

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: Mighty to Save

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Singing: Your Grace is Enough

Scripture

Matthew 15:21-28

Message: "Faith Makes the Difference!"

Hugh Harris

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: I Believe

Benediction

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sing to God

by G. F. Handel
arr. by Jan Sanborn

+ Call to Worship *

Read by All

Here, in this place

**God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:
here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by Name.**

Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort in the unknown:

here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!'

in every situation.

+ Morning Prayer

(based on Genesis 45:1-15)

Read by Hugh Harris

+ Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH #57

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

First Reading UMH #850 *

Psalm 133

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

Second Reading *

Matthew 15:21-28

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Faith Makes the Difference!"

Rev. Hugh Harris

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

Mighty to Save

arr. by Jay Rouse

CJ Alred, Emma Breeden and Kelsey Fleshman

+ Response *

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

+ Prayer UMH #401 *

For Holiness of Heart

+ Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH #402

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

Victory in Jesus

by E. M. Bartlett

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Dorothy and Dick Whitt on their anniversary. Love, Mary & Howard Busbee and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All guests, visitors and members (adults and children), please sign in on a clipboard today. Include your contact information and let us know if this is a change from what we have on file.

The **Total Solar Eclipse** is happening tomorrow, **August 21!** We will be able to see the Sun's light dim as the Moon moves in front of it, from right here in Richmond, VA. This amazing phenomenon will begin for Richmond at **1:18pm**, the maximum eclipse happening at **2:44pm**, ending at **4:03pm**. Feel free to use the fields behind the church to see the Sun 60° above the horizon.

Do you love to shop the Back-to-School sales? Do you miss buying school supplies for your children? August is School Supply month at PUMC and we are having our annual school supply drive for students at A. M. Davis Elementary School. We are in partnership with A. M. Davis and these supplies are always greatly appreciated. There are complete lists around the church and on the church's website (<http://www.providenceumc.net/resource/a-m-davis-elementary/>).

It's already time to think about Back-to-School, and not just for the kids. Laura Griggs is available to lead a new **Disciple class OR a series of shorter Bible studies** (but not both). Are you interested in taking Disciple 1 (the intro

class for all the others in the series), or one of the other long-term (about 34 weeks) classes? Or are you interested in attending a couple of 3 or 4-week classes on a weeknight? Laura wants to meet your needs, so let us know by indicating your interest on the pew clipboard. Thank You!

Upward Soccer needs you! Please consider being a part of the Upward program at PUMC. Please remember to keep our Upward Soccer program and its volunteers in your prayers.

Would you like to help with our Upward Soccer ministry but are unable to volunteer your time? Many families have already expressed concern about not being able to afford the registration fee. No child will be turned away from Upward soccer because they are unable to pay. The church will cover the cost for the player's registration, uniform and other essentials provided by Upward. If you would like to make a donation to help a deserving child play soccer and learn about the teachings of Jesus Christ, please write a check payable to the church and indicate on the memo line that your donation is for an **Upward scholarship**. It will cost \$75 for one child to play Upward soccer this fall.

Online registration is still open. Go to the PUMC website and click **UPWARD** on the top line. More registration forms and posters are available in the library. Thank you for your support of our Upward soccer ministry.

Slip-N-Slide Out of Summer with the Youth and Children's Ministries on Sunday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided — please bring a side dish or dessert. Please sign up on the clipboard today or email Sherry at sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net for

headcount purposes. And, don't forget a change of clothes, your swimsuit and a towel if you plan on getting wet! You might need to bring them even if you don't plan to get wet!

Fall 2017 — Covenants With God

Beginning in September, lessons in Adult Bible Studies follow the theme "Covenants with God, and consider the major covenants God made with people on behalf of the earth and human community. Beginning with Noah, God promised benevolence toward creation. God made similar commitments with Abram, Phinehas, and Ezekiel. Ultimately, the covenant forms the foundation for the coming Messiah and salvation for the world." The major themes will be:

- Signs of God's Covenants
- Called into Covenant with God
- An Everlasting Covenant

Christian Builders meet in room 205. We have several teachers who lead the class each week on a rotating basis. We would love to have you join us each week as we study the Word of God.

Children's Ministries will have a **planning meeting** after church on August 27. Parents and interested volunteers are invited to attend.

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring **hygiene bags for female prisoners** at Fluvanna Correctional Facility that will be distributed at Christmas to 1,300 women. We are collecting different items each month and reminders will be in the bulletin or sent in the mid-week updates.

Aug. **Toothpaste** (no larger than 6 ounces)

Sept. **Wooden Pencils**, unsharpened or **Lotion** in bottle (no larger than 15 ounces)

Thank you, UMW of PUMC

The **Cemetery Committee** is offering grave sites on the Memorial Walk for those who wish to be cremated. Sites will accommodate two (2) cremains and include a headstone. Two bronze plaques can be placed on the stone. The cost is \$1,200 per site. For questions, contact Bill Walton at 804-334-6777 or by email at bill.walton@longandfoster.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

August 20, 2017: We pray for workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: for economic development in depressed portions of the city, for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

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	John Harper
Harrison Bailey	Wayne Lee
Hunter Blankenship	Matt Latimer
Terrance Brunson	Megan Thomas
Jennifer Collins	

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * Dot Ashburn
- * Curtis Bailey
- * Nan Blackwell
- * Bursell Bradshaw (brother of Natalia Parson)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Nancy Carney (cancer; sister of Jim McConnell)
- * The Coffmans (not feeling well since their recent Mission trip)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Jim DeLap
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * Samuel Ford
- * Jill Gusewelle (friend of the Kysers)
- * Diane Howard (daughter of Jim & Laura DeLap)
- * Diane Huchingson (sister-in-law of Diane King)
- * Dot Janutolo
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * Tracey Kellam
- * **Charles King** (surgery 8/16)
- * Dave Long (VA Hospital)
- * Carl Lunsford (stroke; friend of Catherine Milholen)
- * Gladys Mann (Chippenham)
- * Dee Marshall (recovering at home)
- * Michael Mercatante, Sr. (heart attack 7/31)
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Grey Morris (home)
- * Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons)
- * Karen Nowak (Linda Keery's sister)
- * Cindy Odom (friend of the Keery's)
- * Miss Oppielee (battling cancer; friend of Peg & Bill Mannering)
- * Tery Sarver
- * Russell Shreve (surgery on legs; father of Julie Fleshman)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Bill Steele
- * Jeff Smith (cancer; father of Fran McConnell)
- * Mary Ellen Tyree (mother of Jeanie Ezell Southers)
- * Upward Soccer
- * Jeanette Wilson (heart surgery, 7/31)
- * Jim Yeatts
- * Kathy & Kerby Young (friends of The Kysers)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 20 — Backpack Sunday

9:00 Connections Service
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Service
12:15 Children's Ministries Planning (SH)
1:00 Elmcroft Worship
3:30 CHAMPs Music Jam
4:00 Girl Scouts
5:15 Sunrise Sisters
6:00 Bells of Providence

No Inukshuks & Youth tonight

Monday, August 21

10:00 Line Dancers (309)
1:00-2:40 Eclipse
6:30 Young Adults
7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)

Tuesday, August 22

11:00 Bible Study (L)
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:30 Scouts (PS/SH)

Wednesday, August 23

6:00 Providence Court Meeting (Chapel)
6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 24

9:30 Prayer Team (P)
11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:15 Men's Study (L)
6:30 MIM
6:30 AA Group (205)
7:00 UMW LT Meeting (309)

Friday, August 25

9:15 Cooks for Christ
8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, August 26

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 Meredith Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Patty Wright (Library)
Nickie Price (Narthex)

Ushers:

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

Nursery:

9:00 Jane Gilliam
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Carol Urso & Windy Collins

Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)
Hugh Miles

Reader:

Mike Collins

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Gary Wright (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)
11:00 Gary Wright (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Marilyn Bell (Aug. 1-31)

Grass Cutter:

Area 2 Gary Vest
(Week August 21)

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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Our Covenant Missionary Kim King Torres
Presiding Bishop Sharma Lewis