


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

CONNECTIONS 9:00 am

Singing: “Hello My Name Is” and “Redeemed”
Michael Kalson, Contemporary Music Leader

Making Connections

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: “Mountains: A Lesson to Remember”
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: “Everyday”

Service of Baptism: Joe, Tara and Giada Taylor

Benediction

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2015 11:00 a.m.

Girl Scout Sunday

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

“Sonatina Op. 55, No. 1”
Barbie Vest, Piano

by Friedrich Kuhlua

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH 110

+ Litany

One: Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them...

All: For their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

One: Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are led with patience and understanding...

All: For they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

One: Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion...

All: For they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

One: Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth...

All: For they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

One: Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God...

All: For they will find Him early and will walk with Him through life.

One: Blessed are the Girl Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved...

All: For they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

Girl Scout Presentation

Erica Harris, Troop Leader

Anthem

“Then Sings My Soul”
Chancel Choir

arr. Mary MacDonald

TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

First Reading*

Psalm 121

+ Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

UMH 405

Gospel Reading*

Matthew 5:1-12

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Mountains: A Lesson to Remember”
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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayer

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Offertory

+ Response*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+ Hymn

“Blest Are They”

FWS 2155

+ Reception of New Member

Janice Hutchison

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

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 **rosebud on the altar** today is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Abbey Elizabeth Reynolds on March 3. Parents are John and Megan Reynolds and grandparents are Cathy and Mike Patterson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome the Girl Scouts and their leaders from Troop 250. On Sunday evenings this troop meets on the third floor of our educational building. Erica Harris is the troop leader. Welcome!

Sign up today for our next **Wednesday Night Dinner** on March 11, 5:30-6:15 p.m. You can also call the office (276-4289) no later than Tuesday. The dinner is sponsored by the Youth and features a variety of soups and breads, with dessert and beverages. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12.

Yehaw! Our **Second Annual Chili Cook Off** will be next Sunday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m., in the Social Hall. Bring a batch of your favorite chili and compete for a trophy. Children are encouraged to make a dessert for our Dessert Corral. We will have a children's area with games and a children's pie-eating contest. Last year's Cook Off was a tremendous success. Let's make this year even better! Sign up on the clipboards today if you plan to bring chili.



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.

Mission Minute

We have recently learned that there are youth in need of school supplies at Providence Middle School. Items needed are pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, markers, binders and 2-pocket folders with no clasps. A box will be set up in the Mission's Corner on the second floor next to the elevator, or you can leave your items in the Mission Room. Thank You!

“**Into the Wilderness**,” our Lenten devotional resource from Society of St. Andrew, challenges us to remember our 50 million brothers and sisters here in the United States who struggle to put enough food on the table each day. Does your daily spiritual focus this season include giving? Every 2¢ you set aside for Society of St. Andrew will put one serving of healthy food on the plates of those who need it most.

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.

Special thanks to Gene Duckworth, Greg Elliott, Mary Elliott, Robbie Robertson, Doug Sheek, and Billy Walton for their help with removing the snow and ice during the recent **winter weather events**. These wonderful individuals made our sidewalks and parking lots passable for our members and visitors. If anyone else would like to assist with this essential task, please contact Billy Walton at joelwwalton@verizon.net or leave a message with the church office and it will be forwarded to Billy.

Have you noticed the **large tree** in the front stairwell? The pictures on it show all ages and various activities in the church. Last week, some new pictures were added: our youth from the confirmation class with their mentors. They also added leaves which give illustrated suggestions for disciples who are on "The Way." Stop and take a look the next time you're climbing the steps. . .or make a special trip.

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 **Sunday, March 22**.

The Chesterfield Ruritan Club is having a **Brunswick Stew** on March 21 at the church picnic shelter. Stew will be available for pickup around 1:00 p.m. and is \$7 per quart. To PRE-ORDER, please call Club President, Jerry Bowers at 804-928-2365. Leave a message and your phone

number and someone will call you back to confirm your order.

The Cemetery Committee is requesting that all non-seasonal flowers be removed by March 22. Thanks for your assistance.

The **Virginia United Methodist Advocate**, the official conference magazine, equips, connects and informs United Methodists. The Advocate offers in-depth features on topics of interest to United Methodists; religious news from the conference, local churches, the nation and the world; a message from the Bishop; clergy and diaconal personal news; weekly devotionals; tools to help equip congregations for ministry, and much more. An online subscription is \$10 per year. Individual (printed) subscriptions are: 1 year—\$15; 2 years—\$25; and 3 years—\$36. Subscription forms are available in the narthex and in the church office.

One Great Hour of Sharing March 15

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States, as well as internationally: in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. These beneficiaries are seen as partners, not victims, and UMCOR works to empower them. Wherever possible, UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend its reach. UMCOR also works toward global health and development. Your **gift next week** ensures that UMCOR can respond anywhere in the world at any time.



You are invited to attend "**Just Say Yes ... to Prevention and Recovery**", a community event sponsored by SAFE, this evening, **March 15, 6:00-**

8:00 p.m. The event is designed to raise awareness of alcohol and drug addiction and to highlight the prevention and recovery efforts in our area.

Following a viewing of the award-winning documentary film, **Anonymous People**, there will be a Question and Answer opportunity with a panel of local experts who currently work in these fields of addiction. Resources for local agencies will also be available for more information before and after the event.

The event will be held at Woodlake United Methodist Church, located at 15640 Hampton Park Drive, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

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 & Louise Boyles (parents of Pam Jones), the family of Blair Craig (who died on 2/16), Tony, Julie and Kelsey Freshmen (auto accident on 2/16), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), Pam Groome, **Jean**

Horne (mother-in-law of Kelly Horne), **Jack Keery**, **Patricia Logan-Reilly** (friend of Linda Collins), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Dorothy Spencer (Central Florida Hospital, 1401 West Seminole Blvd., Sanford, FL 32771), Doris Teeter, **Stuart Watkins** (St. Mary's).

Metro Richmond at Prayer for March 8, 2015:

We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: for all the sick and their caregivers, doctors, nurses, hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others.

The L.W.C. Singers

of Lindsey Wilson College

Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Performing at Bon Air UMC Sanctuary
1645 Buford Road
N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

The Lindsey Wilson College Singers encompass students from all majors who have a deep love of music. They focus primarily on a *cappella* literature, but also perform a variety of genres from all eras. The Singers have established a strong touring tradition which includes international travel and performances at Carnegie Hall.

Lindsey Wilson College is a four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church. It is located approximately 20 miles from both Cumberland and Green River Lakes, in Southcentral Kentucky.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 8

- 9:00 Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 The Way (309)
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 4:00 Youth Choir
- 4:45 Youth Handbells
- 5:30 Youth and Inukshuks (Youth House)
- 7:30 Adult Bell Rehearsal

Monday, March 9

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 10:30 Providence Retired Club (Joe's Inn)
- 6:45 Missions (205)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Meeting (309)

Tuesday, March 10

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH or 205)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Disciple 4 (205)
- 6:30 Cub & Boy Scouts (SH/3rd Floor)

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

- 5:00 Crafts & Collectibles Set-Up (SH)
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, March 15

- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Crafts & Collectibles Exhibit (SH)

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) Karri Ostrum

Nursery:

- (9:00) Kelly Horne
(SS) Wendy Collins
(11:00) Shirley Collins
Emily Kyser (Y)

Counters:

- Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)
Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

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:

Brandon Kellam

Audio/Media Shout Team:

- (9:00) Gary Wright (A)
Dano Holland (MS)
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Dano Holland (MS)

Sanctuary Organizer:

Eula Phillips
Peggy Gillette

Sign Changer:

Jim DeLap

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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