

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS — 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: 10,000 Reasons

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Sherry Wright-Jeter

Singing: Your Grace is Enough

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Message: “Are you looking for a shepherd?”

Derrick Parson

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: Shepherd of My Soul

Benediction

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

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

All That Thrills My Soul is Jesus

arr. Lavawan Riley

+ Call to Worship

We gather today in the presence of our Shepherd God,
Who calls us each by name,
Who restores our souls,
Who leads us in the way of righteousness,
And whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.
This is the God we have come to worship!

+ Hymn UMH #381

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

+ Opening Prayer

Making Connections

May 7, 2017

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time		Sherry Wright-Jeter
First Reading UMH 754	Psalm 23	Thanks be to God.
Second Reading *	John 10:1-10	Thanks be to God.
+ Hymn FWS #2218		<i>You Are Mine</i>
Sermon	"Are you looking for a shepherd?"	Derrick Parson

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory	The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord Emma Breeden, Soloist	Sager and Foster
+ Response *	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
+ Hymn FWS #2223		<i>They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love</i>
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love	arr. Mark Hayes



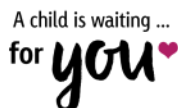
The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in recognition of the wedding anniversary of Mike and Cathy Patterson.

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude; it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” Thank you, God, for 40 years of marriage. Happy Anniversary to my wife, Cathy.

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** would like to invite anyone who would like to join them in Sunday School each Sunday morning at 9:45 in our new room #307. Beginning today, May 7, we will begin a new study on the Gospel of John. We will be using an easy to read, verse by verse, weekly study. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

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 two 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. (I Corinthians 12:12-14)

May 7, 2017: We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for all pastors, ministers, missionaries, and servants of Christ.

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)
- * 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)
- * 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)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 7

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 3:30 CHAMPs Music Jam (1st floor)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:15 Youth - Pocahontas Park
- 5:30 Inukshuks

NO Music Activities

Monday, May 8

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 11:00 Providence Retired Club
- 4:00 Trustees (L)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Mtg. (309)

Tuesday, May 9

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)
- 6:30 Cubs/Scouts (309/SH)
- 7:00 Young Adults

Wednesday, May 10

- NO Chancel Choir
- 2:30-7:30 Social Hall Reserved

Thursday, May 11

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 Starlighters (SH)

NO MIM

- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 Gregory Circle (Angelo's)

Friday, May 12

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, May 13

- 2-5:00 Sanctuary Reserved

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 Meredith 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 Bobby Burton
Meredith Kyser, Tom Koertge
Ed Harper, Ralph Vernon
Lori Justice

Nursery:

9:00 Barbara Oliver
Emma McConnell (Y)
SS Troye Hamilton
11:00 Lindsey Collins &
Wendy Collins

Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)
Steve Oliver

Reader:

Sharon Harris

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (V)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (V)

Sanctuary Organizers: (May 1-31)

Penny Duckworth

Grass Cutters: (May 8)

Gary Vest (area 1)

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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