


Providence United Methodist Church

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September 2015



October 4, 2015

Our charge conference is where the district superintendent, and the pastor shall organize and administer the pastoral charge for Providence United Methodist Church. We will talk about policies and plans. Moreover, we will specifically look at program scope, mission resources, and the work of other committees.

The primary responsibilities of the charge conference shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of our church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in

keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church.

Your question may be, "How will this work for us here at Providence UMC?"

On October 4, 2015, we will have **one service at 10:30 a.m.** There will be **no Sunday school** but in its place we will have breakfast for the entire church. Our Charge Conference will be part of our morning service. Dr. Peter Moon (District Superintendent) will be the preacher and committees chairs will share what they have been doing throughout the year. This is a wonderful way to celebrate and to showcase the ministries of Providence.

Please come and support our folks who work so diligently for Providence.

Promotion Sunday Celebration for Children will be Sunday, September 13 in the Social Hall. There will be a pancake breakfast, prepared by Greg and Mary Elliot, for children and adults during the Sunday School time. The children will not have Sunday School in their classrooms that day but they can meet and talk to their new teachers during the breakfast. Children will actually move up to their new classroom the following Sunday, September 20.



September Worship

9:00 a.m. Connections Worship

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Contemporary Worship "Connections" at 9 am is informal and led by Ministry in Motion praise team.
Traditional Worship is at 11 am, includes a variety of music and is led by the Chancel Choir and other musical groups. Our pastor, The Rev. Derrick Parson, brings the message at both services.

Please pray for every service coming.

Sept 6		Psalm 18:6 Mark 11:24 Romans 12:12	"There is No Trouble Greater than Your Prayer Life"
Sept 13	Promotion Sunday	Matthew 6:6	"Pray in Secret and God Will Reward You Openly"
Sept 20		Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 6:27-28	"The Hardest Prayer You Will Ever Pray"
Sept 27	UMW Sunday		Guest Speaker: Joyce Winston

Share our sermon link: [Click Here](#) to hear the sermon each week

Young Adult Ministry at PUMC

The Young Adult Ministry is blossoming with the help of an amazing group of people. As the new intern working with Providence UMC, I look forward to being a part of the community of Providence UMC. For the Young Adult Group, I have begun formulating ideas such as service opportunities to coffee breaks to "Theology on Tap" for discussion with the Young Adults starting in September. As I get to know this great group, the congregation, and the location of PUMC, more ideas will begin to surface! I am



excited about this opportunity and looking forward to help formulate Young Adult Ministries at Providence UMC.

Daniel H. Burch
Intern, Young Adult Ministry



Daniel is entering into his final year as a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary with hopes of continuing his graduate studies in Practical Theology. Daniel has many hobbies including playing golf, playing bluegrass music on mandolin and guitar, and finding the perfect cup of coffee.



Youth Ministry for Grades 5-7 & 8-12

Sunday Nights 5:30-7:30

Meets at the youth house next to the church

Contact Susan Clark at

susan.clark@providencemc.net

or (804) 921-9132 with questions

"The Lord is our rock, That's how we roll"

Come join Inukshuks, the Middle School (grades 5-8) portion of our youth ministry here at PUMC. We meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Youth House. Each week we walk together on a spiritual journey through games, discussion, mission work and fellowship. This year we will work with community organizations to feed the hungry, make "comfort pillows" for the sick and lonely, travel to Rockbridge for a weekend retreat and learn about the love of Christ and each other. And, every week we will have FUN!!!

Fall Sunday School

classes begin September 13, at 9:45 a.m. All classes will meet in the social hall for a pancake celebration and have time to meet your teachers. After breakfast, each group will go to see their new classrooms and do an activity. Sunday School is an important time to spend learning scripture with others your age.



The **Providence Pumpkin Patch** is coming October 7 at 3:00 p.m.! We are having 600 pumpkins delivered and will manage the patch October 10—30. We will have activities during that

time such as movies in the patch, carving stations, games, food, story time and crafts. The patch will be open every day. Proceeds from the pumpkin patch will benefit ministries at PUMC. Tell your friends and neighbors to come by! Patch times will be announced soon.

We need help feeding these "Growing Christians!" If you can provide a snack for a Sunday night youth meeting, please go to www.takethemameal.com and put in Youth and Group as the passwords.



A Glimpse of God's Grace

New International Version II Corinthians 12:9

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

As I reflect on this passage I recalled a time when I was a workout nut.

When I was in High School I would get up in the morning and do 100 push-ups and 100 sit-ups. I would use my 45-lb dumb bar doing four sets of 15 reps. I would use a 60-lb curl bar and do 4 sets of 15 reps. I would do shoulder press, 4 sets of 15 reps. I would do triceps, 4 sets of 15 reps. Take a shower. And after the shower, I would do another 100 sit-ups and 100 push-ups and go to school. But at lunch hour, I would bench press 225-lbs 20 times and move up to 340 lbs. I would bench press for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

After school, I did my chores, homework and went to the community center where I worked for another 2 to 3 hours. It is safe to say that I worked out everyday for 5 to 6 hours. I wanted to be strong or at least appear to be strong to others. I thought to be strong on the outside is what I needed to project strength while doing little work on the inside.

My question for you is: How many of us are doing a whole lot of work on the outside appearance but very little work on the inside?
When I was in high school, I did not want to go

to church because strong, tough guys don't go to church. Right! So when I had to go to church I was cold and indifferent. I knew I was a sinner. My friends, sinning was fun and I didn't want to repent because of my pride. At least I am honest.

I did not want to appear weak. I did not want to talk about my inabilities because I interpreted my inabilities as a sign of weakness. All of the bodybuilding was to aid me in keeping up a good front, a believable facade.

How many of us are putting up a good front and what we hope is a believable façade simply because we don't want to appear too weak or lacking?

You know the problem with keeping up a front and a façade is that people won't get to know the real you!

The Apostle Paul had an infirmity that he asked God to take away three times believing that malady made him appear weak before others. God's response is this: *"My grace is sufficient for you and my power is made perfect in your weakness!"*

My friends, take your limitations in stride, and be of good cheer; just let Christ take over. You are stronger than you think!

*Grace and Peace,
Reverend Derrick Parson*

Mission Minute

Thank You For Your Kindness & Generosity PUMC!

We all know that we have a loving church with a giving heart; but I wanted to thank you specifically for your donations and the giving of your time for Homeward's Summer Homeless Count and for the food distribution of The Well. With your donations of clothing, shoes, personal necessities and snacks, we were able to serve over 250 individuals. With your donation of spaghetti sauce and rice being added to other food items collected by our partner churches in The Well, we served 11 families from Reams Elementary and 2 families from Providence Middle School. These families were given a week's worth of groceries for every member of their family and they were very appreciative and blessed. I always like to let you know the fruits of your giving. Together, we can make a difference in our community.

Brenda Woodward
Missions Committee

Clothing Donations for the Missions Room

In packing up clothing for July's Summer Homeless Count; we realized that we are taking on more than we can handle when it comes to women's clothing. While we would love to distribute dressy clothing to the few women who have a need for it, we are just not set up to handle the volume that is coming in. We are always in need of all types of men's clothing, because we never have enough for everyone, but we serve fewer women than men. When donating women's clothing, please do not include formal wear, dresses, high heel shoes, swimsuits or "flowy" tops. We do need the basics of stable shoes, boots, jeans, sweatpants, tee shirts, basic tops and handbags. Our greatest need is always for men's tennis shoes or work boots, jeans, khaki pants, cargo pants, shorts and all types of shirts. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

Pencils for Branches



Branches Buddies are collecting No. 2 pencils to send to Branches in October. There will be a boxed labeled "**Pencils for Branches**" in the hallway near the elevator on the second floor. Your donations are appreciated as always!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.



Changes to April 2015 Directory

ADD:

Higgins, David - 2841 Trotters Lane, Apt. 102-10, Midlothian, VA 23113

CHANGES:

- **Delap**, Jim & Laura - change to DeLap
- **Duganne**, Chris & Emily - add Connor
- **Estes**, Barbara, 2180 E. Warm Springs Rd., Unit 2197, Las Vegas, NV 89119-0450
- **Griggs**, Katie, 747 Ralph McGill Blvd., Unit 212, Atlanta, GA 30312
- **Griggs**, Tyler, 3010 Stoney Lake Ct., Apt. 1A, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235
- **Minter**, Allen & Shirley, 4434 Old Battleground Rd., Apt. 106, Greensboro, NC 27410

ADDRESSES NEEDED:

Jordan Barden
Hoy Beverley
Devlin Harris

Is your address, phone number and/or email address correct in our directory?

Thanks for keeping our office notified of any changes to your Directory Information or those of your friend's or family's!



PLANNING MEETING



There will be a **2015-16 Church Council Planning Meeting** on September 13, in room 309, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. A light lunch

will be provided. Please add this to your calendar if you can to attend, put your name on the sign-in sheet when at church, or call (276-4289) the church office to let them know you will attend.



The Raleigh Ringers will be in town November 14 at Reveille United Methodist Church and we are planning to get a Providence United Methodist group to go! Since the concert is at 7:00 p.m., wouldn't it would be fun if we made dinner reservations at a fun restaurant and travel together to see the ringers after dinner.

Please let Margaret Taylor know if you are interested (m.e.taylor003@gmail.com). Tickets are usually around \$10 or \$12.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat

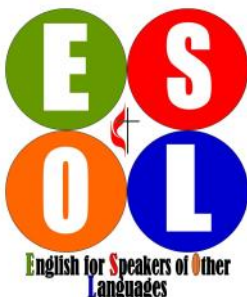
Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat will be Friday, October 30, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will be asking you to sign up on the sign-in sheets if you are willing to *decorate your trunk* and *dress up with a theme*. We will also need donations of bags of candy and goodies for the "Cake Walk". Children will be able to play games and have fun in the bounce house. This is going to be a great event for our church and neighborhood. More details will be in the bulletins soon. Please start spreading the word and invite your friends and neighbors to this event!

Just A Note



You may have noticed a different ordering in the bulletin of listed hymn titles. Traditionally, in our bulletin we list the hymn title and then the hymn number and specific hymnal from which it comes. To further our congregation's understanding of hymnody, we now include hymn tune names.

For example, from left to right, the hymnal acronym, hymn number, hymn title (text) and now, hymn tune. A hymn tune is a melody in which the hymn text is sung. Hymn tune names are separate from hymn texts. If you turn to page 931 in our hymnal, there is an index of tune names. A very familiar hymn tune name would be DIADEMATA. To the left of this tune name is four separate hymn numbers, the most familiar being "Crown Him With Many Crowns." Notice that there are three other hymn texts that use this melody. If you have any questions, feel free to email our music director, Margaret Taylor (m.e.taylor003@gmail.com). Our fall newsletter will guide us to continue learning about Christian hymnody.



THANK YOU to all that helped out with the English classes during July. A special THANK YOU goes to Mary Lou Branson for coordinating the child care. All the books and magazines that were donated by church members were much appreciated by the students and children. THANK YOU, Linda Collins, for fielding all the phone calls, advertising and sharing your office with me.

Carol Urso
ESOL Coordinator

KC Jam Choir

(Kid's Choir/Joy and Music)

If you have children in **Grades K-3** who like to sing, dance and play instruments – join our KC JAM choir! Each child is encouraged to explore music and be creative in his or her own way. We use chimes, handbells and percussive instruments. Please consider giving your children the opportunity to learn valuable music skills in an environment where they will also learn to understand the different ways in which God touches their lives. If you have any questions, please call Carla Wootten at 804-543-5495. Rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m. room 108.

First Rehearsal is September 23!

Youth Choir

If you are in **Grades 4-8** and love to sing, join us! We meet regularly on Sunday afternoons 4:00-4:45 p.m. in room 106, before Inukshuk and Youth Group for your convenience!

Youth Handbell Choir

If you are in **Grades 4-10** and like to play instruments, this is definitely the choir for you! We meet regularly on Sunday afternoons and rehearse before Inukshuk and Youth Group for your convenience! Can't read music? Not a problem! We teach basic music theory and play a variety of instruments. Though our main learning instruments are our Malmark bells, we also learn to play chimes, boomwhackers, drums, and other percussive instruments. Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, 4:45-5:30 p.m. in the choir room 105.

First Rehearsal is September 20!

Ministry in Motion

Ministry in Motion leads worship for our 9:00 a.m. Informal Connections Service. If you are interested in playing an instrument or singing with our praise band, please contact Margaret Taylor, at M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com. Rehearsals on Thurs-

day evenings, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir

JOIN THE CHOIR! Bring a friend, ask your neighbor! The Chancel Choir is for anyone who loves to sing and learn about the Word of God through song. Chancel Choir is for adults (high school and up) and sings for Sunday Services at 11:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir also sings at special services during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Keep an eye on the newsletter and bulletin to find out about our special occasion choirs, women's chorus, and men's chorus. Chancel Choir sings a variety of music – gospel, classical, traditional, and contemporary – and teaches about hymnody. To learn more or to attend a rehearsal, contact Margaret Taylor, at M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com. Rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

First Rehearsal is September 2!

Bells of Providence

Our handbell choir plays regularly for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Our three-octave Malmark Handbell and Chime choirs are looking for more ringers. Come and join in on the fun! No experience is required. If you are not available to play every Sunday but read music, please consider joining our substitute list! (Substitutes fill in for regular members when they are unavailable or out of town.) To learn more or to attend a rehearsal, contact Margaret Taylor, at M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com. Rehearsals on Sunday, time to be determined.

First Rehearsal is September 13!

Special Music

If you play an instrument or sing and are interested in providing music for either service, please contact Margaret Taylor at M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com. Our music ministry is very inclusive of all musicians – beginners to veterans! Special Music is sometimes a solo or simply leading a hymn. It helps enhance worship by bringing the spoken word to life through music!



Is Coming!

Get ready for fall with Providence! Our church is hosting a pumpkin patch with 600 pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, and minis delivered October 7, at 3:00 p.m.. The patch will be open October 10 through October 30. We earn 25% of what we sell. Exact times are still to be determined.

Ministries in the church can “own the patch” for a day and keep the profits for your ministry. To add to the fun, we will have movie nights in

the patch, hayrides, story times, pumpkin carving, face painting and more!

If your ministry or Sunday school class is interested in “owning the patch” for a day, sign up on the bulletin board and attend the **training meeting on September 20, at 4:00 p.m.** in the library.

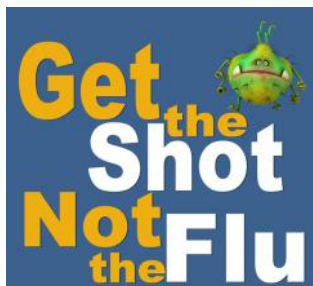
Lots of volunteers of all ages are needed to **unload the truck on October 7, at 3:00 p.m.**, count inventory, set up tables, decorate our patch, put stickers on pumpkins and donate wheel barrows and wagons. Everyone is needed to make this successful!

For more information contact Susan Clark at susan.clark@providenceumc.net.

The Growing Christians are having their fall BBQ Chicken on Saturday, September 12, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., at the church. If anyone would like to pre-order, please contact Brenda Woodward or Kathleen White. All proceeds will go towards mission projects.



Prices:	
Half-chicken	\$5.00
Baked beans	\$2.00
Coleslaw	\$1.50



Sunday, September 27

12:00—1:00 p.m.

Flu Shots will be available in the Social Hall immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship and are covered by most insurance companies and Medicare. Consent forms are on the table near the office.

Costs: Quadrivalent Shot (\$32);
High dose for ages 65 and older (\$54)



United Methodist Women

September Meetings

- The **Gregory Circle** will meet Sunday, September 13 at 12:15 p.m., in the Social Hall.
- The **Laughon Circle** will meet September 8 at 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall.
- The **Newton Circle** will meet September 1 at 7:00 p.m., in a member's home.
- The **Whitt Circle** will meet September 15 at 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall.

District/Conference News:

September 11: “*Welcoming All God’s People*” Mini-Mission Encounter, 5:00-8:30 p.m. at St Marks UMC (11551 Lucks Lane, Midlothian, 23114). \$10 includes dinner and class materials. Three mission studies will be offered. We will have time to attend one.

- Spiritual Growth Study: Created for Happiness, Understanding Your Life in God
- Issue Study: The Church & People with Disabilities

- Geographic Study: Latin America, People, & Faith

September 18-19: “*Being Enough*” Young Women’s Retreat in Blackstone, VA. This event is hosted by the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women and is for all young women ages 18-40. You do not have to be a member of the UMW to attend.

September 24: Leadership Team Meeting 7:00 pm

September 26: UMW District Annual Meeting at Highland Springs UMC. 9:30 a.m. (22 N Holly Ave., Highland Springs, 23075)

September 27: UMW Sunday. Guest speaker is Joyce Winston, Conference President.

October 1-4: “*On the Road Again in Mission*” The Conference has planned their fall mission trip to the Jubilee Project in Tennessee and the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky. Information is on the UMW bulletin board.

Tracey Kellam
UMW President

School days, school days...

School begins September 8, and students will eagerly return to A. M. Davis for another school year. Providence Road Partners, our **backpack food ministry** with our local elementary school, is in need of funding for the new school year. There are more than forty students who qualify for food assistance on the weekends. We, at Providence United Methodist Church, are working with Woodlake United

Methodist Church to provide backpacks of food for these children each weekend during the school year. One student can be fed for one weekend for \$12. Please consider making a contribution to this important ministry; checks can be written to the church with “A. M. Davis” written on the memo line.





Acolytes

Sept 6—*Communion*
 Meredith Kyser
 Hailey Davis
Sept 13 Zoe Brown
Sept 20 Emily Kyser
Sept 27 Tristen Kellam

Communion Preparers

Sept 6—
 9:00 Peg Mannering
 11:00 Amy Palmer

Readers

Sept 6 Pam Asbury
Sept 13 Beverly Evans
Sept 20 Dave Robinson
Sept 27 Diane King

Greeters

9:00
 Library Nikki Earley
 Narthex Mike Patterson
11:00
 Library Nickie Price
 Narthex Pam Groome

Sanctuary Organizers

Eula Phillips
 Peggy Gillette

Nursery

Sept 6
 9:00 Sarah Stubblefield
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Sean & Lindsey Collins

Sept 13
 9:00 Jennifer Clemmons
 SS Jennifer Ostrum
 11:00 Laurie Breeden
 Meredith Kyser (Y)

Sept 20
 9:00 Terra Taylor
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Sept 27
 9:00 Barbara Oliver
 SS Troye Hamilton
 11:00 Carol Urso

Counter Captains

Sept 6 Ron Wootten
 Janice Bergeron
 Bob Johnson
 Gracie Martin
Sept 13 Gary Wright
 Anne Baird
 Wayne Smith

Sept 20 Jimmy Sculthorpe
 Paul Martin
 Hugh Miles

Sept 27 Klaus Worrell
 Steve Oliver
 Stuart Watkins

Audio / Media Shout

Sept 6
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Nikki Earley (MS)
 11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Nikki Earley (MS)

Sept 13
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Jimmy Sculthorpe (MS)
 11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Jimmy Sculthorpe (MS)

Sept 20
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Dano Holland (MS)
 11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Dano Holland (MS)

Sept 27
 9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
 Tyler Griggs (MS)
 11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
 Tyler Griggs (MS)

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship
 Chris Healy
 Carolyn Bilski
 11:00 George Winstead
 Linwood Hudson
 Jack Waters
 T. L. Jenkins
 Stuart Watkins
 Pam Asbury
 Melvin Watkins

Church Family News & Notes

Dear PUMC Members,
Thank you so much for the Selectric typewriter! It may seem like old technology, but it will be new and exciting for the students to use. I'm sure I can use it as a reward and little motivation to get work done. Your thoughtfulness and generosity for A. M. Davis is greatly appreciated.

Regards
Amy Zajick

I would like to thank my wonderful Providence family for your many cards, calls, messages and texts during my father's sudden illness and following his death this past June. My family and I are especially humbled by the many prayers that you shared with us. We are grateful for your support during a very difficult time.


Carla Wooten

They're Back — October 7

Wednesday Night Dinners!

Sign up to cook for your group in the hallway near the office as soon as possible. First dinner is October 7 at 5:30 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletins for menus and more details.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Connections Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
4:00 pm Youth Bell/Chime Choir
4:45 pm Youth Vocal Choir
5:30 pm Youth & Inukshuks
Bells of Providence

Wednesday

6:30 pm KC JAM
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:15 pm Men's Study
5:30 pm Ministry in Motion

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Youth Ministries Susan Clark
Children's Ministries Joy Wagner
Young Adult Ministries Daniel Burch
Director of Music Ministries Margaret Taylor
A/V Coordinator Tyler Griggs
Custodial Service Bill Duganne
Nursery Attendant Cynthia Liverpool
Our Covenant Missionary Kim King Torres

