

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

## **CONNECTIONS 9:00 am**

**Singing:** “Better is One Day” and “Awakening”

Michael Kalson, Contemporary Music Leader

### **Making Connections**

**Scripture:** Matthew 3:16-17; 4:1-11

**Sermon:** “The Wilderness: Temptation is Real”  
Pastor Mary Beth Blinn

**Singing:** “Hungry”

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### **Prayer Time**

#### **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.

**Singing with Offering:** “How Great Thou Art”

### **Benediction**

# 1st Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015 11:00 a.m.

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude "Prelude IV in C Sharp Minor" J. S. Bach

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH 57

+ Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

+ Response "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70

## TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

Anthem "Walk by Faith" arr. Joel Raney  
Chancel Choir

First Reading\* Psalm 25:1-10 UMH 756

Gospel Reading\* Matthew 3:16-17; 4:1-11 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Wilderness: Temptation is Real"  
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## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

+ Hymn "I Surrender All" UMH 354

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Prayer

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Offertory

“Jesus Walks This Lonesome Valley”

arr. Dale Wood

+ Response

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

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

+ Hymn

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

UMH 269

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

**Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.**

**UMH** = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

\* = Words Projected

**FWS** = The Faith We Sing (Black)

+ = Please stand as you are able

### **Welcome guests. We're glad you're here!**

- Pick up a welcome gift in the foyer—Our “**Join the Mix**” bean soup mix.
- **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 flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marilyn Benson's father, Jerry Watkins, and in memory of her sister, Debbie Loftis.

The flowers in the narthex today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Abby Heare's birthday on February 21.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Devotional booklets for each day of the 40 day **season of Lent** are available in the foyer. Pick one up for yourself or your family. Offering boxes may be filled for hunger relief through the Society of Saint Andrew.

Today, you are invited to come forward to receive the **sign of the cross** on your hand. The ashes used are from the burning of last year's palm branches. Because we were unable to have our Ash Wednesday service this week, you are invited to remember your mortality in the light of God's grace today. (The ashes may be removed with a little oil.)

Sign up today for our next **Wednesday Night Dinner** on February 25, 5:30-6:15 p.m. You can also call the office (276-4289) no later than Tuesday. The dinner is sponsored by the Emmaus group and the menu includes salad, baked spaghetti, bread, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12.

The United Methodist Men invite you to their annual **Pancake and Country Sausage**

**Dinner** on February 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. In addition to butter and maple syrup, toppings will include blueberries, strawberries, whipped cream and chocolate syrup. Milk and coffee will be included as well. Tickets are available from the United Methodist Men, in the Library after each service. The cost is \$7 for adults; \$4 for children under 12. Country sausage can also be purchased (\$9 for two pounds). All proceeds will help fund mission opportunities in our community.



**Yehaw!** Our **Second Annual Chili Cook Off** will be Sunday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m., in the Social Hall. Bring a batch of your favorite

chili and compete for a trophy. Children are encouraged to make a dessert for our Dessert Corral. We will have a children's area with games and a children's pie-eating contest. Last year's Cook Off was a tremendous success. Let's make this year even better! Sign up on the clipboards today if you plan to bring chili.

Students at A. M. Davis can learn math skills from **flash cards AND playing cards!** If you can donate a deck of cards (even incomplete sets) or math-related flash cards, we might be able to provide cards for every student. There is a box in the missions area near the elevator on the second floor for the cards you donate.



The rescheduled **Church Council meeting** will be tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in Room 309.

The next study for the **Thursday Men's Group** (6:15 p.m.) will be "Spiritual Warfare: Overcoming the Enemy". Through this six-week study, you will gain a knowledge of the enemy's tactics and schemes. You will discover and develop a strategy for living daily in victory. Contact Dave Long for more information: 276-9494

### The Tree Gets Leaves

Have you noticed the large tree in the front stairwell? The pictures on it show all ages and various activities in the church. Last week, some new pictures were added: our youth from the confirmation class with their mentors. They also added leaves which give illustrated suggestions for disciples who are on "The Way." Stop and take a look the next time you're climbing the steps. . .or make a special trip.

We'd like our church membership records to be complete. If you haven't already, **please let us know your birthdate** (day, month, year) by including it on the bottom of the clipboard today. Thank you!

The **2015 Ministry Menu** is available at <http://www.providenceumc.net/wp-content/uploads/Ministry-Menu-2015.pdf> or in the narthex and the church office. Take a few minutes to indicate any **new** ministries that you would like to get connected with at Providence. You may place your completed Menu in the offering plate or return to the office at any time.

The **2015 Church Officer list** is available on the church website throughout the year. Paper copies are also available in the narthex and on the table near the office.

In recent months, our congregation has been invited to memorize the names of the **books of the Bible**. This helps us know where scriptures are and how to look them up easily. The goal for memorizing the Old Testament was the end of January. Please note your accomplishment by adding your name on our "Books of the Bible Certificate." Add your name anytime in the next few weeks and months as we move toward memorizing the books of the New Testament by **May 23**.

You are invited to attend "**Just Say Yes ... to Prevention and Recovery**", a community event sponsored by SAFE, on Sunday, **March 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** The event is designed to raise awareness of alcohol and drug addiction and to highlight the prevention and recovery efforts in our area.

Following a viewing of the award-winning documentary film, **Anonymous People**, there will be a Question and Answer opportunity with a panel of local experts who currently work in these fields of addiction. Resources for local agencies will also be available for more information before and after the event.

The event will be held at Woodlake United Methodist Church, located at 15640 Hampton Park Drive, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

In the event of **inclement weather** and possible church closings, please check the following resources:

- Television—Channel 12 (NBC12)
- Facebook
- Providence Website
- Church's Voice Mail

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for February 22, 2015:** We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: for enhancement of our common life in Jesus' Name through the Holy Spirit, and for the resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.

## **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, Megan Thomas Clark, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee

**Our gathered prayer concerns:**

Janice Bergeron, Brian Bilski, **Billy & Louise Boyles** (parents of Pam Jones), the family of **Blair Craig** (who died on 2/16), **Tony, Julie and Kelsey Fleshmen** (auto accident on 2/16), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), **Pam Groome** (St. Francis), Francis Miller, Matthew and Christine Roberson Phipps (new address: 4936 Valley Crest Dr., Apt. 308 Midlothian 23112); Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), the family of Nancy Wagstaff, Jean Winfree, Karen Young (daughter of Diane King).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, February 22

- 9:00 Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 The Way (309)
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 5:30 Youth and Inukshuks (Youth House)
- 7:30 Adult Bell Rehearsal

### Monday, February 23

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 11:00 Funeral for Blair Craig (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner Meeting (SH)

### Tuesday, February 24

- 6:30 Disciple 4 (205)
- 6:30 Cub & Boy Scouts (SH/3rd Floor)

### Wednesday, February 25

- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 The Way, (SH)
- 6:30 KC Jam (108)
- 7:00 Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 26

- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Ministry in Motion
- 7:00 UMW Leadership Team (205)

### Friday, February 27

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, February 28

- 5:30-7:00 UMM Sausage & Pancake Dinner (SH)

## 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

### Greeters:

- ( 9:00) Nikki Earley (Ed. Bldg)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
(11:00) Carolyn Winstead (Ed. Bldg.)  
Patty Wright (Narthex)

### Acolyte:

- (11:00) Tristen Kellam

### Nursery:

- ( 9:00) Jennifer Ostrum  
( SS) Wendy Collins  
(11:00) Sean & Lindsey Collins

### Counters:

- Ron Wootten (captain)  
Janice Bergeron, Bob Johnson  
Gracie Martin

### Ushers:

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

### Reader:

Tristen Kellam

### Audio/Media Shout Team:

- ( 9:00) Tyler Griggs (A)  
Steve Oliver (MS)  
(11:00) Ron Wootten (A)  
Steve Oliver (MS)

### Sanctuary Organizer:

Danielle Hellams

### Sign Changer:

Jim DeLap

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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

### Contact us at:

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**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres

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