

# Providence United Methodist Church

*Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.*

March 2013

## Easter Egg Hunt Planned

All Providence UMC children, and the children of our community, are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 10:00 am.



The gathering place will be the Social Hall. This will be a great time of fun for our young children and an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. Invite a family in your neighborhood to join you at the Connections 9 am worship and stay for the egg hunt, or have them hunt eggs and stay for the 11 am worship service.

Would you like to donate plastic eggs or candy to go in them? The collection site will be in the hallway near the church office.



**BLOOD DRIVE**

**REMINDER**

**March 3  
9:00 am—1:00 pm  
Social Hall**



## Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 9 and 11 am. Begin with the procession with palms, then hear the story of Jesus' last week through drama and music.

## Holy Thursday

March 28, 7:00 pm. A service of remembering Jesus' last supper with Holy Communion and foot/hand washing.

## Good Friday

March 29, 7:00 pm. A service of Darkness and Shadows (Tenebrae) begins with light and ends in darkness at the death of Jesus.

## Easter Sunrise

March 31, 6:30 am. The outdoor chapel (weather permitting) is the setting for this early service. Be greeted in the semi-darkness with a New Fire and share in Holy Communion. Breakfast will follow in the Social Hall.

## Easter Celebrations

March 31. Contemporary "Connections" service at 9 am; Traditional service at 11 am. Invite a friend to worship with you this day.

## Worship in March

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

Mar 3	Who is Jesus? <b>Healer!</b>	Isaiah 55:1-9 Luke 8:42b-48	Holy Communion and Healing Service
Mar 10	Who is Jesus? <b>Teacher!</b>	2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	One Great Hour of Sharing; Girl Scout Sunday
Mar 17	Who is Jesus? <b>Friend!</b>	Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	
Mar 24	Who is Jesus? <b>King!</b>	Luke 19:28-40 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 23:1-49	Palm/Passion Sunday
Mar 31	Who is Jesus? <b>Risen Lord!</b>	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 John 20:1-18	Easter Day

### Goals Set for 2013

All churches across the UMC are setting goals to become even more Vital Congregations. At our recent planning retreat, the following goals were set. You can help reach them by your faithful participation!

- Worship Attendance: 255 (actual for 2012: 249)
- Professions of Faith (new followers of Jesus not including those transferring from other churches): 10 (actual for 2012: 5)
- Small Groups: 25
- People Engaged in mission: 200
- Giving to Mission: \$90,000 (includes our apportionments)



### CHANGE:

**Beverley, Hoy** - remove phone and address

**Wooten, Brad & Anne Blane**, 4901 Crosswycke Dr., Moseley, VA 23120

### 2011 Directory Updates

## Are you ready for some family fun?

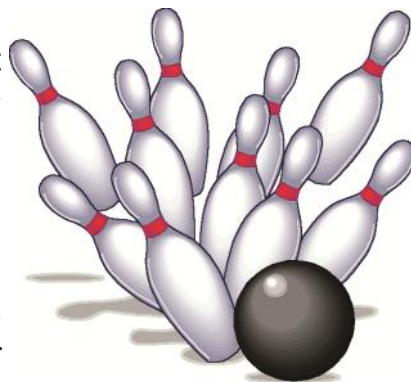
Join us Friday, March 22, at 6:30 for a night of bowling at King Pin Lanes on North Otterdale Road (near 288 and Midlothian Tnpk.).

Bring yourself, your family and your friends. Games are \$3 and shoe rental is also \$3.

Please let us know if you plan on attending so we can have a headcount—[Abwootten2@gmail.com](mailto:Abwootten2@gmail.com). If you have other questions, please contact Fran McConnell at:

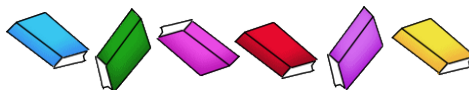
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See ya there!



### A. M. Davis Book Fair

Providence Road Partners would like to invite you to volunteer at the A. M. Davis Book Fair, March 18-22. Contact Wendy Collins (276-2418) for more information. We are again giving two children in each classroom a free book from the book fair; if you would like to make a contribution to this project, please write checks payable to the church with *A. M. Davis* on the memo line.



### Providence Road Partners Book Drive

Providence Road Partners (our partnership with A. M. Davis Elementary School) is sponsoring a children's book drive, in conjunction with a student community service group at another school. Please bring new or gently used children's books to church and put them in the decorated bins by **March 10**. We would like to send all 700 students home with a book to read this summer!



## Preschool Items For Sale

**Saturday, March 9, 9 am—12 noon  
in Preschool Area**

## One Great Hour of Sharing March 10



The **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be on Sunday, March 10. This denomination-wide offering helps us support disaster relief around the world. By giving generously to this offering, we provide for the ongoing preparations that help the United Methodist Church respond immediately when disaster strikes.

## Did You Know?

Did you know that each Sunday morning several persons meet with our pastor in her office to pray with her?



**Daylight Savings Time**  
begins March 10.

Set your clocks **AHEAD**  
one hour before you go to  
bed.



## United Methodist Women

The **Newton Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm, in the home of Mary Elliott.  
The **Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 am in the Social Hall.  
The **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 10:30 am in Room 205 at the church.  
The **Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 pm.

### Upcoming Unit and District UMW news:

- Mar. 1 World Day of Prayer at Corinth UMC at 10:00 am.
- Mar. 16 Prayer and Self Denial Service
- Apr. 6 Annual Prayer Breakfast at Mt. Pisgah
- Apr. 17 UMW prepares Wednesday Night Dinner
- Apr. 20 "On the Road Again in Mission" to Shalom Farms.





Dear Friends!

Come join **Providence United Methodist Church** for an exciting night of **FUN**draining and **FUN** racing as we partner with **Arena Racing USA!** Not only will this program be raising funds for the **Branches Mission Team**, but we will also be supporting the **Youth** as they say The Pledge of Allegiance during Opening Ceremonies!

- **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **Richmond Coliseum**
- **Doors open & Pit Party at 6:30 pm**
- **Racing starts 7:30 pm**

**CLICK LINK below to purchase tickets:**

[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\\_s-xclick&hosted\\_button\\_id=75DRHBFKR22KA](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=75DRHBFKR22KA)

**What Is Arena Racing?** Arena Racing is the country's only indoor stock car racing series! It provides FAMILY-FRIENDLY, FAST-PACED, edge-of-your seat thrills inside the comfort of the Richmond Coliseum, but without fumes and without excessive noise normally associated with stock car racing. Just thrills (and spills) galore!

**How It Works:** Arena Racing USA will donate \$2 for every ticket sold by our organization at \$10 each. We **fundraise** while we have **fun!**

**When It happens:**

**Pre-Race Pit Party, 6:30 pm:** The **Pit Party** is held in the infield of the track, and is where you see the race cars up close, meet and greet the drivers, take photos, and gather autographs. Enjoyable for all ages!

**Races, 7:30 pm:** Pro Drivers speed to victory, culminating with a Top Dog race to crown the night's champion. Another highlight is the Youth Series: showcasing drivers ages 9 to 13, who are our next generation of racing champions!

**After the final race:** Return to the track to congratulate your favorite drivers, talk about the races, and learn how you can get involved in Arena Racing.

**About the cars:** Arena Racing Cars are real race cars with real motors, suspensions, and controls, but at half-scale size. The tube-framed, fiberglass-bodied stock cars are capable of 100 mph outdoors. These half-scale stock cars run on a one-tenth mile **banked** oval track, the size of a hockey rink. The cars lap the track in about 8 seconds: bumping, rubbing, and even **FLIPPING** as the drivers compete for the first place trophy and almost \$50,000 cash prizes over the course of the season.

[www.ArenaRacingUSA.com](http://www.ArenaRacingUSA.com)

**[Click Here to SEE the ACTION!](#)**



## YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

Christians Reaching Everyone Worldwide

Sundays, 5:30-7:30

At the Youth House

## Support Our Branches Mission Trip

This summer, fourteen members from our church are spending a week at Branches, an organization in south Florida, that helps children and their families with educational support and life skills. To help raise money, we are asking you to: **Take Stock in Youth.**

By purchasing stock, you are investing in the spiritual growth of our youth and those we will serve at Branches with the materials we bring. The youth in turn will serve you, the investor, with a "stockholders dinner" on July 21st as they share pictures and stories from their trip.

**The cost of each stock is \$25 and can be purchased from Susan Clark.**

**Checks should be made out to Providence Church**

### 30 Hour Famine

When: April 26, 6:30pm– April 27, 9:00am  
Where: Asbury Memorial UMC on Belmont Road  
Who: Providence Youth and Asbury Youth  
What: Lock-In and 30 Hour Famine.

There will be games, discussions, free time, movies,



### Providence Church is going to Arena Racing

The Branches Mission Team is selling tickets for this fun, family event!  
Friday, April 12  
at the Richmond Coliseum.

See page 5 of this newsletter for full details and links for more information.

### Cross Trainers Retreat Weekend

March 22-24 in Goshen, VA  
"Journey" is a retreat designed to encourage and challenge middle school students in their walk with Christ. Led by Scott Rubin, author of several Jr. High ministry books and the band "The Beautiful Refrain". Please keep our students and leaders in your prayers.



### Westview on the James Mission Weekend

Why wait till summer for a mission trip! We are going to Westview on the James to work at the camp and prepare them for the summer season. May 17-19. The cost is \$50 due by April 15.



## *Pastor's Note*

Your stories are inspiring. Since my personal witness and challenge to you on Sunday, January 27 (listen at [http://www.providenceumc.net/category/upcoming\\_events/bulletins-sermon-audio/](http://www.providenceumc.net/category/upcoming_events/bulletins-sermon-audio/)), you have told me your own stories and favorite verses that you have committed to memory. I love the way that the scriptures are enlivening our congregation. At Providence, as Psalm 1:2 says, we “delight in the law of the Lord; we meditate on it day and night.”

When we memorize scripture, it is available to us when we need it. It will get us out of trouble and keep us out of trouble (see Luke 3:1-13—[http://www.providenceumc.net/category/upcoming\\_events/bulletins-sermon-audio/](http://www.providenceumc.net/category/upcoming_events/bulletins-sermon-audio/)). It will encourage us when we are down. It will give us words to pray when we can't come up with our own. It will give us direction when we are looking for the way to go. It will bring us to-

gether as one body, committed to God and reaching out to our neighborhood.

As I write this article, it is February 17, the first Sunday in Lent and the day when we received our first church-wide “Verse of the Week.” This is it: “God will put his angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go.” Psalm 91:11 (Today's English Version) Before we left church this morning, several of our children had already memorized the verse! By Easter, we will all have the same six verses committed to our memory. We will be Easter people, equipped with the transforming power of God's Word ready to make a difference in the world. How exciting!



Peace,  
*Mary Beth*

## Online Mission Report Form

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 go to our church website, look for “forms,” then “mission report” (<http://www.providenceumc.net/forms/mission-report/>). Just fill in the blanks and submit. It's easy!

Report the week of your event and we'll know how close we are getting to our goal of 200 persons engaged in Mission. Thank you for helping Providence be a mission-focused church!

## Miss a Sunday Sermon?

Listen to Pastor Mary Beth at:  
[http://www.providenceumc.net/category/upcoming\\_events/bulletins-sermon-audio/](http://www.providenceumc.net/category/upcoming_events/bulletins-sermon-audio/)

## Share a Newsletter

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.

# Missions Minutes

2013 is in full swing and the Mission Team is hard at work preparing for CARITAS and our Potato Drop. I also want to let you know what is going on and where there are areas you can get connected.

## CARITAS

Very soon you will have the opportunity to sign up to help with CARITAS. We will host our guests March 30-April 6. Look for signup sheets soon. We will need groups to prepare dinners, lunches and spend the night. Once again we will be housing families. Remember this is the Saturday before Easter. They will be here the evening of Easter Sunday. We would love to be able to have an Easter Egg hunt for any children that we may have along with treat bags for them. So if you would like to donate Easter items that we can use that would be great.

I will be preparing breakfast for our guests. If anyone would like to join me, please meet me at the church around 5:00 am. Our guests are picked up at 6:00 am.

## POTATO DROP

We are planning a Potato Drop for May 11 and Joe Gillette is heading this up. Please let Joe know if you know of a church that might be interested in helping, or if you know of an organization that would benefit from receiving potatoes.

Our Lenten offering will once again go to Socie-

ty of St. Andrew to help defray the Potato Drop cost which is \$1,000. We have already paid \$488 toward this mission so please prayerfully consider increasing your Lenten offering this year.

If you like games and crafts and prizes then you will want to be on this committee. Valerie Reese will be heading up a team to come up with ideas for a Spring Event that goes hand in hand with the Potato Drop. If you are interested please get in touch with Val. This event revolves around the potato drop so jump on board and join us.

Please remember to complete the Mission Report on the church's website: (<http://www.providenceumc.net/forms/mission-report/>). This gives our church a view of what is being done at Providence and how many are involved. It is super easy and short.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Your Mission Team will not be doing a dinner in March since it is Holy Week. Mark your calendar for April 24 and join us for Taco Salad night.

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

[pastorbillandsue2@verizon.net](mailto:pastorbillandsue2@verizon.net)

Blessings to each and everyone,  
Sue Duganne



### Acolytes

**Mar 3**—*Communion*

Tristen

**Mar 10** Laura

**Mar 17** Jackson

**Mar 24** Meredith

**Mar 31** Emily

### Communion Preparers

Mar 3

9:00 Ron White

11:00 Doris Creasy &  
Laurie Breeden

### Greeters

**9:00**

Ed Bldg Renate Brennet  
Narthex Mike Patterson

**11:00**

Ed Bldg Sarah Lowe Thompson  
Narthex Nickie Price

### Name Tags

Mar 3 Kyser Family

Mar 10 Jahna Seymour

Mar 17 Jean Riekers

Mar 24 Amy Mott

Mar 31 Gracie Martin

### Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Chris Healy  
Carolyn Bilski

11:00 George Winstead  
Lee Bradshaw  
Bob Fitch  
Linwood Hudson  
T. L. Jenkins  
Stuart Watkins  
Pam Asbury  
Joseph Salvaggio  
Rudy Petrick

### Nursery

**Mar 3**

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Anne Blane &

Brad Wootten

**Mar 10**

9:00 Kelly Horne

SS Lori Justice

11:00 Shirley Collins

**Mar 17**

9:00 Linda Koertge

SS Jennifer Ostrum

11:00 Laurie Breeden

**Mar 24**

9:00 Ann Busbee

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

**Mar 31**

9:00 Pam Groome

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Michelle Butler &  
Carol Urso

### Counters

**Mar 3 Jimmy Sculthorpe**

Paul Martin

Hugh Miles

**Mar 10 Klaus Worrell**

Steve Oliver

Stuart Watkins

**Mar 17 Ron Wootten**

Janice Bergeron

Bobby Johnson

Gracie Martin

**Mar 24 Gary Wright**

Anne Baird

Wayne Smith

**Mar 31 Jimmy Sculthorpe**

Paul Martin

Hugh Miles

### Sanctuary Organizers

Eula Phillips & Peggy Gillette

### Audio / Media Shout

**Mar 3**

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Bob Gillie (MS)

Bob Gillie (B)

11:00 Ron Wootten (A)

Bob Gillie (MS)

**Mar 10**

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Dano Holland (MS)

Dano Holland (B)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Dano Holland (MS)

**Mar 17**

9:00 Keith King (A)

Steve Oliver (MS)

Bob Gillie (B)

11:00 Keith King (A)

Steve Oliver (MS)

**Mar 24**

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Brad Wootten (MS)

Mary Elliott (B)

11:00 Ron Wootten (A)

Brad Wootten (MS)

**Mar 31**

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

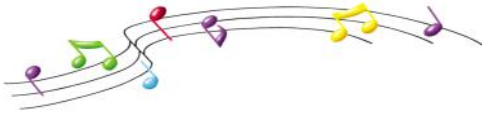
Bob Gillie (MS)

Bob Gillie (B)

11:00 Gary Wright (A)

Bob Gillie (MS)





## Music For 11:00am Traditional Service

### Chancel Choir Schedule:

#### **March 3**

*Come To the Water*, by Jack Schrader

#### **March 10**

*Down In the Valley To Pray*, arr. Jay Althouse

#### **March 17**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*, arr. Mark Hayes

#### **March 24, Palm/Passion Sunday**

*What Have We Done?* by Hal Hopson

#### **March 28, Holy Thursday**

*When We Prayed Beneath the Trees*,  
arr. Lloyd Larson

#### **March 31, Easter Sunday**

*We Will Glorify*, by Twila Paris

### Don't Miss the Bells of Providence!

#### **March 24, Palm/Passion Sunday:**

*Prelude* by Diane Mcaninch

#### **March 31, Easter Sunday:** *Rejoice, the Lord is*

*King!* arr. Kevin McChesney

Make sure to thank Carla Wootten for her wonderful work with the children and youth music! What a blessing she is to PUMC!\

## Other Special Musical Performances

#### **March 10, Girl Scout Sunday**

Special Music will be provided by our Girl Scouts!

#### **March 28, Holy Thursday**

SonRise Sisters sing *Cross of Jesus*,  
*Cross of Sorrows* by Howard Helvey

Other special music includes our very own Emily Henderson singing *How Beautiful* by Twila Paris.

#### **March 29. Good Friday**

A service of Darkness and Shadows (Tenebrae) with music and scripture.

#### **March 31, Easter Sunday**

Our brass instrumentalists Tom & Linda Koertge and Bill Buck will accompany the hymns. Our Director of Music, Margaret Taylor, will play a special postlude of

G.F. Handel's *Hallelujah!* from the Messiah.

**Don't miss celebrating our risen Lord with the sound of music!**

### **Just a**

If you are interested in one of the following areas, please contact our Music Director, Margaret Taylor, or Children & Youth Music Director, Carla Wootten, for more information. We would LOVE to have you—all are welcome!

- Chancel Choir
- Bells of Providence
- Pass It On Youth Choir
- KC Jam Children's Choir
- Men's Chorus



New links have been added to our website.

Gateway (<http://www.biblegateway.com/>). This is a free site that offers multiple translations of the bible (including the NRSV translation!) as well as audio options. Passage lookup, keyword search and other good features are available there as well. Check out the audio feature.

Check out these United Methodist Church sites to keep up with news, our beliefs, where mission and disaster relief is happening, etc.

- United Methodist Church site (<http://www.umc.org/>)
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (<http://www.umcor.org/>)
- General Board of Global Ministries (<http://ww2.gbgm.org/>)
- United Methodist Women (<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umw/>)
- Virginia Annual Conference site (<http://www.vaumc.org/>)
- Virginia Conference United Methodist Women (<http://www.vaumc.org/page.aspx?pid=464>)

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## Church Family News and Notes



Thank you for the cards that so many of you have sent to us – birthday, get well, and new home cards. We hope to get back as soon as the weather permits.

~~Fran and Bob Fitch

Blessings on Gabriel Watson Wilms, son of Isca and Christopher Wilms, who was baptized on Sunday, February 17, 2013.



Sympathy is offered to the family of Terry Brooks, who died on January 26, 2013. A memorial service will be held in the chapel on Saturday, March 9 at 12 noon.



Prayers of love and support are offered for the family of Clyde Randall, who died on February 10, 2013.



... of the Week

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**March 3**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. *Isaiah 55:6*

**March 10**

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5:17*

**March 17**

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 15:12*

**March 24**

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! *Luke 19:38*

**March 31**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! *Psalms 118:1*

You are a part of the largest committee at PUMC. Please be aware of newcomers and take the opportunity to welcome your brothers and sisters in Christ each and every Sunday.

~~Diane King

**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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Director of Contemporary Music	Eve Minter
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