

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

21st Sunday after Pentecost  
**CONNECTIONS—11:00 a.m.**

## **LAITY SUNDAY**

### **Greeting and Welcome**

“God’s love doesn’t see value; it creates value. It is not because we have value that we are loved,  
But because we are loved that we have value.” —William Sloane Coffin, Credo

**Singing:** Shout to the North

### **Making Connections**

**Mission Moment:** Wendy Collins

**A Time with the Children:** Cindy Hubbard

**Scripture:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Singing:** Shall We Gather at the River

**Message:** Baptism—Our Commitment, God’s Response  
Laura Griggs, Lay Leader

### **Baptism / Reaffirmation of Faith**

### **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:** Beneath the Waters (I Will Rise)

### **Blessing and Charge**

The blessing of the triune God — Maker of heaven and earth, only begotten and beloved, Lord and giver of life — be with you all, evermore and evermore. **Alleluia!**

Now go in peace, beloved people of God, to live out the faith of your baptism. **Amen.**

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### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

arr. Dale Wood

+ Call to Worship\*

Adapted from Psalm 16

Leader: Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**People: I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."**

Leader: Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

**People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

Leader: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**People: I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.

**ALL: You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

+ Hymn UMH 391

O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice

HAPPY DAY

### TO HEAR THE WORD

Making Connections

Mission Moment

A Time with the Children

Wendy Collins

Cindy Hubbard

Prayer of Illumination\*

Thou who art over us, Thou who art one of us, Thou who art: give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee, a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.

First Reading\*

Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-7

**Thanks be to God.**



## Welcome, guests. We're glad you're here!

- 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 Judy Gindhart, in memory of her daughter, Jennifer Leigh Gindhart.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parenting Sunday School group will be hosting a **brunch on Sunday, November 8**, during the Sunday School hour in Classroom 304. Parents of all children 12 and under (or anyone else that has a heart for the children's ministry) are invited to attend. Our goal is to get to know Joy Wagner better, give her the opportunity to get to know the parents better, and to brainstorm ideas regarding what we would like to see offered by Children's Ministries, beginning in Advent, into 2016 and BEYOND!!!

The **Children's Ministry** has an opportunity to lead the **3rd-5th grade Sunday School class**, 9:45-10:45 a.m., each Sunday. The lessons are provided and are easy to follow. Please call or text Joy Wagner (804-245-7087) if you would like to hear more about this wonderful opportunity.

We are getting ready for **Trunk or Treat** on Friday, October 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Besides candy, there will be lots of things for everyone to enjoy. If you are able to bring a baked (or store-bought) item for the **Cake Walk**, please sign up on the sign-in sheet today. Goodies can be dropped off in the church kitchen beginning Thursday, October 29. Anyone willing to **dress up, decorate your trunk and give out candy**, please sign up today as well. We need lots of candy for Trunk or Treat. If you are able to **donate a bag or two of candy**, please bring it to church before October 30 and place them in the trunk in the hallway on the first level. Or just leave them in the church office and we will make sure the candy gets to the trunk downstairs.

Assistance is needed to help with some Trunk or Treat activities and to help with set-up for the event. If you are able to assist Joy Wagner on October 30, please sign up today on the sign-in sheet, or email her at: [joyinthepottershands@gmail.com](mailto:joyinthepottershands@gmail.com).

Occasionally a member is unable to drive and needs some assistance getting to or from an appointment. If you are willing to occasionally help by being a part of our **transportation ministry**, please sign up today. We do not have frequent requests, but from time to time we have a transportation need and no one available who can assist. It would help if we had a few more volunteers for this ministry at PUMC.

We have cooks!!! This week's **Wednesday Night Dinner** (October 21) is being prepared by Job's Daughters International. Since this was a last-minute addition, please sign-up on the PINK card on the clipboard today. Email Linda ([Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net)) or call the office (276-4289) and she will add your name to the dinner list. Menu includes: goulash, salad, garlic bread and their sensational dessert!

**Providence Pumpkin Patch is Open!** The patch is open for business until October 30, Noon to 7:00 p.m. each day. Ministries and groups in the church can "own the patch" for a day and keep the profits for their ministry/group. We earn 25% of what we sell. To add to the fun, we will have movie nights in the patch, hayrides, story times, pumpkin carving, face painting, and more!

We need a few people who would be willing to occasionally set-up or clean-up the coffee station in the narthex each week. If we get enough volunteers the task could be rotated between people and no one would have to do both tasks on the same day. If you would like to be of assistance, please sign up on the sign-in sheet today. If you have any questions regarding what exactly is expected, please contact Linda Collins at church (804-276-4289).

Our next **Homeward Connections event** will be held at the Richmond Convention Center on Tuesday, November 17. Items needed are:

- Men's Winter Clothing
- Underwear
- Coats
- Women's Coats
- Jeans
- Sweatshirts
- Individual snack items
- Winter hats
- Gloves
- Reusable shopping bags

Help is needed to carpool to the RCC on Monday, November 16, to unpack boxes and organize the clothing on tables. This is a major event with 700+ people coming through for services. Many helpers are needed! If you can help with carpooling, email Brenda Woodward ([brendawoodward1@verizon.net](mailto:brendawoodward1@verizon.net)). *"Whatever you have done for the least of these; you have done for me."*

The Chesterfield Ruritan Club is preparing **Brunswick Stew** here at PUMC on October 24. If you would like to pre-order stew (\$7 per quart), contact Jerry Bowers (804-928-2365) or Steve Meadows (804-745-7552). The stew should be ready for pick-up at 1:00 p.m. on the 24th.

Volunteers are needed for **childcare during adult ESOL classes** on Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at A. M. Davis Elementary School. If you can volunteer, please contact [Dorothy\\_Rilee@ccpsnet.net](mailto:Dorothy_Rilee@ccpsnet.net).

Providence Road Partners are continuing to provide **food backpacks** for students in need at

A. M. Davis. \$12 a week will provide 6 meals for one student for one weekend. If you would like to assist with this ministry, please make your check payable to Providence UMC, with A. M. Davis on the memo line. Contact Wendy Collins (276-2418 or [MrsCollins17@aol.com](mailto:MrsCollins17@aol.com)) if you have questions.

**Branches Buddies** is collecting No. 2 pencils to send to Branches during October. There is a box labeled "Pencils for Branches" in the hallway near the elevator on the second floor. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

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](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto: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, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

### **Our gathered prayer concerns:**

Ruby Agee, Brian Bilski, Helen Bowen-Carter (Nickie Price's friend who is battling cancer), Judy Burl (friend of Linda Collins), Kim Epps (friend of Amy Palmer), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), the family of Sandra Gordon (died 9/17, friend of Paul & Beverly Martin), Beth Hastings (Ruby Agee's daughter who is battling cancer), the family of Shirley Hathaway (who died September 26), **Debbie Herron** and family (sister of Tony Fleshman), Lori Hudson, Mildred Isbell, Norma Kidd (Morningside at Belgrade, room 141), Diane King, Dan LaFleur (co-worker of Pat Loud), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Michael Marrietti (quad bypass on 9/24, friend of Brenda Woodward), Michael Mazzo, Lisa Adams McNerney (friend of Amy Palmer), the family of Brett & Caroline Randall (on the death of Brett's mother), Eva Raymond (JW Rehab), Betty-Anne Roberson, Iris Ryder (sister of Mae Clarke and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Ken Skelton (son of Pat Loud's friend), Stuart Watkins, Joyce Wilderson (sister-in-law of Althea Armstrong), Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts, Karen Young (Charles & Diane King's daughter; had knee surgery on 10/7).

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for October 18, 2015:** 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, October 18

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 12:15 Gregory Circle (SH)
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship Service
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Handbells
- 4:45 Youth Choir
- 5:30 Youth or Inukshuks
- 5:30 Bells of Providence

### Monday, October 19

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 3:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)

### Tuesday, October 20

- 10:30 Whitt Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study
- 2:00 Women's Study (205)
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

### Wednesday, October 21

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 22

- 11:00 Knitters and Crocheters (205)
- 5:30 Ministry in Motion Rehearsal
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

### Friday, October 23

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, October 24

- Ruritan Brunswick Stew
- 9:00 & 10:00 Upward 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 Zoe Brown

### Greeters:

9:00 Carolyn Bilski (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
11:00 Shirley Collins (Library)  
Carolyn Bowman (Narthex)

### Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Carol Urso & Shirley Collins

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)  
Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek  
11:00 Klaus Worrell  
Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman  
Laurie Breeden, Brad Wootten  
Rudy Petrick

**Reader:** 11:00 Joe Gillette

### Audio/Media Shout Team:

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

### Sanctuary Organizer:

Anna Knight

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