

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing**

“Beautiful One”

“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Scripture**

1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

**Message**

“Ingredients for a Successful Christian Life!”

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**

“Build Your Kingdom”

**Reception of New Member**

*Lynn Tostaine*

**Benediction**

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March 15, 2020

# 3rd Sunday in Lent

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 and large-print hymnals 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

+ Call to Worship

Leader: Come, continue on the journey. It is not far now.

**People: But where are we going?**

Leader: God is welcoming us to God's kingdom.

**People: Can we see it from here?**

Leader: We see it in the faces of those who know of God's love.

**People: Will that same love be given to us?**

Leader: It already has been given, and His name is Jesus! He is God's beloved Son, our Light and Hope.

**ALL: Quickly, let us journey toward His light. AMEN.**

~From Ministry Matters

Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH #526

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

First Reading Psalm 126 Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn "This Is the Day" UMH #657

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18 Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" arr. by Russell Robinson

Sermon "Ingredients for a Successful Christian Life!" Rev. Derrick Parson

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.**

Offertory

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

+ Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" UMH #361

Reception of New Members **Charles & Martha Negri**

+ Benediction

+ Postlude



***The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my dad,  
Harry Havekost, from his daughter, Claudia Havekost, and grandsons,  
Douglas & Greg.***

# 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.

YES—There will be a **Wednesday Night Dinner this week, March 18th!** The Ruritans are hosting and the menu is: Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Drinks. Please call the church office at (804) 276-4289 as soon as possible to sign-up! Thanks! (We still need cooks for April 8th and 22nd!)

Join us for our **Spring Festival/Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 4th, at Noon! The Spring Festival Committee is still in need of donations of filled or empty plastic eggs, toys and treats to fill the eggs (no chocolate or peanut candy, please), and cake donations for the cake walk! Please sign-up on the pew sheet if you are able to help! Please bring all items to the church by April 2nd!

This year for Easter, you can place flowers in the Sanctuary or send Bibles through the American Bible Society. If interested in purchasing, please see today's insert and turn your completed forms with payment into the church office no later than April 1st! Flowers can be picked up on April 12th after the 11am, service! Thank you!

Lilies—\$10.00 Tulips—\$10.00 Bibles—\$10.00



Attention all PUMC and AMUMC Members! If you might be interested in **making palm crosses**, we will be teaching how to do so here at PUMC on April 2nd in Room 309 at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Join us on April 5th at 11am for a special **Palm Sunday “Combined Worship” Service** (Asbury Memorial UMC will be worshipping with Providence UMC)! The Choir will be performing some special music selections you don't want to miss!



**Maundy Thursday Service  
(Combined Worship)  
April 9th at 7pm**

**Good Friday Service  
(Combined Worship)  
April 10th at 7pm**



We would like to set aside the next 30 days to **pray** for our new **“Connections Card”** (this will replace the clipboard at the end of the pews) as well as the new guests that we hope to reach. We also pray that our current members will utilize the card to find ways to incorporate the benefits of its use in relation to small groups and events at our church. In doing so, we feel this will help strengthen faith and allow us to carry out our mission statement of: *Be-long, Be Transformed, Make a difference.*

Reverend Brandon Robbins announced that there would be another program in Virginia Beach regarding retaining church members. The program will be this Thursday, March 19th.

**The Virginians are Coming!** Sunday, March 22nd at 3pm in the PUMC Sanctuary! The Virginians, a premiere A Cappella vocal ensemble who sing four-part harmony, is a nationally competitive ensemble that has been performing in central Virginia for over sixty years. They sing Traditional Barbershop, Doo-Wop, Gospel, Pop, Holiday, Broadway Classics, and Contemporary A Cappella music. Mark your calendars now for this special afternoon of great music. A love offering will be collected.

**UMCOR Sunday**—March 22nd—This ministry specializes in solutions that help people become self-reliant. Through your donations to this ministry, you will share the goodness of life to those who hurt. There will be a special brochure in the bulletin next Sunday explaining further ways you may contribute to this mission project.

**What Makes a Hero** — A 6-week contemporary study of good and evil- continues on Mondays at 2pm in the Church Library.

**“Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith”** by Andy Stanley resumes tonight, **March 15th** at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Greg and Mary Elliott. 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.

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!

**Providence Road Partners**

- PUMC will 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.”

<b>PUMC Financial Report as of January 31, 2020</b>			
Apportionment payments have been suspended since August 2019.			
	<b>January 2020</b>	<b>2020 YTD</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>
Receipts	\$29,007.52	\$29,007.52	\$30,057.81
Disbursements	\$31,861.04	\$31,861.04	\$32,468.55
Net Receipts	(\$2,853.52)	(\$2,853.52)	(\$2,410.74)
Operating Fund	\$105,133.47	\$105,133.47	\$94,953.23

# *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

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).

**March 15:** We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For emergency response personnel and all emergency room staff. For hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice programs; and for persons diagnosed with terminal illness.

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 [nlctlc73@gmail.com](mailto:nlctlc73@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 Ron Brooks (passed 3-1-20; husband of Beverley Brooks)
- \* Mae Clarke
- \* Nancy & Tom Coffman
- \* Keri-Lyn Coleman (cancer, Dave Robinson's friend)
- \* Jim DeLap (procedure on 3/4)
- \* Dawn DiSavino (friend of Karen Duncan)
- \* Francis Driskill

- \* Jim Holland & The Holland Family (Loss of family member & illness in the family-friends of Peg Martin & Bill Mannering)
- \* Sara Householder (fighting cancer)
- \* Janice Mannering (Bill Mannering's sister-in-law, cancer)
- \* 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
- \* Leeanne Percell (friend of Martha Negri)
- \* Maggie B. Perry (Unetta Jones' aunt, stage 4 stomach cancer)
- \* Michelle Porter (Johnise Molloy's daughter)
- \* Christi Roberson-Phipps (Ken & Betty-Anne's daughter)
- \* Robbie Robertson
- \* Dr. Joy Rowe (battling breast cancer)
- \* The family of Gene Sheek (passed 3-1-20; father of Doug Sheek)
- \* Marie Smith (sister of Jimmy Sculthorpe, lung cancer surgery on Feb. 17)
- \* **The family of Rev. Dr. Charles Turkington** (died 3-6-20—Mary Beth Blinn's father)
- \* Stephanie White



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, March 15

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

## Monday, March 16

- 10:00 AMUMC Prayer Group (205)
- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 2:00 "What Makes a Hero" Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Path to Healing (206)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)

## Tuesday, March 17

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

## Wednesday, March 18

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

## Thursday, March 19

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

## Friday, March 20

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

## Prayer Requests

Pray for:

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Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

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Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

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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.

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

**Acolyte:** 11:00 Tabitha

**Greeters:**

11:00 Nickie Price (Library)

**Ushers:**

Gary Wettle (Head Usher)  
9:00 Valerie Reese & Steve Reese  
11:00 Pam Asbury, Frank Bell,  
Melvin Watkins & Linda Wettle

**Nursery:** 9:00

Barbara Oliver  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Kathy Alred & Jean Riekers

**Counters:**

Hugh Miles & Gracie Martin

**Reader:**

Allen Branson

**Sanctuary Organizers:**

Pam Groome (March)

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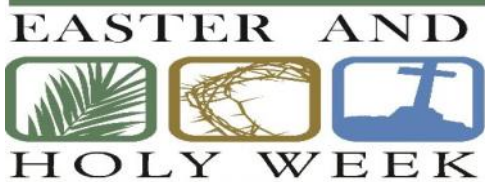
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**Children's Ministries**

**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



### APRIL EVENTS & COMBINED SERVICES

- 4 Spring Festival/Easter Egg Hunt—Noon
  - 5 Palm Sunday—11am
  - 9 Holy/Maundy Thursday—7pm
  - 10 Good Friday—7pm
  - 12 **EASTER SUNDAY**
    - Sunrise Worship—6:30am
    - Breakfast—7:30am
    - Connections—9:00am
    - Traditional Service—11:00am
- All are welcome! Invite a friend!*