

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer (Abby Fleenor)

Singing: "The Family Prayer Song"

Stewardship Message

Making Connections

Children's Choir

Tabitha, Piper, Samantha, Jairen, Lilyana

A Time with the Children

Scripture

Micah 6:1-8 (Tabitha Hamilton)

Message: "What does the Lord require of you?"

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: "Jesus Loves Me"

Benediction (Piper Hamilton)

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Children's Sabbath

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

"Open Up Your Heart and Let the Son Shine In"

by Stuart Hamblen
arr. Fred Bock

+ Call to Worship *

Leader: Lord, today we thank you for children, all the children of the world, the big ones, the little ones, the friendly ones, and the surly ones.

People: Lord, we will gather the children and love them.

Leader: Lord, we pray especially for children who are hungry, thirsty, unwanted, unloved, abused, or abandoned. We praise you for foster and adoptive families, for grandparents and cousins and uncles and aunts and churches that open their hearts and doors. We pray for children who have no one to take care of them and for the ones outside our sanctuary doors who are riding their bikes or playing on Sunday mornings because we have never invited them in. Lord, forgive us and prick our consciousness so we see and hear them more clearly.

People: Lord, we will gather the children and love them.

October 22, 2017

Leader: Lord, we pray that every child will be anxiously anticipated and warmly welcomed as you intended. When we hear the laughter or happy children, we know you are pleased.

People: Lord, we will gather the children and love them.

ALL: We praise you for the children of Providence. Today we will all be great through serving the children.

+ Opening Prayer Joshua Parson

+ Hymn "I Want a Principle Within" UMH #410

Stewardship and Prayer Tony Fleshman

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time Sherry Wright-Jeter

Special Music "God Claims You"
The Chancel Choir

First Reading UMH 747 * Psalm 15 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191

Second Reading Micah 6:1-8 Isaac Nedd

Sermon "What does the Lord require of you?" Derrick Parson

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 "October Morning" by Martha Mier
John Csukor, Guest Pianist

+ Response *	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH #94
+ Hymn	"I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me"	FWS #2153
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude		

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of "my beautiful bride, Kathleen's birthday. You are one of the God's greatest blessings in my life! I Love You Beautiful! Always! R."

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Thanks to those of you who have given and met your pledges throughout 2017. Because of this, all current bills are paid, and we will meet our core obligations throughout 2017. That said, we are in a period of decreased giving which is resulting in a difficult 2018 budget process; one filled with hard choices and difficult decisions. We have spent \$2,000 less than at this time in 2016, but our receipts are \$35,000 less than 2016 year-to-date. We have also spent \$54,000 more than we have brought in this year reducing the Operating Fund to \$27,370.

2017 Receipts thru Sept 30	\$237,670	2016 Receipts thru Sept 30	\$272,433
2017 Disbursements thru Sept 30	\$291,657	2016 Disbursements thru Sept 30	\$293,306

Please remember four important things:

- It is very important for members to stay current on pledged giving.
- Any stretch gifts above and beyond pledge giving will help.
- Many of you make monthly/periodic contributions to the Building Fund (*Building on our Faith*). These are important to help us meet our ongoing obligations.

Finally, if funds are not there, we will not be able to do all of the things that we want to do.

Thank you for all that you do in the service of our Lord. A copy of the full monthly Treasurer's Report is available upon request in the church office.

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 25, please sign up on the sign-in sheet today. Dinner is being prepared by the Chesterfield Ruritans and the menu features sloppy joes, roasted potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and beverage.

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). November and December CHAMPs meetings will be on the first Wednesday only.

The **Virginians Barbershop Chorus** will be performing at Providence this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The Virginians have been the premier barbershop chorus in Richmond for over 60 years. There will be a love offering taken and a reception will follow in the social hall.

The Youth will be selling "**God's Creation**" **calendars** beginning in November so don't buy your 2018 calendars yet! These are beautiful and make wonderful gifts.

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat is on Saturday, October 28 beginning 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!

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 **AARP Smart Driver Course** is on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. both days. 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).

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

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.

There are 10 wooden folding chairs available for sale, \$15 each. Please see Mary Elliott or contact her at 804-370-3706 if you are interested. If you like to see what the chairs look like, contact the church office and Linda will email you a picture.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence? Speak with Pastor Derrick (804-276-4289) who can guide you in the next steps.

PRAYER MINISTRY

October 22, 2017: We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: for emergency shelters, women's shelters, clinics, and feeding programs; for recreation programs, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people's shelters.

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 Beverley Brooks)
- * **The family of Dee Coghill** (who died 10/10)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Uldine Curtis
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * Neal Fleenor (broken ankle)
- * Bob Ford (home and doing well)
- * Pam Groome (surgery on 10/11)
- * **The family of Julie Hall** (who died 10/18; daughter of Linda Watkins; sister of Melvin Watkins)
- * 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)
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Lee Middleton
- * **The family of Judith James Molloy** (sister-in-law of Johnise Molloy)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * Upward Soccer
- * Those affected by the recent natural disasters
- * BRANCHES Florida City

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 22—Children's Sabbath

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 3:00 **The Virginians Barbershop Chorus**
- 3:00 Girl Scouts
- 3:30 CHAMPs Music Jam
- 4:30 Youth Choir
- 5:15 The SonRise Sisters
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks (YH)
- 6:00 Bells of Providence

Monday, October 23

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 6:45 Trustees (L)
Young Adults

Tuesday, October 24

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

Wednesday, October 25

- 9:00 AARP Driver Course (SH)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 CHAMPs
- 6:30 Covenant Study (205)
- 6:30 Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
- 7:15 Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 26

- 9:00 AARP Driver Course (SH)
- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 7:00 UMW LTM (309)

Friday, October 27

- 9-9 Fall Festival Set-Up (PS/SH)
- 8:00 AA Group (309))

Saturday, October 28

- 9 & 10 Upward Soccer Games
- 4:00 Fall Festival (PS/SH)
- 6:00 Trunk or Treat (PS/SH)

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 Jennifer Clemmons
SS Brittany Flores
11:00 Jean Riekers, Jane Gilliam

Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)
Steve Oliver

Reader:

Kyle Ostrum

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Judy Gindhart (October 1-31)

Grass Cutter:

Area 1 Gary Vest
(Week Oct. 23)

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