

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Kenya Batts**

Principal, A. M. Davis Elementary

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** "Trading My Sorrows"

**Making Connections  
A Time with the Children**

**Singing:** "Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"

**Scripture**

1 John 1:9

**Message:** "The Trouble with Perfection"  
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:** "Better is One Day"

**Benediction**

# 14th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

### 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)

TFWS = 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

"Prelude on Love"

arr. by F. J. Garlock

+ Call to Worship

One: Come into worship, and see what God has in store for us today!

**Many: We have busy lives, but still, we're curious . . .**

One: Come into God's presence, and see the difference love makes!

**Many: We've been burned by love before, but still, we're needy . . .**

One: Come into the light and see the glory of God!

**Many: Our eyes have been closed for so long, but still, we yearn for the light . . .**

**ALL: Come and see! Come and see!**

Opening Prayer

In Unison

**Loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Our prayers are in your heart even before they are on our lips. And yet we must utter our prayers. We must proclaim our praise to you and all your wondrous creation. Your love surrounds us and you have promised to be with us always. You know our hearts'**

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**desire to serve you. We pray that you will keep us true to that desire. And so we utter our prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

+ Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH #206

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Making Connections

## **TO HEAR THE WORD**

A Time with the Children Sherry Jeter

Responsive Reading UMH #854 Psalm 139 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS #2158

Second Reading \* 1 John 1:9 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Trouble with Perfection" Rev. Derrick Parson

Special Music "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" Music by G. Gabriel  
Providence Men's Group Lyrics by A. Habershon  
John Robison, Banjo

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 "Deep River" arr. by Robert W. Thygerson

+ Response \* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

+ Hymn "We Are Marching" TFWS #2235

+ Benediction

+ Postlude "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" arr. by Adam Mason

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Ron and Carla Wootten's wedding anniversary.

## 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.

Today we are "**Blessing the Backpacks**" and giving thanks for the school supplies that have been donated for the students. Please take a moment to welcome our guests from A. M. Davis Elementary School and thank them for all they do for their students!

PUMC is still collecting school supplies. Copies of the supply list (orange) are around the church and the church's website. Bring them to church anytime 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 ([MrsCollins17@aol.com](mailto:MrsCollins17@aol.com) or 276-2418). There is an insert in today's bulletin if you would like to volunteer. Place the form in the offering plate today and the office will see that Wendy gets them.

We will be offering **Disciple 2** this fall and the class is currently being organized. Our orientation meeting is today in room 205, immediately

following the 11:00 a.m. service. The cost of the study manual will be \$35 and can be paid in cash or by check made payable to PUMC. Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons, 2:00-4:00 p.m., beginning September 9. Disciple 1 is a prerequisite for this class. If you are interested in joining us or if you have questions, please contact Barbie Vest (378-2632) or see Laura Loper (Griggs).

**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.

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)



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)).

Please continue to pray for our Upward Soccer Ministry everyday for 100 days. The 100th day will be October 27th, the last day of our season. Thank you for making this outreach to the children and families of our community a part of your daily prayers.

## 100 Days of Prayer

Date/Day	Pray For . . .
8/26	38 Practice time devotions
8/27	39 Non-Christian players
8/28	40 Non-Christian parents
8/29	41 Good weather throughout the season
8/30	42 Maintenance and upkeep of the playing fields
8/31	43 Preparation of hearts of those who will hear the gospel
9/1	44 A spirit of sportsmanship among parents

### New Church Directories

The photographers are scheduled to be here September 19-22 and 24-26. 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 assistance with scheduling, Jolie King and Linda Collins are available today (after the 11:00 a.m.). 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. Jolie and Tyler Griggs will work on setting up times to take Sunday School group photos soon.

Fall will be here soon and the United Methodist Women are beginning their collection of items for **Grace Inside**. There is 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)

**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.

The deadline to turn in your auction items is **August 30**. 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.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence? Speak with Pastor

### 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		

Derrick who will guide you in the next steps (804) 276-4289.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

**August 26, 2018** — We pray for the workplaces and businesses of Metropolitan Richmond: for full time employment opportunities for our young people and heads of families, for the long-term unemployed, and for the under-employed.

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:**

- \* 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
- \* 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
- \* Stephanie White (health issues; Billy & Mary Ann Walton's daughter)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, August 26

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service  
Blessing of Backpacks
- 5:30 Youth (YH)

## Monday, August 27

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

## Tuesday, August 28

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

## Wednesday, August 29

- 10:30 Staff Meeting (205)
- 1:30 Worship Planning Meeting (L)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

## Thursday, August 30

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

## Friday, August 31

- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, September 1

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

9:45-11:15 \_\_\_\_\_

### Reader:

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### Ushers:

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

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe  
Hugh Miles

### Nursery:

9:00 Brittany Flores  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Lindsey & Sean Collins

### Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Steve Oliver (V)  
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Steve Oliver (V)

### Sanctuary Organizers:

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

### Grass Cutters:

(Area 1)  
August 27—John Bradley

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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

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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