


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: Everyday

Making Connections

Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sermon: Alone But For God

Daniel Burch

Holy Communion

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: Remembrance

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 Potter's Hand

Benediction

September 4, 2016

16th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table Thomas Canning

+ Call to Worship *

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Many: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then, it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

One: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

Many: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

One: May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy.

Many: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

ALL: Our lives surrendered, then returned in full. We count the cost and then become God's will.

+ Opening Prayer

Loving Shaper of people and nations, you are beyond our knowing, and yet closer to us than our every breath. You are before us and behind us, surrounding us with your love, and fashioning all of creation in the secret depths of your heart. With every thought, with every song, and with every prayer, turn these fragile earthen vessels that we are, into the Spirit-filled body of Christ. Amen.

+ Hymn UMH 382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord ADELAIDE

Children's Time Sherry Wright-Jeter

TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading UMH 854 * Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading * Jeremiah 18:1-11 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Alone But For God Daniel Burch

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation
Prayer of Confession UMH 12
Sharing the Peace of Christ

Holy Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving* UMH 17
The Lord's Prayer

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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 Sink Not Yet My Soul to Slumber J. G. Walther
+ Response* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Reception of New Member Donna Marie Smith

+ Hymn UMH 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be MESSIAH

+ Benediction

+ Postlude Toccata Avanti la Messa degli Apostoli G. Frescobaldi

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!

- Please pick up a welcome gift in the foyer.
- **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 Rick and Robin Jeffrey, in memory of Robert and Elizabeth Ricketts on their 79th wedding anniversary.

The **flowers in the narthex** are from the family of Ken Matthews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Growing Christians will hold their Fall **Chicken Barbecue** sale on Saturday, September 24. Prices remain the same; \$5.00 for a half chicken, \$2.00 for world famous baked beans and \$1.50 for homemade coleslaw. The CSI Sunday School Class will also be having a **bake sale**. Proceeds will go

to various mission projects throughout the year. PLEASE pre-order if you can as it makes planning and cooking easier. Thank you for your support over the past 20+ years! You can order your chicken and sides on the sign-in sheet today or by emailing Brenda Woodward at: brendawoodward1@verizon.net.

Next Sunday, September 11, is **Promotion Sunday**. In keeping with tradition, there will be a pancake breakfast during the Sunday school time. This will be an opportunity for everyone to meet their new teachers.

Interested in learning more about Mission?

The Conference is hosting a 5-Talent Academy training session titled: **Equipping People for Ministry Outside the Walls of the Church**.

The event will take place at Woodlake UMC on Tuesday, October 4, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$35 and the deadline is September 19. Lunch is included. Printed information is available on the table outside the pastor's door. If we have five people register, we will get a group discount. For more information or to register online, go to:

<http://www.vaumc.org/5TalentAcademy>.

Upward Soccer registration is available on the church's website and registration forms are available in several places around the church. Registration will remain open until September 9. Practices are on Tuesdays or Thursdays, at 6:00 p.m. Please be in prayer for a successful Upward season and for everyone involved. A list of some suggested prayers is in the August newsletter.

A. M. Davis Elementary could use help during the first week of school, September 6-9, in the mornings (8:45-11:00 a.m.) and late afternoons (3:15-4:00 p.m.). People are needed to help children as they get off the buses in the mornings and go to their classrooms. This is especially important for preschool and kindergarten students. If you can help, please come to the school...allow extra time for parking (or carpool) due to the construction in front of the school. If you have any questions, contact Wendy Collins (276-2418, email: MrsCollins17@aol.com) or the Davis office manager, Mrs. Bean at 674-1310.

There is a blue Volunteer Form insert in the bulletin today. If you are interested in volunteering at A. M. Davis in any of the ways listed on the form, please fill it out, drop it in the offering plate or put it in the Office Staff mailbox in the hallway near the office. Thanks for everything you do for the children at A. M. Davis. It means a lot to the school and to the children.

The 2016-17 school year begins next week. If you would like to help support our backpack ministry, contributions can be made to the church, with "A. M. Davis" written on the memo line of your check. Twelve dollars (\$12) will pay for one child's food for one weekend. Contributions can be made at anytime during the year. Just mark your check appropriately. If you have questions, contact Wendy Collins by email at: MrsCollins17@aol.com or by phone at: 276-2418.

YOUTH: Important Dates
9/4 No Youth (Labor Day weekend)

The **Church Office will be closed** tomorrow, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

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: janeelbertquilts@gmail.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.

Hand-knitted **prayer squares are available** in the foyer to take or mail to someone for whom you are praying.

PRAYER MINISTRY

To connect with our email prayer ministry, you may send a prayer request to Tom and Nancy Coffman at nlctlc73@gmail.com. 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:

Jessica Ammon	Harrison Bailey
Hunter Blankenship	Michael Bucholz
Jennifer Collins	Matt Latimer
Wayne Lee	Megan Thomas

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Upward Soccer, Lisa Atkinson (friend of Cheran Salvaggio), **Mary and Purcell Brown** (both have serious illnesses, friends of Judy Gindhart), Nancy Carney (battling cancer, sister of Jim McConnell), **the family of Bill Davis** (on the death of his 22 year old daughter), Emma Fleenor, Samuel Ford, Brenda Hair (battling throat cancer), Ann Hobbs (battling cancer, friend of Dave Robinson), Scott Hueston (friend of the Collins family), Myrtle & T.L. Jenkins (at Spring Arbor-Salisbury, room 107), Ronnie Justice, Tracey Kellam, Tristen Kellam, Jack Keery, Carl Lunsford (neighbor of Catherine Milholen), **the family of Ken Matthews** (who died on 8/26), **Michael** (friend of Mae Clarke's), Ron Moyer, Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons), Erma Robins (Sunrise), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith, Barbara Sutton (Brookdale), the family of Allen Todd (aka Todd, former member of PUMC, who died suddenly on 8/10), the family of Stuart Watkins (who died 8/14), **Bobby Wood** (JW rehab, room 537), James Yeatts, **the families of Sarah Morris and Bobby Wood** (their sister-in-law died last week)

Metro Richmond at Prayer for September 4, 2016: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for all Superintendents, School Boards, School Administrators, PTAs, teachers, students, and staff.

Linda Collins will be out of the office September 12-26 and she will NOT have access to email or phone messages. Since so many have asked, Linda and her husband will be going to Naples, Italy to attend the pinning ceremony of their daughter, Jennifer, who is being promoted to Chief in the US Navy. There will be pictures when she returns so be prepared to see them even if you don't ask!

Our wonderful and willing volunteers will be staffing the office and will assist you with calendar requests and other needs as they are able.

I wish to thank Pastor Derrick for his prayers and visits to my home. Also, thank you to all the others for their prayers, cards and visits after surgery. I am still recovering and am thankful to be able to attend church the last three Sundays. I love each of you.

Mae Clarke

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 4

9:00 Connections
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship
4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
No Youth

Monday, September 5

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

11:00 Bible Study (L)
2:00 ALPHA Rehearsal (205 & Chapel)
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:30 Boy Scouts (Picnic Shelter)
7:00 Young Adults

Wednesday, September 7

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

Thursday, September 8

9:30 Prayer Team (P)
11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
5:45 Ministry in Motion
6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
6:30 Starlighters (SH)
6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, September 9

4:00 Anderson Set-Up (SH)
8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, September 10

9:00 Upward Soccer Game
10:00 Upward Soccer Game
2:00 Virginia Anderson Memorial Service

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

Communion Preparers:

9:00

11:00

Acolyte:

11:00 Hailey

Greeters:

9:00 (Library)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00 Boyd Gurney (Library)

Marlene Gurney (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Wendy Collins

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Carol Urso & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Ron Wootten (captain)

Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Chris Healy, Carolyn Bilski

11:00 George Winstead

Linwood Hudson, Jack Waters

T. L. Jenkins, Pam Asbury

Melvin Watkins

Reader:

11:00 Meredith Kyser

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

(V)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

(V)

Sanctuary Organizers: (9/1-9/30)

Peggy Gillette

Grass Cutter: **September 5 week**

Steve Reese (Area 2)

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday Office Closed

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