

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** "God of Wonders"

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Scripture**

Esther 4:13-16

**Message:** "Royalty, Revenge & Righteousness  
In the Story of Esther"  
Laura Loper

**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:** "Draw Me Close"  
"Arms of Love"

**Benediction**

# 18th 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)

**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

"Day by Day"

arr. by Tom Birchwood

+ Call to Worship

One: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations

**Many: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.**

One: We struggle and worry.

**Many: God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.**

One: Listen for God's call to you.

**ALL: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

"God of Love and God of Power"

UMH #578

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## TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children		Sherry Jeter
First Reading	Psalm 88:10-15	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
The Apostle's Creed		UMH#881
+ Hymn	"In His Time"	TFWS #2203
Second Reading *	Esther 4:13-16	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Sermon	"Royalty, Revenge & Righteousness In the Story of Esther"	Laura Loper

### 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 Anthem	"My Life Flows On" The Chancel Choir	by Robert Lowry
+ Response *	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #94
+ Hymn	"A Charge to Keep I Have"	UMH #413
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	"Holy, Holy, Holy!"	arr. by Joseph Prentiss

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kathy Smith for her birthday on September 29.

## 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.

Practice for the **Christmas Cantata** is on Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to sing with The Chancel Choir for just the cantata, can attend practice and leave as soon as the cantata practice is over at 7:30. The Christmas cantata is scheduled for Sunday, December 16.

John Robison is holding weekly one-hour sessions on **"The Five Thousand Year Leap"** by W. Cleon Skousen. This book defines 28 principles of the founding fathers. The study series began Wednesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. in room 205. Contact John Robison at [minstral@aol.com](mailto:minstral@aol.com) if you'd like to attend.

**CHAMP's** has resumed its activities on Fridays (dates are below), 6-8 pm. If you have questions or are willing to help, contact Sherry Jeter ([sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net](mailto:sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net) or 382-9398).

Sept. 21	Nov. 9
Oct. 5	Nov. 23
Oct. 12	Dec. 7
Oct. 26	Dec. 21

Now is a good time to start shopping for your **Thanksgiving Baskets for CCHASM**. This year

CCHASM wants estimates of how many baskets to expect so they can begin planning for the families in need. It will help CCHASM greatly if our Sunday School classes and members could provide and estimate of how many baskets PUMC can provide. Contact Shirley Hudson (276-2495) or anyone in the Christian Builders Class so we can begin our tally.

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for the shopping list for CCHASM Thanksgiving Baskets.

The United Methodist Women are collecting hygiene items for the **women in Fluvanna Correctional Facility** to give as presents for Christmas. For the month of September, we are asking for toothbrushes (in the original container), toothpaste tubes of 6 ounces (in the original container) and deodorant sticks of 2.6 ounces. If you wish to give a check and have the UMW do the shopping, please make the check payable to *Providence United Methodist Women for Grace Inside*. Donations may be left in the container by the elevator in the back hallway.

### BBQ Chicken

(by the GIFT Sunday School Class)

**NEXT Saturday, September 29, 9:30 am until gone!**

\$6.00	Half Chicken
\$2.00	8 oz. baked beans
\$1.50	Coleslaw
\$0.50	Soft Drinks/Water

### Sweets and Baked Goods To-Go

(by the CSI Sunday School Class!)

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

### 100 Days of Prayer

<u>Date / Day</u>	<u>Pray For</u> . . .
9/23 66	Our referee commissioner
9/24 67	Referees
9/25 68	Players' moms and dads
9/26 69	Game Day set up to go smoothly
9/27 70	Assistant coaches
9/28 71	Players with difficult family situations
9/29 72	Those leading halftimes today (fourth game day)

Please mark your calendars NOW for **October 13, 2018** as that is the date for our next annual **Brunswick Stew!!** We need any and all helpers available to stir the stew, help serve, clean up .... if you would like to participate, we will make certain we find some way to include you! If you can help stir, please sign up on the Sunday clipboard and give us an idea of what time you could be available, even if only for an hour or two. We start the pots very early in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and need people to stir 3 huge pots constantly until the stew is ready (approximately 1-2:00 p.m.). Come on out to see how it is done and enjoy some warm

fellowship. If you have a friend who may be interested in helping, we would welcome them as well!

If you are interested in **ordering stew**, please contact Sue Duganne at 317-3014 (leave a message) or Barbie Vest at 378-2632.

The Congregational Care committee wants to be in touch with our **college and military loved ones** for 2018-2019. In order to do this, we are requesting their names and addresses. Information can be turned in to the church office (Linda Collins) or to Jean Chappell ([jeanchappell3@gmail.com](mailto:jeanchappell3@gmail.com) or 804-276-7266). Last year it was such a blessing to contact God's children! We look forward to doing it again this year.

Jean Chappell  
Congregational Care

### New Church Directories

The photographers were here last week and will be here again tomorrow thru Wednesday (Sept. 24-26). There's still some available appointment times if you would like to be included in the directory. Call the church office tomorrow (Monday) and someone will add you to the schedule.

Volunteers to help with the directory are still needed. Please email Jolie King, our church directory coordinator, ([leogr1.va@gmail.com](mailto:leogr1.va@gmail.com)) with your availability to help. We will be needing proofreaders soon

### PUMC Financial Report as of August 31, 2018

	August	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Receipts	\$36,874	\$229,632	\$215,893
Disbursements	\$27,167	\$233,057	\$259,767
Net Receipts	\$9,706	(\$3,424)	(\$43,873)
Operating Fund	\$53,254		

Please let Our Shut-Ins of the week know we love them and are thinking of them, by sending them a note or card. This week's Shut-ins are:

**Uldine Curtis**

11701 Chester Village Dr., Apt. 212  
Chester, VA 23831

**June Bookman**

2001 Apple Orchard Ct.  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

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

**September 23, 2018** — We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students; for cooperation between Superintendents and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.

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:**

- \* Dot Ashburn
- \* Curtis Bailey
- \* Bobby Baker (friend of the Bell's)
- \* Nan Blackwell
- \* Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- \* AB Creasy
- \* John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis; at home)
- \* Uldine Curtis
- \* George Fest
- \* Allison Fuquay (cancer; niece of Robin Jeffrey)
- \* **Jim DeLap** (Sheltering Arms)
- \* Dot Janutolo
- \* James Jenkins
- \* Jack & Linda Keery
- \* Charles King (surgery on hand, 8/15)
- \* Diane King
- \* Anna Knight (back surgery on 9/18, St. Francis)
- \* Blanca & Jose Mera
- \* Leigh Middleton
- \* Grace Newman
- \* Sharon (chemotherapy treatments; friend of Cathy Patterson)
- \* John Stallings (cancer; friend of Bill Mannering and Julie Gaudett)
- \* The family of Ryan Trexler (died 8/15)
- \* Beth Tucker (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- \* The family of Rudy Wenleder (died 8/20; husband of Rene Wenleder)
- \* The family of Harriett Williams (died 8/10)
- \* Fred Wilson
- \* **The family of Sue Worrell** (died 9/16)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, September 23

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 12:00 IACA (SH & PS)
- 2:00 Disciple 2 (205)
- 5:30 Sunrise Sisters
- 5:30 Youth (YH)
- 6:30 Bells of Providence

## Monday, September 24

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 2:00 Lifetouch Photos (205 & 206)
- 6:45 Trustees (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)

## Tuesday, September 25

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 2:00 Lifetouch Photos (205 & 206)
- 6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
- 6:30 Cubs/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

## Wednesday, September 26

- 10:30 Staff Meeting (205)
- 2:00 Lifetouch Photos (205 & 206)
- 2:00 Nominations Committee (L)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 6:30 Providence Green Meeting (SH)
- 7:00 Study Series w/John Robison (205)

## Thursday, September 27

- 10:00 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, September 28

- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, September 29

- 9:00 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 Joshua Parson

### Greeters:

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

### 1st Floor

8:15-9:45 Beverley Brooks  
9:45-11:15 Gracie Martin

### Reader:

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### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Chris Healy, Sheila Dougherty  
11:00 Linwood Hudson, Pam Asbury  
Melvin Watkins, Linda Wettle

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe  
Hugh Miles

### Nursery:

9:00 Laurie Breeden  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

### Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Nikki Earley (V)  
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Nikki Earley (V)

### Sanctuary Organizers:

Pam Asbury (September 1-30)

### Grass Cutters:

(Area 1)  
Sept. 24—Jimmy Sculthorpe

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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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### Church Staff:

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### Secretary

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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