

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 28, 2011**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude

Welcome /Announcements

+Greeting\* Psalm 105:1-4

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

**Many: Make known his deed among the peoples.**

One: Sing to him, sing praises to God;

**Many: Tell of all God's wonderful works.**

One: Glory in his holy name;

**Many: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

One: Seek the Lord and his strength;

**Many: Seek his presence continually!**

+Hymn "Forward Through the Ages" UMH 555

Presentation of Fifty-Year Pins

Anthem (11:00) "Christians All, Come Sing His Praises" M. K. Beall

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

A Time with the Children

New Testament Reading\* Romans 12:9-21 **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn "Be Still My Soul" UMH 534

Scripture Reading\* Matthew 16:21-28 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A. M. Davis: Following Jesus Then and Now"

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

A Witness

Linda Koertge

Invitation to Christian Discipleship through A. M. Davis Elementary School

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.*

Offertory "Midnight Cry" C. Day and G. Day

*Dedication of school supplies and our commitments to serve*

+Response\* "Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow" UMH 94

+Prayer of Dedication

**AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

+Hymn\* "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" FWS 2129

+Reception of New Member Bill LaRue

+Benediction

+Postlude

*Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.*

*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red) FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)  
\*Words Projected +Please stand as you are able*

Greeters: (8:45) Linda Keery (11:00) Judy Miles and Nickie Price  
 Acolytes: (8:45) Emma McConnell (11:00) Emily Kyser  
 Nursery: (8:45) Linda Koertge (Sunday School) Ann Busbee  
 (11:00) Shirley Collins and Peggy Gillette  
 Counters: Klaus Worrell, Captain  
 Ushers: (8:45) Bill Blankenship, Neal Fleenor, Ron White  
 (11:00) Mike Patterson, Bobby Burton, Ed Harper, Bobby Johnson, Tom Koertge,  
 Ralph Vernon, Bobby Wood  
 Readers: (8:45) Boyd Gurney (11:00) Mary Steele  
 Audio/Visual Team: Tyler Griggs (Audio), Russ Byers (Video)  
 Name Tag Organizer: Amy Mott  
 Sanctuary Organizers: Nancy Coffman and Nickie Price

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**The altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Dot & Dick Whitt on their wedding anniversary with love from Reeves & Martha, Howard & Mary, Ronnie & Kathy, and Spencer & Debby.

**The narthex flowers on the left** are presented to the glory of God in celebration of Heather & Ed Harper's 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**The narthex flowers on the right** are presented to the glory of God to honor Marian Crowder for her work in the Church Garden and for sharing her gardening knowledge with the Garden Crew.

Our thanks go to Sean Collins for designing the Providence Road Partners graphic which is on the cover of today's bulletin.

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*Providence United Methodist Church*

*August 28, 2011*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, August 28

- 8:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth worship (F.I.R.E. House)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

### Monday, August 29

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing (Room 309)
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Disciple Group
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 206)
- 7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee (Library)

### Tuesday, August 30

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soccer Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social and Giant Slip & Slide
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)

### Wednesday, August 31

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Task Force (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal (Room 205)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, September 1

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Soccer Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Family Council (Library)

### Friday, September 2

- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

### Saturday, September 3

- 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. Upward Soccer Games

### Sunday, September 4

- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:15 p.m. Education Committee Meeting (Library)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth (F.I.R.E. House)

### Monday, September 5

Labor Day – **Church Office Closed**

#### Welcome, guests. We're glad you're here!

- Children's worship bags and age-appropriate worship activity bulletins are available in the foyer.
- Colorful bags at the back for you have helpful information.
- Restrooms are located on the main hall to the left.
- Name tags can be found on the clipboards in the pews.
- Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- A nursery is offered as an option for our children newborn through age four (located downstairs).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Join us for an ice cream social and slip & slide water fun!** Gather at the church pavilion this coming Tuesday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, young and old. It will be a great way to enjoy fellowship and COOL OFF!

**Do you have a child playing on an Upward Soccer team or do you have a strong interest in reaching out to the community to tell them about all the great things that go on at PUMC? You can help!** Host volunteers interact with the participants and their families to build relationships, answer any questions they may have concerning the church or their faith, and encourage them to participate in other aspects of the church. This is a critical role in building stronger relationships between the church and the community. Time Commitment: 1 hour per week (normally during practices and/or soccer games). You may sign up on the clipboard today if you would like to participate.

**“Improving Communication in Your Marriage”** begins Friday, September 9, and will meet every other Friday night (for six sessions) in the home of Isca and Christopher Wilms. Child care is provided. You may sign up on the clipboard today to register.

The Friendship Class (Room 205) will begin a study starting on September 4 called **Luke, New Hope, New Joy**. It was good news not only of Jesus' birth but of what he offered to men, women, and children throughout his ministry. In this study guide Ada Lum leads you to discover that this message of hope and joy is for you as well! Sign up on the clipboard today to participate in this study.

**It's that time of year again! It's time for the Brunswick Stew**, which will be held on Saturday, October 8. We all love to eat it, but we need your help. Please help us by volunteering a couple of hours to help prepare the stew. Sign up on the clipboard today if you would like to help with stirring the stew.

Anyone wishing to order stew should contact Shirley Hudson at 276-2495. The cost is \$5.00 per quart.

Have you been wearing your **name tag** lately? It's easy to get out of the habit. Name tags help us know each other and help our guests know us. Thank you for starting a new habit as we start a new school year. Don't have one? Let us know on the clipboard today.

An interfaith **worship service** to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 will be held on Sunday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3330 Grove Avenue, Richmond.

Come out and enjoy **Upward Soccer** games beginning this Saturday at 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. Keep those prayers coming for our players, coaches, referees, and other participants.

Providence will be sponsoring a **Flu Shot Clinic** on Sunday, October 9, 2011, from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Church Social Hall. More details to follow.

Do you know a family looking for a **preschool**? What better way to make a difference than to invite them to consider Providence today. PUMC offers a high quality, part-time, Christian preschool and is recruiting for new children. Start a child on the path of love for God and love for learning. Call 276-1462 to register or for more information.

Is there someone you've missed seeing at church lately? On Sunday, September 4, invite them to join you in worship as we gather at the Lord's Table. It will be a great day to **reconnect**. Do you have a friend, relative, acquaintance or neighbor (**F.R.A.N.**) who doesn't have a church home? Invite them to come for a great sampling of our church's music on September 11. September is Open House Month! Our **soccer families** will be joining us on September 18.

**Attention, Men's Chorus:** Please note that our Chorus will practice on August 31 and September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 205.

**Attention, all youth:** Pass It On Choir (grades 6-12) will resume practice beginning September 18 in the sanctuary on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Please consider being a part of this very important ministry. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Contact Carla Wooten at 276-5683.

The **pink sheets** on the clipboards (underneath the sign-in sheets) provide an opportunity each week for you to let us know your prayer requests, or your needs for support and care. You may also indicate ways you would like to get involved. Fold and place in the offering plate.

If you feel led to Christian baptism or would like to transfer your membership to Providence, please contact Pastor Mary Beth Blinn at 276-4289 or marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Hospitalized: Dottie Headley (Johnston-Willis Hospital)  
Clyde Randall (UVA Hospital)  
James Jenkins (The Laurels of Bon Air)

The prayer request forms are located on the clipboards and may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. In order to keep our GATHERED PRAYER CONCERNS list up-to-date, names will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You may resubmit a request at any time.

**Our gathered prayer concerns:** Jeff Alred (home), the family of Vann Barden, Jennifer Bilski (Carolyn Bilski's daughter), Ed Blackwell, Roland Bodtke, Terry Brooks, Mae Clarke, Emma Cyr (requested by Kim Parr), **Martha Crosby**, Roland Dubey (submitted by Barbara A. Ritch-Brant), Janet Fattizzi, Bob & Sheila Fogle (niece and nephew of Ken & Eula Phillips), Carlton Gregory, Sally Hunter (grandmother of Glenn Jones), Gilda Jordan, Jim Kovalchick (Ginny Thompson's nephew), Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), Dr. Barbara A. Ritch-Brant, Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke's nephew), Joseph Salvaggio, Chuck Schlottman, Terry Wagner, Walter Wells, Bea West (Carolyn Bilski's aunt), David Wildermuth, our Upward Soccer Program

### **Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families.**

Julia Berger	Kevin Judd	Megan Thomas Clark	Bobby Swanson
Nathan Berger	Kenneth Wagner	Brent Davis	Jennifer Collins
Hunter Blankenship	Wayne Lee	Brian Wilson	David Dias
Bob Muchow	Matt Latimer		

**Providence Church has an email Prayer Ministry.** Please call the Church Office at 276-4289 if you have an immediate need for yourself or a family member.

**Metro Richmond Prayer for August 28, 2011:** We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: For full employment opportunities for our young people and heads of families, for the long-term unemployed, and for the under-employed.