

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2011
United Methodist Women's Sunday

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude "Aria" Paul Manz

Welcome/Announcements

+Call to Worship* From Exodus 34:6
Leader: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
People: We have gathered to hear the story of God and God's people.
Leader: It is a story of God's mercy and steadfast love.
People: It is our story, for we are God's people. Let us praise our God together!

+Hymn "Come, Thou Almighty King" UMH 61

United Methodist Women Presentations

Musical Offering
(8:45) "Come Ye Sinners" Arr. Roland V. Martin
Isca Wilms
(11:00) "Come Ye Sinners" Arr. Roland V. Martin
Chancel Choir

TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children Laura Griggs

New Testament Reading* Romans 8:26-39 **Thanks be to God.**

+Hymn "Are Ye Able" UMH 530

+Gospel Reading* Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Thy Kingdom Come, Parts I and II" Dr. Natalie May

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn "Servant Song" FWS 2222

Prayer *The congregation will join in on verses 4-6*

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 "Meditation for Organ" Paul Benoit

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

+Prayer of Dedication

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+Hymn* "Living for Jesus" FWS 2149

+Benediction

+Postlude Improvisation on "Italian Hymn"

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) Molly Roberson (11:00) Gabrielle Sullivan
 Nursery: (8:45) Lori Justice (Sunday School) Anne McKinnish
 (11:00) Anne Blane and Brad Wootten
 Counters: Klaus Worrell, Captain
 Ushers: (8:45) Kathy Cullen and Pat Loud
 (11:00) Shirley Collins, Dorline Davidson-Harvey, Amy Mott, Jean Riekers
 Readers: (8:45) Kathleen White (11:00) Betty Anne Roberson
 Audio/Visual Team: Bob Gillie's Team
 Name Tag Organizer: Kyser Family
 Sanctuary Organizers: Peggy Gillette and Eula Phillips

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The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God by Nan R. Blackwell in honor of Eddie Blackwell's birthday and in memory of Thomas Rennie's birthday.

The narthex flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Rachael Harvey on her 16th birthday by her parents. "We love you very much and thank God every day for the wonderful, awesome gift of you."

The Baby Candle on the altar is placed to the glory of God and in honor of Lynley Valentine Whitby, who was born on September 9, 2011. The proud parents are David and Amery Whitby, and the proud grandparents are George and Jean Whitby.

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United Methodist Women's Sunday

The Purpose

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 25

United Methodist Women's Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

12:15 p.m. Cross Trainers (F.I.R.E. House)

5:30 p.m. Youth (F.I.R.E. House)

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)

Monday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Line Dancing Class (Room 309)

6:15 p.m. Covenant Group

7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 309)

7:30 p.m. Endowment Committee (Library)

Tuesday, September 27

10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)

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. Worship Committee Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, September 28

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Social Hall)

6:00 p.m. Worship Task Force (Room 206)

6:10 p.m. KC Jam (Room 306)

6:30 p.m. Small Groups

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 29

5:30-7:00 p.m. Soccer Practice

Friday, September 30

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

Saturday, October 1

9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Upward Soccer Games

Sunday, October 2

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

12:15 p.m. Cross Trainers (F.I.R.E. House)

2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Roland Bodtke

4:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting (Social Hall)

5:30 p.m. Youth worship (F.I.R.E. House)

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)

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

Thanks to our **United Methodist Women** who are leading our service today, including Mary Elliott, President.

This Sunday is United Methodist Women Sunday at Providence. We welcome you and hope that you will choose to seek out a circle (small group) in which to belong. We are transformed by doing fun and rewarding things within the church, in our district and in our world that make a great difference. For more information on being involved, please see a UMW member (they wear yellow buttons on their nametags) or contact Mary Elliott at 674-4078 or by email at peapot@cavtel.net.

We welcome Dr. Natalie May as our guest speaker today. Natalie, her husband Jim, and their 13-year old daughter, Maddie, are all active members of Bon Air United Methodist Church. Natalie is currently the Social Action Coordinator for the Bon Air United Methodist Women and the Chair of the Conference Legislative Network, the committee that organizes United Methodist Day at the General Assembly. Natalie is an Associate Professor of Research at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in the Department of General Medicine, Geriatrics, and Palliative Care. She is the lead author of a recently published book, *Appreciative Inquiry in Healthcare*, and the Richmond public television station, WCVE, has produced a documentary, *Choosing Wisdom: The Path Through Adversity*, based on her research.

Sign up for Wednesday Night Dinner on September 28 today! Cost: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10 and under. The menu is fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, salad, roll, and dessert.

On October 2, at 4:00 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.

World Communion Sunday is next Sunday, October 2. You are invited to bring to worship **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. You will have an opportunity to give a **special offering** for Crusade Scholarships.

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; just sign the list so we will know you have one. Remember, one to a family, please.

“**Pockets**” (ages 8-12) and “**Devo-zines**” (middle and high school) are **free resources** for children and youth. Pockets are monthly magazines and can be picked up in the Library (on the desk between the bookcases). The Devo-zines can be picked up at the youth house or by contacting Susan Clark, our Youth Director, at Susan.clark@providenceumc.net

“**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.

The youth are going to AM Davis Elementary School for a mission project tonight! If you want to join us:

- Be at the youth house by 5:30 p.m. today
- Wear closed-toe shoes
- Bring a signed note or permission slip
- Bring a rake or shovel if you have one

Contact Susan Clark at susan.clark@providenceumc.net with questions.

Youth Yard Sale: We are having a yard sale at the church on Saturday, October 22, to raise money for our retreat to Eagle Eyrie and for the 30 Hour Famine. If you have anything to donate to our yard sale, please bring it by the youth house and we will have the garage door open and help unload your car. We will be there after both services each Sunday until the sale.

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 sheet on the Celebration Board.

KC Jam Children’s Choir will practice on Wednesdays in Room 306 from 6:10-6:40 on Wednesdays **beginning this coming Wednesday**. This choir is open to all children in grades K-5. Come sing and praise God...all at the same time!

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 (UVA Hospital in Charlottesville)
Chuck Schlottman (Lucy Corr)
Janet Fattizzi (Johnston-Willis)

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, **the family of 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), 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), **Jeb Jernigan** (Toni Frankin’s grandson), 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), **Suzanne Rush**, Joseph Salvaggio, Eric Suter (requested by Mildred Crostic), John Taylor (cousin of Mike Patterson), Michael Urso (home from the hospital), Terry Wagner, **the family of 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 25, 2011: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools.