

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing

“Your Grace is Enough”

“Your Grace Finds Me”

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Scripture

Mark 9:38-50

Message

“God’s Ways Are Not Our Ways”

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

“Who You Say I Am”

Benediction

Sixteenth 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

"In the Garden"

arr. by Gail Smith

(in the setting of Satie's Gymnopedie No. 1)

Call to Worship *

One: Welcome in the name of the Lord.

Many: Thank you. We are glad to be here.

One: Open your hearts today to hear God's word for you.

Many: We open our spirits to receive God's healing love.

One: Remember that God has called you to service.

ALL: Lord, help us to be ready to serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

Prayer

+ Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

UMH # 577

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Responsive Reading (UMH #846) Psalm 124 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "I Sing Praises to Your Name" TFWS # 2037

Second Reading * Mark 9:38-50 **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music "Worship Medley" arr. by Russell Mauldin

Sermon "God's Ways Are Not Our Ways" Rev. Derrick Parson

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory "Lord, Be Glorified" arr. by Mark Hayes

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

+ Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" UMH # 189

+ Benediction

+ Postlude "It is Well" arr. by F. J. Garlock & S. Hamilton

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kathy Smith by her loving husband on her birthday which would have been today.

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 **Community Wednesday Night Dinner** is October 2 at 5:30 p.m. and is being prepared by Gary Vest and friends. The menu includes: sun cured possum, pickled squirrel heads, squirrel-tail fries, poppy seed cider and red clay pie. (*Seriously*, the menu is: pork loin, rosemary red potatoes, steamed broccoli, bread, dessert and beverage.) Please sign up today on the pew sheet and invite a guest to come with you.

We need cooks for dinners on October 9, 16 and 23. Please sign up on the cook's schedule on the bulletin board next to the counters room.

Next Sunday **Asbury Memorial UMC** will begin worshiping in our Chapel. Their Sunday School and worship service times will coincide with our PUMC worship and Sunday School times. Please take a moment to welcome them and invite them to participate in our church activities.

World Communion Sunday is next Sunday, October 6. World Communion Sunday scholarships, related to the General Board of Global Ministries, assist graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Your gift next Sunday will empower a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ.

Please mark your calendars NOW for **Saturday, October 12**, our annual **PUMC Brunswick Stew!!** We start the pots early in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and need people to stir 3 huge pots constantly until the stew is ready. Pickup begins at 4:00pm. 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 sheet 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 from 5:00-7:00pm.

Providence's **Charge Conference** will be on Sunday, October 27. There will be one worship service at 11:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars now.

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

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:

- 9/29 Parents of children in our church's league
- 9/30 Our members to reach out when they see a need
- 10/1 Safety for everyone traveling
- 10/2 Our halftime commissioner
- 10/3 Work assistants on Saturday
- 10/4 Church members to come cheer on the players
- 10/5 Those leading halftimes today (sixth game day)

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.

It's time for us to start shopping for our CCHASM **Thanksgiving Baskets**. A list of items needed for each basket is on the table in the narthex. Look for it in the mid-week updates as well. 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.

Christmas Cantata practice is continuing on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. We start the practice by first working on the Cantata; so you can come just for that or you're welcome to stay for the entire practice which ends at 8:00pm. We look forward to seeing you!

The **Equipping The Saints For Ministry** group will meet Sunday, October 6 in Room 309. **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. The last meeting is October 20 in the social hall immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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.

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		

deodorant stick, and 15 oz. bottles of shampoo and lotion.

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.

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 available on the table in the narthex. The trip is not limited to members of Providence, so please talk with anyone you think may be interested. Feel free to take them a brochure as well!

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 29: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for curriculum that is grounded in truth and meaning; for space to nourish the creative seed in both teachers and students.

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)
- * The family of **Bobby Baker** (died 9/23; friend of the Bells)
- * Nan Blackwell
- * Bursell Bradshaw (Natalia Parson's father)
- * **Renate Brennet** (surgery 9/24)
- * Ron Brooks (home)
- * 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)
- * **Mildred Isbell**
- * Kelli (cancer; sister of Jake Vogeler)
- * Charles King
- * Gwen Madison
- * Mariam (friend of Mike Collins)
- * 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 29

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 5:30 SonRise Sisters (Music Room)
- 5:30 Youth (309)
- 6:30 Bells of Providence — RESUMES

Monday, September 30

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 12:30 Alpha Theatre Rehearsals (SH)

Tuesday, October 1

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:00 Upward Practice (SH & Fields)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 6:30 Newton Circle (205 & 206)

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

- 9:00 Upward Soccer Games (Soccer Fields)
- 10:00 Alpha Theatre (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 Tabitha / Oliver

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 Troye Hamilton
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters: Klaus Worrell & Steve Oliver

Reader: Pat Loud

Audio/Visual Team:

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

Sanctuary Organizers:

Pam Asbury (9/16-30)
Donna Smith (October)

Grass Cutters: September 29
Area 1 Frank Blankenship

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