



October Happenings

October 1st

Join us for an afternoon of apple picking and other fall



activities at Carter Mountain. Bring a

lunch for a picnic directly following Sunday school. We will leave from the church after eating.

October 28th

Is our fun-filled Fall Festival with Trunk-or-Treat. At 4:30 come for petting zoo, hayrides, bounce house and

more. Then stay for Trunk-or-Treating at 6:00. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Sherry Wright-Jeter or sign up on the volunteer form in the main hallway.



Brunswick Stew



Our 2017 **Brunswick Stew** will be on October 14 and lots of volunteers are needed — stirrers, dippers, packers, willing to do anything — you're all needed! It's great fellowship and an opportunity you don't want to miss!

Sue Duganne is taking orders for the stew now. Contact Sue by phone (804-317-3014) or email at mamasue15@gmail.com if you haven't placed your order yet. Please include the following on your email or message:

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

The stew will be available for pick-up after 4:00 p.m. on the 14th. The price this year is \$6.00 per quart.

And, don't forget dinner is 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. It's free so invite your neighbors to dinner!



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As the summer comes to an end the music ministries of Providence are getting warmed up! Choirs are back in the routine of weekly rehearsals to provide our services with beautiful music, and there is excitement in the air as preparations are being made for our Christmas Cantata, "The First Noel". This Fall is the perfect time to join one of our various musical groups.

Some of the current opportunities at Providence include:

The Christmas Cantata – all teens and adults are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-7:15pm to rehearse for the annual Christmas musical.

MIM – our Contemporary Service Praise Band invites singers and instrumentalists to contact Allison with their interest in this exciting, fluid group.

The Bells of Providence – our Hand Bell choir invites teens and adults with experience or knowledge of reading music to contact Allison with their interest in this exquisite ministry.

The Chancel Choir – all teens and adults with a love for music and singing are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for this fun-filled, vital ministry of the weekly services of PUMC.

Save these dates on your calendar:

- Sunday, October 15th – 11:00am, The Bells of Providence
- Sunday, October 22nd – 3:00pm-4:30pm, The Virginians in Concert (with a reception to follow)
- Sunday, October 29th – All Saint's Sunday
- Sunday, December 3rd – 11:00am, The Hanging of the Greens (The First Sunday of Advent)
- Sunday, December 17th – 11:00am, The Christmas Cantata "The First Noel"

watch us
LIVE!
 online streaming

Did you know that Providence is *live-streaming* our sermons now?

ProvidenceUMC.net/live

If you would like to learn about live-streaming or want to help with the A/V Team, contact Tyler Griggs at:
TGriggs87@gmail.com.

shinesquad

Make Providence Shine!

It was a beautiful day for the members of PUMC to spend time working (and fellowshipping) to "Make Providence Shine!"

The hard work has paid off and many rooms, hallways and the outdoors are definitely beginning to "shine".

The Trustees greatly appreciate everyone's dedication and hard work. You truly *made a difference!*

~~ Beverley Brooks
Chairperson, Trustees

Virginians Barbershop Chorus

The Virginians has been the premiere barbershop chorus in Richmond for over 60 years. We are members of the Barbershop Harmony Society and perform for audiences all around Virginia and the east coast. We actively compete with other barbershop choruses on the East Coast and are past chorus champions of the Southern Division and Mid-Atlantic District of the BHS. In May, we won the 2017 Southern Division Plateau III Chorus by recording our highest score since 2005.

Our repertoire is extensive and entertaining with contemporary, rock and roll, gospel, doo-wop, and great barbershop standards.

The Virginians Barbershop Chorus is a nationally competitive ensemble that has been performing in central Virginia for over sixty years. This non-profit group, sponsored in part by the Arts Council of Richmond, brings educational programs to the community and participates in charitable activities and events.



In Concert at Providence UMC

Sunday, October 22nd, 2017

3:00pm-4:30pm

With a Reception to Follow

(A love offering will be taken)

901 S. Providence Rd., North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Dear Friends,

A long time ago, I was 20 years old. A young man from our neighborhood had gotten off the good path and was under the influence of drugs and alcohol. He was hiding behind a car with a pipe in his hand. I addressed him and asked if he needed my help? He told me that he was going to use the pipe to hit the old lady on the bus stop and take her purse. I told him that I would not allow him to hurt anyone. What is she to you? Then he said, "Parson, if you don't get out of here, I am going to use this pipe on you." I said, "You will not hurt this lady because she is somebody's mother or grandmother. You are sick and you need my help." The bus was coming and he stood up and raised the pipe to strike me. I told him that I could not live with myself if I allowed him to hurt that lady. Tears coming down his face, he took off running into an alley. I never saw him again but that day that lady was safe. I would not have been able to live with myself if I did not stop that awful, violent assault.

"Take a Hard Look!"

A mirror is an object that reflects light in such a way that preserves much of its original quality prior to its contact with the mirror. Mirrors are commonly used for personal grooming or admiring oneself (in which case the archaic term **looking-glass** is sometimes still used), decoration, and architecture. Have you ever looked in the Mirror and did not like what you saw?

"Take a Hard Look!"

Some may say, I hate looking at myself in the mirror. How do I stop letting my self-image ruin my life? Why is marriage so hard? Why is counseling so hard?

It's hard because in most cases we don't want to take a Hard Look!

Michael Jackson wrote a song called, "The Man in the Mirror!" and the chorus says, "I'm Starting With the Man In The Mirror, I'm Asking Him To Change His Ways, And No Message Could Have Been Any Clearer, If You Wanna Make The World A Better Place, Take A Look At Yourself, And make a change!"

The Bible is the most important part of a Christian's life. The Word of God teaches that the Bible is **A MIRROR** of the soul. James 1:23-25 is an amazing passage of Scripture . . .

"For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

Do we listen to the voice of a financial advisor and yet have no intentions of acting upon their advice?

Does it make sense to go to doctors to relieve us of pain to return home only to do the opposite of what the doctors have suggested?

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a person who looks at his or her face in a mirror and, after looking at themselves, goes away and immediately forgets what they look like. But the person who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he or she has heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in whatever they do. (James 1:23-25)

"Take A Hard Look!"

A mirror is a very interesting thing and it is used here as the picture of the Word of God.

When we look into a mirror we look at a reflection of ourselves. We see ourselves for who we really are.

There is a wonderful story about President Abraham Lincoln; you may have noticed that on some of his portraits that there is a wart on his cheek and on some portraits you may not see it. As one artist was preparing to paint his portrait, he began to have Lincoln move around. He said President Lincoln would you sit here and turn this way? This went on for a few minutes as he was trying to get Lincoln to be in a position where the wart would not show. Finally Lincoln began to smile because he understood what the artist was trying to do! The artist said, "Good! Okay,

From the Pastor *(continued)*

President Lincoln, how do you want me to paint you?" President Lincoln replied, "Paint me just as I am, wart and all!"

That's what a mirror will do! It will tell you; if you have a wart or not, it will show everything! This is why many of us don't want to spend too much time in the presence of a mirror.

My friends the Word of God will also tell us who we are and who we are not!

We need the Word of God!

Hebrews 4:12: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and

sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Every believer's life should be bathed in the Scriptures!

Every believer should find time to mediate and contemplate on the Word of God.

Without the Bible, you and I will go astray and forget what MANNER of person we can be?

The Bible is a mirror of the soul, revealing the thoughts and intents of our heart. Psalm 119:105 refers to the Bible as a "Lamp" unto our feet. Beware of anyone who attempts to guide you in spiritual matters without providing Scriptural support. I wouldn't trust the advice of anyone who ignores the Scriptures.

Lastly, 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth." Take a good look!

~~ Derrick Parson

Missions

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Mission Garden** by tilling, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting and distributing produce. We learned some lessons from this year's garden that will be considered when talking about a garden next year. Several loads of produce were distributed to the Chesterfield Food Bank Truck at A.M. Davis; to the parents of the children attending CAP and to members of our church. Our donations to the Food Bank Truck were the only fresh items they had to distribute.

Our efforts in our past mission gardens were featured on the front page of the Richmond District Dispatch. You can read the article in the following link:

<http://www.richmonddistrictumc.org/>

wpccontent/uploads/2017/08/August2017.pdf

Shirley Collins will be taking orders for **fall pansies** through October 2nd, and they will be delivered on October 6. Proceeds from the sale of flowers go to benefit **UMUMR** (United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond). The order form is in the church office. Please make checks payable to UMUMR. Or see Shirley in church and she will help you with your order. And, remember to donate some pansies to be planted in front of our church.



Homeward's Homeless Connection event will be held at the Richmond Convention Center on Tuesday, November 14. Please

Brenda Woodward

take this opportunity to look through your closets for any men's jeans, sweatshirts, hoodies, tennis shoes, work boots, etc. We are always in need of additional men's clothing. Also, individual snacks and reusable shopping bags can be placed in the mission room. Volunteers are needed to ride down with us on Monday afternoon around 1:00 to set up. If we have enough help, we usually return to church by 5:50 or 6:00.

Volunteers are also needed on the day of the event to distribute clothing and other items. We will leave church around 8:30 a.m. and return by 2:30. If you haven't participated before, come and join us. You will be blessed!

In an effort to create additional

Missions *(Continued)*

opportunities for our congregation to participate in outreach ministry, Providence has partnered with Asbury Memorial UMC and Ramsey UMC to provide snacks and bottled water to the **USO hospitality room** at the Richmond International Airport. We will provide money to purchase these items every third month. The USO offers soldiers a place to relax and have something to eat and drink as they pass through Richmond on their way home or on their way to their base. Any contributions to this important mission can be made to PUMC with a notation of USO on the check or envelope.

Through our **Lent Offering Box-**

es, PUMC was able to collect \$378.18 for the Society of St. Andrew to assist them in their gleaning projects to help feed hungry people. Large truck loads of fruits and vegetables that would be disposed of are sent around the country to various local feeding agencies. This is an awesome ministry that feeds many hungry people. We sometimes don't realize how collecting our spare change in those little boxes can make such a difference, but it really does!

Providence Road Partners collected a great amount of backpacks and school supplies that were distributed to the students at A. M. Davis so that they were able to start the school year on a

good foot with brand new supplies. Thank you to everyone who donated and participated. On a personal note, I would like to thank the members of the Missions Committee, as well as the entire congregation who worked so hard this year to get our mission projects completed when I was not able to help. This entire year has been filled with personal heartache, death and tragedy for me and my family; and your prayers, cards, visits and support have meant more than words can say. I don't know that I could have made it through without my church family, and I appreciate you and love you all very much.

~~Brenda Woodward

Youth and Children's Choir (ages 9 and up)

I'm excited to let you know that we began our Youth Choir again! This is such a valuable ministry for our church and an important way for our young people to be involved. The Youth Choir is open to ages 9 and up and we are learning a variety of music, including songs for Christmas. I'll be leading the choir and am really looking forward to being able to share this opportunity with the kids and the PUMC members!

~~ Sherry Wright-Jeter

Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

(First meeting was September 10)

Rehearsals:

October 8, 15, 22

November 5, 12, 19

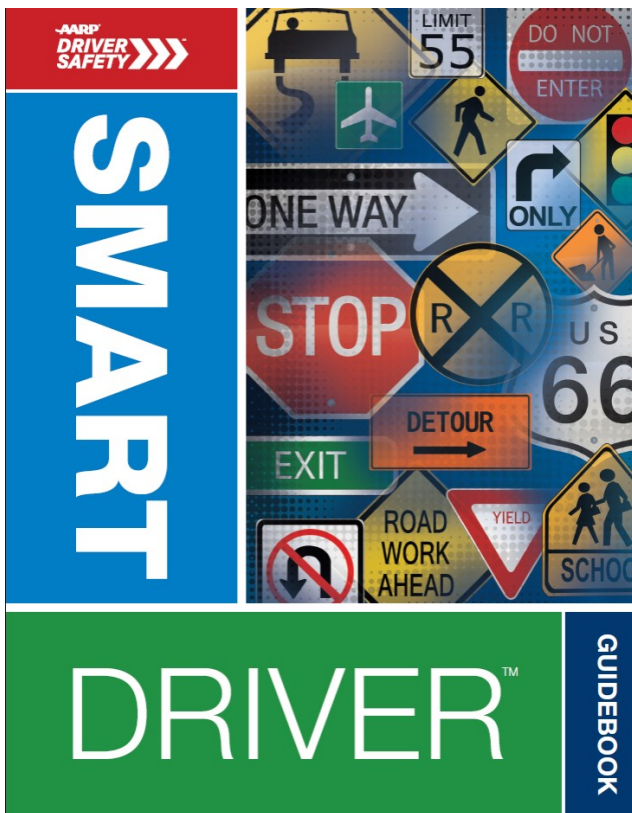
December 3, 10, 17

Christmas Eve performance

Time TBD



AARP Smart Driver Course



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 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) or Jean Winfree (804-276-2823; jeanboy@aol.com).

Providence Road Partners

Thanks to everyone who contributed **school supplies** to A. M. Davis in August! Families came to “shop” for their students and many students started school with everything they needed in their brand-new backpacks. Thanks again!

Providence will again be providing food backpacks to students at A. M. Davis each weekend beginning October 6th. We will

be sending six meals home each weekend to help struggling families. Twelve dollars (\$12) will provide one backpack for one student or if you would like to contribute for a year, \$396 will sponsor one student for the entire year. Checks can be made out to the church, with A. M. Davis on the memo line, to help participate in this important ministry of our church.

As always, please direct any questions to Wendy Collins, phone: 276-2418, email:

MrsCollins17@aol.com.



October Calendar

SUNDAYS

9:00 Connections
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship
3:00 Girl Scouts
5:15 SonRise Sisters
5:30 Youth & Inukshuks
6:00 Bells of Providence

October 1-World Communion Sunday

11:00 Carter Mountain Trip

October 2

10:00 Line Dancers
7:00 Young Adults

October 3

11:00 Bible Study
2:00 Alpha Theater
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:30 Cubs/Scouts
7:00 Newton Circle

October 4

7:00 Men's Breakfast
1:00 Visitation Team
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:15 CHAMPs
6:30 Covenant Study
6:30 Cantata Rehearsal
7:15 Chancel Choir

October 5

9:30 Prayer Team
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:15 Men's Bible Study
6:30 MIM
6:30 AA

October 6

6:00 AA

October 7

Ruritan Stew
9:00 Soccer Games

October 8

3:15 CHAMPs
4:30 Youth Choir

October 9

10:00 Line Dancers
7:00 Finance Committee
7:00 Ruritan Board Meeting
7:00 Young Adults

October 10

10:30 Laughon Circle
11:00 Bible Study
2:00 Alpha Theater
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:30 Cubs/Scouts

October 11

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30 CHAMPs
6:30 Covenant Study
6:30 Cantata Rehearsal
7:15 Chancel Choir

October 12

9:30 Prayer Team
11:00 Knitters & Crocheters
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:15 Men's Bible Study
6:30 MIM
6:30 AA
6:30 Starlighters
7:00 Gregory Circle

October 13

2:00 Book Club Meeting
8:00 AA

October 14

PUMC Stew
9:00 Soccer Games
5:00 Stew Dinner

October 15-Laity Sunday

1:00 Elmcroft Worship
4:30 Youth Choir

October 16

10:00 Line Dancers
7:00 Church Council
7:00 Ruritan Dinner
7:00 Young Adults

October 17

11:00 Bible Study
2:00 Alpha Theatre
6:00 Upward Soccer
6:30 Cubs/Scouts

October 18

7:00 Men's Breakfast
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Providence Green Meeting
6:30 CHAMPs
6:30 Covenant Study
6:30 Cantata Rehearsal
7:15 Chancel Choir

October 19

9:30 Prayer Team
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:15 Men's Bible Study
6:30 MIM
6:30 AA
7:30 Gregory Circle

October 20

9:15 Cooks for Christ
9-9 Social Hall Reserved
8:00 AA

October 21

9-9 Social Hall Reserved
9:00 Soccer Games

October 22-Children's Sabbath

1:00 Picnic Shelter Reserved
3:00 The Virginians
3:15 CHAMPs
4:30 Youth Choir

October 23

10:00 Line Dancers
6:45 Trustees
7:00 Young Adults

October 24

11:00 Bible Study
2:00 Alpha Theater
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:30 Cubs/Scouts (Pack Mtg)

October 25

9:00 AARP Safe Driver Course
9:00 Sanctuary Reserved
5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30 CHAMPs
6:30 Covenant Study
6:30 Cantata Rehearsal
7:15 Chancel Choir

October 26

9:00 AARP Safe Driver Course
9:30 Prayer Team
11:00 Knitters & Crocheters
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:15 Men's Bible Study
6:30 MIM
6:30 AA
7:00 UMW LTM

October 27

9-9 Fall Festival Preparation
8:00 AA

October 28

9:00 Soccer Games
4-8 Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat

October 29-All Saints Sunday

Communion

October 30

10:00 Line Dancers
7:00 Young Adults

October 31

11:00 Bible Study
2:00 Alpha Theater
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:30 Cubs/Scouts

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

1	Jim Yeatts	17	Suzy Gaines
2	Jacob Honor		Roger Lee Dowdy Jr.
3	Al Riekers		Timothy Church
	Brenda Woodward		Brandon Kellam
	Kim Honor		Edward Wagner
4	Ashley Rawls	18	Grace Wyrick
5	Dee Nichols		Mary Ann Walton
6	Kathy Kincaid	19	Jessica Moore
	Sarah Morris		Susanne Forte
	Martin Coberly		Sharon deCheubel
	Martin Evancoe		Rayna Skrabala
7	Phyllis Ranger	20	Marilyn Benson
	Cindy Petrick		Bonnie Estes Drowne
	Chris Healy		Thomas Jenkins
	Jimmy Sculthorpe		Ava Flores
	Russell Winfree	21	Ronnie Woodward
	Sam Fulp Jr.		Kathleen White
8	Rick Logan		Neal Fleenor III
	Sue Worrell		Harrison Jeffrey
	John Mallory	22	A.B. Creasy Jr.
	Jill Ferebee	24	Ethel Preston
	Johnise Molloy		Troye Hamilton
10	Melanie Moyer		Tabitha Hamilton
	Mary Steele		Celeste Friedman
	Elizabeth Melancon	25	Pat Doutt
	Doug Sheek		Linda Collins
	Aricin Drowne	26	Althea Armstrong
11	Beryl May		Megan Burkhardt
	Christa Coaker Mallory	27	David Koertge
	Anne McKinnish		Collin Lee
	Juliet Haskell		Renate Brennet
	Emma Mallory		Tom Kellam
12	Marian Crowder	28	Diane Healy
	William Mallory		Mike Ford
	Kevin Byers		Brett Wenleder
13	Carolyn Bowman		Erin Bailey
	Eula Phillips	29	Olivia Gonzalez
	Grey Gleason		Bob Hackett Jr.
14	Ansley Higginbotham		Janice Byers
15	Dot Janutolo		Isabelle Bailey
	Ryan Trexler	30	Carolyn Matthews
	Jarrold Ficklin		Candy Llewellyn
16	Celia Nelson		Sammy Penny
	Betty Woodcock	31	Morris Logan
	Anne Blane Wootten		Cherri Mitchell
			Becky McCay

Anniversaries

7	Rudy & Cindy Petrick (56)
11	Al & Jean Riekers (30)
14	Gary & Patty Wright (29)
18	Allison & Daniel Longest (9)
20	Linwood & Shirley Hudson (66)
	Marshall & Kathleen Mallory (50)
	Allen & Shirley Minter (27)
23	Bob & Becky Roop (52)
28	Mark & Karen Berry (28)

Family News, Notes & Info Changes

New Members:

- **John & Karen Duncan**—7/9/17
7724 Stonetree Dr., N. Chesterfield, VA
23235, 804-744-6083
- **Frank Blankenship**—8/6/17
- **Sheila Dougherty**—8/6/17
- **Monte Newbill** — 9/10/17
7313 Towchester Dr, Richmond, VA
23236, 804-295-7197

David Bell and Denise Schnurr were married on June 7, 2017. David is the son of Frank and Marilyn Bell.

Directory Changes:

- **Jenkins, Donna**, remove address
- **Latimer, Wayne & Beth**, 11031 Vogel Ct., N. Chesterfield, VA 23236
- **Tuck, Christopher & Michelle**, remove address
- **Ezell, Jessica**, 3503 Patterson Ave., Apt. 6, Richmond, VA 23221

Thanksgiving Meal Gifts for CCHASM

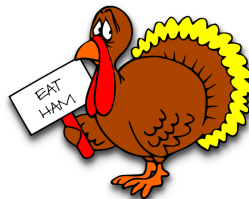
Oh how times flies! It won't be long before we will be sitting down to a big Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends. Please remember the people who won't have that wonderful meal unless we help out. This year I'm telling CCHASM we will be doing 49 Thanksgiving Meal Gift Packages..

Bring whatever the classes or individuals can give to the Christian Builders classroom (room 205) and the food will be taken to CCHASM on November 13 or

14. CCHASM does not assign numbers to families until they have the meals promised, so don't wait until the last minute.

If we are able to provide more than 49 meals CCHASM will be notified.

Thanks for all you do; let's make a good Thanksgiving for others!



Shirley Hudson

Shopping List

- \$15 gift card (don't put in bag)
- 1-40 oz. can of yams or sweet potatoes
- 1-13 oz. box of mashed potatoes
- 1-14 oz. can of cranberry sauce
- 2-15 oz. cans of corn
- 2-15 oz. cans or green vegetables
- 2-boxes of "Stove Top"
- 2-cans or packages of gravy (no glass jars)
- 1-box of hot chocolate
- 1-box of tea bags
- 1-large box or bag of cookies

Looking Forward



October:

- 7 Ruritan Stew
- 14 PUMC Stew & Community Dinner
- 15 Laity Sunday
- 22 Children's Sabbath
- 25 AARP Driver Course
- 28 Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
- 29 All Saints' Sunday

November:

- 5 Upward Sunday
- Daylight Savings Ends**
- 11-18 CARITAS
- 13-14 CCHASM meals due
- 19 Thanksgiving Sunday
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 24 Church Office Closed
- 26 Christ the King Sunday



December:

- 3 First Sunday of Advent
- Hanging of the Greens
- 9 Joys of Christmas
- 10 Second Sunday of Advent
- 17 Third Sunday of Advent
- Christmas Cantata
- 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Christmas Eve Services
- 25 Christmas Day
- Church Office Closed