

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.

April 2013

Festival of God's Creation April 21

Celebrate God's amazing world, and think about our responsibility to care to for it on April 21 at 9 am and 11 am worship. We will walk outside after 11 am worship to dedicate the Mission Garden.



Spring Cleaning



On Saturday, April 6, at 9:00 a.m., there will be a church-wide clean up. Tasks will include raking, dusting, and window cleaning. Please consider using this opportunity to serve our Lord by caring for all that he has blessed us with.

For more information, contact Jane Gilliam at 276-1774.



The Staff Parish Committee is ready to receive resumes for the opening of Director of Family and Discipleship

Ministries. This is a part time position. We have revised the job description to reflect our intention of growing disciples for Christ, with a particular focus on families (of all ages and sizes).

If you would like to see a job description, please email me at kyserfamily@verizon.net. We will keep you posted and pray that God will lead us in this search.

~~ Elizabeth Kyser

Spring Wednesday Night Programs

Learn about mission. Get involved in mission. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm for six weeks beginning **April 10**, Room 309. Children, youth and adults! Michael Stock will speak about the Fellowship of Church Athletes. Help make prayer bracelets.

April 17: The Rev. Jennifer Moore will talk about the Society of St. Andrew and hunger ministries and our potato drop. Help cut potato bags.



Worship in April

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.

Apr 7	"Peace Be With You"	Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31	11:00—Hymn Story, "Because He Lives" with Tom Coffman Men's Quartet
Apr 14	"Going Fishin'"	Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	11:00—SonRise Sisters
Apr 21	Festival of God's Creation Dedication of Garden	Genesis 1:9-13, 20-23, 26-27 Matthew 6:26-29 Psalm 8	"For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Reutter Chancel Choir
Apr 28	The Way of Salvation The Porch (part 1)		

2011 Directory Updates

CHANGE:

Bodtke, Isabelle, 2300 Cedarfield Parkway,
Apt 337, Richmond, VA 23233

Ergens, Shelley, 1112 Roseneath Road, Apt.
1, Richmond, VA 23230

Hines, Tripp & Elizabeth - remove address



Wagstaff, Nancy - Envoy of
Westover Hills, 4403 Forest Hill
Ave., Apt 414-D, Richmond, VA
23225

Weekly Wednesday Night Dinners Begin April 10, 5:30-6:15 pm

Join us for a great meal and good fellowship.



Backpack Food Ministry at A.M. Davis

Providence United Methodist currently provides backpacks of food for 13 children each weekend (6 meals per child each weekend), which costs us \$12 per child. Woodlake United Methodist also provides backpacks for additional students.

Each weekend, each child receives a 2 gallon zip-loc bag filled with:

- 2 individual serving size boxes of cereal (or small packages of oatmeal)
- 4 boxes of shelf stable milk; it doesn't need refrigeration (2 white/2 chocolate)
- 4 containers fruit or applesauce
- 4 boxes of juice
- 4 main dishes (usually cups of macaroni and cheese, cups of ravioli or Beefaroni, etc.)
- 2 snacks (granola bars, peanut butter crackers, etc.)
- 2 small cans of vegetables (with pull-tops)
- 2 dessert items (cookies, etc.)
- 1 small cup of peanut butter
- 1 note encouraging students to attend special events at school or our church

We try to make sure that all of the food is packaged in containers that students can open themselves and can prepare themselves. The hot foods can be warmed in the microwave.

Two of our members do all of the shopping and bring the food to church (usually once a month). The bags are packed after our Wednesday evening dinners, transported to school on Friday mornings and taken to the school counselor's office; she hands them out on Friday afternoons.

I am the library media specialist at the school and see the smiling faces of these students as they go back to class with their food packed securely (and discretely) in their backpacks. This food is greatly appreciated by their families.



Thanks for supporting this important ministry.

Wendy Collins
Providence Road Partners



For Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer with any of our children or youth ministries (nursery, VBS, Sunday School, Cross trainers, youth group, etc.)? You can get our **Child Protection Policy training** on Monday, April 15 at 7 pm in the Library. Anyone who has been attending the church for six months or more is eligible for the training. We are glad to have more adults involved in our growing ministry with children and youth.

Pastor's Note

When we have good news, we usually want to share it. Most grandparents will gladly pull out a picture of their new grandbaby for everyone to see. Recently I've been telling everyone who seems interested all about my children. Christopher has begun a new career in Special Education and has a job. Anna is following God's call into pastoral ministry and will be entering seminary this fall. Just ask if you want to know more! I'll be happy to share.

But how willing are we to share about the Good News of Jesus Christ? Maybe we're willing, but we don't know how. Or we think our story isn't important enough to share. Do we know how to put our faith into words?

What do we say when someone asks us about God or faith?

A survey was taken at Providence a couple of years ago which indicated that people feel positive about Providence UMC and the ministries that we offer. But when asked if they had ever invited someone to an event at the church, most people had not. It may be because we don't know how. Or we don't realize how important it is.

Join us on April 14 at 10 am in the social hall to get some tips on sharing the best news that anyone has ever heard!

Peace,
Mary Beth



United Methodist Women

The **Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 10:30 am in the Social Hall.

The **Newton Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm, in the home of Betty Anne Roberson.

The **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 16, at 10:30 am in Room 205 at the church.

The **Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Unit and District UMW news:

- Apr. 6 Annual Prayer Breakfast at Mt. Pisgah
8:30 Registration
9:00 Breakfast & Worship
- Apr. 17 UMW prepares Wednesday Night Dinner
- Apr. 20 "On the Road Again in Mission" to Shalom Farms.
- May 3-5 Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat at Blackstone



YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

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

Confirmation Classes

The last session of confirmation classes begins on April 10 from 6:00-7:30. The six-week session ends May 15.

Confirmation Sunday is on May 19 at the 11:00 service



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.

Providence Church is going to Arena Racing



The Branches Mission Team is selling tickets for this fun, family event on Friday, April 12, at the Richmond Coliseum! Tickets are \$10.

Reserved seats for Providence Church and our friends can be purchased on the church’s website. See the article on the HOME page about Arena Racing to purchase tickets.

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, and breakfast Saturday morning.

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.



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Bob Fitch
Susan Hudson | 11 | Jason Bowers
Nicole Kelly
Steve Reese | 25 | Michelle Butler
Kayla Eaton
Cathy Milholen |
| 2 | Evelyn Hastings
Lisa Norman | 12 | Ed Wilson | 26 | John Ezell
Gary Tolley
Klaus Worrell
Janet Knight |
| 3 | Ralph Vernon | 13 | Leann Wagner | 27 | Dawson Bell |
| 4 | Nathaniel Hawkins | 14 | Brenda Buck
Judy Creger
Luke Zarroli | 28 | Al Haskell
Pat Sliger
Glenn Strauss |
| 5 | Karen Dunsmore | 15 | Devlin Harris
Ken Roberson | 29 | Harris Bridgforth |
| 6 | Charles King
Grey Morris
Elizabeth Shepperson | 16 | Alexis Cummings
William Lohr
Patrick Von Bank
Bill Walton
Matt Stnons | 30 | Barbara Estes
Glenn Parsons |
| 7 | Douglas Harvey
Mark Nagosky | 17 | Jeff Black
Tracey Phillips
Wayne Smith
Aiden Tuck | | |
| 8 | David Fleenor
Steve Hudson
Jeff Neisz
Carson Burton | 18 | Tyler Stnons | | |
| 9 | Alice Hague
Keith King
Joy Lukhard
Bobbi Wagner | 19 | Barbara Blankenship
Stephanie Knight | | |
| 10 | Jessie Heidig
Genevieve Haskell
Karen Kelly
Erin Lee
Melina Sullivan
Bobby Wood Jr. | 20 | Kelsey Alred
Abbey Lynch
Wayne Isbell
Kaitlyn Clark | | |
| | | 21 | Nancy Coffman
Lisa Rakes | | |
| | | 21 | Travis Elliott | | |
| | | 22 | Russell Altizer
Benjamin Crowder Jr.
Theresa Dennis
Laura Heidig
Emily Kyser
Barbara Oliver | | |
| | | 23 | Monique Hargrave | | |
| | | 24 | Jane Waddell
Scott St. John | | |

Big
Thank
You!

A **BIG** thanks to Greg and Donna Jenkins who have organized our softball team for the last, at least, 10 years. Greg coached the team each year and helped everyone have a good time, if not win. If you are interested in organizing a Providence sports team for 2014 (softball, volleyball, kickball, dodge ball), please contact the church office.

Acolytes

- Apr 7**—*Communion*
Meredith Kyser
Apr 14 Emily Kyser
Apr 21 Laura King
Apr 28 Tristen Kellam

Communion Preparers

- Apr 7
9:00 Lisa Fleenor
11:00 Amy Palmer
Janice Bradley

Name Tags

- Apr 7 Laurie Breeden
Apr 14 Kyser Family
Apr 21 Pam Asbury
Apr 28 Cathy Patterson

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
Rudy Petrick

Sanctuary Organizers

Ralph & Billie Vernon

Nursery

- Apr 7**
9:00 Pam Groome
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins
Apr 14
9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Lori Justice
11:00 Wendy Collins
Apr 21
9:00 Kelly Horne
SS Shirley Collins
11:00 Michelle Butler
Apr 28
9:00 Linda Koertge
SS Ann Busbee
11:00 Anne Blane &
Brad Wootten

Counters

- Apr 7** **Klaus Worrell**
Steve Oliver
Stuart Watkins
Apr 14 **Ron Wootten**
Janice Bergeron
Bobby Johnson
Gracie Martin
Apr 21 **Gary Wright**
Anne Baird
Wayne Smith
Apr 28 **Jimmy Sculthorpe**
Paul Martin
Hugh Miles



APRIL

Audio / Media Shout

- Apr 7**
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)
Bob Gillie (B)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)

Apr 14
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)
Mary Elliott (B)
11:00 Gary Wright (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)

Apr 28
9:00 Keith King (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)
Mary Elliott (B)
11:00 Keith King (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)

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New Addresses

Evelyn Agee

Manor Care, 1719 Bellevue Avenue, Room 139
Richmond, VA 23227
Evelyn is unable to read mail. She is able to
have visitors.

Sharon Harris

Hopewell Health Care Center
905 Cousins Avenue, Room 225-B
Hopewell, VA 23860

Church Family News and Notes



Our love and sympathy is offered to the family and friends of:

Evelyn Clarke, who died on March 3, 2013;
Mary Hamm, who died on March 11, 2013;

There is nothing like having a great church family in a time of sorrow! Many thanks for your love shown our family through your prayers, presence, cards, donations and kind, meaningful words. Special thanks to Mary Beth and Tom for their wonderful ministry during Clyde's hospital stay and after his death.

Love, Virginia



UMUMR Geranium Sale



\$4:50/pot (4-1/2" pot)
Arriving April 19
See flyer in office
or contact Shirley Collins at
745-3024.

Homelessness in Richmond

The UMW hosted a presentation, by Kelly King Horne, on homelessness in the Richmond region. Kelly shared some of the data and community needs facing those in poverty in our region. She also highlighted some ways to help.

If you know of someone in need and would like to find out about available resources, dial "2-1-1". Just like dialing 411, 211 is a free call staffed by trained workers 24-hours a day. The staff at 211 can direct you to the resources needed.

To learn more about homelessness, please visit <http://www.homewardva.org/>. To get a copy of "The Greater Richmond Regional Street Sheet" (handout with hot meal locations, etc.) for those panhandling or on the streets, pick up one outside the church office, or download it by going to: <http://www.providenceumc.net/ministries/missions/>.

Keep these words in your heart. Watch for new opportunities in May!

- God will put his angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go. Psalm 91:11
- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is my stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1
- Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Isaiah 55:6
- 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
- This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12
- Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Luke 19:38
- O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:1

The Hermitage, one of our homes located at 1600 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227, (804) 474-1800, is launching a new event to connect with senior citizens at area churches. The event, **Second Fridays at The Hermitage**, will feature a series of dinners for seniors to enjoy, plus entertainment and door prizes. **Reservations are required.** The cost is \$10.00 per person; reservations for 6 or more is \$8.00 per person. Half of the ticket sales will be donated to the Samaritan Fund. For reservations or questions, call Susan Cantrell at 474-1850.



Thank you,
Susan Cantrell
Director of Marketing and-
Community Relations

Medication Take-Back

April 27, 2013
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Safely dispose of unused or expired medications in partnership with DEA and SAFE.



Public Safety Training Center
6610 Public Safety Way, Chesterfield, VA

Planned Giving and PUMC Endowment Information Sessions

Thanks to the generosity of Bill Mannering we will be offering a unique opportunity for our church members to learn more about Planned Giving Methods and our PUMC Endowment. If you have ever had questions about Planned Giving Methods or are considering making PUMC Endowment part of your overall Planned Giving strategy, please consider attending one of these sessions being offered in April. If you have questions or wish to find out more about these sessions please contact our PUMC Endowment Chair, Ron White by phone at 804-744-3644, or by email: harlem1962@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 17th, 6:30 pm, after Wednesday Night Dinner.

Sunday April 21st, 10:00am, during Sunday School hour, in Library.

Discussion leaders: Ron White or Hugh Miles for the Endowment Committee, and Bill Mannering for planned giving methods.

Good Food and Good Fellowship!

Thank you to all who have agreed to host Wednesday Night Dinners through this season and Thank You to all of those who lend their support by attending. Please continue to attend Wednesday Night Dinner for Good Food and Good Fellowship. We miss you when you are not there!



ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

- 3 Robin & Scott St. John
(31 years)
Shelley & Tom Federice
(20 years)
Page & Ansley Higginbotham
(9 years)
- 6 Cara & Thomas Kinker
(11 years)
- 8 Natasha & Jeff Kepler
(7 years)
- 10 Betty & Ernie Woodcock
(42 years)
Megan & John Reynolds
(3 years)
- 13 Mary & Bill Steele
(50 years)
Karen & Roger Gilmore
(11 years)
- 16 Julie & Tony Fleshman
(36 years)
- 17 Jackie & Charles Hargrave
(48 years)
- 18 Theresa & Scott Thompson
(21 years)
- 20 Jerrilynn & Gregory Gleason
(28 years)
- 21 Diane & Ray Dillard
(24 years)
- 24 Shelly & John Architzel
(21 years)

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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

Church Telephone	276-4289
Fax Number	745-2501
Pastor's Home Telephone	562-5169
Pastor's Cell Phone Number	658-8046

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 Pastor: marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net

Church Staff

Pastor	Mary Beth Blinn
Director of Music Ministries	Margaret Taylor
Director of Youth Ministries	Susan Clark
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Nursery Attendant	April Basham
Our Covenant Missionary	Kim King Torres