

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing: "Celebrate Jesus"  
"Happy Day"**

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Scripture**

1 John 1:1-10

**Message: "Do you want a right relationship with God?"  
Derrick Parson**

**Prayer Time**

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: "Because He Lives (Amen)"**

**Benediction**

# 2nd Sunday of Easter

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.

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude "Wondrous Love" arr. David Johnson  
Southern Folk Hymn

+ Contemporary Call to Worship \* (based on Psalm 133, John 20:29, 1 John 1:5)

+ Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH #206

Making Connections

## TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading (UMH 85) \* Psalm 133 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" FWS #2158

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Second Reading \*

1 John 1:1-10

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Do you want a right relationship with God?”

Derrick Parson

Prayer

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.

### **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Offertory

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”  
The Chancel Choir

by Naida Hearn

+ Response \*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

+ Hymn

“Holy, Holy”

FWS #2039

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Fantasia”

by Pachelbel

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Harold Fleenor in memory of his wife for her birthday on April 11.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

Next Sunday, April 15, is **Native American Ministries Sunday** and there will be a special offering envelope in the bulletin. Your gifts will help provide scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians, strengthen and develop Native American ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and support Native American outreach at the annual conference level.

The third and last “Living” covenant class, “**Trusting in the Covenant**”, begins at 2:00 p.m., in Room 205. Books are \$15 for anyone who’d like to join us. Please just show up today if you are interested or contact Laura Loper at [lauralopergriggs@gmail.com](mailto:lauralopergriggs@gmail.com) for more information.

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](mailto:SCOL23235@gmail.com).

Last Sunday we implemented our new **Safety Plan** at Providence. All doors, with the exception of the front entrances to the Sanctuary and Education Building will remain locked during 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. Thank you for your patience during the transition and in the future.

The Trustees

<b>PUMC Financial Report as of February 28, 2018</b>			
	<b>February</b>	<b>2018 YTD</b>	<b>2017 YTD</b>
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		

**This is my Father's house.** As a child growing up in this church, I learned early on to appreciate it. We were taught to respect the building and its contents. Of those things were: no food or drink in the Sanctuary, no outdoor shoes on the pews where others would be sitting, if you drop something pick it up, and if you spill something wipe it up. As we bring a new custodian on board, please remember we are all responsible for the cleanliness of our church. We want our Father's house to sparkle for Him and everyone entering our doors.

Beverley Brooks  
Member since 1963

**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 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.

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!

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 8, 2018** — We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: to remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles; for spiritual renewal, leading to prayer and care for all regardless of race, national origin, religion, income, or neighborhood.

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](mailto: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
- \* Bob & Fran Fitch
- \* Allison Fuquay (cancer; niece of Robin Jeffrey)
- \* Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- \* 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
- \* Linda Keery
- \* Charles King (next procedure on leg to open arteries, April 11)
- \* 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)
- \* Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- \* Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- \* Bobby Wood (Home)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, April 8

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 12:00 CAP Planning Meeting (L)
- 1:00 Erma Robins Visitation (Sanc)
- 2:00 Erma Robins Memorial Service (Sanc)
- 3:30 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 Youth (YH)
- 6:00 Bells of Providence

## Monday, April 9

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Ruritans Board Meeting (309)

## Tuesday, April 10

- 10:00 GED Classes (309)
- 10:30 Staff Meeting (205)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Cubs/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 7:00 SPRC Meeting (L)

## Wednesday, April 11

- 6:30 Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

## Thursday, April 12

- 9:30 Prayer Team (L)
- 10:00 GED Classes (309)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:00 Starlighters (SH)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA (YH)
- 7:00 Gregory Circle

## Friday, April 13

- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, April 14

# 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

## Acolyte:

11:00 Meredith Kyser

## 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 Pam Asbury  
SS Barbara Oliver  
11:00 Kathy Alred, Meredith Kyser

## Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe  
Hugh Miles

## Reader:

Mike Collins

## Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)  
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

## Sanctuary Organizers:

Anna Knight  
(April 1-30)

## Grass Cutters:

(Area 1)  
April 9—Gary Vest

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## Office Hours:

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

## Contact us at:

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## Church Staff:

**Pastor** Derrick Parson  
[Derrick.Parson@providenceumc.net](mailto:Derrick.Parson@providenceumc.net)

## Intern

Isaac Nedd  
[Isaac.Nedd@providenceumc.net](mailto:Isaac.Nedd@providenceumc.net)

## Music Ministries

**Children's Ministries** Sherry Wright-Jeter  
[Sherry.Jeter@providenceumc.net](mailto:Sherry.Jeter@providenceumc.net)

## Secretary

Linda Collins  
[Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net)

## Audio Visual

Tyler Griggs  
[Tgriggs87@gmail.com](mailto:Tgriggs87@gmail.com)

**Youth Ministries** Mary & Greg Elliott (interim)

**Young Adult Ministries** Terrence Jeter (interim)

## Custodial Service

**Nursery Attendant** Cynthia Liverpool

**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres

**Presiding Bishop** Sharma Lewis