

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing**

“Forever”

“Here I Am to Worship”

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Scripture**

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Message**

“A Father’s Love”

Rev. 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**

“Our God”

**Benediction**

# 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

by Helen H. Lemmel

+ Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

**ALL: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love. AMEN!**

~written by Ministry Matters

+ Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH #139

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Responsive Reading (UMH #766)

Psalms 32

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn	“Through It All”	UMH #507
+ The Apostle’s Creed		UMH # 881
Second Reading *	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	Thanks be to God.
Choir Anthem	“Day by Day”	by Robert Leaf
Sermon	“A Father’s Love”	Rev. Derrick Parson
Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		
	<b>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.</b>	
Offertory	“There is a Reason” Vocalist-Emma Breeden, Guitarist-John Robison	by Ron. Block
+ Response *	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #94
+ Hymn	“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” <i>Verses 1 -4 Only</i>	UMH #383
+ Benediction		
Postlude	“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”	by Alice Jordan



# 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 let us know if you have changes to the personal information that the church maintains.

There WILL be a **Wednesday Night Dinner on February 19th!** The menu is: Baked Potato Bar and Salad and will be hosted by the CSI Sunday School Class. Please put your name on the sign-in sheet located on each pew, or call the church office to sign-up (804) 276-4289. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and all are welcome!

Plans are currently in the works for a **Spring Festival/Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 4th, Noon-1:30 p.m.! Please put the date on your calendar now. Please sign-up on the pew sheet on the clipboard if you are interested in volunteering to help! Additional information and opportunities to help will be communicated soon!

**Boy Scout Troop #2862 is taking orders for mulch!** This year they are selling 2-cubic foot bags of top-quality double-shredded hardwood mulch for \$4.00 per bag (10-39 bags) or \$3.50 (40 or more bags). They are requesting that a minimum of ten bags be purchased and they will even deliver and stack the bags in your driveway! BSA Troop #2862 is sponsored by PUMC and is comprised of boys from the surrounding neighborhoods. By supporting the mulch sale, you will help to replace outdated

gear and equipment. You may contact Joe Roussos at 804-437-994 or [joeroussos@juno.com](mailto:joeroussos@juno.com) with questions. Orders and checks must be mailed by Feb. 19th, and the mulch will be delivered on March 14th along with a receipt for the tax-deductible portion of your order. Order forms and more information are on the table in front of the church office. Please mail forms and payment to: BSA Troop 2862, 901 S. Providence Rd., Richmond, VA 23236.

**New Bible Study beginning February 24th—** Monday's at 2pm in the Library. ***What Makes a Hero?*** This study offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith, Matt Rawle shows how Jesus turned the concept of heroes on its head. In keeping with his theme, "Pop in Culture," the book examines how good vs. evil, right vs. wrong, and overcoming adversity are fundamental to how Christians understand salvation. Heroes help us discern the good, fight for what's right, and save lives.

Rawle enters the Gospel story to tell quite a different victory story, one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross and an empty tomb. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero?

This will be a 6-week study that includes a comprehensive Leader Guide, a DVD featuring Matt Rawle, a Worship Resources Flash Drive, and youth and children resources.

**FIVE THINGS GOD USES TO GROW YOUR FAITH**



A **new study** will begin TODAY, February 16th at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Greg and Mary Elliott. **“Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith”** by **Andy Stanley**.

Please contact Mary Elliott at [melliott0603@gmail.com](mailto:melliott0603@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating. Books are not required but can be ordered online.—*“Your faith in God matters to God. God is most honored through your living, active, death-defying, out-of-the-box faith and He’s committed to growing it. Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you? In other words, imagine what it would be like to have PERFECT faith. In “Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith”, Andy Stanley builds a biblical case to grow BIG Faith and the assurance that God is with you every step of the way!”*

The next **UMW Unit Meeting will be on February 23rd at noon in the Social Hall**. This will be our “Winter Wonderland” holiday party

and lunch will be served. The menu is: lasagna (prepared by Marilyn Bell), salad, bread and dessert. We are asking members to bring donations of new children’s underwear to be donated to A.M. Davis Elementary. This is a nice time of fellowship and you do not have to belong to a Circle to attend. All ladies of the church are welcome!

**Providence Road Partners**

- Thanks to everyone that donated Valentine cards for the A.M. Davis students!
- The A.M. Davis Clinic is **in need of new children’s underwear** (Sizes: Large toddler’s, all children’s sizes, small adult sizes). Gently used children’s clothing can also be donated for the clothing closet at the school. Contact Wendy Collins with questions. Thank you!
- PUMC will once again be giving **two A.M. Davis students from each classroom a free book at the upcoming spring book fair** (March 23-27). If you would like to make a contribution towards this project, please make checks payable to the church and write in the memo field “A.M. Davis.”

PLEASE BRING YOUR UNDERWEAR & CLOTHING DONATIONS IN BY MARCH 1ST! THANK YOU!

<b>PUMC Financial Report as of December 31, 2019</b>			
Apportionment payments have been suspended since August 2019.			
	December 2019	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
Receipts	\$85,995.80	\$354,203.77	\$382,924.89
Disbursements	\$25,378.96	\$346,045.52	\$354,216.86
Net Receipts	\$60,616.84	\$8,158.25	\$28,708.03
Operating Fund	\$107,986.99		

Please let the office know your **2020 Committee Meeting Dates and Volunteer Schedules**. Send meeting/event calendar requests to: [Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net). Thanks!

The **2020 Flower Calendar** is in the hallway near the water fountain. The **BLUE** flower order forms are below it. *Remember that payment should accompany the blue form.* Put completed forms and your check in the offering plate or bring them to the office. *Please do not put your name on the calendar until you submit your form and payment.*

If you would like to participate in a **Royal Caribbean 12-Day Mediterranean Cruise** scheduled for Nov. 1-14, 2020, please see the brochures on the table in the Narthex. The trip is not limited to the members of Providence, so share the word with anyone you think might be interested! Please contact Barbie Vest with questions: (804) 378-2632.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence UMC? Speak with Pastor Derrick who will guide you in the next steps (804-276-4289).



**February 16:** We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For redemption of the divisions, prejudices, pettiness, despair, and discrimination of the past.

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, or if you would like to be added to the prayer list, you may send a prayer request to Nancy Coffman at [nlct-1c73@gmail.com](mailto:nlct-1c73@gmail.com). Please check your email address book to make sure you have this email address.

#### **Our prayer concerns:**

- \* Nan Blackwell
- \* Monica (Mary Lou & Alan Branson's granddaughter)
- \* **The family of John Brenner** (Husband of Charlyne Brenner-Stalighters—died on Feb. 8th)
- \* Mae Clarke
- \* Nancy & Tom Coffman
- \* Keri-Lyn Coleman (cancer, Dave Robinson's friend)
- \* Dawn DiSavino (friend of Karen Duncan)
- \* **Peggy Gillette**
- \* Sara Householder (fighting cancer)
- \* Janice Mannering (Bill Mannering's sister-in-law, cancer)
- \* The family of Mildred Isbell (died Jan. 11th)
- \* Charles King (surgery on Jan. 20th)
- \* Kelli (cancer; sister of Jake Vogeler)
- \* Bob Loud (Pat Loud's cousin, tumor on pituitary gland)
- \* Gwen Madison
- \* Catherine Milholen
- \* Ms. Olson's mother and Ms. Long's mother, two A.M. Davis teachers
- \* Maggie B. Perry (Unetta Jones' aunt, stage 4 stomach cancer)
- \* **Michelle Porter** (Johnise Molloy's daughter)
- \* Christi Roberson (Ken & Betty-Anne's daughter)
- \* **Robbie Robertson**
- \* Dr. Joy Rowe (battling breast cancer)
- \* **Marie Smith** (sister of Jimmy Sculthorpe, lung cancer surgery on Feb. 17)
- \* Stephanie White

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, February 16

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 12:00 AMUMC Church Council (205)
- 3:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 SonRise Sisters (Music Room)
- 5:30 Youth (309)
- 6:30 *"Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith"*  
Bible Study (M. Elliott's home)
- 6:30 Bells of Providence

## Monday, February 17-President's Day

- 10:00 AMUMC Prayer Group (205)
- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 6:30 Path to Healing (206)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)

## Tuesday, February 18

- 9:45 Chair Aerobics
- 10:30 Walking Club
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH & 309)
- 6:30 Providence Green Assoc. (205)

## Wednesday, February 19

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

## Thursday, February 20

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

## Friday, February 21

- 8:00 AA (309)
- 9:15 Cooks for Christ

## Saturday, February 22—None

# 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.



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**Young Adult Ministries** Terrence Jeter (interim)  
**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres  
**Presiding Bishop** Sharma Lewis

**Acolyte:**

11:00 Tabitha

**Greeters:**

11:00 Nickie Price (Library)

**Ushers:**

Head Usher—Gary Wettle  
 9:00 Kathleen White & Ron White  
 11:00 Bobby Burton, Tom Koertge,  
 Ralph Vernon, Charlotte Glidewell

**Nursery:**

9:00 Pam Asbury  
 SS Wendy Collins  
 11:00 Jean Riekers & Kathy Alred

**Counters:**

Hugh Miles & Gracie Martin

**Reader:**

Carolyn Sharp

**Sanctuary Organizers:**

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree (February)

