

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 4, 2011**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude "Hear My Prayer" Raymond Herbek  
Welcome/Announcements

+Song\* "He Has Made Me Glad" UMH 2270

+Greeting\* Psalm 105:1-4  
One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
**Many: Make known his deeds 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 Bob Gillie and Martha Whitt

Prayer

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

A Time with the Children

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

Prayer of Confession  
+The Peace  
Offertory (8:45) "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
Morning Glory Choir  
(11:00) "I Will Serve Thee" Gaither/Lister  
Chancel Choir

+Response\* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94  
+Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion  
Prayer of Thanksgiving UMH 17  
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.*

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Everyone who is present today is welcome at the Lord's Table.  
The ushers will invite you to come to come forward  
to receive a piece of bread and dip it lightly into the cup of juice.  
Gluten-free wafers are also available as you come forward.  
You are also welcome to pray at the altar.*

*Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.*

Prayer after Communion

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

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

+Benediction  
+Postlude "Chorale" Homer Nearing

*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) Winton Justice (11:00) Andrew Bowers  
 Nursery: (8:45) Linda Koertge (Sunday School) Jennifer Ostrum  
 (11:00) Sean and Lindsey Collins  
 Counters: Hugh Miles, 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  
 Communion Preparers: (8:45) Marilyn Bell (11:00) Laurie Breeden & Doris Creasy  
 Readers: (8:45) Brenda Woodward (11:00) Clare Henderson  
 Audio/Visual Team: Russ Byers' Team  
 Name Tag Organizer: Gracie Martin  
 Sanctuary Organizers: Peggy Gillette and Eula Phillips

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**The altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Gregg Jenkins in memory of his mother on the anniversary of her death on September 6.

**The narthex flowers on the left** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Chuck Schlottman's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, with love from his family.

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*Providence United Methodist Church*

*September 4, 2011*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 4

- 8:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Education Committee (Library)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth worship (F.I.R.E. House)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group

### Monday, September 5

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, September 6

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Library)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soccer Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Marketing Task Force
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Third Floor)
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)

### Wednesday, September 7

- 6:15 p.m. Nominating Committee (Room 206)
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner for Preschool Families (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Preschool Parents' Meeting (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal (Room 205)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, September 8

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Preschool Open House (2 & 3 year olds)
- 10:30 a.m. Chrismon Class (Room 206)
- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Soccer Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Starlighters Dinner (Social Hall)

### Friday, September 9

- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Preschool Open House (Pre-K)
- Couples' Small Group (Wilms' Home)
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

### Saturday, September 10

- 9:00, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. Upward Soccer Games
- 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Picnic Shelter Reserved)

### Sunday, September 11

- 7:45 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting (Social Hall)
- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Kick-Off
- 12:15-2:00 p.m. Luncheon for all newcomers and new members
- 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth (F.I.R.E. House)

### **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

The bulletin insert today gives you an opportunity to be part of our Providence Road Partnership. Our relationship with **A. M. Davis Elementary School** helps us offer our prayers, gifts, and service to our community. They may be turned in as part of our offering today. Thanks to Linwood Davis today for helping us get to know his grandfather, Mr. A. M. Davis, aka Grandpa Davis.

Next Sunday is our **Sunday School Kick-Off**. All children, preschool through grade 12 are invited to attend a pancake breakfast at 9:45 a.m. in the social hall. Parents are invited to eat with their younger children and meet the teachers.

**"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.

Are you new to Providence? Are you interested in meeting others and finding out more about the church? There will be a **luncheon for all newcomers and recent new members** on Sunday, September 11, at 12:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. We hope you'll join us! Sign up today on the clipboard.

**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.

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

**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.

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.

A big thank-you to all those who provided **hospitality** to our community this week. Starting on Sunday afternoon throughout the week, our church was open to those without power. Thank you for making a difference.

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.

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.

**Attention, Men's Chorus:** Please note that our Chorus will practice on 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 Wootten 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)  
Katherine Nester

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**, Jennifer Bilski (Carolyn Bilski's daughter), Ed Blackwell, Roland Bodtke, Terry Brooks, Mae Clarke, Emma Cyr (requested by Kim Parr), Martha Crosby, **Kayley Dirr** (Diane & Charles King's granddaughter), Roland Dubey (submitted by Barbara A. Ritch-Brant), Janet Fattizzi, Bob & Sheila Fogle (niece and nephew of Ken & Eula Phillips), Carlton Gregory, **Charlie and Alma Groome**, Sally Hunter (grandmother of Glenn Jones), Gilda Jordan, Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), Dr. Barbara A. Ritch-Brant, Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke's nephew), **Joshua Rubinstein**, 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 September 4, 2011:** We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond; for superintendents, School Boards, PTAs, and Administrators of the Public Schools; for healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students.