

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Singing:** Forever

**Making Connections**

**Children's Time**  
Sherry Wright-Jeter

**Scripture:** Joshua 5:13-6:16

**Sermon:** "Blowing Past the Obstacles"  
Rev. Brandon Robbins

**Holy Communion**  
Special Music—duet "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

**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.

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. 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 and Offering:** The Battle Belongs to the Lord

**Benediction**

# Thirteenth 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.

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude "Valse Noble in C Major" by Franz Schubert Op. 77, No. 1

+ Call to Worship \* (based on Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25)

Leader: We are pulled in many directions.

**People: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.**

Leader: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

**People: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.**

Leader: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

**ALL: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen.**

+ Hymn *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

UMH 513

+ Prayer of the Day

Making Connections

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Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

## TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading UMH #758

Psalm 27:1-4

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

*"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"*  
Duet—Sherry Jeter, Allison Stowers

Second Reading \*

Joshua 5:13-6:16

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Blowing Past the Obstacles"

Rev. Brandon Robbins

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

UMH 12

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Holy Communion

(with Musical Response A)

UMH 17

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

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 of the sanctuary to receive the bread and juice, kneeling or standing as you are able. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available. Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.*

Prayer after Communion

Offertory

"Valse Noble in A Minor" by Franz Schubert Op. 77, No. 9

+ Response\*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn

*Trust and Obey*

UMH #467

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

## 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. Our August “winner” of a gift card is Hilda Lindsay. All you have to do is sign in when you come to church and you could be a winner too!

**The church office will be closed tomorrow for Labor Day.**

**Christmas Cantata!** Our first read-through “listen-to” of our Christmas Cantata will be on Wednesday, September 13, in the choir room at 6:30 p.m. We welcome new and familiar faces! Starting on September 20, we will practice the cantata 6:30-7:15 p.m. each Wednesday night. Please join us!

September is here and **greeters are needed for the Narthex and Library areas.** We are grateful for those of you who have faithfully volunteered but more volunteers would be helpful. We need greeters at each service, each Sunday. Primary responsibilities include shaking hands and welcoming people as they arrive. Please add your name to the **sign-in sheet** if you're willing to greet our guests and members as they arrive. Or, contact Allen Branson directly at: [revallen1@outlook.com](mailto:revallen1@outlook.com).

Thank you for your responses about Bible studies here at PUMC. Barbie Vest is planning to lead a **Disciple 2** class (Into the Word, Into the World) on Sundays at 2pm. This is a 32-week study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and

Acts. Start date to be determined after folks sign up. Please indicate your interest in Disciple 2 on the **sign-in sheet** today or contact the church office ([Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net)) to be included on the list of those interested.

Laura Griggs will lead an 8-week course **Covenant: Creating** (different from the Christian Builders Sunday School program) on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, starting on September 20th. It includes a DVD portion and meditations, and daily reading assignments through the week. We'll allow drop-in participants, but encourage everyone to do the reading. Please call the church office (804-276-4289) or add your name to the **sign-in sheet** if you want to sign up for either course, so we can order participant books.

**It's Soccer Season at PUMC!** Practices began last week (Tuesdays or Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.) and the games begin next Saturday, September 9 (9:00 or 10:00 a.m.). Please come out and cheer on our players, meet their families and invite them to our church! If you're unable to attend, please pray for this important family ministry of our church.

Our 2017 **Brunswick Stew** will be on October 14 and lots of volunteers are needed — stirrers, dippers, packers, willing to do anythingers — you're all needed! Add your name to the **sign-in sheet** today if you can help.

Sue Duganne is beginning to take orders for the stew now. Contact her by email at

[mamasue15@gmail.com](mailto:mamasue15@gmail.com) or phone (804-317-3014) if you'd like to get your order in early. The stew will be available for pick-up after 2:00 p.m. on the 14th. Please include the following on your email:

Your Name & Phone No.

How many quarts you'd like to order

There will probably be a slight cost increase in this year.

The **Youth** will start back next Sunday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m. **There will be a parent meeting** as well at 5:30 p.m. Both Youth and Parents should 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.

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

Thank you, UMW of PUMC

### 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.

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](mailto: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

**September 3, 2017:** We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for all Superintendents, School Boards, School Administrators, PTAs, teachers, students, and staff.

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	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)
- \* Ronnie Brooks
- \* Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- \* Nancy Carney (cancer; sister of Jim McConnell)
- \* **Charles Clarke** (blood clots; brother of Beverley Brooks)
- \* Dave Cooke (friend of Paul, Jim & Charlie)
- \* John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- \* Jim DeLap
- \* Bob & Fran Fitch
- \* Emma Fleenor
- \* **Neal Fleenor** (Chippenham; broken ankle)
- \* Samuel Ford
- \* Jill Gusewelle (friend of the Kysers)
- \* Diane Howard (daughter of Jim & Laura DeLap)
- \* The family of Ariane Hubbard (died 8/15)
- \* Diane Huchingson (sister-in-law of Diane King)

- \* Ann Scott Jamison (home; staying with Flora Scott)
- \* Dot Janutolo
- \* Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Jack & Linda Keery
- \* Tracey Kellam
- \* Charles King (surgery 8/16)
- \* **The family of Dave Long** (died 8/27)
- \* 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)
- \* **Lee Middleton**
- \* 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
- \* **Gary Smallwood** (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- \* Jeff Smith (cancer; father of Fran McConnell)
- \* Mary Ellen Tyree (mother of Jeanie Ezell Southers)
- \* Upward Soccer
- \* Jim Yeatts
- \* Kathy & Kerby Young (friends of The Kysers)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, September 3

9:00 Connections Service  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Service  
4:00 Girl Scouts  
No Youth Activities  
No Music Rehearsals

### Monday, September 4

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, September 5

11:00 Bible Study (L)  
2:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)  
6:00 Upward Practice  
6:30 Scouts (SH/309)  
7:00 Newton Circle

### Wednesday, September 6

7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)  
1:00 Visitation Team (L)  
6:15 CHAMPs  
6:30 Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 7

9:30 Prayer Team (P)  
6:00 Upward Practice  
6:15 Men's Study (L)  
6:30 MIM  
6:30 AA Group (205)

### Friday, September 8

8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, September 9

9:00 & 10:00 Upward Games Begin

## 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

### Greeters:

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

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Chris Healy  
11:00 George Winstead  
Linwood Hudson, Pam Asbury  
Melvin Watkins

### Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Carol Urso & Wendy Collins

### Counters:

Ron Wootten (captain)  
Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

### Reader:

Jane Elbert

### Audio/Visual Team:

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

### Sanctuary Organizers:

Paul Martin (Sept. 1-30)

### Grass Cutter:

Area 2 Steve Reese  
(Week Sept. 4)

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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:

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

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

**Custodial Service** Bill Duganne  
**Nursery Attendant** Cynthia Liverpool  
**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres  
**Presiding Bishop** Sharma Lewis