

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

**CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.**

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Singing:** "I Walk by Faith"

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Singing:** "Chain Breaker"

**Scripture**

Matthew 18:21-35

**Message:** "How Much is Enough?"

Rev. Hugh Harris

**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:** "All the People Said Amen"

**Benediction**

# Fifteenth 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.

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

"Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"

+ Call to Worship \*

Psalm 147:1-6

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

Leader: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

**People: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

**People: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.**

+ Opening Prayer

Read by All

**Lord, we want to follow you without faltering, but the way is hard. Confusion uproots our settled certainties as storms surge around us. We come to you**

seeking refuge. Calm the fears that would undo us. Show us afresh your way of forgiveness and love, so we might trust you and love others more fully. Reassure us that as you delivered the Israelites of old, so you will renew us with your grace. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" UMH #136

Making Connections

## TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time Sherry Wright-Jeter

Special Music "Til The Storm Passes By" by Mosie Lister  
The SonRise Sisters

First Reading UMH 135 \* Canticle of Moses and Miriam **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "Great is the Lord" (v 1 & 3) FWS #2022

Second Reading \* Matthew 18:21-35 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "How Much is Enough?" Rev. Hugh Harris

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. by Mark Hayes

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

+ Hymn "Freely, Freely" UMH #389

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Benson in memory of her mother, Grace K. Watkins, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on September 19th.

## 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. All you have to do is sign in when you come to church and you could be a winner too!

*Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes **Harvey** and **Irma**.* Please also pray for the response teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief. If you would like to make a **donation to UMCOR**, please make your check payable to Providence UMC with **UMCOR** on the memo line.

The **AARP Smart Driver Course** will be offered at PUMC on October 24 and 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. The course is designed specifically for drivers 50 and older and is taught by Bob Monroe, an AARP trained volunteer. Following the completion of this course a certificate of completion will be issued which may qualify you for an auto insurance discount. You will need to contact your agent in order to get the discount applied. The cost of the course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members and is payable on the first day of the class; cash or checks only; no credit cards accepted. To register, contact Flora Scott (804-320-3234; [scottflora4@gmail.com](mailto:scottflora4@gmail.com)) or Jean Winfree (804-276-2823; [jeanboy@aol.com](mailto:jeanboy@aol.com)).

September is here and **greeters are needed for the Narthex and Library areas**. We are grateful for those of you who have faithfully volunteered but

more volunteers would be helpful. We need greeters at each service, each Sunday. Primary responsibilities include shaking hands and welcoming people as they arrive. Please add your name to the **sign-in sheet** if you're willing to greet our guests and members as they arrive. Or, contact Allen Branson directly at: [revalen1@outlook.com](mailto:revalen1@outlook.com).

The **UMUMR Auxiliary** (United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond) **for Shalom Farms** needs a representative from PUMC. Meetings are three to four times a year at Ginter Park UMC. The purpose of our representative is to keep our church informed of Shalom Farms and encourage our church's involvement in their ministry. To help support Shalom Farms, the UMUMR Auxiliary sells geraniums in the spring and pansies in the fall. Please contact Shirley Collins (804-745-3204 or [SCOL23235@gmail.com](mailto:SCOL23235@gmail.com)) if you'd be interested in being part of the UMUMR Auxiliary. Shirley can answer any questions you might have too.

**Wednesday Night Dinners** will resume this week on September 20. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign-in sheet today. Cooks are also several of the upcoming dinners. Please sign-up on COOKS sheet is in the hallway near the Counter's Room.

The **Congregation Care Committee** wants to "put some lovin'" on our college students and our military prayer list people who are away from home. Please email Jean Chappell ([jeanchappell1@verizon.net](mailto:jeanchappell1@verizon.net)) or drop a note in the church office so we can begin compiling their contact information.

**It's Soccer Season at PUMC!** Practices are on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and the games are on Saturdays at 9:00 or 10:00 a.m.. Please come out and cheer on our players, meet

their families and invite them to our church! If you're unable to attend, please pray for this important family ministry of our church.

The Growing in Faith Together Sunday School class is having their **BBQ Chicken** sale on Saturday, September 30, 9:00 a.m. until sold out. Prices are:

- \$6 Half Chicken (note price change)
- \$2 8 oz. Baked Beans
- \$8 Quart Baked Beans (limited availability)
- \$1.50 8 oz. Coleslaw
- \$.50 Soft Drinks
- \$ Sweet treats will also be available

To insure availability, please preorder by contacting Brenda Woodward at 914-1259 or any member of the GIFT class.

Barbie Vest is planning to lead a **Disciple 2** class (Into the Word, Into the World) on Sundays at 2pm. This is a 32-week study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. Start date to be determined after folks sign up. Please indicate your interest in Disciple 2 on the **sign-in sheet** today or contact the church office ([Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net)) to be included on the list of those interested.

Laura Griggs will lead an 8-week course, **Covenant** (different from the Christian Builders Sunday School program) on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, starting on September 20. It includes a DVD portion and meditations, and daily reading assignments through the week. We'll allow drop-in participants, but encourage everyone to do the reading. Please call the church office (804-276-4289) or add your name to the **sign-in sheet** if you want to sign up for either course, so we can order participant books.

Our 2017 **Brunswick Stew** will be on October 14 and lots of volunteers are needed — stirrers, dippers, packers, willing to do anythingers — you're

all needed! Add your name to the **sign-in sheet** today if you can help.

Sue Duganne is beginning to take orders for the stew now. Contact her by email at [mamasue15@gmail.com](mailto:mamasue15@gmail.com) or phone (804-317-3014) if you'd like to get your order in early. The stew will be available for pick-up after 2:00 p.m. on the 14th. Please include the following on your email:

- Your Name
- Phone No.
- How many quarts you'd like to order

The price this year is \$6.00 per quart.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

**September 17, 2017:** We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

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](mailto: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:

- \* Dot Ashburn
- \* Curtis Bailey
- \* Nan Blackwell
- \* BRANCHES Florida City
- \* Ronnie Brooks (VA Hospital)
- \* Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- \* Charles Clarke (blood clots; brother of Beverley Brooks)
- \* Jennifer Clemmons on the loss of her sister
- \* Dave Cooke (friend of Paul, Jim & Charlie)
- \* John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- \* Bob & Fran Fitch
- \* Emma Fleenor
- \* Neal Fleenor (broken ankle)
- \* The family of Ariane Hubbard (died 8/15)
- \* Diane Huchingson (sister-in-law of Diane King)
- \* Ann Scott Jamison (home; staying with Flora Scott)
- \* Dot Janutolo
- \* Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- \* Jack & Linda Keery
- \* Charles King (home)
- \* The family of Dave Long (died 8/27)
- \* Gladys Mann
- \* **The family of Dee Marshall** (died, 9/14)
- \* Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- \* Lee Middleton
- \* **Judith James Molloy** (cancer; Sister-in-Law of Johnise Molloy)
- \* The family of Catherine "Katie" Moore Walker (died 8/28; mother of Cathy Patterson)
- \* Grey Morris (home)
- \* Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- \* Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- \* Upward Soccer
- \* Those affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma

### PUMC members in areas impacted by Harvey or Irma:

- Regina Bareford, Daytona, FL
- Rachel Coaker, St. Thomas
- Charles Kidd, Ormond Beach, FL
- Cherri Mitchell, Deltona, FL
- Jonathan Nacy, Charleston, SC
- Celia Nelson, Leesburg, FL
- The Michael Patterson Family, Daniel Island, SC
- Joshua & Lauren Schouten, Wilmington, NC
- Barbara & Beverly Seal, Ocala, FL
- Wilford Strong, Boca Raton, FL
- Bobby Swanson, Savannah, GA
- Charlie & Katie Waltman, Houston, TX
- The Brett Wenleder Family, Tallahassee, FL

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 17—Promotion Sunday

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School Breakfast (SH)
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 11:00 IACA (PS/SH)
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship
- 4:00 Girl Scouts
- 4:30 Youth Choir (Room 109)
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks (YH)

NO SonRise Sisters

NO Bells of Providence

### Monday, September 18

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)  
Young Adults

### Tuesday, September 19

- 8:00 VAUMC Meeting (SH & Sanc)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 2:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:30 Charge Conf. Planning Mtg. (205)
- 6:30 Scouts (SH/309)

### Wednesday, September 20

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:00 Providence Green Mtg. (309)
- 6:30 Covenant Study (205)
- 6:30 Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
- 7:15 Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 21

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

### Friday, September 22

- 8:00 AA Group (309))

### Saturday, September 23

- 9:00 & 10:00 Upward Soccer Games

## Prayer Requests

Pray for:

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Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

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Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

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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 Kyle Ostrum

### Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
11:00 Allen Branson (Library)  
Mary Lou Branson (Narthex)

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Chris Healy  
11:00 George Winstead  
Linwood Hudson, Pam Asbury  
Melvin Watkins

### Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons  
SS Brittany Flores  
11:00 Pam Asbury &  
Meredith Kyser (Y)

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)  
Hugh Miles

### Reader:

Barbie Vest

### Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Gary Wright (A)  
Tyler Griggs (V)  
11:00 Gary Wright (A)  
Tyler Griggs (V)

### Sanctuary Organizers:

Paul Martin (Sept. 1-30)

### Grass Cutter:

Area 2 Gary Vest  
(Week Sept. 18)

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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Friday Office Closed

### Contact us at:

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### Church Staff:

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**Secretary** Linda Collins (ext. 203)  
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**Audio Visual** Tyler Griggs  
[Tgriggs87@gmail.com](mailto:Tgriggs87@gmail.com)

**Youth Ministries** Mary & Greg Elliott (interim)

**Young Adult Ministries** Terrence Jeter (interim)

**Custodial Service** Bill Duganne  
**Nursery Attendant** Cynthia Liverpool  
**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres  
**Presiding Bishop** Sharma Lewis