
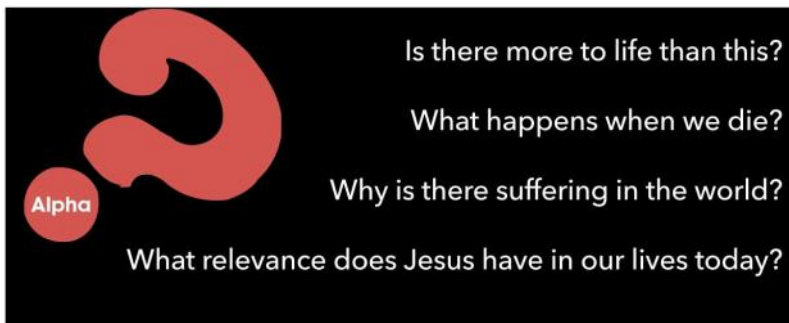


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

January 2014



WHAT'S INVOLVED?

The Alpha Course consists of a series of talks looking at topics such as 'Who is Jesus?' and 'How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?' After each talk, guests divide into small groups for a time of informal discussion.

WHAT IS ALPHA?

The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly, and fun. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session which gives you an opportunity to get to know each other. Listen, learn, discuss, and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is off limits.

WHO IS ALPHA FOR?

Alpha is for everyone. Especially those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, newcomers to the church and those who want to brush up on the basics.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

There is no charge for the Alpha Course.

WHEN?

Starting Sunday January 12th, 2014, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, and lasts 10 weeks.

Child care and dinner provided at no cost.

To register, just let us know you're coming! Email to alpha@providenceumc.net or call the church at 804.276.4289. Your contact information would be appreciated, and let us know if you will need child care.

PUMC members:

Would you like to help with the Alpha Course? Help is appreciated with meal preparation and with child care (for those that have completed the Child Protection Policy Training).



Worship in January

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. Mary Beth Blinn, brings the message at both services.

Focus for January Worship: "For Everything There is a Season"

Jan 5	Holy Communion	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Revelation 21:1-6a	"Time for God"
Jan 12	Baptism of the Lord Service of Baptism Renewal	Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	"Time for Me"
Jan 19	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Ephesians 3:14-21	"Time for Family"
Jan 26	3rd Sunday after the Epiphany Dedication of Church Officers	Micah 6:6-8 Matthew 25:31-46	"Time for Others"



A. M. Davis Elementary School is indeed blessed to be in partnership with such a caring, giving church! Thanks to everyone who bought Christmas gifts for 31 students and their siblings; your generosity was overwhelming. Thanks, too, to everyone who made contributions to the food backpack program during the holiday season. If you have any questions about **Providence Road Partners**, contact Wendy Collins (mrscollins17@aol.com) or any member of the committee. We will be providing lunch for the faculty in February!



What is God's Vision for our Church?



Have you felt a nudge from God? Is there a ministry that our community needs? Are there ways we can better help people belong, be transformed, make a difference? We hope you will post your ideas in the hallway near the water fountain. Our church council and staff will be meeting for a retreat on Sunday, January 5, 12:00-3:30 in the social hall. They would welcome your input.



Coming in February

Stroller Strides is an organization which provides fitness opportunities for moms, dads and other caregivers. Providence will be offering an outdoor site (indoors in case of inclement weather) on weekdays for those who wish to join. Included will be a free community-wide class once a month, on Saturday. Watch for more information in the coming weeks. We are excited that through Stroller Strides, we are able to accomplish three of our priorities for this year: using our property for additional ministry, reaching out to families with children, and promoting fitness.

Pastor's Note

There are some days when I don't have enough time! When I have days like that, it's time to evaluate what I'm doing, and put first things first. That is hard to do when everything seems equally important.

In January, we'll be talking about taking time: for God, for me, for family, for others.

January is a great time to re-evaluate your life and how you spend your time. It's a good time to get organized for another year of living. I have a relative who often spends New

Year's Day organizing drawers and closets. Then she is off and running!

Think about how you would like to spend your time. Are there changes you would like to make? Priorities you would like to set? Where is God in all of this? Join us for a special series of worship services each Sunday in January as we talk about "Time."



Peace,
Pastor Mary Beth

Who Was Peter?

Jesus called him the "Rock." Explore the New Testament and learn more about Peter's life and ministry. Dave Robinson will be leading a study for 7 weeks on Wednesday evenings beginning January 15, at 6:30-7:30 pm, in Room 205.

Books will be provided, but you may also drop in.

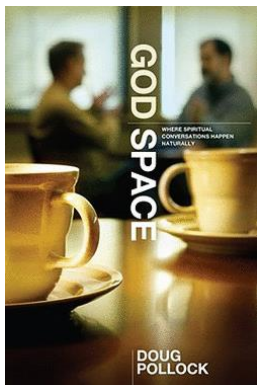
They're Coming Back

The Wednesday Night Dinners will resume on January 15, at 5:30 p.m.



The sign-up-to-cook schedule is in the hallway so get your group signed up now. And, don't forget to make your standing reservations.

"God Space Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally"



The Faith Sharers Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new study on January 12 called "**God Space - Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally**".

A friend, co-worker, family member, or someone you just met is talking--and you sense God nudging you to say something. But what do you say? What don't you say? How can you bring God into the conversation without shutting it down? If these are questions you would like to find the answers to, then we would love for you to join us (Room 307 on the third floor).

Please let Robin Sculthorpe (rosculthorpe@comcast.net) know if you would like us to order you a copy of the book(\$9.25 each).

United Methodist Women

- **Newton Circle's** will meet on Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Alred.
- **Gregory Circle** will meet on Sunday, January 12 after the 11:00 worship service for a pizza party and business meeting.
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- **Laughon Circle's** will meet on Tuesday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the church Social Hall.
- **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 21, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 205 at the church.



Unit News:

1/23 Executive Board Meeting,
7:00 p.m. in the Library

Meeting Space Requests for 2014

As the new committees begin their work, it's important that the church office has their scheduled meetings and/or activities on the church's calendar. This way, everyone will have a place to meet and the office calendar will be as up-to-date as possible.



Please don't wait until the last minute to schedule your meeting(s). A hand-written note, an email, or a schedule for the entire year works great! Don't forget to let us know if something changes too. It's all important!

Email your calendar information (or changes) to Linda (Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net) at any time or leave a note in the Office Staff mailbox in the hallway.

YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

Christians Reaching Everyone Worldwide Sundays, 5:30-7:30 At the Youth House

Youth group Sunday nights

5:30-7:30

In the Youth house
Next to the church



Youth Director

Susan Clark

providencyouth@yahoo.com
921-9132 (cell and text)



Eagle Eyrie Youth Retreat

February 21-23 is the weekend middle and high school retreat to Lynchburg, VA. It is a weekend filled with worship, a keynote speaker, workshops, games, and lots of food. The cost is \$115 and includes food and lodging. Youth will need extra money for one fast food meal and snacks. Payment is due by January 26. Makes checks payable to the church.

Youth Group for 5th and 6th Grades!

Have you outgrown the elementary school groups but are too young for the high school youth group? Cross Trainers is the place for you! You have your own youth group in the youth house with tween expert leaders, discussions, and games. You will meet friends, grow in your faith, and have fun at the same time! Meetings are every Wednesday night from 6:15-7:30 in the youth house next to the church.

CROSS TRAINER



Football and Fellowship



January 12th and 19th from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Watch some football, eat pizza and hag out before youth group.

Arena Racing—January 17

Join us for a Friday night at the Richmond Coliseum for Arena Racing. These are miniature race cars that race on an indoor track. Pastor Mary Beth will give the opening prayer. Group rate tickets are \$10 and Susan will have 20 available.



Youth Ushers Needed!

If you are interested in being a part of the first group of youth ushers (boy or girl), contact Susan Clark or Tony Fleshman. Appropriate attire required. Blazer and slacks for boys and dress clothes for girls. Training will be provided.



Super Bowl Subs

Look in the bulletin on January 12 for our Super Bowl sub order form. They are made to order and ready for pick-up on February 2 as a youth fundraiser to support summer missions.



Sanctuary Organizers
Gracie Martin & Nickie Price

Audio / Media Shout

Acolytes

Jan 5—*Communion*
Meredith Kyser
Jan 12 Laura King
Jan 19 Cole Holland
Jan 26 Tristen Kellam

Communion Preparers

Jan 5
9:00 Lisa Fleenor
11:00 Judy Miles

Nursery

Jan 5
9:00 Pam Groome
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins
Jan 12
9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Barbara Oliver
11:00 Sean & Lindsey Collins
Jan 19
9:00 Jennifer Clemmons
SS Shirley Collins
11:00 Michelle Butler
Carol Urso
Jan 26
9:00 Kelly Horne
Emma McConnell (Y)
SS Ann Busbee
11:00 Anne Blane &
Brad Wootten

Readers

Jan 5 Erin Bailey
Jan 12 Ann Busbee
Jan 19 Boyd Gurney
Jan 26 Marlene Gurney

Greeters

9:00:
Ed Bldg Diane King
Narthex Mike Patterson
11:00
Ed Bldg Beverly & Fred Evans
Narthex Carolyn Bowman

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer
Janet Knight
11:00 Klaus Worrell
Sean Collins
Gary Wright
Laurie Breeden
Brad Wootten
Jennifer Kennedy
Tony Fleshman
Rudy Petrick

Counter Captains

Jan 5 Gary Wright
Jan 12 Jimmy Sculthorpe
Jan 19 Klaus Worrell
Jan 26 Ron Wootten

Jan 5
9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Dano Holland (MS)
Dano Holland (B)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Dano Holland (MS)
Jan 12
9:00 Jim Sarver (A)
Brad Wootten (MS)
Brad Wootten (B)
11:00 Jim Sarver (A)
Brad Wootten (MS)
Jan 19
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)
Mary Elliott (B)
11:00 Keith King (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)
Jan 26
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)
Bob Gillie (B)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)



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
 Nicholas 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
 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 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
 25 Galen Reil
 Robert Vaughn
 26 Gail Wagoner
 Peyton Kensky
 Susan Clark
 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
 31 Tom McCay Jr.
 Bonnie Rainey

Altar & Narthex Flowers

Thank you for your gifts which provide fresh flowers in our worship space each week. It is time to sing up for Sundays in 2014. The flower calendar is located in the hallway near the water fountain. The prices for 2014 will be \$35 for the Altar and \$30 for the Narthex arrangements. Personalized words in memory of honor are limited to 40 words. Payment is required at the time the flowers are reserved on the calendar. Complete a flower request form and include your check payable to Providence UMC.

January anniversaries

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

Church Family News and Notes



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ruth Jarrell, who died on December 17, 2013

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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
- 7:30 pm Bells of Providence

Wednesday

- 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinners
- 6:30 pm KC JAM
- 6:30 pm Studies or Classes
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

- 6:30 pm Ministry in Motion

Contact us at:

- Church Telephone 276-4289
- Fax Number 745-2501
- Website: www.providenceumc.net
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Pastor

Mary Beth Blinn

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Family & Discipleship Ministries

Director of Music Ministries Margaret Taylor

Contemporary Worship Music Leader Michael Kalson

Youth Ministries Susan Clark

Church Secretary Kathy Smith

Office Assistant Linda Collins

Custodial Service Bill Duganne

Nursery Attendant April Basham

Our Covenant Missionary Kim King Torres

