

Providence United Methodist Church

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February 2013

Join a Bible Study During Lent



The theme, “**Who is Jesus?**” will be the focus of a weekly Bible Study starting Friday, February 15 at 11 am for six weeks. The class will also be offered on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am starting on February 17. The scriptures will be those used in our Sunday and Holy Week worship services, exploring eight names and attributes of Jesus. Leader: Pastor Mary Beth Blinn. Sign up at church or at:

providenceumc@providenceumc.net.

Ash Wednesday on February 13

The season of Lent is a period of 40 days before Easter. It is a time of personal self-reflection and thinking about Jesus' journey to the cross. Ash Wednesday is the traditional beginning of Lent. On Wednesday, February 13, we will observe this holy day with a service that begins at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. The service will include the imposition of ashes as a sign of our mortality and our repentance.



The youth from our confirmation class will participate in the service.

Who is Jesus?

If you have ever wondered about the answer to this question, come and join us during the weeks of Lent, Holy Week and Easter Day to explore some answers. Our pastor will be preaching each week at 9:00 and 11:00 on the various ways we know Jesus from the gospels. Hear about Jesus as Son of God, Prophet, Healer, Teacher, Friend, King, Servant, Savior and, concluding on Easter day, Risen Lord. Is there someone you can invite to join us on this journey?



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Worship in February

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

Feb 3	4th Sunday after the Epiphany "Whose Side is Jesus On?" Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30	Special Music: Molly Roberson: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Chancel Choir: "Come and Dine" by Craig Curry
Feb 10	Transfiguration Sunday Boy Scout Sunday		KC JAM Bells of Providence
Feb 17	First Sunday in Lent "Who is Jesus? Son of God"	Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	
Feb 24	Second Sunday in Lent "Who is Jesus? Prophet"	Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35	SonRise Sisters

Pastor's Note

Who is Jesus? Historians, Bible scholars, and theologians have been asking this question for centuries. You will find answers in the Bible, in books, in movies, on TV, online and even in the newspaper. Believers and non-believers, and everyone in between, have offered their educated and uneducated opinions.

Our journey through Lent at Providence finds us asking this very question: Who is Jesus? We will use the Bible as our starting point, and seek the full picture of who He was. There may be other resources that have been helpful to you in your spiritual life. Don't hesitate to share them with me. My hope is that by

Easter, by asking this objective question, we will have found the answer to a more personal one: Who is Jesus to me? I look forward to this season of growing together.

Peace,
Mary Beth



Did You KNOW



. . .that our mission garden received recognition at a recent Chesterfield Board of Supervisors Meeting? The resolution passed on December 12, 2012 particularly mentions three of our members: Paul Martin, Joe Gillette and Morris Knight. It will soon be time for garden planting. Plan to get involved this year and you will make a difference in the lives of people in our community.

The Growing Christians are sponsoring an educational trip to Israel April 7-16, 2014. This is an economical opportunity for a pilgrimage to our Spiritual Homeland. An Interest Meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2013 in the Chapel after the last Worship Service. Contact Dave Long at dave.long@earthlink.net or any member of the Growing Christians Class.



*Picture yourself in Israel
with your friends...*

Thanks to all of you for your generous giving in December; because of that, all 2012 bills have been paid and responsibilities met. While December revenue was slightly higher than in 2011, we still finished 2012 about 1% down in giving as well as total revenue from the previous year. We were blessed tremendously to receive a very generous gift from a member who passed away in late 2012. That gift and the December giving make it possible to enter 2013 in a satisfactory financial position.

The year ahead will be another full of challenges. The number of actual pledges received for 2013 is down about 9% with the total pledge amount being down about 1.6%. The silver lining is that the average pledge amount is up by nearly \$200/pledge. If you have not yet submitted a pledge for 2013, please consider doing so as all financial data that we can collect (both current and past) will be helpful.



Finance Update

All of the things that we want to accomplish through our work at Providence United Methodist Church will be possible because of your financial gifts coupled with your selfless service. Thank you for all that you do in the service of our Lord.

Rick Jeffrey, Chairperson
Finance Committee



Upward Soccer Video

The 2012 Upward Soccer Season has been captured on video. If you would like to receive a copy, contact linda.collins@providenceumc.net. Special thanks to Eve Minter and Isabelle Sullivan for their work on this project.

STUCK

the places we get stuck & the God that sets us free
by Jennie Allen

begins February 22, 5:30 pm

at the home of Mary Elliott

Call Mary for details: 674-4078



United Methodist Women

The **Newton Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm at Shirley Collins' home.

The **Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 10:30 am in the Social Hall.

The **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 19 at 10:30 am in Room 206 at the church.

The **Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming District UMW news:

Feb. 7 UM Day at General Assembly.

Feb. 13 Heart for Justice Tea at Chamberlayne Heights UMC at 10:15 am.

Mar. 1 World Day of Prayer at Corinth UMC at 10:00 am.





YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

Christians Reaching Everyone Worldwide

Which Youth Group is for You?

Cross Trainers—For 5th and 6th Graders

Meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 in the Youth FIRE House next to the church.

Youth CREW—For 7th–12th Graders

Meets Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 in the Youth FIRE House.

Contact Susan.clark@providenceumc.net for more information on either of these groups.



Join us to watch the Super Bowl on February 3

5:30—after the half time show

Guys—Bring drinks

Girls—Bring chips or cookies

We will cook up the wings and dips!

Eagle Eyrie Retreat

The middle and high school retreat is February 22-24 and cost is \$115. It is in Lynchburg, VA. The cost includes transportation, lodging, food, and materials. There are classes, small groups, a key note speaker and a band to lead worship. **No Sunday Night Youth on the 24th.**

Branches Planning Meeting

February 10
4:00-5:00 at the Youth House

This is the first of three planning meetings for the summer mission trip.

Super Bowl Sub Pick-Up

If you ordered a Super Bowl Sub from the Youth please remember to pick them up in the fellowship hall at 10:45 or 12:00 on February 3.





Signa Tours 

1237 Mall Drive ♦ Richmond, VA 23235
(804) 379-6500 ♦ (888) 540-0100

**Providence Retirees Present...
Virginia's Annual International Tattoo
Sunday - April 28th, 2013**

Come join your Providence friends as they travel to Norfolk to see the moving Virginia International Tattoo Show. Each year's show is different with new performers from across the globe, new themes of honor and patriotism, and state of the art technical effects. What never changes - massed pipes and drums, a profound sense of patriotism and an amazingly inspirational finale. **WHAT IS A TATTOO?** The word "tattoo" is derived from the Dutch word "tap-toe" which quite literally means "turn off the taps." The signal, which indicated that soldiers should return to their barracks and that the beer in the taverns should be turned off, was transmitted by drum beats each evening. This eventually was developed into a ceremonial performance of military music by massed bands.

First on the agenda is to travel to Wakefield, Virginia, for a delicious buffet lunch at the ever-popular *Virginia Diner*. The Virginia Diner is a refuge for folks who like down-home cooking. Items you'll find may include Roast Beef, Fried Chicken, Catch of the day, Barbeque, Ham and many vegetables and desserts!

Enjoy a matinee performance of the impressive *Virginia International Tattoo* military show held at Norfolk's Scope arena. The rich tradition of Norfolk's International Azalea Festival began in 1953, just one year after the establishment of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Norfolk, VA. In that year, the citizens of Norfolk organized a salute to these allied forces in order to create new friendships and provide a basis for cultural exchange, recognizing the military's role in maintaining peace in the world. This annual show has become the largest Tattoo in the US, presented with all the grandeur and pageantry of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Pageantry and patriotism, spirit and spectacle, talent and teamwork, precision personified, you have to see it to believe it - 850 performers join forces, filling the Scope Arena with music, majesty and might. Expect an unforgettable spectacle of marching bands, precision drill teams, massed pipes and drums, gymnasts, Scottish dancers, choral groups and so much more!

Tour Cost Includes:

Round-Trip Motorcoach Transportation ★ Lunch at the Virginia Diner ★ Excellent seats for Virginia International Tattoo Refreshments served en route home ★ Driver Gratuity ★ Tax and Gratuity on Inclusions

Cost Per Person: \$116.00

**Please Make Check Payable to Providence
Retired Club and Mail NO LATER than**

April 1st to:

Bobby Wood
1124 Sunkist Avenue
Richmond, VA 23235
(804) 276-3058

Departs:

Providence United Methodist 10:30 AM

Returns:

Providence United Methodist 7:00 PM

Cancellations made within three (3) business days of departure are "Non-Refundable." In addition, all payments are subject to any cancellation charges imposed by vendors

No Refund for Show tickets after April 1st.

BIRTHDAYS

2 Ashley Kiper
Dorothy Spencer

3 James Busbee
Ron Wootten
Ted Clark Jr.

4 Jennifer Dennis

5 Ana Weaver

6 Erma Robins

7 Jonathan Berger
Kaitlyn Berger
Nathan Berger

8 Debi Altizer
Donna Jenkins

9 Ken Matthews
Shirley Minter
Mary Lou Robinson
Bob Smoot Jr.
Joy Keerans

11 Sandra Elliott
Billy Marshall
Peg Martin

12 Dick Roop

13 Ben Altizer
Matt Aycock
Tripp Hines
Debbie Ryan
Reeves Whitt III

14 John Bradley
Chris Duganne
Kelsey Fleshman
Ron Kelley
Andrew Nelson
Bill Steele
Julie Hall
Steve Yuhase

15 Robbie Robertson
Christina Hylton

16 Bill Blankenship
Rick Breeden
Bryan Broughton
Diane Dillard
Caleb Mills
Shannon Albert
Eric Tetu

17 Myron Dickerson
Michael Mercatante
Alan Woodward

18 Karen King

20 Lee Bradshaw Jr.
Gavin Kennedy

21 Abby Heare

22 Brad Wootten

23 Colton Herr
Marshall Mallory

24 Chrissy Pagani
Allen Branson

26 Beth Hendry
Hilda Lindsey

27 Kevin Kincaid
Mac McCay III
Shannon McQuade
Robin Urso Hayter
Sandy Thorborg

28 Wendy Collins
Jim Willis III

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Bob & Cindy Pagani
(37 years)

12 Dave & Ginny Thompson
(46 years)

Randy & Amy Mott
(3 years)

14 Fred & LaVonne Stanley
(9 years)

20 Rick & Laurie Breeden
(31 years)

24 Tom & Becky McCay
Jr.
(45 years)



Missions Minutes

By the time you read this we will have had our Homeward Point in Time event at St. Paul's. A big Thank you to Brenda Woodward, Joe Gillette and Shirley Collins for all your help and a Big Thank you to the congregation for donating such great items. Many people will stay warm this winter because of you.

Wednesday Night Dinner: Please support the Mission team and eat some really great food as well. February 27 we will be having a Baked Potato Bar and Salad and Dessert. Come join us.

CCHASM: Please remember to bring your canned goods or boxed goods to support CCHASM on the Second Sunday of each month.

Calling all those who sew — your help is needed. We have acquired some really sturdy fabric and we will be making laundry bags for the CARITAS families that we will be hosting starting March 30. We will have them for Easter and the week after Easter. Sign up sheets will be posted soon. Please prayerfully consider preparing a meal or lunches, staying over night, assisting with breakfast, laundry, games, etc.

You asked for it we will have it. On May 11 Sweet Potatoes will be dropped in our parking lot. Your help will be needed to bag those potatoes. But there is a catch . . . our Lenten offering will be going for our Potato Drop. The cost is \$1,000 so please prayerfully consider giving a bit extra to help pay for this mission. Joe Gillette is heading up this event so more information will be coming your way soon.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to coordinate our English Class. We continue to receive calls asking about English Classes. We will once again hold a class in the summer but we do have Rosetta Stone available at the Church. Would you be interested in conducting the use of this language software?

If you have questions or would like to contact me I can be reached at:

pastorbillandsue2@verizon.net.

Blessing to each and everyone,
Sue Duganne

Acolytes

Feb 3—*Communion*

Emily

Feb 10 Rachael

Feb 17 Cole

Feb 24 Melina

Communion Preparers

Feb 3

9:00 Linda Koertge

11:00 Carolyn Winstead

Greeters

9:00

Ed Bldg Diane King

Narthex Mike Patterson

11:00

Ed Bldg Lewis & Frances Miller

Narthex Doris Creasy

Name Tags

Feb 3 Jean Riekers

Feb 10 Amy Mott

Feb 17 Cathy Patterson

Feb 24 Laurie Breeden

Sanctuary Organizers

Charles & Jackie Hargrave

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Neal Fleenor

Ron White

11:00

Bobby Burton

Charles Groome

Tom Koertge

Bobby Wood

Ed Harper

Ralph Vernon

Lori Justice

Kathy Cullen

Nursery

Feb 3

9:00 Pam Groome

SS Lori Justice

11:00 Shirley Collins

Feb 10

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Laurie Breeden

Feb 17

9:00 Kelly Horne

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Feb 24

9:00 Linda Koertge

SS Ann Busbee

11:00 Sean & Lindsey Collins

Counters

Feb 3

Jimmy Sculthorpe

Paul Martin

Hugh Miles

Feb 10

Klaus Worrell

Steve Oliver

Stuart Watkins

Feb 17

Ron Wootten

Janice Bergeron

Bobby Johnson

Gracie Martin

Feb 24

Gary Wright

Anne Baird

Wayne Smith

Audio / Media Shout

Feb 3

9:00 Gary Wright (A)

Brad Wootten (MS)

Mary Elliott (B)

11:00 Gary Wright (A)

Brad Wootten (MS)

Feb 10

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Bob Gillie (MS)

Bob Gillie (B)

11:00 Ron Wootten (A)

Bob Gillie (MS)

Feb 17

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Dano Holland (MS)

Dano Holland (B)

11:00 Keith King (A)

Dano Holland (MS)

Feb 24

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Steve Oliver (MS)

Mary Elliott (B)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Steve Oliver (MS)



Church Family News and Notes



May God Bless the Providence family as He has blessed us during my recent surgery and recovery. Through your heart felt prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, meals and a very special "prayer" shawl, my recovery has been remarkable. Why else would I come out of surgery singing His praises. You truly lifted me up. Thank you all.

Yours in Christ,
Anna and Morris Knight

My sincere thanks and gratitude to those who remembered me with such lovely Christmas cards. It is such a pleasure to be remembered after my long absence from church."

Love,
Pauline Pace

Dear Providence United Methodist Members,
We thank you for your Christmas outreach program for the families at A. M. Davis Elementary. Each family appreciates your assistance at this very special time of year. We appreciate that you continue to support our students and their families throughout the year.

Cheryl Sobolewski
School Counselor



Our prayers are with the family of Effie Jamison, who died on December 24, just two weeks after the death of her husband, Buck.



Blessings on Franklin Edward Higginbotham, who was baptized on January 13. His parents are Ansley and Page Higginbotham.



Chesterfield County, Virginia Police Department

10001 Iron Bridge Road – P.O. Box 148 – Chesterfield, VA 23832-0148
Phone: (804) 748-1266 – Fax: (804) 748-6265 – Internet: chesterfield.gov



COLONEL Thierry G. Dupuis
Chief of Police

Jan. 22, 2013

For immediate release

DISPOSE OF EXPIRED MEDICATIONS ON FEB. 9

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA – The Chesterfield County Police Department, in partnership with SAFE, Chesterfield's substance abuse prevention coalition, will help residents safely dispose of expired and unneeded medications on Saturday, Feb. 9.

The Chesterfield County Police department will host a Medication Take-Back on Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clover Hill Police Support Facility, located at 2730 Hicks Road. Police and volunteers will be on hand to collect unused or expired prescription, over-the-counter and veterinary medications. Residents should leave medications in their original containers.

Turning in expired and unused medications helps prevent medication abuse and protect the environment.

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Authorized by: Capt. Jason Zaccarine, Support Services Division Commander. For more information, please call Lt. Jay Thornton at 706-2557.

Pick Up a Newsletter and Share It

Feel free to pick up a newsletter at church and share it with a neighbor. You might also give us their email address if they would like to receive an electronic copy.

We'd Like to Know!!

As a way of celebrating and recording our mission work at Providence, we'd like to know the details. If you or a church group that you lead (UMWomen, UMMen, women's circle, Sunday School, youth, children, etc.) have done a hands-on mission project or donated money, please let us know.

Go to our church website, look for "forms," then "mission report" (<http://www.providenceumc.net/forms/mission-report/>). Tell us what you did, how many were involved, and/or if you contributed money toward a mission. Report the week of your event and we'll know how close we are getting to our goal. Thank you for helping Providence be a mission-focused church!

2011 Directory Updates

CHANGE:

Clarke, Evelyn, remove phone, Sunrise at Bon Air, 2105 Cranbeck Rd., Room 306B, Richmond, VA 23235

Griggs, Katie, 2912 W. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32607-2536

Maxie, Louise, Lynnmore, Room 318, 1247 Gayton Road, Richmond, VA 23238



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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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Fax Number	745-2501
Pastor's Home Telephone	562-5169
Pastor's Cell Phone Number	658-8046

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Church Staff

Pastor	Mary Beth Blinn
Director of Music Ministries	Margaret Taylor
Director of Contemporary Music	Eve Minter
Director of 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