

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: Shout to the North

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Singing: More Precious Than Silver/Seek Ye First

Scripture

Titus 2:11-14

Message: "Having Mustard Seed Faith"

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: My Life Is in You

Benediction

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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 *Berceuse, Op. 109, No. 7* by J. F. Burgmuller

+ Call to Worship Contemporary Call to Worship

Leader: What mysteries there are in God's world.

People: **We, so sophisticated, stand in awe at the wonders of the natural world. We look at the tiniest of seeds and wonder what will happen.**

Leader: From the small seed will grow a large shrub.

People: **Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant, God will use our gifts in miraculous ways.**

ALL: **Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power. Amen.**

(inspired by Matthew 13:31-32)

+ Morning Prayer

+ Hymn *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord* UMH #540

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time		Sherry Wright-Jeter
Special Music	<i>My Heart is Steadfast</i> (Psalm 108)	Solo—Tara Evelyn
First Reading UMH #828	Psalm 105:1-11	Thanks be to God.
+ Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First (vs. 1, 2, 1)</i>	UMH #405
Second Reading *	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Thanks be to God.
Sermon	"Having Mustard Seed Faith"	Derrick Parson

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory	<i>Notturmo Op. 54, No. 4</i> Piano Solo—Tara Evelyn	by Edvard Grieg
+ Response *	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
+ Hymn	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	UMH #707
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude		

The **rosebuds on the altar** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of the births of:

- **Brynlee Faith Tuck** on July 26, 2017 to Christopher and Michelle Tuck. Proud grandparents are Steve and Barbara Oliver.
- **Stella Marie Houp** on July 25, 2017 to Ellen and Jarrod Houp. Proud grandparents are Ernie and Betty Woodcock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All guests, visitors and members (adults and children), please sign in on a clipboard today. Include your contact information and let us know if this is a change from what we have on file.

If you **loaned items** for the CAP Camp, please be sure to pick them up. We appreciate your willingness to share your items with us.

Do you love to shop the Back-to-School sales? Do you miss buying school supplies for your children? Do we have a job for YOU! In August, PUMC will have our annual school supply drive for students at A. M. Davis Elementary School. We are in partnership with our neighborhood elementary school and these supplies are always greatly appreciated. Check the church website for a complete school supply list and “shop till you drop”! (There are also copies of the supply list on the table in the narthex.)

Mark your calendar for the **MAKE PROVIDENCE SHINE** clean-up day, Saturday, August 19, beginning 8:00 a.m. Bag lunches will be provided. Please see the included flyer for more information and sign up on the sign-in sheet today to help us get a headcount for lunches.

Would you like to help with our Upward Soccer ministry but are unable to volunteer your time? Many families have already expressed concern about not being able to afford the registration fee. No child will be turned away from Upward soccer because they are unable to pay. The church will cover the cost for the player's registration, uniform and other essentials provided by Upward. If you would like to make a donation to help a deserving child play soccer and learn about the teachings of Jesus Christ, please write a check payable to the church and indicate on the memo line that your donation is for an **Upward scholarship**. It will cost \$75 for one child to play Upward soccer this fall.

Today in your bulletin you will find an **Upward brochure**. It is my hope that this week you'll give this form to a child who is between age 4 and 5th grade and invite them to our **evaluation day**, this Saturday, August 5 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Online registration is open. Go to the PUMC website and click **UPWARD** on the top line. More registration forms and posters are available in the library. Thank you for your support of our Upward soccer ministry.

Upward Soccer needs you! Please consider being a part of the Upward program at PUMC.

There are forms in today's bulletin and in the narthex that you can complete to indicate your interest in assisting. Complete the form and put it in the offering plate or drop it off in the Upward Soccer mail box in the hallway near the office. The office will get the forms to Sean Collins. And, please remember to keep our Upward Soccer program and its volunteers in your prayers.

Catch the Wave, a Community Forum, to help make the Providence/Turner Roads community a more livable area for all. You're invited to attend and share your thoughts, ideas and insights. Areas for consideration may be: finding ways to live independently; living safely in your neighborhood; feeling a sense of community; meeting transportation needs; and identifying resources available to this area. The meeting is Tuesday, August 8, 10 a.m. to Noon here at PUMC in the social hall. RSVP to Chesterfield Senior Advocate's Office at SeniorAdvocate@chesterfield.gov or by calling 804-768-7878.

CHAMPs will resume at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, with CHAMPs Activity Night. Looking ahead, the August CHAMPs schedule is below.

Aug. 13 Music Jam (3:30 pm)
Aug. 27 Music Jam (3:30 pm)

Children's Ministries will have a **planning meeting** after church on August 27. Parents and interested volunteers are invited to attend.

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring **hygiene bags for female prisoners** at Fluvanna Correctional Facility that will be distributed at Christmas to 1,300 women. There is a collection basket near the church entrance marked "Grace Inside" for these items. Or, if you prefer to make a monetary donation towards the gift items, make your checks payable to "United Methodist Women" with Grace Inside on the memo line. We are collecting different items each month and reminders will be in the bulletin or sent in the mid-week updates.

Aug. **Toothpaste** (no larger than 6 ounces)
Sept. **Wooden Pencils**, unsharpened or **Lotion** in bottle (no larger than 15 ounces)

Thank you for your help,
Jane Elbert, President, UMW

The Youth need more parents and families to sign up to bring snacks for their Youth sessions. Go to:

<http://www.takethemameal.com/>.

Scroll down to **FIND**. The name is **youth** and the password is **youthcrew**.

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

July 30, 2017: We pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: for the Supervisors of Hanover County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.

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	John Harper
Harrison Bailey	Wayne Lee
Hunter Blankenship	Matt Latimer
Jennifer Collins	Megan Thomas

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * Nan Blackwell (doing better but still very ill)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Frances Byrd (home)
- * Nancy Carney (cancer; sister of Jim McConnell)
- * Jean Guthrow Chandler (broken hip; friend of Wayne Smith & Linda Collins)
- * Jim DeLap
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * Erica & Melody Fleenor

- * Samuel Ford
- * Kathy Gardner (cancer; sister of Tracey Kellam)
- * The family of Howard Glidewell (died 7/11)
- * **The family of Helen Mundy Green** (died 7/15; sister of Linda Downey)
- * Jill Gusewelle (friend of the Kysers)
- * Diane Howard (daughter of Jim & Laura DeLap)
- * Diane Huchingson (sister-in-law of Diane King)
- * Dot Janutolo
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Shirley Jones (broken ankle)
- * Tracey Kellam
- * Carl Lunsford (stroke; friend of Catherine Milholen)
- * Dee Marshall (recovering at home)
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Grey Morris (home)
- * Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons)
- * Karen Nowak (Linda Keery's sister)
- * Cindy Odom (friend of the Keery's)
- * Miss Oppielee (battling cancer; friend of Peg & Bill Mannering)
- * Robert Owens (cancer, friend of Dave Robinson)
- * Christine Roberson (spinal surgery, 6/30; address: 1801 Walkerton Rd., N. Chesterfield, VA 23236)
- * Tery Sarver
- * Russell Shreve (surgery on legs; father of Julie Fleshman)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Bill Steele
- * Mary Ellen Tyree (mother of Jeanie Ezell Southers)
- * Upward Soccer
- * Frank Wilderson (heart surgery, 6/27; brother of Althea Armstrong)
- * Brenda Woodward & Doug Sheek
- * Jim Yeatts
- * Kathy & Kerby Young (friends of The Kysers)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 30

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 4:00 Girl Scouts
- 5:30 Inukshuks & Youth

Monday, July 31

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 6:30 Young Adults
- 6:45 Trustees (L)

Tuesday, August 1

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Scouts (PS)

Wednesday, August 2

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 1:00 Visitation Team (L)
- 6:15 CHAMPSs Activities (1st Floor)

Thursday, August 3

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, August 4

- 8:00 AA Group (309))

Saturday, August 5

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

Greeters:

9:00

(Library)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00

(Library)

(Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00

Bill Blankenship

Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek

11:00

Klaus Worrell

Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman

Laurie Breeden

Nursery:

9:00

Laurie Breeden

SS

Wendy Collins

11:00

Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)

Steve Oliver

Reader:

Althea Armstrong

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00

Tyler Griggs (A)

Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

11:00

Tyler Griggs (A)

Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Anna Knight (July 1-31)

Marilyn Bell (Aug. 1-31)

Grass Cutter:

Area 1

John Bradley

(Week July 31)

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Monday—Thursday

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday

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