

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2011

Upward Soccer Sunday

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude	“The peace may be exchanged...”	Dan Locklair
Welcome/Announcements		
Upward Soccer Welcome and Update		Brad Wootten
+Call To Worship*	“This Is the Day”	UMH 657
+Prayer		
+Hymn	“Marching to Zion”	UMH 733
+Affirmation of Faith		UMH 883

TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children	“Upward Soccer Half-time”	April Wood
New Testament Reading*	Romans 8:1-11	Thanks be to God.
Anthem (11:00)	“Down On My Knees” Chancel Choir	Mosie Lister
+Gospel Reading*	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Thanks be to God.
	(11:00) <i>Drama: Members of the Older Elementary Sunday School Class</i>	

Sermon

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering “I Will Trust in You, Lord” Lynn Bailey
Kelsey Alred, Hannah Jenkins, Emma McConnell, Nicole Riekers,
Megan Roberson, Molly Roberson, Gabrielle Sullivan

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.*

Offering “Arietta” Alan Viner

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

+Prayer of Dedication

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+Hymn* “Hymn of Promise” UMH 707

+Benediction

+Postlude “Concert in C Major: I” J. S. Bach

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) Anna Knight (11:00) William and Ellin Howell
 Acolytes: (8:45) Laura King (11:00) Tristan Kellam
 Nursery: (8:45) Ann Busbee (Sunday School) Wendy Collins
 (11:00) Mike & Wendy Collins
 Counters: Jimmy Sculthorpe, Captain
 Ushers: (8:45) Bill Blankenship, Carolyn Bilski, Chris Healy
 (11:00) David Sommer, Lee Bradshaw, Bob Fitch, Linwood Hudson,
 T. L. Jenkins, Stuart Watkins, George Winstead
 Readers: (8:45) Gracie Martin (11:00) Christin Kittrell
 Audio/Visual Team: Russ Byers' Team
 Name Tag Organizer: Emma Fleenor
 Sanctuary Organizers: Peggy Gillette and Eula Phillips

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The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God by Wayne and Kathy Smith in loving memory of her sister, Jeanne Flanders, for her birthday.

The narthex flowers are presented to the glory of God by Nickie Price to honor her daughter, Carol Price, on her birthday.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 18

- 8:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:15 p.m. Reception for Beverley Edwards (Social Hall)
- 12:15 p.m. Youth Council Meeting (Room 206)
- 12:15 p.m. Cross Trainers (F.I.R.E. House)
- 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. Blinn Open House
- 4:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth worship (F.I.R.E. House)
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)

Monday, September 19

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing Class (Room 309)
- 5:30 p.m. Chesterfield Ruritans (Shelter)
- 6:15 p.m. Covenant Group
- 6:25 p.m. Committee Chairpersons Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 206)

Tuesday, September 20

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 309)
- 10:30 a.m. Whitt Circle (Room 206 at Church – bring a lunch)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Library)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soccer Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Third Floor)
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee (Parlor)

Wednesday, September 21

- 6:00 p.m. Worship Task Force
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees' Meeting (Library)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 22

- 10:30 a.m. Chrismon Class (Room 206)
- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Women's Executive Board (Library)
- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Soccer Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Providence Green Homeowners' Association (Room 205)

Friday, September 23

- Couples' Small Group (Wilms' home)
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

Saturday, September 24

- 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Upward Soccer Games
- 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Growing Christians' Chicken BBQ

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

We are happy to welcome our **Upward Soccer families** today, as well our Upward Soccer volunteers. Thank you for your continued prayers for this program, its players and their families, and all those who are making it happen. Fans are welcome at the games on Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Today we welcome Beverley R. Edwards as our new Director of Music Ministries. Beverley has served for the last 11 years as the director of music at First Presbyterian Church in Dunn, NC. She holds a Master of Sacred Music from East Carolina University. A reception will be held in the Social Hall in Beverley's honor following our morning worship services.

You are invited to the **home of Bob and Mary Beth Blinn** this afternoon between 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. The Blinns would love to have you join them for some conversation and a bite to eat at their Open House today. They live at 515 N. 1st Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Car pooling is a great idea since parking is limited.

Our new pictorial directories are in! Please be sure and go by the Library and pick up your copy with your name on it. Are you new to Providence? You may also pick up a copy today.

Growing Christians Chicken BBQ is Saturday, September 24. Cost is \$5.00 for a half-chicken. You may order from any class member. Pick up between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Needed: Sanctuary Organizers: Are you willing to give 1½ hours per week to help organize the sanctuary? We need two people per week to get together and put out sign-in sheets. If you can help, please contact Shirley Hathaway at 323-4061 or email her at granny310@verizon.net.

Check out these new free resources for our children and youth. You can pick up the Pockets magazine for children in the Library and the Devo-zine for youth at the F.I.R.E. House.

“Just Choose Happiness” is the theme for the United Methodist Women's Fall Retreat on October 1 at Lake Gaston. The retreat is open to all women of Providence. Register on the clipboard today. We will meet at the church to carpool at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. We will arrive back at church at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish for lunch and a lawn chair. Driving directions are available from Mary Elliott or circle leaders.

Calling all Youth 7th to 12th grade. Join us on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the F.I.R.E. House for food, fellowship, and God's Word.

All 5th and 6th graders are invited to Cross Trainers, 12:15 to 2:00 p.m. every Sunday at the F.I.R.E. House. Please don't forget your lunch.

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. You may sign up on the "Celebration Board" near the Library.

Attention, all youth: Pass It On Choir (grades 6-12) will begin practicing this afternoon from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us. Why not invite a friend?

KC Jam Children's Choir will practice on Wednesdays in Room 306 from 6:10-6:40 on Wednesdays **beginning on September 28.** This choir is open to all children in grades K-5. Come sing and praise God...all at the same time! Questions? Call Carla Wootten at 276-5683.

Wednesday Night Small Groups begin on September 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner served 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Change the World by Mike Slaughter—September 28-Nov. 16: Each week participants will read and discuss a gospel story, watch a video showing an inspiring, world-changing mission effort and envision together how they can change the world locally and globally. This class will be led by Rob Heare. Book cost: \$5.00. Sign up today.

Advent Conspiracy—September 28-Oct. 26: Tired of the consumerism that has come to define Christmas? Advent Conspiracy shows how you can substitute compassion for consumption by practicing four simple powerful concepts. Facilitated by Cathy Patterson. Book cost: \$11.00. Sign up today.

World Communion Sunday is on October 2. You are invited to bring **fabric pieces or textiles** from other cultures or parts of the world. Any size or shape is welcome. The fabrics will be used in the sanctuary to remind us of the global aspect of the church.

On October 2, at 3:30 p.m., a **Town Hall meeting** will be held at Providence on the topic of our church-wide goal to offer two different worship experiences. Come to hear and ask questions about the work of the Task Force.

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: Effie Jamison (Johnston-Willis Hospital Rehab)
Clyde Randall (back at UVA Hospital in Charlottesville)

Church-wide Prayer Request: for the Worship Task Force and our congregation as we discern how God is leading us to offer two different worship experiences.

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: the family of Jeff Alred, **Amy Barnes** (friend of Wayne & Kathy Smith), Jennifer Bilski (Carolyn Bilski's daughter), Ed Blackwell, Roland Bodtke, Terry Brooks, Mae Clarke, Emma Cyr (requested by Kim Parr), Kayley Dirr (Diane & Charles King's granddaughter), **Phillip Butler**, Roland Dubey (submitted by Barbara A. Ritch-Brant), Janet Fattizzi, Bob & Sheila Fogle (niece and nephew of Ken & Eula Phillips), David Francisco (requested by Mildred Crostic), Charlie and Alma Groome, Sally Hunter (grandmother of Glenn Jones), Gilda Jordan, Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), **Jim McConnell, Watson Pizon** (Carla Wootten's father), **Joan Reynolds** (requested by the Pattersons), Dr. Barbara A. Ritch-Brant, Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke's nephew), Jan Rogers (co-worker of Wendy and Sean Collins), Dr. Joshua Rubinstein (Wayne and Kathy Smith's dentist), Joseph Salvaggio, Chuck Schlottman, Eric Suter (requested by Mildred Crostic), **John Taylor** (cousin of Mike Patterson), **Michael Urso** (home from the hospital), Terry Wagner, 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 September 18, 2011: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all private and religious schools, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.