Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS — 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: Mighty to Save

Making Connections

A Time with the Children Laura Griggs

Singing: The Well

Scripture: John 4:7-26

Message: Let's go to the well!

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: You, You Are God

Benediction

Third 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 fover.
- 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

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Beneath the Cross of Jesus arr. Cindy Berry

+ Call to Worship based on John 4:5-42

Leader: Are you thirsty? What are you thirsting for this day? **People:** Come into God's presence and never thirst again.

Leader: We are parched, and this journey is long.

ALL: Come, let us journey toward the spring of living water.

+ Opening Prayer (in unison)

We are open and our spirits are willing to receive your grace.

Clear the clutter and the chaos.

We let go of all that holds us down and holds us back from your living water.

Come and fill us up so that we may never thirst again.

We ask all things in the name of the one who calls us beloved. Amen.

+ Hymn UMH 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

STORIES OF JESUS

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time Laura Griggs

The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

First Reading UMH 814 * Psalm 95 Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn * (lyrics projected) Fill My Cup, Lord FILL MY CUP

Second Reading * John 4:7-26 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Let's go to the well! 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 Do You Know My Jesus arr. Mosie Lister + Response * Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

+ Hymn UMH 127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in celebration. "Happy 50th Anniversary to my parents, Penny and Gene Duckworth and Happy Birthday to my sweet boy, Tru Holland!"

Love, Noelle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dinner will be available in the Social Hall prior to the Lenten Study each week. Please sign up today if you plan to attend dinner on March 22. Last Call to sign up to cook a Lenten dinner. If you or your group would like to provide dinner on one of the remaining Wednesdays in Lent, please sign up on the "Cooks Needed" sheet on the bulletin board between the office and the counter's room. You can also call or email the church office and someone will put your name on the sheet for you.

March 29— April 5— April 12—

During Lent, there will be a separate children's Easter lessons and activities session for children 3+ who would like to participate. The children will gather on the first floor at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Please take a moment to pick up a **Lenten devotional booklet** and **offering box** provided by the Society of St. Andrew. They are available in the narthex and in other places around the church.

The insert in today's bulletin is for **Easter lilies**, **tulips**, **or Bibles**. The cost is \$10 each. The deadline to place your order is Sunday, April 2.

Now is your time to add your voice to the Chancel Choir for our exciting Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday special music. *New and familiar faces are always welcome!* Show up on Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Let's fill the choir loft for these two holy Sundays!

NEEDED: Additional **Readers** and **Greeters**! Readers are needed for the 11:00 a.m. worship service and Greeters (people who are willing to welcome people to Providence as they arrive) are needed at both services. If you're interested, please sign up on the sign-in sheet today.

On Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can be there!) we will be **making the palm crosses** for our Palm Sunday service. If you're able to help, <u>please sign up on the sign-in sheet today</u>. We need a few experienced palm cross-makers to be at this gathering!

The United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond Auxiliary is sponsoring a **Geranium Sale** to benefit Shalom Farms. Each 4-1/2" pot is \$4.50 and plants will arrive on Friday, April 7. Available colors are red, salmon, coral, hot pink and white. Specific colors can be requested but cannot be guaranteed. If you have questions, contact Shirley Collins (745-3024 or **SCOL23235@gmail.com**). Order forms are in the church office.

On March 25 at 2:00 p.m., the **Children's Ministries will be heading to Maymont** for some family fun. All are invited so put it on your calendars now.

On April 7th and 8th, Bon Air UMC will sponsor Another Woman's Treasure, a fun 2-day sale of women's purses, jewelry and accessories, to benefit Change the World RVA. Change the World RVA is a wonderful organization that helps high school and college students in Richmond and Chesterfield who are facing homelessness. There are two ways you can help.

- Bring your gently used purses, jewelry and accessories to donate to the sale.
- Come to BA UMC during the sale and shop!

Remember to invite your friends and family to donate and shop too! A donation box will be in the Mission Hallway on the second floor next to the elevator and also in the Mission Room on the first floor. If you have questions, Brenda Woodward has attended before and says it's a great opportunity to help and find great bargains.

Faith Walk Fundraiser

The Youth will be doing a fundraiser by participating in the Monument Avenue 10K on April 1st. The Youth who are participating will be looking for sponsors. Informational flyers are posted around the church.

The Children's Choir and music jam session will meet again on March 26 at 3:30 p.m. on the first floor. Plans are to continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoons

at 3:30 p.m. No need to sign up — just show up if you're interested. Children under 3 may need a parent to stay.

Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt April 8, 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

We are collecting **candy donations** (no chocolate or nuts please!), small prizes and plastic eggs for the Spring Festival and Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave your donations in the tub in the hallway near the elevator on the main floor. Please **sign up on the bulletin board** in the hallway across from the water fountain if you are able to assist with either (or both) of these events on April 8.

News Flash: We're having a **cakewalk** also. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you're able to provide a baked goodie. Homemade is great but store-bought is good too if you don't have time to make something for the cakewalk.

For more detailed information regarding the:

- Easter Egg Hunt, contact Diane King (kt4qu@verizon.net).
- Spring Festival, contact Sherry Jeter (sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net) or Raina Vann (believeprv356@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

Metro Richmond at Prayer for March 19, 2017: We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: for emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff. For hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs; and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness.

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)
- * Carolyn Bilski (home)
- Dru Blalock (cancer, sister-in-law of Catherine Milholen)
- * Barbara Blankenship (home)
- * The family of Robert H. Blinn, Jr. (died, 2/21/17, father of Bob Blinn)

- Lois Butler (Brenda Woodward's mother)
- Nancy Carney (cancer, sister of Jim McConnell)
- Audrey & Jeff Cole (cousin of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * Erica & Melody Fleenor
- Julie Fleshman
- Renna Fleshman (rehab after small stroke, mother of Tony Fleshman)
- * Samuel Ford
- Jill Gusewelle (friend of the Kyser family)
- Brenda Hair (throat cancer)
- Dot Janutolo
- * Earl Jennings (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- Laura Johns (friend of the Kyser family)
- Linda & Jack Keery (both have had flu)
 - Tracey Kellam
- * Tristen Kellam
- Carl Lunsford (stroke, friend of Catherine Milholen)
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons)
- * Karen Nowak (Linda Keery's sister)
- Miss Oppielee (battling cancer, friend Peg & Bill Mannering)
- Robert Owens (cancer, friend of Dave Robinson)
- Ralph Rett (friend of Allison Stowers)
- * Jimmy Stells (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- Rosie Tarkington (former member undergoing treatment for cancer)
- Darlene Thomas (grandmother of Megan & Jake Thomas)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

Prayer Requests

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:15 SonRise Sisters (new time)
- 5:30 Inukshuks & Youth
- 6:00 Bells of Providence

Monday, March 20

- 10:00 Line Dancers
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)

Tuesday, March 21

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)
- 6:30 Cubs/Scouts (309/SH)
- 7:00 Young Adults

Wednesday, March 22

- 1:00 Ruritan Meeting (309)
- 5:30 Lenten Dinner (SH)
- 6:15 Children's Lenten Activities
- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 Lenten Study (205)

Thursday, March 23

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 UMW LTM (309)

Friday, March 24

8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, March 25

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:

11:00 Emily Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00 Mary Lou Branson (Library)

Allen Branson (Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Chris Healy, Carolyn Bilski

11:00 George Winstead

Linwood Hudson, Pam Asbury

Melvin Watkins

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons

SS Brittany Flores

11:00 Jennifer Ostrum &

Meredith Kyser (Y)

Counters: Ron Wootten (captain)

Janice Bergeron Gracie Martin

Readers: Dave Robinson

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Nikki Earley (V)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Nikki Earley (V)

Sanctuary Organizers: (March 1-31)

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday

Office Closed

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