# Providence United Methodist Church

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# 14th Sunday after Pentecost CONNECTIONS

9:00 a.m.

## **Call to Worship**

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Let us worship God! **Amen**.

Singing: Forever

**Making Connections** 

A Time with the Children

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Singing: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Message: Three Steps to the Will of God!

# **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: Rejoice

**Benediction** 

# 14th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

#### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Lani Smith

Piano and Organ Duet

+ Call to Worship\*

Leader: We come before God not fearfully but adoringly, we worship not as a slavish

duty but with delight.

People: God has not marked us for punishment but for salvation through our

Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: Lift up your eyes beyond anxieties and ills to God whose glory exceeds

the starry skies, building each other up in faith and joy.

-written by Bruce Prewer

+ Hymn UMH 126 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above Mit Frueden Zart

## TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination\* UMH 477

Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain thee with all our powers of adoration and love. **Amen!** 

First Reading\* Colossians 4:2-4 Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn FWS 2071 Jesus, Name Above All Names Name Above All Names

Second Reading\* I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Thanks be to God.

Sermon Three Steps to the Will of God! Pastor Derrick Parson

#### TO RESPOND IN FAITH

# Prayer

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Offertory + Response*	Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	Mark Hayes UMH 94
+ Hymn UMH 452	My Faith Looks Up to Thee	Olivet
+ Benediction*		
+ Postlude	Be Thou My Vision	Dale Wood

# Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

## Welcome, guests. We are glad you are here!

- Pick up a welcome gift in the foyer—Our "<u>Join the Mix</u>" 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).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Providence Road Partners** will be distributing your donated supplies at A. M. Davis Elementary on Monday, August 31, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. We could use a few volunteers to help with this project so sign up today if you can help. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Collins (276-2418, mrscollins17@aol.com).

There are many ways that you can be part of the **Providence Road Partners** and help the students and teachers at A. M. Davis Elementary School. Today's bulletin insert lists some of many ways you can be of assistance. Please check what you might be interested in and complete the bottom portion of the insert. You can drop it in the offering plate today or bring it to the office. If you have questions, contact Wendy Collins (276-2418).





The Growing Christians are having their fall **BBQ Chicken** on Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the church. If you would like to pre-order your chicken, please contact Brenda Woodward (921-1259) or Kathleen White (744-3644). Baked Beans (\$2) and coleslaw (\$1.50) will also be available. All proceeds will go towards mission projects.

**Promotion Sunday Celebration for Children** will be Sunday, September 13, in the social hall. A pancake breakfast for children and adults will be during the Sunday School time. The children will not have Sunday School in the classrooms that day but will be able to meet and talk with their teachers during breakfast. Children will actually move up to their new classroom the following Sunday, September 20.

**Inukshuks**, youth group for 5th-8th grade, begins this Sunday with a "*Club Inukshuk Dance Party*" at the youth house from 5:30-7:30. Bring a friend or make one this Sunday! <u>The Youth will not meet tonight.</u>

There will be a meeting of the **Brunswick Stew Committee** in the Library immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service today.



**Flu shots** will be offered at Providence on Sunday, September 27, in the social hall, from noon to 1:00 p.m.. Consent forms are available on the table in the hallway near the office if you would like to complete it in advance.

There will be a **2015-16 Church Council Planning Meeting** on September 13, in room 309, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. A light lunch will be provided. Please add this to your calendar if you can to attend and add your name to the sign-in sheet today.

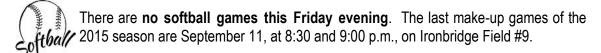


# **Disciple Classes**

**Disciple 3—Remember Who You Are**. This 32-week study focuses on the Old Testament prophets and the New Testament letters of Paul, the connection between memory and our identity as the people of God. It includes calls to repent, calls for renewal and calls for community. If would like to participate in this class, please sign up on the sign-in sheets today. Disciple 3 will be led by Barbie Vest and will meet on Sundays, at 2:00 p.m., in room 205. Workbook—\$40. An informational meeting will be on August 30, 2:00 p.m. in room 205. If you have questions, contact Barbie Vest at 378-2632.

Christian Believers—Knowing God with Heart and Mind is part of the Disciple series. This 30-week study focuses on the classical teachings of the Christian faith through the centuries, using scripture, writings, hymns and symbols. Participants will use their Bible and a book of poems, hymns and short essays from significant Christian leaders. Christian Believers will be led by Laura Griggs. The introductory meeting, to hand out materials, will be on Tuesday, September 15, at 6:30-7:00 p.m., in room 205. This class will meet on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in room 205. Workbook and Reader—\$45. Please sign up today on the sign-in sheet if you would like to participate. If you have questions, contact Laura Griggs at 909-9470.

The prerequisite for these classes is completion of Disciple I. The classes **do not** need to be taken in order. The materials are here, the instructors are ready, and waiting for you to sign up today!



You can help fund the programs of Providence UMC by shopping on **UMCmarket.org**. There are many major retailers who donate a percentage of the money you spend with them to our church. Go to **UMCMarket** to sign up or to begin shopping.

Do you know someone in our congregation who is unable to attend church, who might like to have a visit and receive communion? If so, please call Jane Elbert (675-0534) or email her at: <a href="mailto:janeelbertquilts@gmail.com">janeelbertquilts@gmail.com</a>.

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**

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**. 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:

Brian Bilski, Nan Blackwell, Percell & Mary Brown (friends of Judy Gindhart), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), **Lindsay Garrison** (surgery 8/25), Sandra Gordon (battling cancer, friend of Paul & Beverly Martin), Mary Harris (mother of Hugh Harris), Shirley Hathaway, Mildred Isbell, Tracey Kellam, Norma Kidd (Morningside at Belgrade, room 141), Jerry Lenhart (nephew of Shirley Collins), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Betty-Anne Roberson, Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for August 30, 2015**: We pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: for full employment opportunities for our young people and heads of families, for the long-term unemployed, and for the under-employed.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS **Prayer Requests** Sunday, August 30 9:00 Connections Worship Service I Pray for: 9:45 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 Traditional Worship Service Place in Bulletin: Yes / No 12:00 Brunswick Stew Committee (L) 2:00 Disciple 3 Meeting (205) Specific Request: 5:30 Inukshuk Dance Party (YH) No Youth Monday, August 31 10:00 Line Dancers (309) Meal Needs: Yes / No Tuesday, September 1 Transportation Needs: Yes / No 10:00 Stitchers (205) 11:00 Bible Study (L) Desire Card: Yes / No 6:00 Upward Practice 6:30 Boy Scouts (PS) Comments: 7:00 Newton Circle Wednesday, September 2 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's) 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal Your Contact Information: Thursday, September 3 Name: 6:00 Upward Practice 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L) Telephone Number: 6:30 AA Group (205) Email Address: 5:45 Ministry in Motion Rehearsal Friday, September 4—Church Office Closed No Softball Games this week Drop this sheet in the offering plate or at 8:00 AA Group (309) the church office. Saturday, September 5 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**

Those Serving Toda

Acolyte: 11:00 Jackson Holland

**Greeters:** 

9:00 Linda Keery (Library) Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00 Allen Branson (Library)
Mary Lou Branson (Narthex)

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Nursery:

9:00 Barbara Oliver SS Wendy Collins 11:00 Carol Urso

Wendy Collins

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: Paul Martin Audio/Media Shout Team:

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

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**Sanctuary Organizer:** 

Pam Asbury

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