

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: Rock of Ages

Making Connections

Children's Time
Sherry Wright-Jeter

Scripture: John 11:32-45

Sermon: With God, Expect the Unexpected
Derrick Parson

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: Days of Elijah

Benediction

Fifth 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

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Melody Boeber

+ Call to Worship *

Leader: Jesus had confidence in life after death. That confidence can be ours.

People: The grief felt by Lazarus' death was overcome by the reassurance of Jesus.

Leader: He said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

People: In raising Lazarus, Jesus demonstrated that death is not beyond the hope found in resurrection.

Leader: We are strengthened in our faith by the mighty act of Jesus.

ALL: We are given courage and confidence by the power of God to overcome our worst fears. Amen.

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn UMH 383

This is a Day of New Beginnings

Making Connections
Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading UMH 848 *

Psalm 130

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn UMH 361

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Second Reading *

John 11:32-45

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

With God, Expect the Unexpected

Rev. Derrick Parson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

UMH 12

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Come and Dine
The Chancel Choir

+ Response*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn UMH 261

Lord of the Dance

+ Benediction

+ Postlude



The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Lou Robinson.

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 April 5. The menu includes fried chicken, green beans/corn, coleslaw, bread, dessert and beverages. Dinner is being prepared by The Chesterfield Ruritans.

If you or your group would like to provide dinner on the last Wednesday (4/12) in Lent, please sign up on the “Cooks Needed” sheet on the bulletin board between the office and the counter’s room. Or, call the church office (276-4289) by noon Tuesday (4/4) so it will be in the and mid-week update and bulletin.

April 5—Ruritans

April 12—Need Cooks

During Lent, there will be **Easter lessons and activities sessions** for children 3+ who would like to participate. The children will gather on the first floor at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

“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 today and there is a special offering envelope insert in the bulletin next Sunday. Your contribution ensures UMCOR’s response in times of crisis.

The Chesterfield Ruritan Club that meets at PUMC is offering an opportunity again this year for six youth (up to 19 years old) 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 orange insert in today's bulletin is for **Easter lilies, tulips, or Bibles**. The cost is \$10 each. Today is the deadline to place your order.

On Easter Sunday, April 16, please **bring fresh flowers** to place on Christ's cross before either the 9:00 or the 11:00 a.m. worship services. Helpers will be there to assist you in placing them on the cross. Please join us in making our "living cross" beautiful!

On Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can be here!) we will be **making the palm crosses** for our Palm Sunday service. We could use a few experienced palm cross-makers to help any new cross-makers. Please join us in room 309 at 6:00 p.m.

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.



and 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

Pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight.

(Hebrews 13:20-21)

April 2, 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 nlctc73@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:

- * Dru Blalock (cancer, sister-in-law of Catherine Milholen)
- * Barbara Blankenship (home)
- * **Art Bowers** (Chippenham Hospital)
- * 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
- * Samuel Ford
- * **Debbi Holland** (Allison Stowers' mom)
- * Dot Janutolo
- * Earl Jennings (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- * **Shirley Jones** (broken ankle)
- * Tracey Kellam
- * Tristen Kellam
- * Ralph Lett (friend of Allison Stowers)
- * Carl Lunsford (stroke, friend of Catherine Milholen)
- * **Kathleen Mallory** (Johnston Willis)
- * 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)
- * **Jean Slaven** (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Jimmy Stells (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- * Darlene Thomas (grandmother of Megan & Jake Thomas)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 2

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

Monday, April 3

- 10:00 Line Dancers
- 7:00 Staff Parish (L)

Tuesday, April 4

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

Wednesday, April 5

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

Thursday, April 6

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:00 Make Palm Crosses (309)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, April 7

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, April 8

- 3:00 Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt

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 Kyle Ostrum

Greeters:

9:00 Linda Keery (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Nickie Price (Library)
Pam Groome (Narthex)

Ushers:

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

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Troye Hamilton
11:00 Jean Riekers & Jane Gilliam

Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)
Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

Reader:

Betty-Anne Roberson

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (V)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (V)

Sanctuary Organizers: (April 1-30)

Penny Duckworth

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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