

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: "My Redeemer Lives"
"God is on the Move"

Making Connections

Children's Time
Sherry Wright-Jeter

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon: "I Am What I Am"
Rev. Isaac Nedd

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.

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. 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.

Singing and Offering: "God's Not Dead"
"The Lion and the Lamb"

Benediction

Easter Day

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

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

"Low In the Grave He Lay"

+ Call to Worship

(inspired by John 20:1-18)

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

People: The grave clothes are lying in a heap.

Leader: The body is gone.

People: Mary's weeping is halted by the man's questions:

Leader: Why are you crying?

People: Who is it you are looking for?

Leader: Let us proclaim with Mary:

People: We have seen the risen Lord!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.

~~ written by Joanna Harader

+ Opening Prayer

April 1, 2018

+ Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (vs 1,2,3,4) UMH #302

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TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "Thine Be the Glory" UMH #308

Special Music "Rise Again"
The Chancel Choir arr. by Russell Mauldin

Second Reading * John 20:1-18 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Joy of Resurrection" Derrick Parson

Offertory "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
The Chancel Choir

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

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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

Dedication of Kneelers in Chapel

+ Hymn "Because He Lives" UMH #364

+ Benediction

+ Postlude



The **flowers on the altar** today are given to the glory of God and in sincere thanks to all who contributed to the kneelers needlepoint project. To those who contributed financially, we could not have done this without your gifts. To the committee, my sincere thank you for all of your input during the last few years. And to the ladies who stitched, none of us realized what a project this would be. But you spent many hours working on these canvases and your labor was truly a labor of love to Providence.

Sincerely, Mary Ann Walton

The **flowers in the Chapel** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of the Fellowship Class that prayed and studied in this room for many years. Your presence is still felt at Providence.

Mary Ann & Bill Walton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All guests, visitors and members (adults and children), **please sign in** on a clipboard today and include your contact information. Please sign in each Sunday and especially tell us if you have changes to your personal information.

Thank you to our musicians this morning: Bill Buck, Neal Fleenor, Linda Koertge, Tom Koertge and our accompanist Carla Wootten!

As many of you may already know, **today is Allison Stower's last Sunday as our Director of Music.** We wish her well in her life filled new opportunities. If you'd like to stay in touch with Allison, her new address is: 111 South Park Lane, Newport, NC 28570. Her email address is: acstowers@hotmail.com.

Reminder: The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 2.

On Sunday, April 15 at 3:00 p.m. the band "**God's Miracles**" will offer a concert at Providence UMC. God's Miracles is comprised of students enrolled in the substance abuse program at the New Life for Youth Ranch. Testimonies will be given about how God has changed their lives and released them from the chains of addiction. The concert is free and there will be a meet and greet with light

PUMC Financial Report as of February 28, 2018

	February	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Receipts	\$24,725	\$59,730	\$56,139
Disbursements	\$28,879	\$63,263	\$66,149
Net Receipts	(\$4,153)	(\$3,532)	(\$10,010)
Operating Fund	\$53,117		

refreshments in the Social Hall afterwards to give everyone a chance to meet, encourage and speak with the students..

The second session of the “Living” covenant class has ended. The third and last session, “**Trusting in the Covenant**”, will begin after Easter. Please join us on Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m., in Room 205. Books are \$15 for anyone who’d like to join us. Please **sign up on the pew clipboards** today if you’d like to attend.

Today we are implementing a new **Safety Plan** at Providence. All doors, with the exception of the front entrances to the Sanctuary and Education Building will remain locked including the Sunday services. On Sunday mornings, the front entrances will be locked at 11:15 a.m. You will still be able to enter by using the doorbell. March 25, 2018 is the last Sunday the Chesterfield County Police will be with us. Thank you for your patience during the transition and in the future.

The Trustees

Kits for Conference. During April we will be accepting:

- hand towels (15”x25” to 17”x27”); no kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels
- bath soap (3 oz. or larger); no Ivory or Jergans due to moisture content)
- metal nail files or nail clippers; no emery boards

Please look at the display board in the narthex for samples of the items needed. In May we will be collecting monetary donations to cover the cost of toothpaste, shipping, adhesive bandages and gallon Ziploc bags to pack everything in. Thanks for all you do!

The United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond Auxiliary to benefit Shalom Farms is

having their annual **Geranium Sale**. Each 4-1/2” pot is \$4.50. Available colors are red, salmon, coral, hot pink and white, but specific colors cannot be guaranteed. Deadline to place an order is April 10 and plants will arrive on Friday, April 13. Please make checks payable to **UMUMR**. There is an envelope and order form in the church office. If you have questions, contact Shirley Collins at 745-3024 or SCOL23235@gmail.com.

On Saturday, April 21, the GIFT Sunday School Class will be holding a **BBQ chicken** sale (9:30 until sold out!).

\$6	Half Chicken
\$2	Baked Beans (\$8 per quart)
\$1.50	Coleslaw
\$.50	Soft drinks

To insure availability, please preorder through any member of the GIFT Sunday School Class

In conjunction with the chicken BBQ, the CSI Sunday School Class will be selling **baked goods**. Pick up some sweets to go with your chicken dinner!

The Chesterfield Ruritan Club that meets here at PUMC will be sending 4 youth, 9-18 years old, to the **Ruritan Youth Camp** at the 4H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake, June 22-24, 2018. The cost of \$150 will be covered by the Chesterfield Ruritan Club. If you are interested, contact Dave Robinson (804-739-2991) for registration forms.

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

April 1, 2018. — Easter. We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond; for a spirit of hope, of possibility, of eternal life, and of commitment to the redeeming power of God who brings new life out of death to people and communities.

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	Jennifer Collins
Harrison Bailey	Wayne Lee
Hunter Blankenship	Megan Thomas
Terrance Brunson	

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * Clinton Asbury (stroke, in ICU in Johnson City, TN; uncle of Pam Asbury)
- * Curtis Bailey
- * Bobby Baker (friend of the Bells)
- * Nan Blackwell
- * **Louis Burks** (stroke on 3/27; husband of Nancy Burks, former music director/organist)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Uldine Curtis
- * Jan deCheubel (knee replacement surgery)
- * Bob & Fran Fitch

- * **Allison Fuquay** (cancer; niece of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * Abby Heare
- * **Jennifer Jeffrey** (motor cycle accident; sister of Cindy Pagani)
- * Dot Janutolo (in rehab in Nashville, TN)
- * **Jean** (placed on hospice; sister-in-law of Evelyn Hastings)
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * **Jack Keery** (McGuire 2F room 115)
- * Linda Keery
- * Charles King (procedure on leg to open arteries, March 28)
- * Diane King (severe back pain)
- * Bob Loud (recent cancer diagnosis; cousin of Pat Loud)
- * Blanca & Jose Mera
- * Mike Mercatante, Sr.
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Leigh Middleton
- * Grace Newman
- * **The family of Henry Pleasants** (died 3/27; stepfather of Judy Gindhart)
- * Anna Catherine Reynolds (infection in bone in leg; granddaughter of Cathy Patterson)
- * **The family of Erma Robins** (died on 3/23; funeral on 4/8)
- * Sheila Scott (cancer)
- * David Slenaker (heart failure; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- * Darla White (battling cancer; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Bobby Wood (Home)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 1 — Easter Sunday

- 6:30 Sunrise Service (Picnic Shelter)
- 7:30 Breakfast (SH)
- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service

Monday, April 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3

- 10:00 GED Classes (309)
- 10:30 Staff Meeting (205)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Cubs/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 7:00 "He Chose the Nails", 7:00 p.m. (205)
- 7:00 Newton Circle

Wednesday, April 4

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, April 5

- 9:30 Prayer Team (L)
- 10:00 GED Classes (309)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (YH)
- 6:30 MIM

Friday, April 6

- 8:00 AA (309)

Saturday, April 7

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

Greeters:

9:00 Betty Gregory (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Allen Branson (Library)
Mary Lou Branson (Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer
Doug Sheek
11:00 Klaus Worrell
Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman
Laurie Breeden

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Gary Wright
Wayne Smith, Anne Baird

Reader:

Allen Branson

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Steve Oliver (V)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Steve Oliver (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Anna Knight
(April 1-30)

Grass Cutters:

(Area 2)
April 2—Jimmy Sculthorpe

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