

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: Every Move I Make

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Singing: The Gift of Love

Scripture

Mark 12:28-34

Message: "The Greatest Commandment Is Love!"

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: Love the Lord

Benediction

Fourteenth 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 *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* arr. By Mark Hayes

Introit *This Is My Commandment*
The Chancel Choir

+ Call to Worship *

Leader: Once upon a time, a wise man offered a challenge; "What is the greatest commandment?" The calendars on our desks share a vision of greatness; bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.

People: Love the Lord your God.

Leader: The cameras of our memories share what commands us; children to bathe and partners to help, parents calling and grandchildren hopeful.

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Leader: Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities; open spaces to experience wonder, strangers becoming friends, devotion to that which transcends.

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And Love your neighbor as yourself.

~ written by Katherine Hawker

+ Morning Prayer

+ Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH #384

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time

Derrick Parson

First Reading *

Psalm 149

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn

The Gift of Love

UMH #408

Second Reading *

Mark 12:28-34

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Greatest Commandment Is Love!"

Derrick Parson

The Apostle's Creed *

UMH #881

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 Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
(after Bach's *Suite No. 1 in G*)

setting by Roland E. Martin

The Chancel Choir

+ Response *

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

+ Hymn

More Love to Thee, O Christ (v 1, 2, & 4)

UMH #453

Reception of New Member

Monte Newbill

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Benson in memory of her mother, Grace K. Watkins, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on September 19th.

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. All you have to do is sign in when you come to church and you could be a winner too!

*Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane **Harvey** and **Irma**.* Please also pray for the response teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief. If you would like to make a **donation to UMCOR**, please make your check payable to Providence UMC with **UMCOR** on the memo line.

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.

The **Youth** will start back today at 5:30 p.m. **There will be a parent meeting** as well at 5:30 p.m. Both Youth and Parents will meet at the Youth House.

The first rehearsal/interest meeting for the **Youth Choir** will be today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 109. Youth Choir is open to ages 9 and up.

The **UMUMR Auxiliary** (United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond) **for Shalom Farms** needs a representative from PUMC. Meetings are three to four times a year at Ginter Park UMC. The purpose of our representative is to keep our church informed of Shalom Farms and encourage our church's involvement in their ministry. To help support Shalom Farms, the UMUMR Auxiliary sells geraniums in the spring and pansies in the fall. Please contact Shirley Collins (804-745-3204 or SCOL23235@gmail.com) if you'd be interested in being part of the UMUMR Auxiliary. Shirley can answer any questions you might have too.

Promotion Sunday is September 17. We will be honoring our teachers and celebrating the kids who are moving up. We ask that each class prepare a short description of their class to share at this service. Of course there will be the traditional **pancake breakfast** prior to the 11:00 a.m. service. If you're willing to bring sausage, bacon or a tasty dish, please **sign up on the sign-in sheet** today.

If you'd like to submit an article for the **Newsletter**, please send your article to Linda Collins (Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net) or drop it off in the office *no later than Thursday, September 14*.

Wednesday Night Dinners will resume on September 20th. Sign-up sheet for cooks is in the hallway near the Counter's Room.

The **Congregation Care Committee** wants to “*put some lovin’*” on our college students and our

military prayer list people who are away from home. Please email Jean Chappell (jeanchappell1@verizon.net) or drop a note in the church office so we can begin compiling their contact information.

The Growing in Faith Together Sunday School class is having their **BBQ Chicken** sale on Saturday, September 30, 9:00 a.m. until sold out. Prices are:

- \$6 Half Chicken (note price change)
- \$2 8 oz. Baked Beans
- \$8 Quart Baked Beans (limited availability)
- \$1.50 8 oz. Coleslaw
- \$.50 Soft Drinks
- \$ Sweet treats will also be available

To insure availability, please preorder by contacting Gracie Martin at 272-4289 or any member of the GIFT class.

It's Soccer Season at PUMC! Practices are on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. and the games are on Saturdays at 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.

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) to be included on the list of those interested.

Laura Griggs will lead an 8-week course, **Covenant** (different from the Christian Builders Sunday School program) on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, starting on September 20. 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.

Our 2017 **Brunswick Stew** will be on October 14 and lots of volunteers are needed — stirrers, dippers, packers, willing to do anythings — 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 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 this year.

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.

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 10, 2017: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for all public schools; for students, teachers and support personnel, including cafeteria workers, building and grounds staff, and school bus drivers; for all private and religious schools, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

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:

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| 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
- * **BRANCHES Florida City**
- * Ronnie Brooks (VA Hospital)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Charles Clarke (blood clots; brother of Beverley Brooks)
- * **Jennifer Clemmons** on the loss of her sister
- * Dave Cooke (friend of Paul, Jim & Charlie)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * Neal Fleenor (broken ankle)
- * 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
- * Charles King (Chippenham)
- * The family of Dave Long (died 8/27)
- * Gladys Mann
- * Dee Marshall (recovering at home)
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Lee Middleton
- * **The family of Catherine “Katie” Moore Walker** (died 8/28; mother of Cathy Patterson)
- * Grey Morris (home)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson’s mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * Upward Soccer
- * **Those affected (or being affected) by hurricane Harvey and Irma**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 10

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 3:15 CHAMPs Music Jam
- 4:00 Girl Scouts
- 4:30 Youth Choir (Room 109)
- 5:15 SonRise Sisters
- 5:30 Youth & Parents Meeting (YH)
- 6:00 Bells of Providence

Monday, September 11

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Meeting (309)

Young Adults

Tuesday, September 12

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 2:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:30 Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, September 13

- 6:30 Cantata Read Thru / Rehearsal
- 7:15 Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 14

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:00 Starlighters (SH)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 Gregory Circle (Angelo's)

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

- 9:00 & 10:00 Upward Soccer Games

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 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 Kelly Horne
SS Bethany Sharpe
11:00 Kathy Alred & Jean Riekers

Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)
Wayne Smith, Anne Baird

Reader:

Paul Martin

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (V)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Paul Martin (Sept. 1-30)

Grass Cutter:

Area 1 Jimmy Sculthorpe
(Week Sept. 11)

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