh Harris

Prayer

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.

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

The Chancel Choir

+ Response *

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn UMH #707

Hymn of Promise

+ Benediction

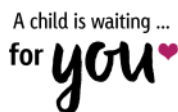
+ Postlude

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Ron and Beverley Brooks in memory of Charlyn Clarke.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God by Emma Fleenor “in memory of my mother, Nona Batson Crawley, my best friend.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Coming! Compassion Sunday — May 21



Providence is participating in Compassion Sunday on May 21. This is a national event that helps us grow in our understanding of God's very special love for the poor. It's also an opportunity for each of us to intervene in the life of at least one child in poverty. Through the Joy of Child Sponsorship, you will give them hope and a future.

Come learn more about it on Sunday, May 21, in the Social Hall during the Sunday School hour. For more information, contact Cathy Patterson at 804-307-4707, cathypat@verizon.net or visit www.compassion.com.

The **Living Word Sunday School class** is inviting anyone who would like to join them in Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:45 in their new room #307. Last Sunday we began a new study on the Gospel of John and are using an easy to read, verse by verse, weekly study. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Graduate Sunday is June 11. Please send the names and school names of our Providence graduates to the church office no later than June 6 (linda.collins@providenceumc.net) so they can be recognized during worship on June 11.

Health Kits for Conference. Little things mean a lot — especially when those little kings are brought together as United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kits. These starter kits are simple things but having or not having them can make a world of difference. The need is great and there can never be too many on hand. A complete list of Health Kit items is included as an insert in today's bulletin. Please bring your kit(s) to church no later than June 1. There is a collection bin in the hallway near the elevator on the 2nd floor.



During May, we will be collecting new **flip flops to send to Branches** for the children and youth to make “fancy”. All sizes and colors are needed. Please keep an eye out for the Old Navy \$1 each sale! You will find a tub in the Mission collection area (main floor, near elevators) to place them in. Thank you.

The Chesterfield Ruritan Club that meets at PUMC is offering an opportunity again this year for one youth (up to 19 years old) to attend the **Ruritan Youth Camp** free of charge, at Smith Mountain Lake, July 21-23. The camp will include a climbing tower, canoeing, riflery, archery, swimming, basketball, miniature golf, fishing, hiking trails, small animals, and more. Youth will be able to catch up with old friends and make new ones. The cost is \$145 per person but is being covered by the Ruritan Club. If you are interested in attending contact Dave Robinson at 804-739-2991 for application information.

The **Cemetery Committee** is offering grave sites on the Memorial Walk for those who wish to be cremated. Sites will accommodate two (2) cremains and include a headstone. Two bronze plaques can be placed on the stone. The cost is \$1,200 per site. For questions, contact Bill Walton at 804-334-6777 or by email at bill.walton@longandfoster.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

Pray for the Churches and Religious Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

May 14, 2017: We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies, and para-church organizations.

Handmade **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 Nancy Coffman at

nlctlc73@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact Nancy. Please check your email address book to make sure you have this email address.

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

Jessica Ammon
Harrison Bailey
Hunter Blankenship
Jennifer Collins
Matt Latimer
Wayne Lee
Megan Thomas

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn (JW)
- * Dru Blalock (cancer; sister-in-law of Catherine Milholen)
- * Barbara Blankenship
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Nancy Carney (cancer; sister of Jim McConnell)
- * Audrey & Jeff Cole (cousins of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * **Carrington Goode** (Johnston Willis)
- * Donald Earley (father of Nikki Earley)
- * Mary Elliott
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor (home)
- * Erica & Melody Fleenor
- * Samuel Ford
- * Judy Gindhart (home)
- * Debbi Holland (mother of Allison Stowers)
- * Dot Janutolo
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)

- * Shirley Jones (broken ankle)
- * Ralph Lett (friend of Allison Stowers)
- * Carl Lunsford (stroke; friend of Catherine Milholen)
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons)
- * Karen Nowak (Linda Keery's sister)
- * Miss Oppielee (battling cancer; friend Peg & Bill Mannering)
- * Robert Owens (cancer, friend of Dave Robinson)
- * **Tery Sarver** (surgery, Johnston Willis)
- * **Flora Scott** (pneumonia)
- * Russell Shreve (surgery on legs; father of Julie Fleshman)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Jimmy Stells (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- * Darlene Thomas (grandmother of Megan & Jake Thomas)
- * **Ralph Vernon** (pneumonia, Johnston Willis)
- * **Jean Winfree** (pneumonia)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 14—Mother's Day

9:00 Connections
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship
4:00 Girl Scouts (309)

No Youth Activities
NO Music Activities

Monday, May 15

10:00 Line Dancers (309)
6:00 Trustees (L)
7:00 Ruritan Picnic (PS/SH)
7:00 Church Council (309)

Tuesday, May 16

11:00 Bible Study (L)
6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)
6:30 Cubs/Scouts (309/SH)
7:00 Young Adults

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
6:00 Providence Green (309)
6:30 Chancel Choir
5:00 Social Hall Reserved

Thursday, May 18

9:30 Prayer Team (P)
4:00-7:30 J. Logan-Surreywood (SH/PS)
6:15 Men's Study (L)
6:30 MIM
6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, May 19

9:15 Cooks for Christ
8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, May 20

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 Emily Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Allen Branson (Library)
Mary Lou Branson (Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Neal Fleenor
Ron White
11:00 Ed Harper, Bobby Burton
Meredith Kyser, Tom Koertge
Ralph Vernon, Lori Justice

Nursery:

9:00 Bethany Sharpe
SS Brittany Flores
11:00 Kathy Alred, Jennifer Clemmons

Counters:

Ron Wootten (captain)
Janice Bergeron
Gracie Martin

Reader:

Allen Branson

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Gary Wright (A)
Steve Oliver (V)
11:00 Gary Wright (A)
Steve Oliver (V)

Sanctuary Organizers: (May 1-31)

Penny Duckworth

Grass Cutters: (May 15)

John Bradley (area 2)

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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

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Nursery Attendant Cynthia Liverpool
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Presiding Bishop Sharma Lewis