


# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

## **CONNECTIONS—9:00 a.m.**

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** Cornerstone

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children:** Joy Wagner

**Scripture:** Luke 4:14-21

**Singing:** Never Let Me Go

**Message:** Chosen  
Derrick Parson

### **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:** My Deliverer

**Benediction**



+ Hymn UMH 361	Rock of Ages	TOPLADY
Second Reading*	Jeremiah 1:4-10	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Sermon	Chosen	Derrick Parson

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory	Priere a Notre-Dame	L. Boëllmann
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
Baptism of Luke Collins		
+ Hymn FWS 2197	Lord of All Hopefulness	SLANE
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	Nun Danket Alle Gott, "Now Thank We All Our God"	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

**Welcome Guests!**  
**We're glad you're here!**

- Pick up a welcome gift in the foyer.
- **Children's age-appropriate 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).

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Luke David Collins for his christening today. The Collins family is thankful for all of their blessings and for your presence today at this special occasion.

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Dorothy Spencer in memory of her husband, Alex Spencer.

The **flowers in the narthex** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of my wife, Linda's, birthday. — Love you! Jack

The **flowers in the narthex** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Francis Byrd. *"The Byrd family hopes everyone enjoys the beauty of the narthex flowers and joins them in celebrating Francis' birthday and the beauty of her continued example of humble devotion to Christ's teachings."*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The procession of electric candles during the first hymn or song represents the coming of the Messiah through Jesus Christ, born on Christmas day. He is our light in the darkness. In this season of Epiphany, may the candles carried in by our children and youth remind us that the Lord is our light and salvation.

Ash Wednesday is February 10. There will be a **Lenten meal** in the social hall (5:30-6:15 p.m.) followed by our **Ash Wednesday service** at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Youth District Retreat** to Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg is February 19-21 and the theme is "Jesus Loves Me". The cost is \$125 and is due today. The weekend offers a keynote speaker, a band, breakout sessions, games and youth group bonding time. We will leave the church at 5:00 on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Checks should be made payable to Providence Church with Eagle Eyrie on the memo line. For additional information, contact the Youth Director at: [susan.clark@providenceumc.net](mailto:susan.clark@providenceumc.net).

Children's Ministries is planning a **Parent's Night Out** on Saturday, February 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the social hall. The cost is \$5 per child and includes pizza, crafts and a movie. The children are welcome to wear their PJs. Please sign up today if you would like to have a night out on the town. Volunteers are also needed. Contact Joy Wagner (245-7087) if you can help.

The Faith Sharers Adult Sunday School Class (room 307) will begin a new study on Sunday, February 7. The book they will be studying is "Crossing Cultures with Jesus: Sharing Good

News with Sensitivity and Grace". We now have unprecedented opportunities to meet people from every culture and nation. This study will help us learn how to witness the way Jesus did, entering into people's worlds and drawing them into God-centered community. If you are interested in joining us and would like to purchase the book, please contact Robin Sculthorpe ([drsculthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:drsculthorpe@gmail.com)).

**Providence's Got Talent!** On February 28, there will be a talent show and potluck dinner in the social hall. If you are interested in performing, please sign up on the clipboard today. You may also sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway leading to the sanctuary. For additional information, contact Margaret Taylor at: [M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com](mailto:M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com).

The second **Planning Meeting** originally scheduled for today has been postponed to February 7, at 12:15 in the Social Hall. This meeting is for the entire council and all church committees are invited. Our goal is to coordinate the church calendar and to make clear our strategies for "Finding New Members."

Please ponder these questions before coming to the meeting:

- What would you like to see happen at Providence UMC in 2016?
- How would you like to "plug in" at Providence UMC in 2016?

Please sign up on the sign-in sheet today if you are able to attend the meeting on February 7. The list for January 24 is no longer in use.

The United Methodist Women are selling **Tote Bags**. The bags are \$5 and will be available

today, in the church office, between the worship services and after the 11:00 service. They are nice bags and can be used for gifts, groceries, crafts or as a carry-on for your next airplane trip! The bags will also be available in the church office during the week. Get yours today while supplies last!

**Giving Statements for 2015** are available in the church office today and Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Please help us save a little postage by picking your statement up today.

**"Alice in Wonderland"** is still coming to the stage at Providence. Their performances that were scheduled for January 22 and 23 are being **rescheduled for sometime in February**. Exact dates and times will be announced soon.

We are in need of volunteers to serve on a **worship elements committee** periodically to assist with elements of worship such as decorations, flowers, crosses and other various visuals presented in worship. We are particularly looking for able-bodied individuals that can climb ladders and carry heavy boxes. This committee would only meet seasonally or as needed. Please contact the church office at 276-4289 or sign up on the clipboards today if you are interested.

Be sure and pick an age appropriate (3-6 or 7-12) **Children's Worship Activity Bulletin** full of activities that follow the theme of our worship service. They are in the foyer along with children's bags and boxes. Notice that today there is a **secret code** on the bottom of the children's bulletin that will **unlock fun learning activities**. The code is unique to Providence and allows safe and secure access to online

games that reinforce the message for the week. Several games are rotated (Memory Match, Word Search, Gems of the Bible and Coloring Book) and are geared toward all age levels.

- **Step 1:** Go to: [www.games.childrensbulletins.com](http://www.games.childrensbulletins.com) and enter the secret code on the bottom right of the bulletin and changes each week.
- **Step 2:** Play!



### Adults may find them fun too!

Did you know that we have “**Snow Angels**” at **PUMC**? Our snow removal team (Bill Walton, Joe Gillette, Gene Duckworth and Neal Fleenor) converged on Providence last Monday and made a significant dent in the parking lot snow. They were definitely our heroes last week!

Do you know someone in our congregation who is unable to attend church, who might like to have a visit and receive communion? If so, please call Jane Elbert (675-0534) or email her at: [janeelbertquilts@gmail.com](mailto:janeelbertquilts@gmail.com).

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence? Speak with Pastor Derrick who will guide you in the next steps, (804)-276-4289.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Hand-knitted **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 Tom and Nancy Coffman at [tlcnlc@verizon.net](mailto:tlcnlc@verizon.net). If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact the Coffmans.

**Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families:** Hunter Blankenship, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

### Our gathered prayer concerns:

Ruby Agee, the family of Shirley Bailey (who died on 1/2), Curtis Bailey, Brian Bilski, Nan Blackwell, **Jim DeLap** (began chemotherapy), Thomas Donne, Nikki Earley, Julie Fleshman (fell on 1/10), Mother of Tony Fleshman (mild stroke on 1/7), Mary Harris (mother of Hugh Harris), Mildred Isbell, Ronnie Justice, **Jack Keery** (fractured his hand), Tristen Kellam, Kathy Kincaid (surgery on 1/18), Buddy Lindsey (son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Charlene Reardon (sister of Linwood Hudson), **the family of Ellie Rennie** (who died on January 20, Nan Blackwell's mother), Iris Ryder (sister of Mae Clarke and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith (surgery on 1/19), **Mary Steele** (JW) & Bill Steele, the family of Linwood Waltrip (died on 1/14, brother of Flora Scott), Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts.

### Metro Richmond at Prayer for January 31, 2016:

We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: to proclaim in word and deed the establishment of beloved community in Metropolitan Richmond.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, January 31

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Handbells
- 4:45 Youth Choir
- 5:30 Youth and Inukshuks
- 5:30 Bells of Providence

### Monday, February 1

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 6:30 Staff Parish (L)

### Tuesday, February 2

- 11:00 Bible Study
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 7:00 Young Adults (L)

### Wednesday, February 3

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 1:00 Visitation Team (L)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 4

- 10:00 Prayer Team (L)
- 5:45 Ministry in Motion
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 6:30 Providence Green Assn. (309)

### Friday, February 5

- 7:00 Pinewood Derby Setup (SH)
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, February 6

- 10-4 Pinewood Derby (SH)

## 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 Meredith Kyser

### Greeters:

9:00 Marisa Evanco (Library)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00 Evelyn Hastings (Library)

Carolyn Winstead (Narthex)

### Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum

Emma McConnell (Y)

SS Troye Hamilton

11:00 Laurie Breeden

### Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)

Anne Baird, Wayne Smith

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek

11:00 Klaus Worrell

Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman

Laurie Breeden, Brad Wootten

Rudy Petrick

### Reader:

11:00 Jim Chappell

### Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Nikki Earley (MS)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Nikki Earley (MS)

### Sanctuary Organizers:

Judy Gindhart

CCLI License #1495687

CCVLI License #502817990

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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday Office Closed

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