

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: Let Your Spirit Rise Within Me

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Singing: Good Good Father

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

Message: "The Faith Challenge That Gives Your Comfort Zone a Squeeze"
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: Chain Breaker

Benediction

Tenth 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

Jesus, Lord to Me

arr. Mark Hayes

+ Call to Worship *

God calls us to step out in faith, to follow where He leads even if what He calls us to do seems impossible.

So let's go from here with courage, trusting in God's presence and power, and eager to do God's will.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and within you during this worship experience and wherever you find yourself this week.

+ Morning Prayer

August 13, 2017

+ Hymn *There's Within My Heart a Melody (vs 1, 3, 4, 5)* UMH #380

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time Tyler Griggs

Special Music *Hymn to New Joy* Tralena Walker, soloist

First Reading * Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn *Stand by Me (vs. 1-4)* UMH #512

Second Reading * Matthew 14:22-33 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Faith Challenge That Gives Your Comfort Zone a Squeeze" Derrick Parson

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 Know No Other Way* Tralena Walker, soloist
Words and Music by Tralena Walker & Tom Webster

+ Response * Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

+ Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* UMH #529

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jim Chappell “in honor of my beautiful wife on our 47th wedding anniversary. My love, Jim”

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.

We are delighted to have **Tralena Walker** (daughter of Dot Janutolo and cousin of Betty-Anne Roberson) here today to share her musical talent with us. Please give her a loving PUMC welcome!

The **Total Solar Eclipse** is happening on **August 21, 2017** across North America! We will be able to see the Sun’s light dim as the Moon moves in front of it – even from right here in Richmond, VA. This spectacular phenomenon will begin for Richmond at 1:18pm with the maximum eclipse happening at **2:44pm**. From our location however, the entire Sun won’t be covered so we need **Eye Protection!**

The **AV Ministry** wants your family and friends to safely experience the 2017 Eclipse by picking up special glasses in the Narthex or outside the office. These certified lenses block 99.9% of the incoming light and protect your eyes, but still allow you to see the changing shape of the sun. We hope you are able to

donate **\$1** for your pair of shades and set aside some time on that Monday afternoon.

Tyler Griggs

CHAMPs is resuming its regular schedule today with **Music Jam** at 3:30 p.m.

Do you love to shop the Back-to-School sales? Do you miss buying school supplies for your children? August is School Supply month at PUMC and we are having our annual school supply drive for students at A. M. Davis Elementary School. We are in partnership with A. M. Davis and these supplies are always greatly appreciated. There are complete lists around the church and on the church’s website (<http://www.providenceumc.net/resource/a-m-davis-elementary/>).

It’s already time to think about Back-to-School, and not just for the kids. Laura Griggs is available to lead a new **Disciple class OR a series of shorter Bible studies** (but not both). Are you interested in taking Disciple 1 (the intro class for all the others in the series), or one of the other long-term (about 34 weeks) classes? Or are you interested in attending a couple of 3 or 4-week classes on a weeknight? Laura wants to meet your needs, so let us know by indicating your interest on the pew clipboard. Thank You!

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. Today is your last opportunity to add your name (or your group’s

name) to help our “**shinesquad**” for this Saturday. There are still lots of rooms left, especially on the first floor. Sign up on the clipboard today to help us get a headcount for lunches.

Slip-N-Slide Out of Summer with the Youth and Children’s Ministries on Sunday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided — please bring a side dish or dessert. Please sign up on the clipboard today or email Sherry at sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net for headcount purposes. And, don’t forget a change of clothes, your swimsuit and a towel if you plan on getting wet! You might need to bring them even if you don’t plan to get wet!

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.

Online registration is still 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 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.

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. 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 **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

August 13, 2017: We pray for workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: for safe, financial institutions, healthy and constructive investment policies, and effective development efforts to benefit the entire community.

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
Terrance Brunson	Megan Thomas
Jennifer Collins	

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * Dot Ashburn
- * Curtis Bailey
- * Nan Blackwell

- * Bursell Bradshaw (brother of Natalia Parson)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Nancy Carney (cancer; sister of Jim McConnell)
- * **The Coffmans** (not feeling well since their recent Mission trip)
- * **John Curtis** (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Jim DeLap
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * Samuel Ford
- * 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)
- * **Jack & Linda Keery**
- * Tracey Kellam
- * **Dave Long** (VA Hospital)
- * Carl Lunsford (stroke; friend of Catherine Miihollen)
- * **Gladys Mann** (Chippenham)
- * Dee Marshall (recovering at home)
- * Michael Mercatante, Sr. (heart attack 7/31)
- * 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)
- * Christine Roberson
- * Tery Sarver
- * Russell Shreve (surgery on legs; father of Julie Fleshman)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Bill Steele
- * **Jeff Smith** (cancer; father of Fran McConnell)

- * Mary Ellen Tyree (mother of Jeanie Ezell Southers)
- * Upward Soccer
- * Jeanette Wilson (heart surgery, 7/31)
- * Jim Yeatts
- * Kathy & Kerby Young (friends of The Kysers)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 13

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 3:30 CHAMPs Music Jam
- 4:00 Girl Scouts
- 5:30 Inukshuks & Youth

Monday, August 14

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 6:30 Young Adults
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Mtg. (309)

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 16

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 6:30 Upward Coaches' Mtg. (Sanc)

Thursday, August 17

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

Friday, August 18

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

Saturday, August 19

- 8:00 Make PUMC Shine

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 Diane King (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Jean Riekers (Library)
Nickie Price (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 Carol Urso & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)
Wayne Smith, Anne Baird

Reader:

Kyser Family

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Tyler Griggs (V)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Tyler Griggs (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Marilyn Bell (Aug. 1-31)

Grass Cutter:

Area 1 Jimmy Sculthorpe
(Week August 14)

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