

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

**CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.**

**Singing:** “Happy Day” and “Trading My Sorrows”  
Michael Kalson, Contemporary Worship Music Leader

**Making Connections**

**Scripture:** Mark 16:1-8

**Sermon:** “Always a Step Ahead”  
Mary Beth Blinn, Pastor

**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.

**Solo:** “Forever”  
Isca Wilms

*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.*

**Singing:** “How Great Is Our God”  
*All who are able are invited to go outside for the benediction.*

**Benediction**

# Easter Day

April 5, 2015 11:00 a.m.

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude	“Rejoice! He Is Risen” Bells of Providence	Cathy Moglebust
Welcome/Announcements		
Choral Call To Worship	“Introit for Easter”	Joel Raney
+ Greeting*		
	Leader: Christ is Risen!	
	<b>People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!</b>	
+ Hymn	“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Verses 1-4	UMH 302
+Affirmation of Faith	“The Apostle’s Creed”	UMH 881

## TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading*	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
+Hymn	“Up From the Grave He Arose”	UMH 322
Second Reading*	Mark 16:1-8	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Sermon	“Always a Step Ahead”	Pastor Mary Beth Blinn

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering	“Thine Is the Glory” Bells and Keyboard	G. F. Handel
Invitation		UMH 12
Prayer of Confession		
Sharing the Peace of Christ		

Offertory "His Glory" arr. Gayden C. Sikes  
Piano and Organ Duet

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

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving\* UMH 17

The Lord's Prayer

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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 or the rear of the sanctuary to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Gluten-free wafers are available at the front. Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.*

Prayer after Communion

## **AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

+ Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" UMH 327

+ Benediction\*

Leader: Do you have an Easter message to share?

**People: Jesus is alive!**

Leader: What is the good news about Jesus?

**People: He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!**

Leader: Tell the world what God has done!

**People: Hallelujah! Amen!**

+ Musical Offering "Hallelujah Chorus" G. F. Handel

+ Postlude "Joyful, Joyful" by Hal Hopson

**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!**

- 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**

Thank you for worshipping at Providence UMC this Easter day! Stop by the outdoor flowering cross for a picture. And come back again soon, to belong, be transformed and make a difference.

Our church is organizing a **softball team** for the spring and summer Friday night league. The games start on April 17. All men and women, age 16 and up, are welcome to participate. Sign up today on the clipboards or contact Steve Reese at 914-2987 or: [smrtips1@yahoo.com](mailto:smrtips1@yahoo.com).



Support the Richmond District's Shalom Farms by buying potted **Geraniums**. Available colors are: red, salmon, hot pink, and white. Cost is \$4.50 each. Contact Shirley Collins at 745-3024 or [scol23235@gmail.com](mailto:scol23235@gmail.com) to place your order. Deadline to order is April 11, with delivery on April 17.

When was the last time anyone said "You are beautiful?" Wonderful to hear, isn't it? Using scripture and real-life examples from her own life, Sharon Harris will talk on "**Beauty**" at the United Methodist Women's meeting on Saturday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m., here at the church. Bring a friend and your own simple tips about beauty! It should be an exciting and encouraging meeting. See you there!

**Easter Sunday** — Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Jesus is risen from the dead so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. With clean hearts and renewed spirits, this is truly a day to rejoice and celebrate! As you make your financial gift for Society of St. Andrew that you have set aside during the Lenten season, do not let your spiritual discipline come to an end. Plan now to continue a daily time of prayer, scripture reading, and reflection throughout the year.

Your **Lenten offering for the Society of St. Andrew** can be placed in the offering plate, in the narthex or on the altar rail.

Our Easter Offering will support "**Imagine No Malaria.**" Malaria is transmitted by mosquitos

in Africa and other continents around the world. One simple way to prevent the spread of this deadly disease is to provide bed nets for families. \$10 will buy a mosquito net and save a life. Mark your check or an envelope in the pew rack: Easter Offering.

**Looking for a small group for study and fellowship?** Beginning May 3, a new group will begin meeting on Sundays at 9:45 in the Social Hall. They will begin with a study of 1st John, a short but life-transforming book in the New Testament. If you are interested, sign up today on the clipboards. Contact Valerie Reese for more information at 909-3659 or [valerie\\_Reese@yahoo.com](mailto:valerie_Reese@yahoo.com).

The Youth are seeking donations to help with the expenses of their summer mission trip to Virginia Beach where they will be doing home repair work for families in need. The **Wall of Giving** has 50 envelopes with amounts from \$1 to \$50. Envelopes can be dropped in the offering plate. Checks can be made out to Providence Church with "Youth fundraiser" on the memo line. Thank you for supporting our youth and their efforts to spread the love of Jesus. Thank you, Susan Clark

**April 25, Shalom Farms.** Everyone is invited and families are encouraged to participate. Work is available for all abilities and ages, including sit-down jobs. Be in mission with others from the Richmond District and join in the fun. Sign up on the clipboard today if you would like to be a part of this mission trip.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a **member of Providence**? Speak with Pastor Mary Beth who will guide you in the next steps to take (276-4289).

### **Native American Ministries Sunday is April 19**

Your gift matters. The United Methodist Native American Ministries offering makes a difference for children who need positive role models. It assures children that they are important members of God's loving family. Your gift also helps educate Native American seminarians (by providing scholarships) and empowers outreach into Native American cultures.

**Save the Date!** We will be hosting families with children in the **CARITAS** program (Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter) from May 23-30. Many hands are needed to make this week a success. Please consider, or have your group discuss, hosting a dinner, packing lunches, being an overnight chaperone, taking home a bag of laundry to return the next day and coming in to help with homework or play with the children in the evening. Providence has participated in the CARITAS program for over 25 years, and it takes the entire church to pull off this most important mission. Watch for sign-up sheets to appear soon. We intend to plan early this year!

**Reminder:** The church office will be closed tomorrow, April 6.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Notes:

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](mailto: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:**

**Beky Behrend** (daughter of Tery and Jim Sarver), Brian Bilski, Billy Blankenship; **Darlene Demarr**, (aunt of Fran McConnell); **Kayley Dirr** (granddaughter of Diane King), **Donald Early** (Nikki Earley's father), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), Carrington Goode, **Chuck Harris** (son of Hugh Harris), **Mildred Isbell** (surgery 4/1), Pam Jones and family (on the death of her father, Billy Boyles), Ronnie Justice, **Jerry Maier** (Kathy Maier's father), Lewis Miller (on the death of his wife, Frances, on March 16), Gail Morris (friend of Peg Martin), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith (on the death of his wife, Kathy, on 3/10); Robert Vance (friend of Robbie Robertson), Nancy Voltz (friend of Donna Jenkins), Stuart Watkins.

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for April 5, 2015:** 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, April 5—Easter Day

6:30 Sunrise Service (Outdoor Chapel)  
Breakfast (SH)  
9:00 Connections Worship Service  
9:45 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 Traditional Worship Service  
No afternoon or evening activities

### Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, April 7

11:00 Bible Study (L)  
6:30 Disciple 4 (205)  
6:30 Cub & Boy Scouts (SH/3rd Floor)  
7:00 Newton Circle

### Wednesday, April 8

No KC Jam  
7:00 Chancel Choir

### Thursday, April 9

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

### Friday, April 10

4:00 SH Reserved  
8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, April 11

10:30 UMW "Beauty" (SH)

## Prayer Requests

Pray for:

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Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

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Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

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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) Ron White

(11:00) Judy Miles

### Acolyte:

(11:00)

### Greeters:

( 9:00) Linda Keery (Ed. Bldg.)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

(11:00) Shirley Collins (Ed. Bldg.)

Nickie Price (Narthex)

### Nursery:

( 9:00) Kelly Horne

( SS) Wendy Collins

(11:00) Mike & Wendy Collins

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)

Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

### Ushers:

( 9:00) Bill Blankenship

Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek

(11:00) Klaus Worrell, Sean Collins

Tony Fleshman, Laurie Breeden

Brad Wootten, Rudy Petrick

### Reader:

Althea Armstrong

### Audio/Media Shout Team:

( 9:00) Tyler Griggs (A)

Steve Oliver (MS)

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Steve Oliver (MS)

### Sanctuary Organizer:

Flora Scott

Jean Winfree

### Sign Changer:

Gene Duckworth

CCLI License #1495687

CCVLI License #502817990

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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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Cynthia Liverpool

#### Our Covenant Missionary

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