

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS — 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Sherry Wright-Jeter

Singing: Grace Like Rain

Scripture: John 9:1-41

Message: Are You Blind?

Daniel Burch

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: Love Came Down

Benediction

Fourth 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

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Melody Boeber

+ Call to Worship

One:: We are blind to many things.

Many: Lord, cure our blindness.

One: The light of God shines for us today.

Many: Lord, pour that light on us.

One: Come, worship God who forgives and heals your blindness.

**ALL: Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see opportunities to serve you.
AMEN.**

+ Opening Prayer (in unison)

Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

+ Hymn UMH 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

Psalm 23

UMH 754

First Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn FWS 2086

Open Our Eyes, Lord

OPEN OUR EYES

Second Reading *

John 9:1-41

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Are You Blind?

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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

The Gift of Love
The SonRise Sisters

+ Response *

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn UMH 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

+ Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

+ Postlude

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in recognition of Patrick Pega's birthday.

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 29. Wednesday's menu includes Sloppy Joes, homemade potato salad, baked beans, and apple walnut cake.

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—Job's Daughters

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.

The **Children's Choir and music jam session** will meet again this afternoon 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.

"None of us is exempt from a disaster; while we may not be directly impacted by an event, we may be called upon to assist others in their relief and recovery efforts."

Rev. Tom Vencuss, Disaster Response Coordinator
New York Annual Conference

UMCOR Sunday, formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing, is April 2. There will be a special offering envelope insert in the bulletin next Sunday. Your contribution ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis.

A **Playground Workday** is planned for Saturday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you wish to attend, please wear comfortable clothes and work gloves. If you have rakes, shovels or wheelbarrows, it would be very helpful if you could bring them along. We have 11 yards of mulch to place in the playground. We also want to spruce up the back of the church in preparation for our Spring Festival. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Collins (hammerjockey@aol.com).

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 Chesterfield Ruritan Club that meets at PUMC is offering an opportunity again this year for six youth (up to 19 y/o) to attend the **Ruritan Youth Camp** at Smith Mountain Lake, July 21-23. The camp will include a climbing tower, canoeing, riflery, archery, swimming, basketball, miniature golf, fishing, hiking trails, small animals, and more. Youth will be able to

catch up with old friends and make new ones. The cost of \$145 per person will be covered by the Ruritan Club. If you are interested in attending contact Dave Robinson at 804-739-2991 for application information.

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.

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, please sign up on the sign-in sheet today. 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 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.

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 any of the events on April 8.

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 26, 2017:

We pray for a national health care system which promotes and encourages health, wellness, and well being for all people.

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
- * Brenda Hair (throat cancer)
- * Dot Janutolo
- * Earl Jennings (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- * Linda & Jack Keery (both have had flu)
- * Tracey Kellam
- * Tristen Kellam
- * Ralph Lett (friend of Allison Stowers)
- * 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)
- * **The family of Craig & Diane Rust** (on the death of Craig's mother, Laura Lee Rust)
- * 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

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 3:30 Kids Music Jam
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:15 SonRise Sisters (new time)
- 5:30 Inukshuks & Youth
- 6:00 Bells of Providence

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, March 31

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, April 1

Youth Monument Avenue 10K

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 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 Laurie Breeden
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)
Anne Baird
Wayne Smith

Reader:

Elizabeth Kyser

Audio/Visual Team:

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

Sanctuary Organizers: (March 1-31)

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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