

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.

"Praise the Lord!

***It is good to sing praises to our God;
for God is gracious,
and a song of praise is fitting."***

Psalm 147:1

A festival of music will be held on Sunday, May 22 at both services. We will celebrate God's gift of music in our worship with musicians from our congregation.



Music is being prepared by the following groups as well as several vocal and instrumental soloists: Chancel and Morning Glory Choirs, Pass It On Youth Choir, KCJam Children's Choir, Youth Praise Band, the Bells of Providence.

We are thankful for the leadership of Music Director, Nancy Burks.

We are also blessed by many other talented and committed volunteers who give their time and gifts. Our KCJam choir leaders are Carla Wootten and Robin Bowers. The youth choirs are led by Carla Wootten, Ashley Kiper and Cathy Patterson.



On May 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence UMC, Commonwealth Parenting will present:

The Confident Parent (For Parents of Children of All Ages)

- Inspire confidence in your child by becoming a confident parent.
- Discuss how to create a balance between loving your children and giving them boundaries.
- Learn when to step in and when to step back when children are confronted with challenges.
- Find the confidence to make effective, fair parenting decisions without guilt.

To register for this class please log on to **www.commonwealthparenting.org** or by calling 545-1272. There is a \$25 registration fee. This event is open to everyone in our community.



Worship in May

May 1	2nd Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Speaker: Ron White	1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Church Choirs Pass It On Youth Choir
May 8	3rd Sunday of Easter Mother's Day/Focus on Families Native American Awareness	1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	Church Choirs
May 15	4th Sunday of Easter Preschool Sunday	1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	KCJam Children's Choir Preschool Children Tom Coffman
May 22	5th Sunday of Easter Festival of Music	All musical groups in the church will participate as well as some vocal and instrumental solos	
May 29	6th Sunday of Easter	1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	Church Choirs Jahna Seymour, Soloist

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Registration is now open to the community and spaces are filling for both our Summer Program in July and our 2011-2012 classes. We offer a variety of classes for children ages 2 through Pre-K, and more information may be found on the table outside of the church office. Please call Charlotte Cervarich at 276-1462 to arrange a tour or to learn more about what our Preschool has to offer you and your child.



Thanks to our hardworking trustees, Wi-Fi (internet connection) should be available in most parts of the church building. Reception varies because of the cinderblock walls. Be sure and check out your room's connection ahead of time to be sure there is full strength. Groups will now be able to use internet resources for teaching and learning.

YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS



“Take Stock in Youth” Program

The youth are headed to Impact Richmond for the second year to help families in need for a whole week! We are so proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to be Christ-like servants. Some kids need help funding this trip that costs \$199 per youth.

If you are able to support a youth, we are selling “stocks” for \$25 each. Please write a check to Providence Church with “stock” in the memo line.

As a thank you for your support, we are preparing a Stockholders’ Dinner on Sunday, July 17th at 5:30 to share our stories and pictures from the week.

May 8th is Mother’s Day

No youth group meeting. Stay home to honor thy Mother. Remember, she washes your gym socks.

May 15th- Youth Council Meeting

Youth Council will meet from 12:15-1:00 in

room 206. We will finalize our summer plans so bring your calendars!

May 15th- St. Luke’s Night!

It is finally here, the night we have all been waiting for! We are going to St. Luke’s UMC for dinner and an intense volleyball game.

May 29th TOPS

We are heading back to Monroe Park with Teens Opposing Poverty and the same youth group from Glen Allen Baptist! We will serve lunch to the homeless and spend time with them. Meet in the parking lot in front of the F.I.R.E. House after the 11:00 service. Bring a lunch to eat in the car and a permission slip. We will return by 2:30. NO YOUTH MEETING THAT NIGHT.

Looking Ahead

Graduation Sunday- June 5th
Impact Richmond-July 10th-16th
Youth Sunday and Stock Holders Dinner-July 17th
VBS (grades 6-8) August 1st -5th

Attention: Men of Providence

Plans are underway to start a Men’s Chorus. This would be a time to gather with your friends for fun, fellowship and to sing some of your favorite songs.

If you would be interested in singing in a Men’s Chorus at Providence, please let Nancy Burks (nancyburks@aol.com) know by **May 15**.





Acolytes

May 1—*Communion*
 8:45 Laura King
 11:00 Emma McConnell

May 8
 8:45 Gabrielle Sullivan
 11:00 Rachael Harvey

May 15
 8:45 Kelsey Alred
 11:00 Molly Roberson

May 22
 8:45 Nicole Riekers
 11:00 C. J. Alred

May 29
 8:45 Emily Kyser
 11:00 Andrew Bowers

Audio / Visual

Rick Fleenor

Communion Preparers—May 1

8:45 Barbara Blankenship
 11:00 Sandi Kneib

Name Tags

May 1 Laurie Breeden
 May 8 Emma Fleenor
 May 15 Cathy Patterson
 May 22 Kyser Family
 May 29 Gracie Martin

Sanctuary Organizers

Anna Knight & Emma Fleenor

Ushers

8:45 Bill Blankenship
 Neal Fleenor
 Ron White

 11:00 Mike Patterson
 Bobby Burton
 Bobby Johnson
 Tom Koertge
 Bobby Wood
 Ed Harper
 Ralph Vernon

Counter Captains

May 1 Klaus Worrell
 May 8 Bobby Wood
 May 15 Gary Wright
 May 22 Jimmy Sculthorpe
 May 29 Linwood Hudson

Grass Cutters

May 2 Bobby Wood (Area 2)
 May 9 Gary Vest (Area 1)
 May 16 John Bradley (Area 2)
 May 23 Art Bowers (Area 1)

Nursery

May 1
 8:45 Linda Koertge
 SS Lori Justice
 11:00 Laurie Breeden
 Isabelle Sullivan

May 8
 8:45 Barbara Oliver
 SS Anne McKinnish
 11:00 Anne Blane &
 Brad Wootten

May 15
 8:45 Jane Gilliam
 SS Susan Worrell
 11:00 Michelle Butler
 Carol Urso

May 22
 8:45 Jennifer Ostrum
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

May 29
 8:45 Kelly Horne
 Clare Henderson
 SS Ann Busbee
 11:00 Shirley Collins
 Peggy Gillette

Greeters

8:45 Ginny Thompson
 11:00 Mary Lou &
 Allen Branson

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Sunday bulletin are due to Kathy Smith on Wednesdays at **12:00 Noon**. You can leave your hand-written announcement in the Office Staff mailbox in the hallway or email them directly to Kathy at: kathy.smith@providenceumc.net

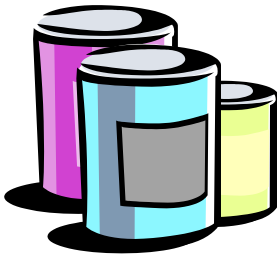
CCHASM

Do you know what **CCHASM** stands for, who belongs, what they do or how you can help?

Chesterfield-**C**olonial Heights **A**lliance of **S**ocial **M**inistries is an organization in the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights area that takes the burden from the church offices when the needy ask for help with rent, electric bills, water bills, food, etc. CCHASM is able to talk with them, check them out through Social Services and help with their problems.

In order to do this, CCHASM needs money. The churches that send their requests to them become member churches. There are now 112 member churches. Member churches are asked to send \$300 at the beginning of each year for administrative costs. The remainder of the year, the member churches are asked to send money that pays for the requests. PUMC has designated its Thanksgiving fund for CCHASM.

Each church is assigned to one of 16 food pantries to take the food we collect. The pantry that PUMC takes its food to is Southminster Presbyterian on Hull Street.



CCHASM asks for special donations of food at Thanksgiving and boxes are given away at the Fair Grounds for those who have applied and have been approved.

With the price of food going up, it will be harder for those in need to eat so they will be depending on us more and more. If you have any questions, call Shirley Hudson at 276-2495. If she doesn't already know the answer, she will get one for you.

Lunch Anyone?

The Family Council is hosting a Pot Luck lunch on May 15th, Preschool Sunday, after the 11:00 service. Please come join us and the preschool families. Bring a side dish or dessert. Chicken and drinks provided! See you there.



2011 Graduates

Please send all graduates' names and pictures to Isabelle Sullivan at: Isabelle.Sullivan@providenceumc.net by May 15. We will recognize our graduates on June 5 during our Fellowship Sunday and during our 11:00 service.



Providence Retired Club Notes

Those of you who didn't show up on Monday, April 11th, missed a mighty good program. We had the Dancing Grannies of Colonial Heights perform for us. If you want to see them, you'll get a second chance. **TRIAD** is having them on Wednesday, May 4th, at Victory Tabernacle Church, 11700 Genito Road for their Senior Day. The "day" starts at 7:30 a.m. with a light breakfast and continues until 12:45 p.m.

Now I'll give you a thumbnail sketch of all the things the PRC's are planning for the rest of the year.

May 9—we're going to lay back and rest from the first part of the year and get ready for the second half. While we are resting, we will be playing Bingo and winning a few prizes.

June 11—our annual indoor picnic at

Shoney's, at 11:30 a.m.

July 9—Carolyn Wartham will be talking to us about Home Care Assistance. She was the RN with Wayne Terry and his wife, Donna, in March.

August 13—Bill Fabs and his 4Z Lord Quartet (Gospel Music) will entertain us.

September 10—Bill Young portrays Joseph. He says there are many Josephs in the Gospels, so you may have to figure out which Joseph.

October 8—Gene Wade has been with us a number of times. He tells a story as he sings or can do a medley of songs so we just have to wait and see.

November 12—Adolph Moller is an accordionist. You will have to brush up on your music from the 50's and 60's so when he plays "Name That Tune" you can win a prize.

December 10—It was decided by the group to have a covered dish luncheon this year for Christmas.



Helping Hands is a two-day mission experience for all children rising into 4th-6th grade. Come and learn about mission opportunities and the importance of being a caring Christian. This

two day event will be held on July 21 and 22. Not only do we complete mission work, but the children also get to be a part of an awesome contemporary worship on Thursday evening and Friday morning, fellowship with other

Christian children, and have a really good time in a safe environment.

We would leave PUMC at 1:30 p.m. on July 21 and return around 3:30 p.m. The event is hosted by Woodlake UMC and we do spend the night there.

Please e-mail Isabelle Sullivan at Isabelle.Sullivan@providenceumc.net if your child is interested in going. All Children must be registered by June 15th. We will also need some parents to chaperone as well, so please let me know if you are interested in that also.

Church Directory

Updates—October 2009 Directory

Agee, Evelyn, Hanover Health and Rehabilitation, Room 300A, 8139 Lee Davis Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Keerans, Don & Joy, 804-980-6569, Sutherland Place, 14016 Turnberry Lane, Midlothian, VA 23113

Milby, Ruby, 70 Woodward Rd., Richmond, VA 23236

Roberson, Christi, 9506 Virginia Center Way Dr., Apt. 303, Glen Allen, VA 23059

Roberson, Kendi, 13501 Meadow Creek Dr., #1305, Orlando, FL 32821

Stevens, Sydna - change to: Eastman, Kevin & Sydna, 12414 McAllen Ct., Midlothian, VA 23114



All Things New

We at Providence United Methodist Church, as part of the Virginia Annual Conference, are being invited to participate in the **All Things New Campaign**. Our commitment is to raise \$15,000,000 for 250 new faith communities in the next 30 years, to strengthen existing churches that want to grow and flourish, and to

offer a generous missional gift to the pension funds of retired pastors in Africa.

Devotional materials and commitment cards will be provided during the month of May as we prepare to respond to the call to make disciples of Jesus Christ. You will be invited to give, or to make a financial pledge, on Pentecost, June 12.



Sean Collins will be designing a graphic for our church to incorporate our new mission statement, "Belong. Be Transformed. Make a difference." It may include a logo.

Do you have any ideas that can represent Providence Church and its mission for the future? If so, submit them to Sean at:

collinsms617@gmail.com.

Newsletter Info

If you would like to stop receiving a **PAPER** copy of the newsletter, please call the church office (276-4289) to let Kathy or Linda know. You can receive it by email rather than snail-mail just by asking.



Next Deadline
May 15

Missions

On March 22nd a Regional Missions Committee meeting was held at Mt. Pisgah UMC. Brenda Woodward and I attended the meeting on behalf of PUMC. The other churches in attendance were The Brandermill Church, Beulah UMC, St. Marks UMC, New Life UMC, Huguenot UMC, St. Luke's UMC, and Bon Air UMC.

Each representative shared two Missions projects of their congregation. It was very exciting to hear about national and international Missions trips that several of the congregations took each year. We also shared common local missions such as CARITAS, Impact Richmond and projects to aid the homeless.

This meeting is the first step in developing a relationship with other local congregations. We have already made positive connections that

will increase our resources and provide us many opportunities to help with projects we may not have the opportunity to do alone.

As we collect clothing for our Homeless adult friends we often get children's clothing items donated. You can imagine my joy when I learned that St. Marks collects children's clothing and will be shipping them to Honduras in May. I will be delivering the clothing we've collected to them in early May to be included in their shipment. I can feel God at work as we form this union.

PUMC will be hosting the next regional meeting which is planned for June. We look forward to many new opportunities to share our time, talents and resources with other congregations.

Valerie Reese
Missions Chairperson

The **Crosstrainers** will be visiting the SPCA on Saturday, May 14th. They will be taking a tour of the facilities and giving some much needed love and attention to the animals. We will be collecting items for the furry friends to take with us:

- Toys for cats and dogs (Kongs, indestructible balls, kitty wands, stuffed animals made for dogs or cats, puzzle toys)
- Old blankets, soft sheets, or towels for pet bedding
- Durable leashes
- Treats
- Food--canned food or jars of baby food (Stage 1 and 2 chicken only baby food)

- Scratching posts or baskets for cats
- Cat nip or cat grass
- Peanut butter or Cheese Wiz (to fill Kongs)
- Cat litter

We would greatly appreciate any contributions from our congregation to support the SPCA. Please put donations in the box outside of Room 203 by May 13th.

CROSS TRAINER



Church Family News and Notes

Dear Patriots,

Just wanted to send you a quick note to thank you for the box of "Goodies" you so thoughtfully sent. As a soldier, I can assure you that these packages are received with excitement and really raises the morale! Just to know that we are in your thoughts while away from our families helps to get us through this deployment. Keep up the good work and thanks again for your continued support.

Captain Wayne Lee, U.S. Army

Thank You So Much to everybody who donated aluminum cans to me over the past eight months or so. The money raised helped send me to Orlando with the Monacan HS Marching Chiefs at the end of March. I had a great time.

I am going to China next April with a Humanities group from Monacan HS and will be going with the Marching Chiefs on their spring trip, so I will be continuing to collect aluminum cans. Please don't throw them away! Give them to me! Email me at ddrmhoos@comcast.net or call me at 794-7955 and I will arrange to pick them up. Or you can drop them off at my house (471 Comstock Drive, Richmond, 23236).

Thank you very much,
Rachael M. Harvey

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Bob Bennett, who died on April 4; to Dot Ashburn, on the death of her husband, Arnold, on April 13; and to the family of Clayton Briggs who died on April 18.

An Outreach to Branches

The Easter Bunny – by way of a Big Brown UPS Truck – should have delivered the largest box Staples sells (weighing 46 lbs) containing 843 stuffed Easter eggs, 76 sets of popsicle sticks with string tied on them for the kids to make God's Eyes, 101 Easter Word Search/Coloring Pages and 6 boxes of Funfetti Cake Mix and 6 Funfetti Icings to go on top for Stephanie to bake lots and lots of cupcakes – with cute, cute cupcake holders – and \$10 cash for vegetable oil and eggs to make them!!!

Several times a year, we send craft supplies and treats to the children and youth that are part of the Branches ministry in Florida City, FL. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed. I hope everything will be a big hit with the kids!!!!

Lisa Fleenor

*"I am the vine; you are the branches."
John 15:5*

Welcome to the following persons who have been baptized, confirmed and received into the membership of our church on Easter Sunday: Christin Kittrell, Keith Baum and Clare Henderson.

We also welcome Anna Knight, who joins Providence by transfer of her membership from another denomination.

We're blessed that you all are part of our family!

Financial Highlights 1st Quarter 2011

Financial Obligations Met:	Yes
Apportionments Met:	Yes
Adequate Operating Reserves:	Yes

As of March 31, our receipts were \$105,467.63, 12% higher than for the same period in 2010. Disbursements were \$101,109.86, or 3% higher than 1st quarter 2010. Of particular note was the purchase of a new and badly needed duplicator for the office, at a cost of about \$3,000, to replace the old one. We were also able to fund all planned ministries during the first quarter, including our growing youth ministry that fills the youth F.I.R.E. House each week.

Thanks to all of you for your faithful giving that enables us to do God's work.

Finance Committee

Military Addresses Needed

Names in bulletin	14
On mailing list	<u>- 6</u>
Missing addresses	= 8

There are 14 service people listed in the bulletin each Sunday. However, we only have addresses for 6 of these important people.



In order to get our address list up to date, please take a minute and send the address of any of the service men or women you know directly to me at:
l.bradshawjr@verizon.net

You can also leave a note in the Office Staff mailbox and the address will be forwarded to me as well.

Lee Bradshaw

To all Providence members who give so faithfully and sacrificially to the ministries of your church, I want to say "Thank You." I know that today, more than ever, there are many worthy causes to which you could devote your time and contribute financially. Our members consistently choose to give generously to Providence because our church has a passion for helping people develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

This past Easter Sunday reminded us that God's gift of grace is the greatest gift ever given.



Thank you for helping to share the good news!

Christopher Wilms
Stewardship Chairperson

United Methodist Women

Newton Circle meets Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Peggy Gillette's home.

Laughon Circle will meet the second Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the church Social Hall.

Gregory Circle will meet on the second Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 206.

Whitt Circle will meet on the third Tuesday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 206 at the church.

The **Unit Membership Tea** is Sunday, May 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the church Social Hall.

Executive Board Meeting is Thursday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat is May 13-15 at VUMAC, Blackstone.

District UMW Mission Trip—Wesley Community Service Center.



Pastor's Note

Have you ever wondered why we place things in our worship service as we do? Why is there a hymn of praise first and a benediction last? Why does communion always come after the sermon and not before? Starting last year, the worship committee began looking at the basic pattern for worship that is found on page 3 in the front of our hymnal. We noticed that the traditional pattern that is outlined there has four sections called Entrance, Proclamation and Response, Thanksgiving, and Sending Forth. We gather, praise God, hear God's word, respond, give thanks and go out. It made sense to us that we first hear God's word (through scripture, anthems, hymns and sermon), then we respond to what we have heard and felt (with our prayers, time at the altar, hymns of response, and giving our gifts). There may also be Holy Communion

and Baptisms on a given Sunday.

This pattern makes sense to us, both Biblically and theologically. God speaks to us and we respond. So we have decided to pattern our worship in this way. The main difference to us will be that the offering will be in the response time, following the sermon.

Starting on June 5, you will notice this change in our worship services. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 276-4289 or marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net.

I look forward to seeing how God continues to speak to us through our worship, and then sends us out to make a difference in the world.



Mary Beth Blinn

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Sunday

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Cross Trainers
3:45 pm	A Cappella Choir
4:30 pm	Pass It On Choir
5:30 pm	Youth
7:00 pm	Bells of Providence

Wednesday

6:30 pm	KC JAM
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

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