

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** "Open Up the Heavens"  
"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Scripture**

Mark 10:46-52

**Message:** "Bring Our Sight Into Focus"  
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:** "All the People Said Amen"

**Benediction**

# 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

## *Upward Soccer Sunday*

### 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. by John Carter

+ Call to Worship

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

**Many: But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"**

One: The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of Life!  
We may come here to get close to Jesus.

**Many: And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"**

One: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

**Many: But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"**

One: Why are we here?

**Many: To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

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October 28, 2018

+ Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH #89

Scriptures from Upward

Soccer Players

**HUMILITY:** Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be **humble. Value others** more than yourselves. Philippians 2:3 (NirV)

**GENEROSITY:** Command the rich to do what is good. **Tell them to be rich in doing good things.** They must give freely. They must be willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:18 (NirV)

**FORGIVENESS:** Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. **Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you.** Colossians 3:13 (NirV)

**LOVE:** For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **believes in him** shall not perish but have eternal **life.** John 3:16 (NirV)

Opening Prayer

Making Connections

## TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

Sherry Jeter

Responsive Reading (UMH #769)

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

**Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn

“Open My Eyes Lord”

TFWS #2086

Second Reading \*

Mark 10:46-52

**Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“They Shall Soar Like Eagles”

Words & Music by Laura Manzo

The Chancel Choir with accompaniment by Laura Loper

Sermon

“Bring Our Sight Into Focus”

Rev. Derrick Parson

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory

“I Surrender All”

arr. by Cindy Berry

(in the setting of Beethoven's “Pathetique” Sonata, 2nd movement)

+ Response \*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

+ Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH #451

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“Recessional”

arr. by Henry Turner

## 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

#### The Virginians Barbershop Chorus

Free Concert at PUMC

At 3:00 p.m.; Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Invite someone to come with you!

Meet & Greet Reception will follow

The Cemetery Committee will be placing **American flags** on the graves of our known veterans in **observance of Veterans Day**. If you know of anyone buried in the cemetery that the committee might not know is a veteran, please let the church office know.

Have you started shopping for your **Thanksgiving Baskets for CCHASM**? There is still time to find some good sales. Please pick up a shopping list in the narthex. The deadline to have your groceries at church is Monday, November 5.

Would you like to **volunteer at A. M. Davis Elementary School**? There is a new online process this year. Please go to: <https://sites.google.com/a/ccpsnet.net/des/home/resources/volunteers> and complete your online application and you will be notified by email when your application is accepted.

**CHAMP's** (Children Active in Ministry at Providence) 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).

Nov. 2

Nov. 16

Nov. 30

Dec. 14

Dec. 28

**Hey children, youth and teens, want to be an acolyte?** Parents, if you're looking for opportunities for your child/youth/teen to get involved in the work of the church, and feel they can make a positive contribution, look no further! **Become an Acolyte!**

#### Becoming an acolyte:

- Lays the foundation, so that those serving in this position may have a closer relationship with their church as they reach adulthood;
- Helps build self-esteem and spiritual development;
- Fosters pleasant memories of their youth in serving as part of this important ministry of the church.

#### What's the commitment?

Once installed, acolytes will be asked to serve one Sunday per month (or every other month) during the 11am service only.

#### What's next?

Sign-up on the sign-in sheet to attend a brief interest meeting (date to be determined). In the mean time, if you have any questions, contact Natalia Bradshaw-Parson by email [Natalia.Bradshaw.Parson@gmail.com](mailto:Natalia.Bradshaw.Parson@gmail.com) or by phone at (540) 560-7502.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

The United Methodist Women are collecting hygiene items for the women in **Fluvanna Correctional Facility**. For the month of October, they are asking for:

- Shampoo (bottle; 15 ounces)
- Lotion (bottle; 15 ounces)

If you wish to give a check and have the UMW do the shopping, 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.

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:

**Frances Driskill** (DOB 3/24)  
3511 Gregory Pond Road  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23236-1433

**Margaret Emory** (DOB ?)  
Lucy Corr Village, Apt. 527  
6800 Lucy Corr Blvd.  
Chesterfield, VA 23832

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.

**October 28, 2018** — We pray for schools and educational institutions of 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](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 gathered prayer concerns:

- \* Dot Ashburn
- \* Curtis Bailey
- \* Bobby Baker (friend of the Bell's)
- \* Nan Blackwell
- \* **Beverley Brooks** (Chippenham)
- \* Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)

### PUMC Financial Report as of September 30, 2018

	September	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Receipts	\$28,463	\$258,096	\$237,670
Disbursements	\$30,211	\$263,268	\$291,657
Net Receipts	(\$1,747)	(\$5,172)	(\$53,986)
Operating Fund	\$51,509		

**Our gathered prayer concerns:** (continued)

- \* AB Creasy
- \* John Curtis
- \* Uldine Curtis
- \* Jim DeLap
- \* **Ed & Janice Driskill** (LaVonne Stanley's parents)
- \* George Fest
- \* Allison Fuquay (cancer; niece of Robin Jeffrey)
- \* The family of Boyd Gurney (died, 4/20/18)  
    Marlene Gurney  
    15100 Birchaven Lane, Apt. 301  
    Findlay, OH 45840
- \* Dot Janutolo
- \* The family of James Jenkins (died 9/4)
- \* The family of Phil Gentile (died 10/15)
- \* Jack & Linda Keery
- \* Charles & Diane King
- \* Anna Knight (rehab; Sheltering Arms)
- \* Cheran Lockerby (daughter of Shirley Collins)
- \* Blanca & Jose Mera
- \* Leigh Middleton
- \* Johnise Molloy
- \* **Mary Murdock** (Paul Martin's sister)
- \* Grace Newman
- \* Sharon (chemo therapy treatments; friend of Cathy Patterson)
- \* Carly Royer (diagnosed with leukemia; friend of Nancy Treanor)
- \* John Stallings (cancer; friend of Bill Mannering and Julie Gaudett)
- \* Mary & Bill Steele
- \* Beth Tucker (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- \* Fred Wilson

**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	



*Thank you for supporting Shalom Farms through your purchase of pansies. Special thanks to those who donated some to the church and to Susan Nash for planting them. They're beautiful! God Bless You All!*

*Happy Anniversary*

Oct. 20—Linwood & Shirley Hudson (67 years)

Nov. 10—Sarah & Grey Morris (69 years)

Nov. 18—AB & Doris Creasy (68 years)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, October 28—Upward Soccer Sunday

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service—Upward Soccer
- 1:00 Disciple 2 (205)
- 3:00 The Virginians
- 5:30 SonRise Sisters
- 5:30 Youth (SH)

## Monday, October 29

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)

## Tuesday, October 30

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

## Wednesday, October 31

- 10:30 Staff Meeting (205)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

## Thursday, November 1

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (205)
- 6:30 MIM (Sanc)

## Friday, November 2

- 6:00 CHAMPs
- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, November 3

Boy Scouts Stew

## Sunday, November 4

Charge Conference — 2:00 p.m.  
Westhampton UMC  
6100 Patterson Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23226

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Library)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Narthex)  
11:00 Donna Smith (Library)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Narthex)

### 1st Floor

8:15-9:45 \_\_\_\_\_  
9:45-11:15 \_\_\_\_\_

**Reader:** Allen Branson

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek  
11:00 Klaus Worrell  
Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman  
Laurie Breeden, Gary Wettle

**Counters:** Klaus Worrell  
Steve Oliver

### Nursery:

9:00 Laurie Breeden  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Jean Riekers & Jane Gilliam

### Audio/Visual Team:

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

### Sanctuary Organizers:

Marilyn Bell (Oct. 1-31)  
Judy Gindhart (Nov. 1-30)

### Grass Cutters:

(Area 2)  
Oct. 29—John Bradley

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804-276-4289

### 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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### 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