

Providence United Methodist Church

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January 2013

Outflow: Outward-focused Living in a Self-focused World

Beginning January 16
6:30—7:30 p.m.



Make your New Year's resolution to really get connected with Jesus so that his love fills you with so much joy that it flows out from you and onto your family, friends, and neighbors. Created for everyday people, this small group will inspire participants to lead joyful, outward-focused lives, powerfully connected with family and friends and in those connections, to naturally share Jesus' love. It's a *simple, organic strategy—and Biblical*. Class will meet on Wednesday nights in room 309 with Rob Heare.

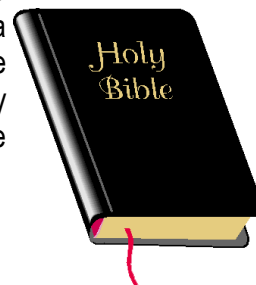
DVD Drop In with Diane King

This winter the DVD drop-in will be using: *Gilligan's Island & the Seven Deadly Sins Bible Study*. This will help teach the Word of God to people of all ages! This study features lessons and discussions based on "Rescue from Gilligan's Island". Study includes the following topics: sloth, anger, pride, lust, envy, greed and gluttony. Class will meet in room 206.

Sign ups will be on the clip boards.

Bible Basics Class

Does your Bible sit on the shelf unused? Are you thinking about buying a Bible? Would you like to know how to use your Bible? Has it been a long time since you tried to read it? A two-part class will be held on Sunday, January 20 and 27, at 9:50-10:45 in the church library. Bring your Bible, or use one that's provided, and learn the basic steps of reading and understanding the Bible, the Word of God. What a great way to start the new year! Pastor Mary Beth will be leading the class.



January is a Time for New Beginnings

Join us each Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 as we explore themes that will get us started off right. Come for some words of support and encouragement:

- January 6: "Don't Give Up"
- January 13: "You Belong to God"
- January 20: "There's a Place for You"
- January 27: "Listen for God"

Worship in January

9:00 a.m. Connections Worship (come as you are)
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Jan 6	Epiphany Sunday Holy Communion	Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12	9:00-Ministry in Motion 11:00-Men's Quartet "Don't Give Up"
Jan 13	The Baptism of the Lord Service of Baptism Renewal	Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	"You Belong to God"
Jan 20	2nd Sunday after Epiphany Dedication of Church Leaders Human Relations Day	Ephesians 4:1-16 Corinthians 12:1-11	"There's a Place for You"
Jan 27	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Luke 4:14-21	"Listen for God"

Pastor's Note

The good news is that every day presents the possibility of a new beginning. When we wake up in the morning, we can see the opportunities for a fresh start. The bad news is that we tend to get in a rut and make the same unhealthy, harmful, sinful choices day after day. Maybe you've seen this prayer before:

*Dear Lord,
So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes Lord, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on, I'm going to need all the help I can get. Amen.*

The other good news is that there is help for

our situation. When we rely on God's grace, and use the Bible, our brains, our past experience, and the wisdom of others who have walked this road, we can grow. And each day will be better.

Now we're beginning a whole new year. It's a good time to start over. One simple way to do this is to spend time with God each week. Consider a commitment to attend worship each Sunday during the month of January. We're going to need all the help we can get.



Peace,
Mary Beth

Mission in Reflection 2012

As I sit here typing about 2012, I can't help but reflect on all the tragedy that has happened in our country, from Super Storm Sandy to the killing of innocent children at Sandy Hook Elementary School. I know when all of this happens I always say where is God? But he is there with all of the families and all of the helpers who give of their time to make sure people have food, clothes and whatever else they need. Our country has seen so much suffering during 2012 and my heart hurts every time I hear about another tragedy.

But I am so proud of what Providence Church has been able to accomplish in 2012. Your Mission Team and Church have been very busy and I would just like to take a moment to thank everyone who has made it possible to help.

Here is what Your Church has done in 2012. We fed the children at A.M. Davis with our Backpack program and volunteered at the school; our Cooks for Christ fed the homeless every month; our Mission Garden fed so many at the Good Samaritan Inn as well as received a well-deserved award from Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors. We hosted as many as 20 people during the summer who wanted to learn English and what a blessing that was.

Our Upward soccer program was strong and we had as many as 100 children on our fields. We challenged the church to collect for three Thanksgiving boxes for CCHASM but ended up with 12 as well as all the food that was collected on the second Sunday of each month. We clothed countless people at all three of the Homeward Events this year. We housed 40 women for CARITAS this year. Oh, I almost forgot the eight families at A. M. Davis that had Christmas because of YOU as well as all the stockings that were filled for the Salvation Army. Through your kind hearts and donations we have been able to assist so many families. Christ is ALIVE and He is right here at Providence United Methodist Church.

As 2012 comes to an end you can be proud of everything that WE as a Church did for our community and my prayer is that you will continue to support our efforts in 2013. It is never too late to get involved.

May God Bless you and keep you and your family safe in 2013.

~ Sue Duganne

P.S. We have our First Homeward Point in Time on January 24. So we need any type of warm clothing that you would like to donate.

Human Relations Day January 20

A special offering will be collected to help fund community developers, voluntary services, youth offender rehabilitation, and further the development of better human relations.

Preschool is Closing

It is with sad hearts that we announce the closing of Providence United Methodist Preschool. Started over 20 years ago under the leadership of Betty-Anne Roberson, the preschool has touched the lives of many children and their families. Current director, Charlotte Cervarich, and her staff, grew the preschool from its lowest numbers in 2011, to begin this year with 41 students. But the recession, changing needs in our community, and individual family economics have lead us to this point.

Over the last two years, our church leadership has done everything possible to give the pre-

school the boost it would need to thrive, including \$24,000 in financial support and many prayers. Over these recent years, the preschool continued to reach and teach these special children and we are grateful that we were able to do everything possible. But now the time has come to move on. We are thankful for the Preschool Committee, chaired by Mary Elliott. Our prayers are for the children, their families, and the staff as they find other places to learn and work. Our prayer is also that God will guide us as a congregation as we ask the question, "What is next?"

~Mary Beth Blinn, Pastor

Remember Wednesday Night Dinner for Good Food and Good Fellowship

During the Christmas season, we usually see family and friends that we may not see often and do many "once a year" things. Now, it's time to get back to the familiar routine. That includes Wednesday Night Dinners at church.



We are scheduled to have our first dinner of the season on January 16; however, that is dependent upon groups/individuals signing up to host these dinners. Sign up to host a dinner on the

WND bulletin board and make some money for yourself or your cause. And remember to make your reservation (you can make full season reservations on a sign-up sheet on the WND bulletin board) and attend Wednesday Night Dinners for Good Food and Good Fellowship. We miss you when you are not there.

~ Gracie Martin



For the past nine years Providence has been my home and my family. It was a place for me to grow in my faith while serving God with my gifts and talents. The people I have met over the years have been wonderful. The classes I have taken here play a large role in who I am today. As I take on a new role as the Connection's Director at New Life UMC, I encourage all of you to "connect" at Providence through small groups and follow where God takes you. I will still see you and look forward to doing so. Thank you for everything Providence.

~ Isabelle Sullivan



YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

Christians Reaching Everyone Worldwide

Who can come? Anyone in grades 7-12

When? Sunday Nights from 5:30-7:30

Where? Youth F.I.R.E. House is located next to Providence Church before the playground

Why? Because we love Fun, Friends, Missions, and Jesus!

Who runs this thing? A lot of great people but you can contact the youth director Susan Clark at susan.clark@providenceumc.net

Summer mission trip meeting

January 6 from 4:30-5:30 we will meet at the youth FIRE house to talk about our mission trip to Florida City, Florida to serve the "Branches" church. If you are interested in attending this trip please plan on attending this meeting. There will be a lot of information to go over. A weekend mission trip in Richmond is also going to be planned for those who cannot go to Florida.



Confirmation Classes resume

Our second session of confirmation classes

begins on Wednesday, January 16 from 6:00-7:30 in room 309. We will meet for six weeks ending on February 20. This unit will focus on discipleship, salvation, worship, sacraments, living a holy life, and the Wesleyan quadrilateral.

Eagle Eyrie district retreat

Middle school and high school youth groups from the Richmond district come together for a weekend retreat in Lynchburg, Virginia to learn, relax, and praise God together. The weekend offers a guest speaker, small groups, recreation time, a band for praise and worship, and classes on all types of topics from spiritual to teen issues. The retreat is February 22-24 and the cost is \$115 payable to Providence Church. Payment is due no later than February 3 to secure a place on the bus. If you have any questions, email susan.clark@providenceumc.net.

Super Bowl Subs are back!

Super Bowl 2013 is February 3 and the youth will be selling sub sandwiches again. Look for the order forms in the bulletin on January 13.

United Methodist Women

The **Newton Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. with Kathy Alred.

The **Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

The **Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, January 17.

The **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 15, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 206 at the church.





Birthdays

- 1 Amanda Fowlkes
- 4 Fred Wilson
Katie Griggs
- 5 John Architzel
Pam Asbury
Marlee Dinelli
- 6 Randy Seay
Michael Worrell
- 7 Rosemary Mumaw
Julie Bergeron
Ann Busbee
Nicolas Hudson
- 8 Lindsey Collins
Bob Gillie
Linda Burton
Cathy Schmick
- 9 Ed Harper
Robin Adams
Andrew Moyer
Nicholaus Creasey
Mark White II
- 10 Leigh Ann Kensky
Anna Healy James
Megan Healy Tillery
- 11 John Robison
- 12 Cheran Salvaggio
Melissa Hendry
Sandi Kneib
Erin Koertge Lano
- 13 Lisa Moore
Ben Brown
Chum Altizer

- 14 G. Winfree Shelton
Matthew Patterson
- 15 Jean Whitby
- 16 Leigh Middleton
Fred Evans
Neill Gillette
Bobby Bishop
Michael Latimer
James Willis IV
- 17 Mary Beth Blinn
Cara Kinker
- 18 Clyde Driskill Jr.
Pam Groome
Bob Young
Don Keerans
Sherry Phillips
- 21 Virginia Randall
Gary Vest
Charlie Waltman
- 22 Brianna Richmond
- 23 Marshall Mallory
Cody Elliott
- 24 Melissa Martin
Crystal Paler
- 25 Galen Reil
Robert Vaughn
- 26 Gail Wagoner
Peyton Kensky
Susan Clark
Kim Parr
Betty Scholl
- 27 Fran Fitch
Ken Doult
Adam Collins
Parker Wootten
Matt Latimer

- 28 Karen Yuhase
Nancy Lohr
Bill Howell
Kim Pate
Savannah Elliott
- 29 Michael Urso
Rachel Coaker
- 30 Helen Stewart
Linda Keery
Frances Byrd
Daniel Whitt
- 31 Tom McCay Jr.
Bonnie Rainey

Anniversaries

- 3 Erin & Matt Lano
(4 years)
- 4 Keri & Wayne Lee
(21 years)
- 6 Connie & David Bahm
(21 years)
- 17 Owen & Betty Waltman
(43 years)
- 20 Bob & Pam Hackett Jr.
(23 years)
- 22 Ron & Beverley Brooks
(41 years)
- 24 Brian & Janet Hannuksela
(22 years)
- 27 Jim & Kristie Willis III
(17 years)
Tom & Kim Parr
(6 years)



Acolytes

Jan 6—*Communion*
Tristen
Jan 13 Laura
Jan 20 Jackson
Jan 27 Meredith

Communion Preparers

Jan 6
9:00 Linda Keery
11:00 Barbara Robertson

Greeters

Ed Bldg Carolyn Bilski
Shirley Collins
Narthex Mike Patterson
Tracey Kellam

Name Tags

Jan 6 Cathy Patterson
Jan 13 Laurie Breeden
Jan 20 Kyser Family
Jan 27 Jahna Seymour

Sanctuary Organizers

Gracie Martin
Nickie Price

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer
Janet Knight
Joe Sullivan

11:00 Klaus Worrell
Sean Collins
Gary Wright
Laurie Breeden
Brad Wootten
Jennifer Kennedy
Tony Fleshman

Nursery

Jan 6
9:00 Pam Groome
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins
Jan 13
9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Lori Justice
11:00 Isabelle Sullivan
Jan 20
9:00 Kelly Horne
SS Shirley Collins
11:00 Michelle Butler/Carol Urso
Jan 27
9:00 Linda Koertge
SS Ann Busbee
11:00 Anne Blane & Brad Wootten

Counters

Jan 6 **Jimmy Sculthorpe**
Paul Martin
Hugh Miles
Jan 13 **Klaus Worrell**
Steve Oliver
Stuart Watkins
Jan 20 **Ron Wootten**
Janice Bergeron
Bobby Johnson
Gracie Martin
Jan 27 **Gary Wright**
Anne Baird
Wayne Smith

Audio / Media Shout

Jan 6
9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Dano Holland (M)
Dano Holland (B)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Dano Holland (M)
Jan 13
9:00 Gary Wright (A)
Brad Wootten (MS)
Bob Gillie (B)
11:00 Gary Wright (A)
Brad Wootten (MS)
Jan 20
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)
Mary Elliott (B)
11:00 Keith King (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)
Jan 30
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)
Bob Gillie (B)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)



Invite a Neighbor to Church

Church Family News and Notes

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Effie and Buck Jamison follow their deaths (Buck on Saturday, December 8, and Effie on Monday, December 24).

Our prayers and sympathy are also offered to the family and friends of Gilda Jordan, who died on Saturday, December 8.

Blessings on Isabelle Sullivan, Director of Christian Education since 2007. She is leaving her position here at Providence to take a new position in church leadership at New Life United Methodist Church. We are thankful for all the ways Isabelle has helped us grow in our discipleship, from the oldest to the youngest. We will get to stay in touch with Isabelle as she continues as a member here, and will join her family for church activities when she is able.

2011 Directory Updates



ADD:

Jacobs, Judy, 9800 Kendrick Rd., Richmond, VA 23236, jjacobs9800@live.com

CHANGE:

Bowman, Helen, P. O. Box 122, Midlothian, VA 23113

Brooks, Terry, Lucy Corr Village, 6800 Lucy Corr Blvd., Chesterfield, VA 23832

Earley, Nikki, 804-276-6942, cell 804-467-5326, 719 Marbleridge Road, N. Chesterfield, VA 23236

Koertge, Glenn & Norma Jean, Elmcroft of Chesterfield, 1000 Twin Ridge Ln., Richmond, VA 23235

Hello Friends and Preschool Supporters,

There have been many tears and many words of sadness at the closure of our preschool that was so well-loved by the community. Many of you have spoken with me individually about the closure, and I know the decision to close was a necessary yet difficult one for all of us. I very much appreciate your steadfast support of all of our efforts. The Preschool, church members and the Preschool Committee have been wonderful partners. I told the Preschool staff that we should hold our heads up high and be proud of what we have accomplished. Reasons for our school's closure have to do with demographics and the economy, and are out of our control. As humans, I believe we tend to

seek control of things, and we have to work on acceptance. So, rather than focus on our closure, let's focus on what we have been so fortunate to have offered to our students and parents for many years - love, Christian values, fun and learning.

It has been a pleasure working with you and getting to know you. PUMC members have been so supportive and kind to the Preschool and to me personally. Each of you has had an important role in the Preschool's success, and for that, I thank you. I have greatly enjoyed being here, and I feel as though I am a better person having worked with all of you.

Best regards,
Charlotte Cervarich

Funding for Ministry in 2013

Ministry at Providence United Methodist Church happens through many dedicated people and with resources provided by our congregation. The money given through our regular and special offerings helps fund all that we do in Jesus' name. For the year 2013, the ministry costs that we anticipate through our operating budget will be: **\$439,492**

While the total budget number is smaller than last year, actual expenses will be about the same as 2012. We expect that this will be another financially challenging but exciting ministry year. **Take a look at what God will do through us in 2013:**

Inside the walls, many significant educational, caring, worshipful moments will happen every day, not just on Sunday. The lives of more children, youth and adults will be changed through the ministries planned and carried out by our committees and staff: **\$18,650**

Outside the walls, mission and ministry will happen through evangelistic outreach, community events like the spring festival, CCHASM, our missionary Kim King Torres and Branches, CARITAS, and also

through our share of district, conference and world-wide ministry including mission in over 100 countries: **\$69,108**

Through our excellent staff, we will provide for pastoral leadership and specialized ministries in four different areas. Included are salaries and related expenses for our Pastor, Director of Youth Ministry, Director of Christian Education, Director of Music and Contemporary Worship Ministries, nursery worker and two office staff: **\$224,134**

In our office, "the word" will get out with the help of copy equipment, printers, computers, paper, supplies and postage expense: **\$10,900**

In our church building and on our property, ministries will happen almost every day of the week, including use by many community groups. Included are maintenance costs, utilities, janitorial service, cleaning supplies and a monthly mortgage payment (for capital improvements made in 2006 including an elevator, accessible restrooms and shower, and a new heating and cooling system): **\$115,700**

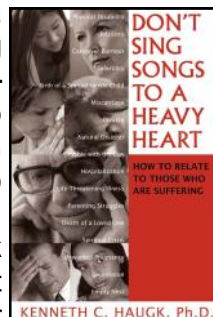
A detailed line-item budget for 2013 is available from the church office.

Book Study with Faith Sharers

"Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart". Proverbs 25:20

This proverb describes an all-too-human problem each of us faces from time to time. The words or actions we use in our attempts to help hurting people may unintentionally add to their burdens instead of easing their pain. How can we bring Christ's loving care to hurting people when they need it the most?

The Faith Sharers will begin a study of the book **"Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart – How to Relate to Those Who Are Suffering"** beginning on January 6. If you would like to join us, the study will run for 12 weeks. The cost of the book will be \$14.00. Please contact Robin Sculthorpe (393-0425 or rosculthorpe@comcast.net) if you are interested in obtaining the book and/or joining us. We would love to have anyone interested in this topic join us for the study.



Problems Receiving the Newsletter?



I've heard that some of you are have problems receiving the newsletter when it's distributed by email. Since we have changed our distribution method, effective with **this** newsletter, it's especially important that we find a solution as soon as possible.

I need to know:

1. who you are,
2. if you have a MAC or PC, and
3. if you're trying to view it on a mobile device.

I welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions (and I might even have some for you too) so please let me hear from you.

Linda Collins
Linda Collins@providenceumc.net

Pick Up a Newsletter and Share It

Though we will not be mailing out our newsletter (except to those unable to come to church), printed copies will be available each month at church. Feel free to pick up one of these, and also share one with a neighbor. You may also pass along email addresses to receive electronic copies.

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Sunday

9:00 am	Connections Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
4:30 pm	Pass It On
5:30 pm	Youth
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
7:30 pm	Bells of Providence

Wednesday

5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 pm	KC Jam
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday

7:30 pm	Ministry in Motion
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Nursery Attendant	April Basham
Our Covenant Missionary	Kim King Torres