


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

CONNECTIONS 9:00 am

Singing: “10,000 Reasons” and “The Great I Am”
Michael Kalson, Contemporary Music Leader

Making Connections

Scripture: John 4:1-30

Sermon: “Samaria: Those people!”
Pastor Mary Beth Blinn

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: “He Knows My Name”

Benediction

5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2015 11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

“Prelude on *Slane*”
(Traditional Irish Melody)

Gordon Young

Call To Worship

From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Samaria to Jerusalem, from then to now,

come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

come Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

come, Lord Jesus.

Today, to this place, to us,

come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

+ Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

UMH 145

+ Psalm Reading

Psalm 51:1-17

UMH 785

+ Response

“Glory Be to the Father”

UMH 70

TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

First Reading*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel Reading*

John 4:1-30

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Samaria: Those People!”

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn

“Change My Heart, O God”

FWS 2152

Prayer

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Offertory

“It is Well With My Soul”
(Ville du Havre)

arr. James Pethel

+ Response*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+ Hymn

“Precious Name”

UMH 536

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Alleluia”

W. A. Mozart

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—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 recognition of Patrick Pega's birthday.

The flowers in the narthex today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 13th wedding anniversary of Isca and Christopher Wilms. "May God bless you and fill your life with more love and happiness." Mommy

The rosebud on the altar today is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of **Leo Eivin Flores**, March 13. Parents are Rene Flores and Brittany Gilliam-Flores; big sister is Ava. Grandmother is Jane Gilliam.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Filling in at the organ today is Mel Burton. Please take a moment to welcome him to Providence.

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

On Easter Sunday, April 5, we will make the center **outdoor cross** "bloom." Please bring fresh flowers to place on Christ's cross before either the Connections or Traditional service. Church members will be there to help you. Please join us in making our "**living cross**" beautiful!

Fifth Sunday Missions: Did you know that each year has 4 fifth Sundays? The Missions Committee has decided to incorporate some sort of hands on mission for each of the fifth Sundays this year. The first one occurs this month, NEXT SUNDAY, March 29, and we are going to ask everyone to come and work in the Mission Room. We will be organizing, sorting, tagging and boxing clothes and maybe even working in the CARITAS storage unit. There will be some light work, and there will be something to do for people of all ages. We will meet at 2:00 or so and get the Mission Room up and running for our next homeless event.

Holy Week 2015

Sunday, March 29, Palm/Passion Sunday

9 and 11 am; procession with palms.
Dramatic reading of Jesus' last week

Thursday, April 2, Holy Thursday, 6:30 pm

Passover Seder Meal with Holy Communion;
social hall. Experience this traditional Jewish
meal that Jesus and his disciples would have
had at the "Last Supper."

Friday, April 3, Good Friday, 6:30 pm

Service of Stones and Shadows; sanctuary.
Worship in gathering darkness with music by
the Chancel Choir, Sunrise Sisters and solo
violin.

Easter Sunday, April 5

Sunrise Service, 6:30 am; outdoor chapel.
Breakfast to follow.
Worship Celebrations, 9:00 and 11 am

Order **Easter flowers** for the sanctuary or **Bibles for Chinese Christians** (through the American Bible Society). Cost is \$10 for lilies, tulips, or Bibles. Complete the form in today's bulletin, mark it and the envelope "Easter Flowers" and place it in the offering plate. The deadline to place your order is today, **Sunday, March 22.**



The Women's Auxiliary of the UM Urban Ministries of Richmond are selling **Geraniums**. Available colors are: red, salmon, hot pink, and

white. Cost is \$4.50 each. Contact Shirley Collins at 745-3024 or scol23235@gmail.com to place your order. Deadline to order is April 13, with delivery on April 17.

In 2014, the **Society of St. Andrew** mobilized more than 30,000 volunteers to glean (pick, dig, or gather) and bag fresh fruits and vegetables to feed hungry people across the United States, sharing more than 85 million servings of nourishing food. During your devotional time this week, take time to pray for all who make Society of St. Andrew's ministry possible.

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 St. Andrew.

Save the Date! We will be hosting families with children in the **CARITAS** program (Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter) from May 23-30. Many hands are needed to make this week a success. Please consider, or have your group discuss, hosting a dinner, packing lunches, being an overnight chaperone, taking home a bag of laundry to return the next day and coming in to help with homework or play with the children in the evening. Providence has participated in the CARITAS program for over 25 years, and it takes the entire church to pull off this most important mission. Watch for a sign-up sheet to appear soon. We intend to plan early this year!

Our Easter Offering will support “**Imagine No Malaria.**” The goal is to join with other churches in our conference to save 100,000 lives. \$10 per member will buy a mosquito net and save a life.

Our trustees are looking for men and women who have maintenance, upkeep, yard work and cleaning skills who would like to be the new “**Handyman Team.**” Sign up on the clipboards today and you’ll get more information.

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. 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:

Curtis and Shirley Bailey (on the death of his brother, Ernest Bailey), Brian Bilski, **Billy Blankenship** (JW); Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), Carrington Goode, Jean Horne (mother-in-law of Kelly Horne), **Mildred Isbell, Pam Jones and family** (on the death of her

father, Billy Boyles), Jack Keery, Patricia Logan-Reilly (friend of Linda Collins), **Lewis Miller** (on the death of his wife, Frances, on March 16), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith (on the death of his wife, Kathy on 3/10); Dorothy Spencer (in rehab in Florida), **Bill and Mary Steele, Robert Vance** (friend of Robbie Robertson), Stuart Watkins (Sheltering Arms Rehab)

Metro Richmond at Prayer for March 8, 2015: We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: clinics, medical personnel, and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 22

- 9:00 Connections Worship Service
9:45 Sunday School for all ages
9:45 The Way (309)
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
1:00 Elmcroft Worship Service
2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
No Youth Choir
4:45 Youth Handbells
No Inukshuks
7:30 Adult Bell Rehearsal

Monday, March 23

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
6:30 Trustees Meeting (L)

Tuesday, March 24

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
6:30 Disciple 4 (205)
6:30 Cub & Boy Scouts (SH/3rd Floor)

Wednesday, March 25

- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
6:30 The Way, (309)
6:30 KC Jam (108)
7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, March 28

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) Diane King (Ed. Bldg.)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
(11:00) Allen Branson (Ed. Bldg.)
Mary Lou Branson (Narthex)

Acolyte:

- (11:00) Meredith Kyser

Nursery:

- (9:00) Pam Groome
(SS) Wendy Collins
(11:00) Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

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

Ushers:

- (9:00) Bill Blankenship
Chris Healy, Carolyn Bilski
(11:00) George Winstead
Linwood Hudson, Jack Waters,
T. L. Jenkins, Stuart Watkins,
Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins

Reader:

Hailey Davis

Audio/Media Shout Team:

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

Sanctuary Organizer:

Eula Phillips
Peggy Gillette

Sign Changer:

Gene Duckworth

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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