


Providence United Methodist Church

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August 2016

THE MUSIC CORNER

It is bittersweet that after four years, PUMC has had to say goodbye to its extremely talented and enthusiastic Music Director, Margaret Taylor Woods. Saying goodbye is the '*bitter*' part. The '*sweet*' part is that Margaret will be pursuing her dream of completing graduate studies in vocal performance at Westminster Choir College (a conservatory of music) in Princeton, New Jersey. PUMC is very proud of all of Margaret's accomplishments and the church will continue to pray for her as she begins a new chapter in her life.

The church has witnessed Margaret's transformation from being a fresh-out-of-college 22 year old music student (who repeatedly told the Search Committee she knew she could do the job if we would only give her a chance) to an experienced leader of our many and diverse musical groups. Margaret's leadership and love of God and music have instilled in all of our choir members the desire to be the best one can be and that this can only be accomplished through hard work, perseverance and patience. Margaret led by example.

God Bless you, Margaret. God Bless your new marriage and God Bless all of your future endeavors. Though we will miss you, we know that God has great plans for you and we are thankful to have been a part of your journey!



Virginia Annual Conference Lay Report to P.U.M.C.

The Annual Conference was held in Roanoke from June 17 to 19, with each lay delegate being given the responsibility of reporting to his or her congregation within ninety days.



The theme of the conference, and the theme of all Charge Conferences in Virginia this year, is “Thy will be done.”

This theme is especially important as the 234th Session sought to epitomize the glory of God in Virginia’s achievements rather than solely dwell on the recent General Conference. True, the Council of Bishops will work toward rewording certain parts of the *Book of Discipline* and there will be another General Conference before 2020. Also our 2020 hymnal will be able to be downloaded by each congregation based on its preferences.

However, the Virginia Annual Conference was much more than a report of the world conference. It was a celebration of the tenure and accomplishments of Bishop Cho, whose distinguished term will end in September. It was the nomination of a Virginian, Ted Smith, for a chance to become a bishop somewhere in the Southeastern Jurisdiction later this year.

It was the recognition of a fiscally well-run conference, with a cost-effective budget that still reflected Christian ideals. Please review pages 114-125 of the *Book of Reports* when you have time: <http://www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/AC2016/2016BOR.pdf>. P.U.M.C. definitely did its part. The health kits and school kits contributed helped the Virginia Conference greatly exceed its 2015 totals. Our contributions helped the Virginia Annual Conference’s offering surpass \$131,000—money that will help the Methodist Church grow in Asia, help at-risk children in South America, continue to strengthen Methodism in Mozambique, and rebuild tornado-stricken homes in Virginia. Our own Ron White delivered scripture and Pastor Derrick was instrumental in the video honoring Bishop Cho.

In terms of resolutions, two of the three we discussed in our worship services at Providence passed in Roanoke. The “Ban the Box” resolution was approved in order to give many a second chance to earn a job. The initiative to “Mentor At-Risk Adolescents” passed, as everyone benefits from a higher percentage of high school diplomas. The resolution promoting “Helping Christians Work for Peace in the Holy Land” was withdrawn because the General Conference had passed a similar resolution. In addition, a resolution from the floor to pray for those affected by recent events in Orlando passed as the delegates and their congregations were filled with compassion. On that note, let us continue to strive that “His will be done,” as we, as Christians and Methodists, face the remainder of 2016 and the time beyond.

Providence Road Partners



Summer School is in session...and food backpacks are going home weekly. If you would like to support this important ministry, contributions can be made to the church, with "A. M. Davis" written on the memo line of your check. Twelve dollars (\$12) will pay for one child's food for one weekend. If you have questions, you can contact Wendy Collins (phone: email: MrsCollins17@aol.com; 276-2418). Did I mention that children will be returning to school in September and this ministry is important during the regular school year as well.

EFT is Here!

And has been for several years.

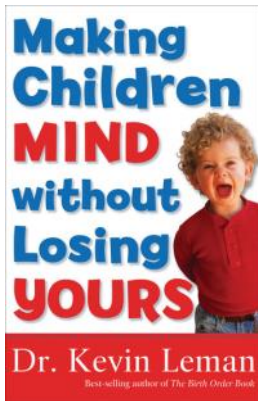
Have you ever noticed the cards in the pew racks that say: "**I give through Electronic Funds Transfer**"? Some of you may be aware that Providence has an electronic option for making regular (or special) offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. For several years Providence has offered the option of giving through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

EFT giving benefits both you and the church.

- The amount you give is determined by you and is transferred from your checking or savings account automatically once or twice monthly. You get to choose which you prefer.
- EFT saves you having to write the check.
- EFT saves the church (counters) time and effort in collecting, counting, and processing checks.
- EFT is safe (or safer) than writing a physical check.
- And, you can change or halt your contribution choices at any time.

If you are interested in learning more or in enrolling in EFT, grab one of those cards out of the pew rack, put your name and contact information on the back and drop it in the offering plate. Or, you can go to the church's homepage (www.providenceumc.net), click on **Giving**, then **Electronic Giving Form**, then **EFT Authorization Form**, and download the pdf file for the form. Complete the form and sent it along with a voided check to Linda Collins, the church secretary. Linda will set up the account for you based on your selections on the form.

The Parenting Fellowship will be starting a special parenting series on Sunday, September 11. Please join us for a six-week session of "Making children mind without losing yours." We'll learn from Dr. Kevin Leman, a noted Christian author and psychologist and discuss our parenting joys and challenges. Sessions are drop in and include:



- Daring To Be a Courageous Parent
- Why Kids Misbehave
- Becoming The Parent God Wants You To Be
- Nine Ways to Be Your Teenager's Best Friend
- ABC's of Self-Image
- When to Let the Little Buzzards Tumble

Join us for one session or all six lessons. To learn more about this series, please visit: <http://www.drleman.com/store/>.

The **Congregational Care Committee** would like to get in touch with our service men and women. We are asking family and friends to provide us with an address so we can get in touch with these individuals.



Here is a list of the military members that we know about:

Jessica Ammon
 Harrison Bailey
 Hunter Blankenship
 Michael Bucholz
 Jennifer Collins
 Matt Latimer
 Wayne Lee
 Bob Muchow
 Megan Thomas

You may leave their address in the CCC mailbox outside the church office or send it to Paul Martin, Chairman of Congregational Care at: prmjr@aol.com.

Paul Martin
 804-335-7247



United Methodist Women

Circle Meetings Dates

Contact your leader regarding possible August dates for meetings or gatherings. September meeting dates will be announced soon.



July 2016

Thanks to all of you for your generous giving throughout the winter and spring; because of that, all current bills have been paid and responsibilities met. While we are presently in a good financial position, our 2016 revenue is down as compared to 2015.

Receipts thru June 30

<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$178,170	\$204,013

Disbursements thru June 30

<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$202,323	\$192,659

This leaves us comparably \$25,843 below giving of the previous year and has put us in a challenging position as we move to the second half of the year. We have also spent \$9,664 more during the first half of 2016 than in the previous year. This makes the real “cash flow” delta \$35,000. We were anticipating increased expenses in 2016 as the last three years have actually been fairly light on expenditures. The combination of increased expenses and decreased giving will force us to be cautious as we move through the remainder of the year.

NOTE: The construction project on the front of the church to repair damage caused by the auto accident is being covered by insurance and should not cost PUMC anything out of pocket.

That said, the operating fund still has a strong balance of \$46,000.

Please remember three important things:

- It is very important to stay current on pledged giving.
- Any stretch gifts, above and beyond your pledge giving will be greatly appreciated; we need additional giving to end the year on a successful note and put us in a good position as we begin the budget process for 2017.
- Additionally, many of you make monthly/periodic contributions to the Building Fund (*Building on our Faith*). We continue to greatly appreciate extra mile contributions made in this way as these contributions are important to helping us meet our ongoing obligations.

All of the things that we want to accomplish through our work at Providence United Methodist Church will be possible because of your financial gifts coupled with your selfless service. Thank you for all that you do in the service of our Lord.

*As always, a copy of the monthly Treasurer’s Report is available upon request in the church office.

School Supplies Drive

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, Providence UMC 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 the school supply list and “shop till you drop”!



Happy Thanksgiving



Your generous donations are greatly needed to help us reach 1 our goal of assisting 3000 families with a Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package and \$15 Gift Card for a turkey.

2016 Thanksgiving Meal Grocery List

- 1 40-oz can Yams or Sweet Potatoes
- 1 13-oz box Mashed Potatoes
- 1 14-oz can Cranberry Sauce
- 2 15-oz cans Corn
- 2 15-oz cans Green Vegetables
- 2 bags of Stuffing or 2 boxes of “Stove Top”
- 2 cans or packages gravy
- 1 box Hot Chocolate
- 1 box Tea Bags
- 1 box or bag Cookies

We thought you might like this list early so if you see something on sale you could pick it up now. All items can be left in Room 205.

Technology at Church

Churches have long since been a place where moving performances and striking visuals attempt to bring the congregation closer to God. The use of technology in this setting is not only a way to reach and affect more people, but it can also provide more ways for congregations to connect with each other. Scheduled meetings at church for specific functions are great ways to interact with a regular church family, but it's only one of the ways we can connect within our congregation.

Just as a Brunswick Stew sign outside of our church invites and informs drivers on Providence Road of an upcoming event, our announcements and other media on social networks have the same potential but can reach anyone cruising on the internet – and they don't have to slow down to get the information. This online outreach is a way Providence can illuminate a Brunswick Stew sign visible for miles around, and virtually across the globe. While we shouldn't expect any Eskimo to show up for our Wednesday Night Dinners, our



friends who might be traveling or unable to make it to church will appreciate a window to view what's currently happening at Providence.

I am dedicated to widening our online window by improving our website, online presences, and live broadcasting events with the technology currently available to us. With everyone's help and blessings, we can all benefit from a brighter window shining Providence's light out, allowing friends and followers to peer back in, and granting new faces a glimpse into Providence as well.

Tyler Griggs
Audio/Visual Coordinator



Keen eyes browsing the Providence UMC website may have already noticed a new tab on our homepage entitled "**LIVE.**" Feel free to explore this new section during the week, where you will find archived HD video recordings of sermons. On Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service, you can watch the live broadcast at this location if you or someone you know can't make it to church. Broadcast begins when the sermon begins, around 11:25-11:30 a.m. at: www.ProvidenceUMC.net/Live

This free broadcast is sent to your computer or smartphone using YouTube's live streaming service. If you are a Gmail user or have a YouTube account already, subscribe to PUMC's channel to make finding our videos even easier.



What is the Mission Room?

A few weeks ago at a seminar, we were discussing the Mission Room. One of our congregants asked, "What is the Mission Room"? I feel like I ask for so much in donations, that it never occurred that there could still be someone at Providence who didn't know about the Mission Room! I was actually quite relieved that maybe I don't speak as often as I feel like I do!

For those who may not be familiar with this room, it is located on the first floor, near the elevator and right across from the Director of Music's (Margaret's) office. In that room you will find boxes and tubs (and usually a "hot mess") filled with clothing that has been sorted by size and season and packed for distribution. You will also find bags and boxes of clothing, shoes, bags, etc., that are waiting to be sorted and boxed. These boxed donations are taken to the three Homeward events each year and are distributed to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness or who are among the working poor. Everyone who is interested is invited to contact me to show you how the clothing is sorted and boxed, and you are welcome to go in at any time and work on your own, or with me. This is a large, rewarding task; but with volunteers checking the room each week and sorting and boxing donations,

it is very manageable.

If you would like to get a quick demonstration of how to work in the mission room, I would love to show you! If you haven't been in, stop by and take a look. I think you will be impressed at the generosity of PUMC! Feel free to contact me by phone at (804) 914-1259 or by email at_brendawoodward1@verizon.net.

CARITAS Furniture Bank:

In April, CARITAS was forced to make the decision to close all of their AAAA Storage Units, which we all used to drop off our furniture and household donations. These units were conveniently located in various parts of the city and surrounding counties, including the unit we used on Providence Road behind Sheetz. So many unusable items (such as broken, torn or stained furniture) were being left in these units and it was becoming a financial burden for the trucks to use their gas to go to the dump and also to pay dump fees. With that being said, we will no longer be able to collect household and "yard sale" items in the Mission Room. We will still collect much needed pots, pans, dishes and eating utensils; but we can no longer take small loads of items to the furniture bank on Commerce Road, and we don't have room to store it. If you have small furniture & household items to donate, Doug Sheek is still willing to pick up these items and deliver them in his trailer, but larger furniture will have to be picked up by the CARITAS truck. They charge a small fee to cover the cost of their gas and their number is (804) 343-5008. You can call them directly and they will arrange to come to your house with several helpers and pick up your donation.

Regarding clothing donations; we thank you for your continued support of this mission and remind you that we are always in need of men's basic clothing, such as jeans, tee shirts, sweatshirts, coats, socks and underwear. Sturdy shoes and boots are also very much in demand. Please be sure that all of your donations are in good condition (with no stains or tears). We do not distribute clothing that is not in a condition that we would wear ourselves. All unclean or permanently stained clothing is thrown away in the church dumpster and this

requires much time for the volunteers who are going through the bags and sorting the clothing. Also, if you could separate your men's and women's clothing and mark the bags or boxes, this would also be helpful to our volunteers. With **ALL** donated items, whether it be clothing or household items, our mission is always to promote dignity and respect for the recipients.

Brenda Woodward
Chairperson, Missions Committee

The Trustees would like to remind everyone to be good stewards of this wonderful gift (our church) that God has given to us to use. Please remember to clean up after events, meetings, and other activities. We all need to do our part to clean up after ourselves, turn off all the lights and check that the doors are locked when departing.



Upward Soccer 2016

The beginning of our Upward Soccer 2016 season is less than two weeks away. **Evaluations** will be held here on August 13.

4 year olds—K	9:00 –10:00 a.m.
1st—2nd grade	10:00-11:00 a.m.
3rd-5th grade	11:00-12:00 p.m.

Practices are on Tuesdays or Thursdays beginning August 23 or August 25 and are at 6:00 p.m.

The **games** are on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. and begin on September 10. The last game and closing ceremony is October 29.

If you are able to assist with any of the Upward activities (coach, referee, devotions, prayer partners, snacks, hospitality), please sign in on the sign-in sheets on Sunday mornings. We need your help!

Also, please be in prayer for ALL of our Upward participants and volunteers. Page 15 contains some prayer suggestions; but all prayers are appreciated!





Prayer Suggestions

- Our Upward League Director
- Children who are signing up
- Scholarships for those who cannot afford to participate
- Parents to volunteer
- Church members to volunteer
- Fill all coaching positions
- Fill all referee positions
- Coaches & Referees volunteer
- Coach & Referee training goes well
- All prayer partners to pray continually
- On-site registration at church (8/13)
- Rain for the fields
- Our Fields Commissioner
- Volunteers to help with fields
- Continued registration of players
- Evaluations to go smoothly
- Enthusiasm among all children
- Enthusiasm among all parents
- Securing uniforms
- Securing all equipment needed
- Encouragement of Upward Commissioners
- Good, even teams to be drafted
- Our Leader of Coaches
- First day of school goes smoothly for all children
- Children listen and want to learn at school and at soccer
- Non-Christian parents
- Non-Christian players
- New friendships
- Our coaches
- Our referees
- Our pastor
- Our prayer partners
- Our devotion leaders
- The families who are still considering joining us
- A wonderful spirit among all involved
- Our Referee Commissioner
- First week of practice is a good experience
- Safe practices this season
- Coordination of carpools
- Good coach/parent relationships
- Our first game and the welfare of all players
- Open hearts among all involved
- Uniform distribution goes smoothly
- Our Devotions Commissioner
- Volunteers to lead game-day devotions
- Volunteers to help with snacks
- Maintenance of playing fields
- All players listen to their teachers or coaches
- Opportunity to invite families to our church
- Practice time devotions
- Those sharing devotions
- Consistent prayers among prayer partners
- A positive spirit on the field
- For all children to feel included
- Comfort for children voicing joys and concerns
- Good weather on game & practice days
- A spirit of sportsmanship among parents
- Picture day goes smoothly
- Score-keepers
- Children and parents share lessons learned
- Parents not involved in their child's league
- Time-keepers
- Players with difficult family situations
- Families without a church home
- Church members reach out when there is a need
- Players' families come to visit us at church
- Safety for all players
- Protection from injuries

- Parents & players reflect on devotions
- Continued strength for coaches & referees
- Continued strength for our League Director
- Parents & players reflect on devotions shared
- The Church
- Those who prayed for us this season
- Younger siblings of players to feel welcome
- Pray for good stew
- Older siblings of players feel welcome
- Opportunities for church members to show Christ's love
- Safe travel to and from games
- Anyone who have been injured or are sick
- Game day set-up goes smoothly
- Volunteers to help with Closing Ceremony
- Those in charge of Closing Ceremony
- Technical aspects of Closing Ceremony
- Parents & players to be open to the gospel at the Closing Ceremony
- Holy Spirit to fill the Closing Ceremony
- Last Game Day

Bestsellers Secrets NYC Event

Dr. Richard Tate said this past weekend in New York, "God never does anything *for* me until I do what he wants *of* me." We are convinced that what God wants of us is that we continue to use the skills he has given us in writing and publishing. The New York trip was a blessing in so many ways. It enabled us to meet and share with a number of authors and spouses, as well as Tate Publishing executives, and resource persons that included a

movie producer and a national radio interview host.

Among other things, we were given an "inside look" at how the publishing, filmmaking and radio/TV industries work. These were expensive venues that require authors to have either significant resources of their own to invest, or the support of investors who believe in them. For instance, the average cost for producing a movie is \$180,000,000. Getting an option for a movie requires the services of a union scale script writer, which can cost between \$30,000 and \$60,000.

On the practical side, we were encouraged to increase our efforts to get local publicity and interviews. National interviews are possible, but if you haven't built up your name locally, that ten-minute national interview won't be significant. Prayer and commitment are essential, along with hard work.

The weekend consisted of meals and sessions at Battery Park, book signings at two New York locations, relationship-building excursions to the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. Our hotel was at ground zero, which had a powerful effect just standing on that soil, seeing the new Memorial Tower, and reading the names etched in granite around the memorial fountains. Meeting and interfacing with people from many nations and regions was inspiring. Our thanks to God and all who make this trip possible.

Hugh & Sharon Harris

Church Family News & Notes

Thank you very much for the concern, calls, cards and prayers while I was sick. I'm thankful to be out again and back to church. God bless you.

Phyllis Ranger

PUMC,

Thanks so much for your generosity during our recent tragedy where our house sustained extensive damage due to a tornado. We are still living with our son until our house is complete. We are very thankful that the damage was to replaceable items. It reminded me of Matthew 6:19-21. It's easy for us to put our earthly treasures ahead of what's really important. "When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider God has made the one as well as the other." Exc. 7:14. My prayer is that I would always have my treasures in heaven.

Thanks,
Dottie & Gary Taylor

I want to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers during my recent hospitalizations and recuperation in-between hospital stays. Special thanks go out to Klaus Worrell for the lovely giant card, to Jane Elbert for bringing communion both to the house and to the hospital and to Pastor Derrick for his visits and powerful prayers. I love the prayer shawl and know when I am wrapped in its warmth I am enveloped by all the hands that went into making it and praying over it.

Diane King

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
Your caring hearts make all the difference! For the hungry families who will receive some of the 13,586 servings of fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables you are sharing through your \$302.07 Advance gift to the Society of St. Andrew. Your gift

means they will go to school or work well fed. It means their chronic illness will be better managed through healthier eating. It means the light bill can be paid this month, because you've put nourishing food in their refrigerator. All this, because you cared enough to give. You make this ministry possible. Thank you, Providence UMC!!

With you in Christ's service,
Lynette Johnson
Director of Church Relations
Society of St. Andrew

Once again I owe my Providence Church family a debt of gratitude for your generosity and kindness since my back surgery.

Thank you for your continued prayers and for your cards, phone calls and visits. I've had several setbacks but making progress in the healing process even though slow at times. I just started outpatient physical therapy on July 5 and I still cannot drive. Special thanks to Pastor Derrick for his love, concern and visits while in the hospital and since I've been home.

One usually gets in trouble when names are mentioned because you always forget someone. But also thanks to Gary Wright, Anne Baird, Nan Blackwell, Morris and Anna Knight, Judy Gindhart, and Linda Collins. But especially, thank you to all of my church family for your love and caring during my recovery.

In God's Love,
Wayne Smith

Proud grandparents, Howard and Mary Busbee, are pleased to announce the arrival of Watson Alain Busbee Summerfield, born on May 24, 2016. His parents are Stacy and Toby Summerfield and big brother is HG!



The Board of Trustees has experienced an unusually active period during the first half of 2016, to say the least. In that time, major projects have included expensive repairs to the HVAC system, completion of two significant plumbing improvements, elevator repairs, and most notably, the ongoing work to repair auto collision damage to the building.

On Friday evening, January 15th, during heavy rain, a young couple with a small child in a minivan, veered off Providence Road and crashed into the front wall of the Church. Although the impact was significant and front airbags were deployed, thankfully no one was injured. However, the Church sustained considerable damage to the front and adjacent north wall, including exterior and interior damage to the structure and some minor contents.

At Providence UMC, one of the many blessings we enjoy often goes unnoticed. Through prudent management of the generous gifts we receive, by very talented members who volunteer their time as financial and insurance professionals, the Church consistently maintains financial soundness which includes solid insurance coverage to protect us against such unexpected events. Such is the case with the January collision damage. Successful negotiations with our insurance provider to bypass adjusters and have them work directly with the Trustees, has ensured the full replacement cost of our beautiful building.

When the building was constructed in 1957, a type of brick was used that has become extremely rare since the company who made them is out of business, and the exact size and blend of colors is no longer produced. Since the time of the collision, engineer reports, construction estimates, insurance policies, and material samples have been thoroughly examined. An exhaustive search has been conducted to identify a supplier who could replicate the unique bricks we sought. We are thankful that a supplier was recently identified who will provide what we need and we should soon see construction in progress.

The Providence United Methodist Church Board of Trustees appreciates your continued encouragement, prayers, and support. May our collective and individual efforts glorify God.

Minutes of Trustee meetings are available in the hallway leading to the Narthex.

Updates to April 2015 Directory



CHANGES:

Bowman, Gil — Elmcroft of Chesterfield, HV, 1000 Twinridge Lane, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

Coffman, Tom & Nancy — new phone & emails: nictic73@gmail.com; Tom: 804-310-4479; Nancy: 804-310-4496

Dowling, Rita — 8183 Bridle Creek Terrace, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Ezell, Jessica — 3600 W. Broad St., Apt. 504, Richmond, VA 23230

Gillie, Bob — 7101 Belmont Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832

Jenkins, Donna — 2100 Breezy Point Circle, Apt. 203, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235 (804) 306-9904

Jenkins, Hannah — change to Bailey, Harrison & Hannah, Hawaii

Jenkins, T.L. & Myrtle — Spring Arbor of Salisbury, 14001 Turnberry Ln., Apt. 107, Midlothian, VA 23113

King, Jolie — change zip to 23225

Kincaid, Kevin & Jennifer — add Savannah

Martin, Paul & Beverly — 10511 Archer Springs Place, Richmond, VA 23235; 804-335-7247

Mott, Randy & Amy — 1407 Lady Ashley Court, Midlothian, VA 23114

Parson, Natalia & Derrick — add Derrick.Parson@providenceumc.net

Patterson, Matt — changed to Patterson, Matt & Priscila, 5325 Hunt Master Dr., Apt. L, Midlothian, VA 23112

Rice, Kelly & C.W., 9001 Gregory Drive, N. Chesterfield, VA 23236

Robins, Erma — Sunrise at Bon Air. Send cards to: Paul Robins, 912 Old Confederate, Midlothian, VA 23113

Sulanke, Doug & Tracey, 2207 Fawley Ct., Midlothian, VA 23113

Sutton, Barbara — Brookdale Senior Living, 14016 Turnberry Lane, Midlothian, VA 23113

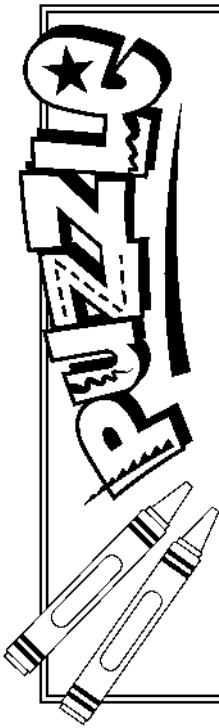
Tanner, Corey — changed to Tanner, Corey & Jess; Aubrey & Charleigh, 11503 Woodmill Place, North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Tanner, Courtney — change to Parker, Brad & Courtney; Grayson; 1511 Darrell Dr., Midlothian, VA 23114

Tanner, Curtis & Karen, 154 Windermere Way, Fancy Gap, VA 24328

Urso, Robin — change to Fuchs, Jason & Robin Urso, same address

Watkins, Stuart — Sunrise at Bon Air, 2105 Cranbeck Road, Richmond, VA 23235



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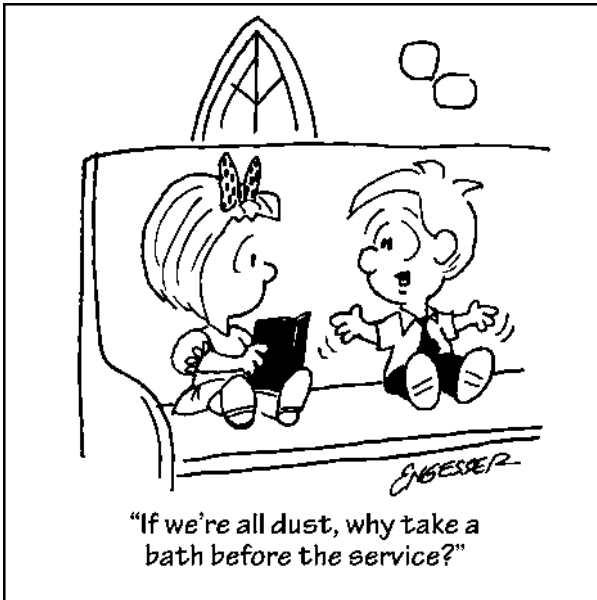
The Psalms are full of inspiring prayers to God, who always looks after you.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in each missing letter. Then use those letters to complete Psalm 13:5, NIV.

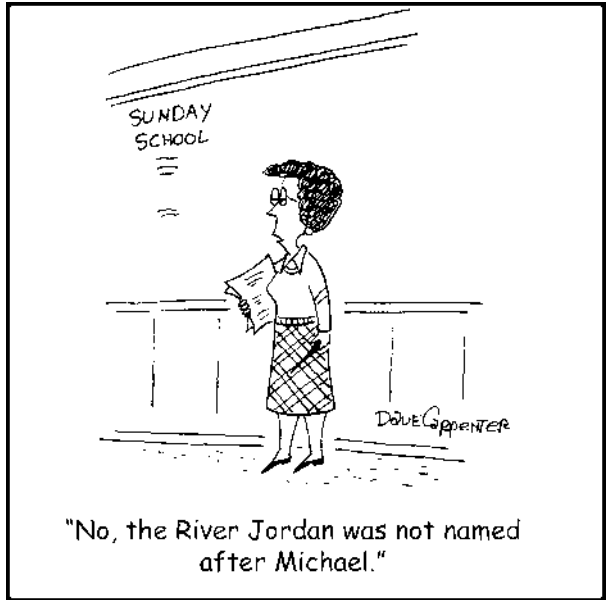
- What plants grow in DIR ¹
- The opposite of play WO ² K
- One-of-a-kind NIQUE ³
- A hug and a KI ⁴ S
- Sour TAR ⁵
- To speak very loudly YE ⁶ L
- Immediately N ⁷ W
- Bees live in a HI ⁸ E
- A dandelion is this W ⁹ E D

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 in your unfailling
 my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV

Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, tart, yell, now, hive, weed; I trust in your unfailling love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV



"If we're all dust, why take a bath before the service?"



"No, the River Jordan was not named after Michael."



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Upcoming Special Sundays and Events:

September

- 5 Church Office Closed (Labor Day)
- 10 Upwards Games Begin
- 11 Promotion Sunday
- 25 UMW Sunday

October

- 2 World Communion Sunday
- 8 Ruritan's Stew
- 9 Children's Sabbath
- 15 PUMC Stew & Dinner
Fall Festival
- 16 Laity Sunday
- 22 Scouts Stew
- 29 Upward Closing Ceremony

November

- 6 All Saints Sunday
Daylight Saving Time ends
- 20 Christ the King Sunday
Consecration Sunday
- 27 1st Sunday of Advent

December

- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 Watch Night

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

- 9:00 am Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 5:30 pm Youth & Inukshuks

Thursday

- 6:15 pm Men's Study

Informal Worship "Connections" at 9 am is informal and led by Ministry in Motion praise team.

Traditional Worship is at 11 am, includes a variety of music and is led by the Chancel Choir and other musical groups. Our pastor, The Rev. Derrick Parson, brings the message at both services.

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