


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

CONNECTIONS 9:00 am

Singing: “Friend of God” and “Life Song”
Michael Kalson, Contemporary Music Leader

Making Connections

Books of the Bible Challenge

Scripture: John 15:9-17

Message: “Chosen”
Pastor Mary Beth Blinn

Singing: “Amazed”

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: “Your Love O Lord”

Benediction

6th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2015 11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

“To God Be the Glory”
Piano Duet

arr. Mark Hayes

+ Greeting*

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

No longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

+ Hymn

“Christ Is Alive”

UMH 318

+ Psalm Reading

Psalm 98

UMH 818

+ Response

“Sing a New Song to the Lord”

FWS 2045

TO HEAR THE WORD

New Testament Challenge

First Reading*

1 John 5:1-6

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn

“Victory in Jesus”

UMH 370

Gospel Reading*

John 15:9-17

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Chosen”

Pastor Mary Beth Blinn

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Musical Offering "Give Me Joy in My Heart" arr. Joseph Linn
Isca & Sarah Wilms, Ellen & Abby Fleenor, Kristie & Emily Willis

Prayer Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our 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.

Offertory "Pastorale on Blessed Assurance" arr. Robert Lau
+ Response* "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+ Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH 557

+ Benediction*

Christ sends us forth: Keep my commandments, abide in my love:

We will go forth in peace and justice!

Love one another, go forth to serve:

We will go forth in love!

Share in my mission, bear fruit that will last:

We will go forth as your friends, rejoicing!

Let us go forth in peace to witness to our community and world, that

Christ is alive!

+ Postlude "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" arr. Lani Smith

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— 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 flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God by Bill Mannering & Peg Martin in honor and celebration of their daughter, Julie’s birthday.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virginia United Methodist Homes were started in 1948 as “homes for the aged.” Now in multiple locations, VUMH provides residential care at all levels for older adults. The Samaritan Fund supports residents whose financial assets have been depleted. Today you may mark your check

or envelope to the Samaritan Fund for this purpose.

Next Sunday, following the 9 am service, a reception will be held to thank **Michael Kalson**, our Contemporary Worship Music Leader, for his service at Providence. While we are sad that Michael will be leaving us, we will be praying for his new opportunity to use his many talents serving God.

Our **Community Festival** is coming soon! Spread the word about this wonderful outdoor event for our church and neighborhood. It will be Saturday, May 16, 11-2. Would you like to help? Check the bulletin board near the water fountain to sign-up. We need cakes and cupcakes for the cake walk; helpers with the moon bounce, games, crafts, etc. You can also sign up today on the clipboard to help where needed. You'll get a call!

Flip Flops for Branches. Join us May 17, 4-5 pm, in the picnic shelter for some summer fun! Bring new pairs of flip flops for the kids at Branches in Florida City and a pair for yourself to decorate! There will be food, drinks, water games, and a prize for the person who donates the most flip flops for Branches. For more information, contact Susan Clark at susan.clark@providenceumc.net.

Learning the order of the **books in the Bible** is a way to feel more comfortable understanding how the Bible was put together. This year we invited the congregation to take 2 minutes a day (while brushing your teeth) to memorize the books in the Old Testament. Our goal for memorizing the New Testament is May 24 (Pentecost Sunday). It is never too late to start! Book marks with the

books of the Bible are in the Narthex for you to take home.

Start Cleaning Out and Saving! The UMW and the Missions Committee have arranged for the **CARITAS truck** to be left in our parking lot from Friday, May 15 through Monday, May 18. We want Providence to fill this truck with furniture, kitchen items, household goods and clean linens for families coming out of homelessness. Let us know and we will arrange for your items to be picked up if you can't get them to the church. Contact Brenda Woodward at 745-1259 or **brendawoodward1@verizon.net**.

Providence has about **40 trophies from the 1950's—1990's** that we would love for you to have since we have no place to display them. They were earned for basketball, bowling, softball and volleyball. The trophies will be on display on the table beside the Chapel, May 14-17. You are welcome to take any of them.

The Laughon Circle is having a guest speaker, Bonnie Inge Bell, speak to them on **Poverty in Chesterfield County**, on Tuesday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. Ms. Bell has worked with Chesterfield County Department of Social Services for decades and will inform us of what is being done and what needs to be done in the county. Everyone is invited to join us for this informative meeting. If you would like to join us for lunch afterwards, please bring a sandwich and drink. Dessert will be provided.

Remember a moment when the **music at Providence touched your heart?** Write a brief reflection (1-5 sentences) and we will print those at the time of our Music Sunday on May 17, and in the following weeks. Email Margaret at

m.e.taylor003@gmail.com before Wednesday, or leave it in the foyer today.

And God said, "Look! I have given you the seed-bearing plants throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. And I have given all the grasses and other green plants to the animals and birds for their food". And so it was. Did you know that here at PUMC we have the opportunity to honor God's word in the following ways: CARITAS Shelter week (providing 588 meals); collecting food for monthly distribution through CCHASM (Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance For Social Ministry); preparing and serving meals for our homeless neighbors on each 3rd Friday at Centenary UMC; providing food filled backpacks for children at A. M. Davis each weekend; working in the Mission Garden on Mondays at 9:30 to grow fresh vegetables for those who might otherwise go without; gleaning leftover farm vegetables to deliver to those in need; or volunteering at Shalom Farms. How could you **make a difference** in someone's life by providing nourishing food?

Join a new class for **study and fellowship** on Sundays at 9:45 in the Social Hall. The Bible Study will focus on John 1, 2, and 3. Everyone is welcome.

Please vote for the video our Youth created showing how they live out The Great Commandment on a mission trip. If you have a Facebook account, you can help the Youth group win a \$2,000 grant to help with costs for their summer mission trip. Go to the Providence UMC Facebook page and scroll down to the "Create for Christ" Video contest. Click on Woodbox.com to go directly to the voting page.

You will then need to “like” Entrust Financial Credit Union in order to vote. Voting ends May 13. Thank you for all you do for our Youth!

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. Sign up in the foyer to host a dinner, pack lunches, be an overnight chaperone, take home a bag of laundry to return the next day and come 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.

UMCMarket.org has some (if not all) of your great retailers. Each one donates back to PUMC a portion you spend with them. Examples: Amazon.com—1.5%; Lowe’s—2%; Old Navy—5%; and Kohls—3%. Help Providence by shopping at <https://www.umcmarket.org/> whenever possible.

The **new church directories** have arrived for everyone! Pick up a copy outside the Library after the worship services today and get to know your church family. Additional copies are \$5.

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).

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 tlcnic@verizon.net. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact the Coffman’s.

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:

Brian Bilski, **Jim Chappell**; Corey Collier (coworker of Linda Keery), Judy Conkle (Jane Elbert’s sister), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), Sandra Gordon (friend of Paul Martin), Shirley Hathaway, Mildred Isbell (The Laurels of Willow Creek, rehab), Ronnie Justice, Rachel Kiser (friend of Mike Collins), Jerry Lenhart (nephew of Shirley Collins), **Cindy Lowe** (niece of Ken and Eula Phillips), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Sharon Vanlohy, Stuart Watkins.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for May 10, 2015:

We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for all pastors, ministers, missionaries, and servants of Christ.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 10

- 9:00 Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 12:15 Congregational Care, (205)
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship Service
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)

No evening church activities

Monday, May 11

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 10:30 Providence Retire Club (dining out)
- 6:30 Scouts Committee Meeting (205)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Meeting (309)

Tuesday, May 12

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH)
- 11:30 Poverty in Chesterfield, Speaker (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Boy Scouts (PS/3rd Floor)

Wednesday, May 13

- 4:00 Urso (SH/Stage)
- 6:30 KC Jam (Sanc)
- 7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 14

- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 6:30 Ministry in Motion
- 6:30 Starlighters (SH)
- 7:00 Bells of Providence (Sanc)

Friday, May 15

June Newsletter Deadline

CARITAS Truck

- 9:15 Cooks for Christ
- 8:00 AA Group (309)
- 9:00 Softball Game (Ironbridge, Field #8)

Saturday, May 16

CARITAS Truck

- 9:00 Bells of Providence
- 11-2 Community Festival
- 4-11 Alred (PS/SH)
- 7:00 Faith Night at the Diamond

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) Emily Kyser

Greeters:

(9:00) Nikki Earley (Ed. Bldg.)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
(11:00) Tracey Kellam (Ed. Bldg.)
Beverly Evans (Narthex)

Nursery:

(9:00) Jennifer Clemmons
(SS) Barbara Oliver
(11:00) Laurie Breeden

Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)
Steve Oliver, Stuart Watkins

Ushers:

(9:00) Bill Blankenship
Neal Fleenor, Ron White
(11:00) Bobby Burton, Meredith Kyser
Tom Koertge, Ed Harper
Ralph Vernon, Lori Justice

Reader:

Pat Loud

Audio/Media Shout Team:

(9:00) Gary Wright (A)
Tyler Griggs (MS)
(11:00) Gary Wright (A)
Tyler Griggs (MS)

Sanctuary Organizer:

Kathleen White

Sign Changer:

Jim DeLap

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