

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: "Here I Am to Worship"

Stewardship Message

Making Connections

Singing-Medley: "Our God"/"Awesome God"

A Time with the Children

Scripture

Psalm 34:8-14

Kathleen White

Message: "Take a Taste or Dig In?"

Laura Griggs, Lay Leader

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: "Sing, Sing, Sing"

Benediction

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Laity Sunday

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

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

arr. by Roger House

+ Call to Worship *

Leader: We gather together to discover and celebrate great things.

People: Our God reveals Himself to us through Scripture and prayer.

Leader: Through Jesus Christ and His parables, we discover the secret of eternal life.

People: We encounter God's Kingdom, and our own place in it.

Leader: What could be better than that? Why are we chosen by God for this moment?

ALL: Let us enter His Kingdom with awe and gladness, and acknowledge our gifts and purpose.

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

"In Unity We Lift Our Song" (vs 1,2,3)

FWS #2221

Stewardship and Prayer

Tony Fleshman

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time

Laura Griggs

Special Music

"Jesus Loves Me"
The Bells of Providence

arr. by Michael Glasgow

First Reading UMH 769 *

Psalm 34

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn

"Joy in the Morning"

FWS #2284

Discovering Your Gifts (a skit)

Laura Griggs, Sherry Jeter
Isaac Nedd, Derrick Parson

Sermon

"Take a Taste or Dig In?"

Laura Griggs
Lay Leader

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory

"Rejoice the Lord is King"
The Bells of Providence

arr. by Kevin McChesney

+ Response *

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

+ Hymn

"O How I Love Jesus"

UMH #170

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Christopher Mercer to Hannah Grady on Saturday, October 15. Christopher is the nephew of Wayne (and Kathy) Smith.

The **flowers in the narthex** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Jarrod Ficklin's birthday. The flowers were given by "his loving momma".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All guests, visitors and members (adults and children), **please sign in** on a clipboard today and include your contact information. Please continue to sign in each Sunday and especially tell us if you have changes to your personal information that the church maintains.

Wednesday Night Dinners have resumed! If you plan to attend dinner on October 18, please sign up on the sign-in sheet today. Menu: pulled pork, baked beans, homemade macaroni salad, dessert and beverages.

CARITAS

We will be hosting CARITAS families from Saturday, November 11 to Saturday, November 18. We need help with breakfast, packing lunches, dinner, laundry and overnight. To help, please sign up on the board in the narthex or contact Valerie Reese at 804-909-3659. Groups and individuals are welcome!

Volunteers are needed for the **Wednesday night CHAMPs activities** that are taking place

immediately after the Wednesday Night Dinners (during the Covenant Study). Using the Learn and Serve curriculum, the children learn Bible lessons, sing songs, do crafts and play games. We meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. every Wednesday through the end of October. November and December meetings will be on the first Wednesday only.

The **Virginians Barbershop Chorus** will be performing at Providence on October 22nd at 3:00 p.m. The Virginians have been the premier barbershop chorus in Richmond for over 60 years. They are members of the Barbershop Harmony Society and perform for audiences all around Virginia and the east coast. They actively compete with other barbershop choruses on the east coast and are past chorus champions of the Southern Division and Mid-Atlantic District of the BHS. In May, they won the 2017 Southern Division Plateau III Chorus by recording their highest score since 2005. There will be a love offering taken and a reception will follow in the social hall.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat is on Saturday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m. Please sign up to help on the bulletin board across from the water fountain in the hallway. We need volunteers in several areas and also people to decorate their trunks. If you can't volunteer but would like to help, we need lots of candy donated. Thank you to everyone for all you do for our family outreach!

The **AARP Smart Driver Course** is being offered at PUMC on October 24 and 25 from

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. both days. The course is designed specifically for drivers 50 and older and is taught by Bob Monroe, an AARP trained volunteer. Following the completion of this course a certificate of completion will be issued which may qualify you for an auto insurance discount. You will need to contact your agent in order to get the discount applied. The cost of the course is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members and is payable on the first day of the class; cash or checks only; no credit cards accepted. To register, contact Flora Scott (804-320-3234; scottflora4@gmail.com) or Jean Winfree (804-276-2823; jeanboy@aol.com).

The **Congregational 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.

Cardboard boxes need to be broken down and placed behind the recycling bin in the hallway near the kitchen. Please do not put cardboard boxes in the dumpster. Thank you.

The Trustees have 10 wooden chairs and 1 table for children. Asking \$20 each donation. See any Trustee.

Thank you so much for contributing to the Christmas appeal for Grace Inside. We are hoping to fill 50 bags and are almost there. We do need toothbrushes and would be grateful for any that you can provide. The collection

basket is in the hallway near the elevator on the main floor. We will be assembling the bags and delivering them in November.

Thank you,
Providence United Methodist Women

Thanksgiving Food Baskets for CCHASM

It won't be long before we will be sitting down to a big Thanksgiving dinner with our family or friends. This year's goal is to provide 49 food baskets to CCHASM. So you can get started shopping for food items, below is the list of items needed. In addition to the food items, a gift card for \$15 is requested (but don't put it in the bag with the food).

Thanksgiving Bag Shopping List

- \$15 gift card (don't put in bag)
- 1-40 oz. can of yams or sweet potatoes
- 1-13 oz. box of mashed potatoes
- 1-14 oz. can of cranberry sauce
- 2-15 oz. cans of corn
- 2-15 oz. cans of green vegetables
- 2-boxes of “Stove Top”
- 2-cans or packages of gravy (no glass jars)
- 1-box of hot chocolate
- 1-box of tea bags
- 1-large box or bag of cookies

PRAYER MINISTRY

October 15, 2017: We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: for all who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort, for twelve-step

programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.

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:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * Curtis Bailey
- * Nan Blackwell
- * Ronnie Brooks (home)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Charles Clarke (blood clots; brother of Beverly Brooks)
- * Dave Cooke (friend of Paul, Jim & Charlie)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Uldine Curtis
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * Neal Fleenor (broken ankle)
- * Bob Ford (home and doing well)

- * The family of Patricia Frailey, died 9/21 (mother of Jane Gilliam, grandmother of Brittany Flores)
- * Pam Groome (surgery on 10/11)
- * Kelton Honeycutt (grandfather of Danielle Hellams)
- * Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * Diane Huchingson (sister-in-law of Diane King)
- * The family of Janice Hutcheson, died 9/26 (mother of Jolie King)
- * Ann Scott Jamison (home; staying with Flora Scott)
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * The family of Dee Marshall (died, 9/14)
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Lee Middleton
- * Judith James Molloy (cancer; sister-in-law of Johnise Molloy)
- * Grey Morris (home)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * Jo Villemagne (back surgery 9/25; friend of Pat Loud)
- * Upward Soccer
- * Those affected by the recent natural disasters
- * BRANCHES Florida City

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 15—Laity Sunday

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship
- 3:00 Girl Scouts
- 4:30 Youth Choir
- 5:15 The SonRise Sisters
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks (YH)
- 6:00 Bells of Providence

Monday, October 16

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)
Young Adults

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:00 Providence Green Meeting (309)
- 6:30 CHAMPS
- 6:30 Covenant Study (205)
- 6:30 Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
- 7:15 Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 19

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

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

- 9-9 Social Hall Reserved
- 9 & 10 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 Kyle Ostrum

Greeters:

9:00 Donna Smith (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Betty Gregory (Library)
(Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek
11:00 Klaus Worrell
Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman
Laurie Breeden, Tristen Kellam

Nursery:

9:00 Bethany Sharpe
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Lindsey & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)
Hugh Miles

Reader:

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Tyler Griggs (V)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Tyler Griggs (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Judy Gindhart (October 1-31)

Grass Cutter:

Area 2 Jimmy Sculthorpe
(Week Oct. 16)

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