


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: Shine, Jesus, Shine

Making Connections

Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

Singing: Mighty to Save

Sermon: Be More Salty!

Derrick Parson

Holy Communion

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.

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. The altar rail is always available as a place of prayer. Special offerings left on the altar rail will go toward families with emergency needs. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available.

Singing and Offering: Carry the Light

Benediction

5th Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 a.m.

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

- Please pick up a welcome gift from an usher in the foyer.
- **Children's 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).



UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(in the setting of J. S. Bach's *Minuet in G*)

arr. Cindy Berry

+ Call to Worship *

(Inspired by Matthew 5:13-16)

Leader: If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.

People: If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!

Leader: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

People: If the new creation in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!

Leader: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

People: Our faith, our love, our hope is as essential as salt and light.

Leader: But if salt isn't salty, it isn't what it's meant to be. And if a light doesn't shine, it isn't what it's meant to be.

People: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

Leader: Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

ALL: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

February 5, 2017

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

FWS 2173

Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading UMH 833 *

Psalm 112:1-10
(with musical response)

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *

Matthew 5:13-20

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Be More Salty!

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

UMH 12

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

UMH 17

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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 the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and juice, kneeling or standing as you are able. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available. Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.

Prayer after Communion

Offertory	Come Follow Me Chancel Choir	Jay Althouse
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
+ Hymn	I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me	FWS 2153
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude		



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Dinner February 8, 5:30 p.m.

Gary Vest is preparing our Wednesday Night Dinner this week. The menu features pot roast with gravy, new potatoes, baby carrots, green beans and dessert. Please sign up today if you plan to attend or call the church office before Wednesday morning so we can add you to the headcount.

The **planning meeting for 2017** is be Sunday, February 12. Please contact the church office (804-276-4289) to confirm or decline your attendance so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Your **2016 giving statement** is available in the Library today. You can pick yours up while you're here or drop by the office during the week (Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.).

Sonrise Sisters and **Hanbells** will start practicing on Sunday, February 19.

If you are able to volunteer to provide snacks for the youth activities on Sunday evenings, please go to: <http://www.takethemameal.com/>. The Recipient's name: **Youth**. Password: **Youthcrew**.

I work in the Chesterfield jail teaching adult male students and prepping them for their GEDs. I am looking for a couple of volunteers who would be willing to work with my lower reading students. If you have questions or are interested in helping, please call me (Bethany Sharpe) at 303-2291 or by email me bethany.sharpe@gmail.com.

Children's Worship Activity Bulletins are available each Sunday! The children's bulletins are full of age appropriate (3-6 or 7-12) activities that follow the scripture or theme of the worship service. Be sure and pick up a bulletin for your child. They are in the foyer along with children's bags and boxes on Sunday.

Also, there is a secret code on the bottom of some 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 and enter the secret code.

Step 2: Play!

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

Metro Richmond at Prayer for February 5, 2017: We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions. Fill us with your compassion for our natural environment. We pray that all would earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city.

Handmade **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 Nancy Coffman at nlctlc73@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact Nancy. Please check your email address book to make sure you have this email address.

Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families:

Jessica Ammon Harrison Bailey
Hunter Blankenship Jennifer Collins
Matt Latimer Wayne Lee
Megan Thomas

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Lisa Atkinson (friend of Cheran Salvaggio)
- * Dru Blalock (cancer, sister-in-law of Catherine Milholen)
- * **Lois Butler** (Brenda Woodward's mother)
- * Nancy Carney (cancer, sister of Jim McConnell)
- * Doris Creasy (rehab, Laurels at Willow Creek, room 606)
- * Susie LaCour Eichmann (breast cancer, cousin of Linda Collins)
- * The family of Charles Elbert (who died 1/25, Jane Elbert's father)
- * Julie Fleshman
- * Renna Fleshman (rehab after small stroke, mother of Tony Fleshman)
- * Samuel Ford
- * Jill Gusewelle (friend of the Kyser family)
- * Carrington Goode (surgery 2/1)
- * Brenda Hair (throat cancer)
- * The family TL Jenkins (who died 1/18)
- * **Earl Jennings** (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- * Laura Johns (friend of the Kyser family)
- * **Hunter Jones** (niece of Mary Ann Walton & Virginia Randall)
- * The family of Ronnie Justice (who died 1/8)
- * Jack Keery
- * Tracey Kellam
- * Tristen Kellam
- * Chris Landrum (diagnosed with an incurable brain tumor)

- * Carl Lunsford (stroke, friend of Catherine Milholen)
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * **Johnise Molloy** (plantar fasciitis and heel spurs)
- * Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons)
- * The family of Earl Newton, a former member, who recently died
- * Karen Nowak (Linda Keery's sister)
- * Miss Oppielee (battling cancer), friend Peg & Bill Mannering
- * **Robert Owens** (cancer, friend of Dave Robinson)
- * Gladys Robertson (rehab, mother of Robbie Robertson)
- * **Cheran Salvaggio** (shoulder surgery 2/1)
- * The Schmidt family who lost their 3 1/2 year old grandson (friends of Pat Loud)
- * **Jimmy Stells** (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- * Rosie Tarkington (former member undergoing treatment for cancer)



Doris and A.B. asked me to let you know just how loved Doris feels by her PUMC family. The cards, calls, visits, sign, prayer shawl, flowers and prayers are so appreciated and

makes her stay the Laurels much more tolerable! Thank you so very much!

Laurie **Creasy** Breeden

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 5

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 Youth and Inukshuks

Monday, February 6

- 10:00 Line Dancers
- 7:00 Staff Parish (L)

Tuesday, February 7

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)
- 6:30 Cubs/Scouts (309/SH)
- 7:00 Young Adults
- 7:00 Newton Circle

Wednesday, February 8

- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 Founding Fathers (205)

Thursday, February 9

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 Starlighters (SH)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 Gregory Circle (Angelo's)

Friday, February 10

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Prayer Requests

Pray for:

Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments:

Your Contact Information:

Name:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

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 Emily Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Patty Wright (Library)
Jean Riekers (Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Neal Fleenor, Ron White
11:00 Bobby Burton, Meredith Kyser
Tom Koertge, Ed Harper
Ralph Vernon, Lori Justice

Nursery:

9:00 Barbara Oliver
Emma McConnell (Y)
SS Troye Hamilton
11:00 Lindsey Collins & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)
Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

Readers:

Anna Knight

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Gary Wright (A)
Tyler Griggs (V)
11:00 Gary Wright (A)
Tyler Griggs (V)

Sanctuary Organizers: (Feb. 1-28)

Peggy Gillette

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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