

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing

“Mighty to Save”

“O Come to the Altar”

**Making Connections
A Time with the Children**

Scripture

Mark 9:30-37

Message

“True Greatness”

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

“Today is the Day”

Benediction

Fifteenth 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.

Prelude

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

arr. by Mercy Bartlett

Call to Worship *

One: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

Many: God's ways are just and merciful.

One: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

Many: In all that they do, they prosper.

One: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

ALL: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.

Prayer

+ Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

UMH # 64

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Responsive Reading (UMH #738)	Psalm 1	Thanks be to God.
+ Hymn	"Make Me a Servant"	TFWS # 2176
Second Reading *	Mark 9:30-37	Thanks be to God.
Special Music	"You Are My All in All"	arr. By Benjamin Harlan
Sermon	"True Greatness"	Rev. Derrick Parson

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory	"Interlude II"	by Mark Hayes
+ Response *	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #94
+ Hymn	"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"	UMH # 382
Reception of New Members		
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"	arr. by Humphrey Turner

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of my beloved mother Janice, with all my love, Jolee.

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.

The **Wednesday Night Dinner** is September 25 at 5:30 p.m. and is being prepared by the CSI Sunday School class. The menu features soup and salad, dessert and beverage. Please sign up today on the pew sheet.

There will be a **Fall Festival Committee** Meeting in the Library after the 11:00 Service TODAY!

Please mark your calendars NOW for next **Saturday, October 12**, our annual **PUMC Brunswick Stew!!** 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! Sign up on the pew today if you can help stir. If you haven't ordered your stew yet, contact Barbie Vest at 337-0349 or Sue Duganne at 317-3014.

Don't forget that the **Community Stew Dinner** will be held that evening in the social hall beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The **Goodson Academy of Preaching** (GAP) presents a one-day event "Preaching Through Troubling Times," with keynote speaker Rev. Dr. John W. Kinney. The event will be held Monday, October 14, from 9:00am—3:30pm at Providence UMC in Chesterfield. Cost for the day is \$35, which includes lunch; 0.5 CEU is available.

Go to:

<http://www.eiseverywhere.com/2019gaptroublingtimes> for more information or to register.

Christmas Cantata practice will begin on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:30pm. We will start the practice by first working on the Cantata;

so you can come just for that part of the practice; or you're welcome to stay for the entire practice which ends at 8:00pm. We look forward to see you!

The Fall Homeward event will be held on November 12 this year. In preparation for the event we would like to have an "**Undie Sunday**" on October 13. Please bring new or clean gently used undergarments and place them in the bins that will be in the narthex. We would like to have bras, panties, boxers, briefs and long johns. The men really like the larger sizes. ~ Missions Team

It's time for us to start shopping for our **CCHASM Thanksgiving Baskets**. The items needed for each basket are on the insert in today's bulletin. Our PUMC secret shopper checked prices at two stores and the average cost for a complete basket AND the \$15 gift card is \$40. If you'd like someone to do the shopping for you, mark your check/envelope "CCHASM Food Basket". *Sunday School Classes*—Please let Shirley Hudson, Flora Scott or Jean Winfree know by October 1 how many bags you think your class will have. Our 2019 goal is one more bag than we had last year.

The next meeting of the **Equipping The Saints For Ministry** group is Today. **ETSFM** gatherings are being held to teach you how to reach people outside our doors AND how to stay in touch with those inside our doors. Anyone interested in attending the ETSFM gatherings is welcome to attend. Please bring a bag lunch. Future meetings are: October 6 (Room 309) and October 20. All meetings (except 10/6) will be in the social hall immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**UPWARDS SOCCER
100 Days of Prayer**

Thank you for making this outreach to the children and families of our community a part of your daily prayers.

Pray for:

- 9/22 Our referee commissioner
- 9/23 Referees
- 9/24 Players' moms and dads
- 9/25 Game Day set up to go smoothly
- 9/26 Time Keepers at games
- 9/27 Consistent prayer among prayer partners
- 9/28 Those leading halftimes today (fourth game day)

Are you interested in traveling? Have you ever dreamed of visiting where Jesus walked or where Paul established the first Christian churches? Would a **12-day Mediterranean cruise** aboard a Royal Caribbean ship appeal to you? The actual dates of travel are scheduled for November 1-14, 2020, so there is plenty of time to start planning and saving. Brochures are currently available on the table in the narthex. The trip is not limited to members of Providence, so please talk with friends, family, co-workers or anyone else you think may be interested. Feel free to take them a

brochure as well!

The next **UMW Unit meeting** will be in the social hall on October 6 after the 11:00 service. The Pledge Program will be presented and lunch will be provided by the UMW. Please remember that you do not have to be a member of a UMW Circle to attend. All ladies are welcome. We hope to see you there.

The United Methodist Women are collecting the following **items for Grace Inside**. These donations go to women in correctional institutions. We appreciate the help you give in showing these women the love Jesus has for them with these gifts.

- **September**—1 deodorant stick, 2.6 oz. (no spray or roll-on)
- **October**—1 bottle of shampoo, 15 oz. (as close to 15 oz. as possible but no larger)
- **November**—1 bottle of lotion, 15 oz. (as close to 15 oz. as possible but no larger)

We also need gallon Ziploc bags to use in assembling the items. A complete kit consists of a wrapped toothbrush, 6 oz. toothpaste, 2.6 oz. deodorant stick, and 15 oz. bottles of shampoo and lotion.

PUMC Financial Report as of August 31, 2019			
	August	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
Receipts	\$21,609.85	\$190,663.91	\$229,671.58
Disbursements	\$23,210.08	\$242,273.77	\$232,057.31
Net Receipts	(\$1,600.23)	(\$51,609.86)	(\$2,385.73)
Transfers to OF			
Operating Fund	\$45,427.35		

Please note that only described items and sizes can be accepted. Donations can be placed in the marked container in the donations area outside the 2nd floor elevator. Thank you for your support.

RADA Cutlery Sale

The RADA Cutlery Sale is continuing. You can place an order online at: <http://bit.ly/30wMkAb>. RADA has a wide variety of cooking mixes and accessories. This fund-raiser benefits the **General Fund** of the church. If you don't need any RADA, feel free to make a contribution and items for our kitchen will be purchased.

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 22: 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. 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:

- * The family of Dot Ashburn (died 9/3)
- * Bobby Baker (friend of the Bells)
- * **Marilyn Bell**
- * Nan Blackwell
- * **Bursell Bradshaw** (Natalia Parson's father)
- * Ron Brooks (home)
- * Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- * Keri Lyn Coleman (cancer; friend of Dave Robinson)
- * Dana Dirickson (cancer; sister of Reyna Skrabala)
- * Dawn DiSavino (14 brain tumors; friend of Karen Duncan)
- * John Duncan
- * Pam Groome
- * **Jim Harris** (brother of Hugh Harris—shoulder replacement surgery on Oct. 4th)
- * Kelli (cancer; sister of Jake Vogeler)
- * **Charles King**
- * Gwen Madison
- * Mariam (friend of Mike Collins)
- * Catherine Milholen
- * Mary Murdock (Paul Martin's sister)
- * Leeanne Percell (friend of Martha Negri)
- * Dr. Joy Rowe (battling breast cancer; doctor of Logan & Linda Wettle)
- * Bill Steele
- * The family of Mary Steele (died 8/30)
- * Edward Vernon (son of Ralph & Billiedale Vernon)
- * Stephanie White
- * Frank Wildeson (in hospital, Althea Armstrong's brother)

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	Nathan Spencer
Jennifer Collins	Megan Thomas
Shelby Gordon	Thomas Wood

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 22

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 12:00 ETFSM Meeting (SH)
- 12:00 Fall Festival Committee Meeting (L)
- 5:30 SonRise Sisters (Music Room)
- 5:30 Youth (309)

Monday, September 23

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 12:00 Sound Check (Chapel)
- 12:30 Alpha Theatre Rehearsals (SH)
- 6:45 Trustees (L)

Tuesday, September 24

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:00 Upward Practice (SH & Fields)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, September 25

Newsletter Deadline

- 7:30 Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Shoney's)
- 10:30 Staff Meeting (L)
- 1:30 Worship Committee (L)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir (Music Room)

Thursday, September 26

- 10:00 Prayer Team (Parlor)
- 11:00 Knitter & Crocheters (205)
- 6:00 Upward Practice (SH & Fields)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (205)
- 6:30 UMW Leadership Team (309)
- 6:30 Providence Praise Band (Sanc.)

Friday, September 27

- 6:00 Epiphany Teaming (Chapel & SH)
- 8:00 AA (309)

Saturday, September 28

- 9:00 Upward Soccer Games (Soccer Fields)
- 11:30 AMUMC Building Tour
- 1:00 Gathering for Laura and Klaus (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 Joshua

Greeters:

9:00 _____(Library)
Klaus Worrell (Narthex)
11:00 Nickie Price (Library)
Klaus Worrell (Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00
11:00 Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins,
Linda Wettle, Frank Bell

Nursery:

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

Counters: Jimmy Sculthorpe & Hugh Miles

Reader: Barbie Vest

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 _____(A)
_____(V)
11:00 _____(A)
_____(V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Pam Asbury (9/16-30)

Grass Cutters: September 22
Area 2 Gary Vest

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