Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed. Make a Difference.

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: Grace Like Rain

Making Connections

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon: Be An Ambassador

Holy Communion

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: I Need Thee Every Hour

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. You are invited to put your offerings in the basket as you come forward for communion. The altar rail is always available as a place of prayer. Special offerings left on the altar rail will go toward families with emergency needs. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available.

Children's Time

Singing and Offering: Beneath the Waters I Will Rise

Benediction

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Steal Away Harry Burleigh Zoe Brown

+ Greeting*

Jesus said:

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." **Let us act justly.**

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing."

Let us love tenderly.

"I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Let us walk humbly with our God.

May we see Christ in one another,

that we may be healers and peacemakers in Christ's name.

Prayer

O Lord, this solemn prayer comes from deep desire, may our lives be as pure as candle fire. Let our every breath dispel the world's gloom, let our spirit glow so brightly that darkness meets its doom. May we be faithfully drawn to learning as the moth is drawn to the candle's burning. May our lives be devoted to serving the needy and to loving a sorrowful, ever suffering humanity. Lead us away from the path of temptation. O Lord, let truth alone be our destination. Amen

+ Hymn UMH 140	Great is Thy Faithfulness	FAITHFULNESS
Making Connections		
A Time With the Children		Susan Clark

TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading* UMH 766	Psalm 32	Thanks be to God.
Second Reading*	II Corinthians 5:16-21	Thanks be to God.
Sermon	Be An Ambassador	Derrick Parson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation

Prayer of Confession UMH 12

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Special Music Think of Me and Remember by Joel Raney

(from The Seven Last Days)

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

UMH 17

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Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Everyone who is present today is welcome at the Lord's Table. The ushers will invite you to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and juice, kneeling or standing as you are able. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available. Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.

Prayer after Communion

Offertory Be Still My Soul arr. Rebecca Bonham

Flute and Piano Duet

+ Response* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

+ Hymn UMH 292 What Wondrous Love is This WONDROUS LOVE

+ 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!

- Please pick up a welcome gift in the foyer.
- 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Great Hour of Sharing is today. For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief, often long after others have left the scene of a disaster. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty. However, UMCOR cannot do it without us because it receives no funds from the regular United Methodist Church budget. Our gifts help cover the agency's administrative costs so UMCOR can guarantee 100% of all other donations go toward specific relief projects. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you join in showing God's love around the world with your gift. Use a pew envelope and mark it and your check Hour of Sharing and put it in the offering plate.

Providence's Got Talent! The talent show and potluck dinner is **TONIGHT!** Even if you are not performing, we hope you are planning to attend and bring a covered dish to share. The talent show will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Lenten Dinners are at 5:30 p.m. <u>Please sign up today</u> for next Wednesday's (3/9) dinner. Donations will be accepted.

Are you interested in learning about the Bible, but not in a "Study"? Join us on Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 309, for **Bible Basics** and fun facts. No cost and no "study" required. Led by Laura Griggs.

PUMC Grounds Beautification Day. March 12 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and help. There are 18 acres here so we're positive there is something somewhere that everyone can do who wants to help. Please bring any lawn-care tools or equipment that you might use at your own home. There are leaves everywhere and lots of flower beds. Planting some spring flowers would be nice,

too. If it rains that day, perhaps we can move it inside and work on de-cluttering, organizing or cleaning some long-neglected areas of the building. Contact Joe Gillette (745-3183 or 283-2324) if you have questions and be sure to <u>sign-up today on the sign-in sheet</u> if you plan to be here.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for the **PUMC Softball Team**. Please sign up today or contact Steve Reese (804-914-2987) if you are interested. Leave a message if there is no answer and Steve will call you back.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 20 Palm Sunday

March 24 Holy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

March 25 Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.

March 26 Spring Festival, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

March 27 Easter Sunday Services, 6:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.



The United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond Auxiliary is taking orders for **Geraniums**. The geraniums will come in red, salmon, coral, hot pink and white. Specific colors can be requested, but cannot be guaranteed. The cost is \$4.50 per 4-1/2" pot. The plants will arrive on April 15. Contact Shirley Collins (745-3024 or **scol23235@gmail.com**) and there is an envelope in the office where you can place your order.

Join the UMW for a "trip" to **Shalom Farms** on April 2. They will leave from Ramsey Memorial at 8:15 a.m. and work at the farm from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You are invited to bring a friend, especially a friend who has never been before! Drinks will be provided but bring a snack if you like. The cost is \$4.00 per person. Please sign up today if you plan to go.

The Cemetery Committee requests that any **non-seasonal flowers** (fall or winter) be removed from the cemetery by March 13.

Tutors are needed for third grade ESOL students at A. M. Davis Elementary. Sessions will be each Monday morning, 8:15-9:00 a.m., beginning Monday, February 15-April 15. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Dottie Rilee, ESOL teacher (phone: 674-1310 or email: dorothy_rilee@ccpsnet.net).

The United Methodist Women are selling **Tote Bags**. The bags are \$5 and are available today, in the church office, between the worship services and after the 11:00 service. They are nice bags and can be used for gifts, groceries, crafts or as a carry-on for your next airplane trip! The bags will also be available in the church office during the week. Get yours today while supplies last!

Mission Minute: Keep a lookout over the next few weeks for inexpensive stocking caps, men's gloves and work gloves for next winter's homeless missions. You can buy them on clearance and leave them in the Missions Room.

Do you know someone in our congregation who is unable to attend church, who might like to have a visit and receive communion? If so, please call Jane Elbert (675-0534) or email her at: janeelbertquilts@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

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: Jessica Ammon, Hunter Blankenship, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Ruby Agee, the family of Carolyn Bilski (on the death of her son, Brian on 2/15), Lee Bradshaw, the family of Mary Brown (who died 2/24), Jim

(chemo on 3/2) & Laura (surgery on 3/8) DeLap, Linda Downey (Health South, Room 103), Mildred Isbell, Ronnie Justice, Tristen Kellam, Buddy Lindsey (son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Charlene Reardon (sister of Linwood Hudson), Lois Reil (will have hip replacement on 3/8), Iris Ryder (sister of Mae Clark and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith (home), Barbara Sutton (Brookdale), Gary & Dorothy Taylor, Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for March 6, 2016: We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of love, cooperation, peace, community, and commitment to all people in God's name.

Obituary Info for Mary Brown: March 17, 1:00 p.m. Peace United Methodist Church 801 Maple Grove Drive Fredericksburg, VA

Next Week Don't forget to



Prayer Requests

Pray for:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	<u>, March 6</u>	
9:00	Connections	
9:45	Sunday School	
11:00	Traditional Worship	
12:15	CAP Committee Meeting	
2:00	Disciple 3 (205)	
4:00	Girl Scouts (309)	
4:00	Youth Choirs	
5:30	Youth & Inukshuks	
5:30	Talent Show & Potluck Dinner (SH)	
Monday	<u>, March 7</u>	
10:00	Line Dancers (309)	
7:00	Staff Parish (L)	
	y, March 8	
11:00	Bible Study (L)	
6:30	Christian Believer Class (205)	
	Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)	
7:00	Young Adults (L)	
	sday, March 9	
5:30	Lenten Dinner (SH)	
6:30	Bible Basics (309)	
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Thursday, March 10		
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	March 11	
8:00	AA Group (309)	
Saturday, March 12		
10:00	Church Grounds Beautification Day	

Place in Bulletin: Yes / No Specific Request:		
Meal Needs: Yes / No		
Fransportation Needs: Yes / No		
Desire Card: Yes / No		
Comments:		
Your Contact Information:		
Геlephone 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

Communion Preparers:

9:00 Barbara Blankenship

11:00 Judy Miles

Acolyte:

11:00 Carrie Ostrum

Greeters:

9:00 Anna Knight (Library)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

Boyd Gurney (Library 11:00

Marlene Gurney (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Pam Asbury

SS Wendy Collins

11.00 Carol Urso/Zoe Justice (Y)

Counters: Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)

Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Chris Healy, Carolyn Bilski

George Winstead 11:00

> Linwood Hudson, Jack Waters T L Jenkins, Stuart Watkins

Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins

Reader: 11:00 Amy Palmer Audio/Media Shout Team:

> 9.00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Dano Holland (MS)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A) Dano Holland (MS)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Peggy Gillette (3/1-3/31)

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