

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: "Open Up the Heavens"

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Singing: "What a Beautiful Name"

Scripture

Mark 8:31-38

Message: "The Greatest Gift Given"

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: "The Wonderful Cross"

Benediction

2nd Sunday in Lent

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

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

by Frederick C. Maker

+ Call to Worship *

Leader: The pathway is just beginning.

People: We have encountered the wilderness.

Leader: Now we are moving rapidly toward Jerusalem.

People: Along the way we will witness astonishing acts of mercy and justice.

Leader: Lord, be with us on the journey.

ALL: Guide our lives and our steps, we pray. Amen.

+ Hymn

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

FWS #2129

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time		Sherry Wright-Jeter
First Reading *	Psalm 22:23-31	Thanks be to God.
+ Hymn	"Where He Leads Me"	UMH #338
Second Reading	Mark 8:31-38	Thanks be to God.
Sermon	"The Greatest Gift Given"	Derrick Parson

Prayer

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.

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory Anthem	"What A Beautiful Name" Emma Breeden, soloist	by Fielding and Ligertwood
+ Response *	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #94
Reception of New Member	George Fest	
+ Hymn	"And Are We Yet Alive"	UMH #553
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All guests, visitors and members (adults and children), **please sign in** on a pew clipboard today and include your contact information. Please continue to sign in each Sunday and especially tell us if you have changes to the personal information that the church maintains.

Our **Annual Spring Fling** is coming up on March 24, 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will have games, cake walk, petting zoo, Easter egg hunt and more! Everyone can get in on the fun! Please sign up to volunteer in the main hall across from the water fountain. We will also need candy and treat donation (no chocolate please), and goodies for the cake walk.

Please sign up today for this week's **Wednesday Night Dinner** on February 28 at 5:30 p.m. which is being prepared by the Chesterfield Ruritan Club. The menu features meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, bread, dessert and beverages. The proceeds from this dinner will be used to sponsor Youth to the Ruritan Summer Camp at Smith Mountain Lake in July. Several Youth from Providence attended this camp last year and we hope they will want to attend again this year.

A Lenten study, "**He Chose the Nails**" by **Max Lucado**, will be on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. (February 27 and March 6, 13, 20 and 27). The study will be led by Robin Sculthorpe. Sign up on the Sign-In Sheet today or email Robin at: drsculthorpe@gmail.com. If you need a study guide, **Robin needs to know TODAY**. The cost is \$5.99. It is also available for Kindle. If any Sunday School classes wish to use the materials during Lent, the DVD is \$17.49.

Books for the **2018 UMW Reading Program** are in the Library on the UMW shelf. They are marked "New Books" so start reading! The report to the District UMW must be in by August and you know how time flies. Let's have lots of books read by then! ~~~ Providence UMW

Playground Maintenance Day is Saturday, March 3, weather permitting. We are preparing the ground for our Spring Fling scheduled for March 24. We will also be getting the rest of the leaves

PUMC Financial Report as of January 31, 2018			
	January	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Receipts	\$35,004	\$35,004	\$34,473
Disbursements	\$34,384	\$34,384	\$35,503
Net Receipts	\$620	\$620	(\$1,029)
Operating Fund	\$57,266		

up that day. Volunteers are needed! Please let Mike Collins (hammerjockey@aol.com) know if you are available to help.

The Chesterfield Ruritan Club is preparing **Brunswick Stew** on March 10. The cost per quart is \$7. Bobby Burton is taking pre-orders (bobbyburton@verizon.net or 804-432-5096). You can pick it up here at PUMC around 1:00 pm on the 10th or have it delivered. Thank you for supporting the Chesterfield Ruritan Club. Your support enables them to give scholarships and help in many other ways in our community.

Have you noticed anything new on the church website? Check the top line — the one with the title tabs. Did you see **Event Calendar**? We have the church calendar online now and it's live!. Click here to check it out [PUMC Calendar](#).

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

February 25, 2018: 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. 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	Jennifer Collins
Harrison Bailey	Wayne Lee
Hunter Blankenship	Megan Thomas
Terrance Brunson	

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * **Clinton Asbury** (stroke, in ICU in Johnson City, TN; uncle of Pam Asbury).
- * Curtis Bailey
- * Bobby Baker (friend of the Bells)
- * Nan Blackwell
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Uldine Curtis
- * Jan deCheubel (knee replacement surgery)
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * The family of Emma Fleenor (died 2/5)
- * Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * Dot Janutolo (in rehab in Nashville, TN)
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * Charles King (procedure on leg to open arteries, date TBD)
- * Diane King (severe back pain; procedure Monday, 2/26)

Our gathered prayer concerns: (continued)

- * **The family & friends of Gladys Mann** (died 2/16)
- * Blanca & Jose Mera
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Leigh Middleton
- * **The family of Allen D. Minter** (died 2/16; former pastor of PUMC)
- * Johnise Molloy (home)
- * Grace Newman
- * **The family of Gladys Robertson** (died 2/20; mother of Robbie Robertson)
- * Sheila Scott (cancer)
- * David Slenaker (heart failure; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * Jeff Smith (father of Fran McConnell)
- * The family of Betty Taylor (died 1/28; sister of Phyllis Ranger and Dot Janutolo)
- * Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- * Darla White (battling cancer; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * **Bobby Wood** (JW rehab)

Tommy, son of **Myrtle Jenkins**, asked that we let the PUMC members know that visits would be a welcome treat for Myrtle. She is in Room 211 at the Bickford of Chesterfield, 11200 W. Huguenot Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113.

Cards and letters are welcome!

Dot Janutolo
c/o Tralena Walker
146 Cobbler Circle
Hendersonville, TN 37075

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 25

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Confirmation Class (L)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 2:00 "Living" Covenant Study (205)
- 3:30 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:30 Youth Choir
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks

Monday, February 26

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Trustees (L)

Tuesday, February 27

- 10:00 GED Classes (309)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 2:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 6:30 Cubs/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, February 28

- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 1

- 9:30 Prayer Team (L)
- 10:00 GED Classes (309)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (YH)
- 6:30 MIM

Friday, March 2

- 6:30 CHAMPs (SH)
- 8:00 AA (309)

Saturday, March 3

Confirmation Retreat

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 Kyle Ostrum

Greeters:

9:00 _____ (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Nickie Price (Library)
Shirley Collins (Narthex)

Ushers:

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

Nursery:

9:00 Brittany Flores
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Lindsey & Sean Collins

Counters:

Ron Wootten
Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

Reader:

Natalia Parson

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (V)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree
(February 1-28)
Judy Gindhart
(March 1-31)

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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Cynthia Liverpool

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Kim King Torres

Presiding Bishop

Sharma Lewis