

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

**CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.**

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** "Everlasting God"

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Singing:** "The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate"

**Scripture**

Ephesians 4:25-5:2; Colossians 3:13-16

**Message:** "Divine Dialogue on Forgiveness"

Derrick Parson, Hugh Harris, Isaac Nedd

**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:** "Mighty to Save"

**Benediction**

# 13th 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.

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. by Cindy Berry

+ Call to Worship

One: Did you hear about Christ?

**Many: Yes, we heard of the truth that is in Jesus.**

One: Were you taught how to live?

**Many: Yes, we were taught to turn away from old habits and lies.**

One: Do you want to be remade?

**Many: Yes, we want to be more like God, we want to know what is right and do what is right.**

One: Will you live a life of love?

**Many: Yes, we refuse to grumble or gossip, we won't be catty or harsh. We will be kind and caring, as best we can. We will forgive, as we have been forgiven.**

One: Will you copy Christ?

**ALL: Yes, because he loved us first and gave himself up for us. Amen.**

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+ Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

Making Connections

## **TO HEAR THE WORD**

A Time with the Children Laura Loper

Responsive Reading UMH #848 Psalm 130 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

Second Reading \* Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
Colossians 3:13-16 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Divine Dialog on Forgiveness"  
Rev. Derrick Parson, Rev. Hugh Harris, Rev. Isaac Nedd

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 "Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear" arr. by Albin C. Whitworth  
+ Response \* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

+ Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH #395

+ Benediction  
+ Postlude "Sing Praise to God" by Lani Smith

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 48th wedding anniversary of Jean and Jim Chappell.

*“Happy Anniversary to my wife, Jean. All my love, Jim”*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

***Blessing of the Backpacks!*** PUMC wants to send our students and educators back to school with our prayers and blessings. A special Blessing of the Backpacks will be on August 26 at the 11:00 a.m. service. All students, from pre-school through college, are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and join in this special time of blessing. All educators are encouraged to attend (bring your briefcases or totes too) and join us in prayer for the new school year.

**Students at A. M. Davis Elementary School could use extra school supplies.** There are copies of the supply list (orange) around the church. Or check the church’s website for the school supply list. Bring them to church any Sunday in August and put them in the collection boxes in the hallway near the main floor elevator. If you have questions, contact Wendy Collins ([MrsCollins17@aol.com](mailto:MrsCollins17@aol.com) or 276-2418). Thanks!

If you’re interested in mission opportunities with the **PRP (Providence Road Partners) Committee** contact Wendy Collins for more information ([MrsCollins17@aol.com](mailto:MrsCollins17@aol.com) or 276-2418).

**Promotion Sunday** is September 9 and there will be a Pancake Breakfast in the Social Hall during the Sunday School time.

Please let Bobby Wood know of any veterans buried in our church cemetery. We are looking for **WWII, Korean or Vietnam veterans**. Bobby can be reached at 276-3058 with any names of veterans or if you have questions.

### **New Church Directories**

The photographers are scheduled to be here September 19-22 and 24-26. Please save a date to get you (or your family’s) portrait done (pets are family, too!). You are able to schedule your own portrait sitting by going to the church’s website (go to **RESOURCES** and scroll to **LIFETOUCH**). If you’d prefer to have personal assistance with scheduling, Jolie King and Linda Collins will be available (after the 11:00 a.m.) on August 26. Look for them in the church offices.

Volunteers for the directory, please email Jolie King, our church directory coordinator, ([leogrl.va@gmail.com](mailto:leogrl.va@gmail.com)) with your availability to help check people in on photography days, September 19-22 and 24-26. A calendar will be sent to each of you for scheduling time to help out. Anyone who has group photos or activity photos that would make a good addition to the new directory, please get them to Jolie after services on the coming weeks beginning today. Jolie and Tyler Griggs will work on setting up times to take Sunday School group photos soon.



There are still spaces available for players of all ages. Encourage children that you know to play Upward Soccer this fall. We are still in need of Team Ambassadors to help welcome Upward families into our congregation. If you have any

questions, email Sean Collins ([upwardpumc@gmail.com](mailto:upwardpumc@gmail.com)).

I invite you to join me in praying for our Upward Soccer Ministry everyday for 100 days. The 100th day will be October 27th, the last day of our season. Upward lapel pins and mirror clings are available for free in the narthex today. The hope is that these will serve as a daily reminder to pray. Thank you for making this outreach to the children and families of our community a part of your daily prayers.

Sean Collins  
Upward League Director

### 100 Days of Prayer

Date/Day	Pray For . . .
8/19 31	The first week of practice to be a good experience
8/20 32	Coaches to be patient
8/21 33	First practice for some
8/22 34	Uniform distribution to go smoothly
8/23 35	First practice for others
8/24 36	Safe travel to and from practices and games
8/25 37	Our pastor

Fall will be here soon and the United Methodist Women will begin their collection of items for **Grace Inside**. There will be a container available in the

hallway near the elevator on the main floor. In September, they will be collecting:

- Individually wrapped toothbrushes
- Toothpaste in a tube (no larger than 6 ounces)
- Deodorant in a stick (no larger than 2.4 ounces; no spray or roll-on)

There has been some interest in the study series **“The Five Thousand Year Leap”** by W. Cleon Skousen. This book defines 28 principles of the founding fathers. There are plans to hold one-hour sessions each week beginning Wednesday, September 12. If you are interested contact John Robison at [minstral@aol.com](mailto:minstral@aol.com)

**PUMC Auction 2018** is coming in September and we need our congregation to help by donating items to be auctioned. The letter concerning auction donations that we emailed earlier gives details as well as a list of the auction committee members. Printed copies of this letter can be found in a few places on the 2nd floor of the church.

We are fast approaching the **August 30** deadline to turn in your items. Remember that we would appreciate “special” donations from Sunday School classes and other small groups. Contact Joe Gillette, Donna Smith, Mary Elliott or Gracie Martin to donate items for the auction. Look for exciting information about PUMC Auction 2018 coming in September, after we have received your donations.

PUMC Financial Report as of July 31, 2018			
	July	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Receipts	\$28,643	\$192,758	\$191,189
Disbursements	\$29,227	\$205,889	\$231,361
Net Receipts	(\$583)	(\$13,131)	(\$40,172)
Operating Fund	\$43,544		

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

**August 19, 2018** — We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: for economic development in depressed portions of the city, for the establishment of businesses that will create new employment opportunities.

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](mailto: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	Paul Hager
Harrison Bailey	Wayne Lee
Hunter Blankenship	Marshall Mallory
Terrance Brunson	Megan Thomas
Jennifer Collins	

### Our gathered prayer concerns:

- \* The family of Lois Butler (died 7/24; mother of Brenda Woodward)
- \* Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- \* AB Creasy
- \* **John Curtis** (son of Uldine Curtis; recently in hospital, now at Tyler's Retreat for rehab)
- \* Uldine Curtis
- \* George Fest
- \* Allison Fuquay (cancer; niece of Robin Jeffrey)
- \* Betty Gregory
- \* Donna Greene (shoulder surgery, 8/7)
- \* Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- \* Dot Janutolo
- \* Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Jack Keery
- \* Linda Keery
- \* Charles King (surgery on hand, 8/15)
- \* Diane King
- \* Lynda (friend of Johnise Molloy)
- \* Elizabeth Melancon
- \* Blanca & Jose Mera
- \* Anne Middleton (back in her apartment)
- \* Leigh Middleton
- \* Grace Newman
- \* Sharon (chemotherapy treatments; friend of Cathy Patterson)
- \* Damien Spencer (great-grandson of Hugh Harris)
- \* John Stallings (cancer; friend of Bill Mannering and Julie Gaudett)
- \* Beth Tucker (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Pam & Steve Vanermann (both have cancer; niece and nephew-in-law of Catherine Millholen)
- \* Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- \* Mary Ann Walton (surgery 7/23; is at home)
- \* Janet Watts (shoulder surgery 7/23)
- \* Stephanie White (health issues; Billy & Mary Ann Walton's daughter)
- \* Allison (procedure at Johns Hopkins on 8/8; granddaughter of Janice Bergeron)
- \* Dot Ashburn
- \* Curtis Bailey
- \* Bobby Baker (friend of the Bell's)
- \* **Marilyn Bell** (pneumonia)
- \* Nan Blackwell
- \* **Beverley Brooks**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, August 19

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship
- 3:30 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 Youth (YH)

## Monday, August 20

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

## Tuesday, August 21

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
- 6:30 Auction Committee Meeting (L)
- 6:30 Cubs/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

## Wednesday, August 22

- 10:30 Staff Meeting (205)
- 1:30 Worship Planning Meeting (L)
- 2:00 Nominations Committee (P)

## Thursday, August 23

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (YH)
- 6:30 MIM (Sanc)
- 7:00 UMW Leadership Team (309)

## Friday, August 24

- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, August 25

# 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 Joshua Parson

### Greeters:

9:00 Donna Smith (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
11:00 Donna Smith (Library)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Narthex)

### 1st Floor

8:15-9:45 Reyna Skrabala  
9:45-11:15 Mary Elliott, Beverley Brooks

### Reader:

Jolie King

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Neal Fleenor, Ron White  
11:00 Ed Harper  
Meredith Keyser, Tom Koertge  
Ralph Vernon, Bobby Burton

### Counters:

Gary Wright  
Wayne Smith, Anne Baird

### Nursery:

9:00 Pam Asbury  
SS Brittany Flores  
11:00 Carol Urso

### Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)  
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

### Sanctuary Organizers:

Penny Duckworth (August 1-31)  
Pam Asbury (September 1-30)

### Grass Cutters:

(Area 2)  
August 20—Gary Vest

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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Friday Office Closed

### Contact us at:

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### Secretary

Linda Collins  
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### Audio Visual

Tyler Griggs  
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### Custodial Service

Curtis Jones

### Nursery Attendant

Cynthia Liverpool

### Youth Ministries

Mary & Greg Elliott (interim)

### Young Adult Ministries

Terrence Jeter (interim)

### Our Covenant Missionary

Kim King Torres

### Presiding Bishop

Sharma Lewis