

# Providence United Methodist Church

*Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.*

May 2012

## Church-Wide Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 5, 8:30—Noon  
Rain Date: May 19.

Come anytime and help with indoor and outdoor projects.

There will be something for everyone — children, youth and adults! Bring gloves, rakes, or even a step ladder or two!



**General Conference**, the quadrennial worldwide meeting of United Methodist delegates begins on April 24-May 4 in Tampa, FL. Check <http://gc2012.umc.org> to follow live streaming of worship, discussion/decisions and other news.



## Digital Disciples

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, but other things have changed. Technology has opened up doors of opportunity and at the same time windows of temptation. This time in our society is unlike any other—people communicate daily without ever speaking face to face. We are, simultaneously, a people of connection and isolation.



As Christians, how do we view our faith in this culture? We are a new kind of follower. We are "**Digital Disciples**"!

This is a perfect class for all of you returning from college and anyone else who is excited or worried about the digital culture. Join the young adult class for a DVD study "Digital Disciples" beginning May 13 in Room 302. Co-lead by Joe Sullivan (267-0405) and Mike and Cathy Patterson (cathypat@verizon.net).

## Got Yard Sale Stuff?

Rent a table or donate your items to a yard sale to benefit the Preschool in June.  
Contact Charlotte at 276-1462.

## Worship in May

May 6	Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion	1 John 4:7-16 John 15:1-8	9:00 Connections Outdoor Chapel 11:00 Traditional Worship
May 13	Sixth Sunday of Easter	1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	9:00 Connections Rob Heare, preaching 11:00 The Rev. Tom Coffman, preaching John Robison, autoharp
May 20	Seventh Sunday of Easter Music Sunday	Psalm 47	9:00 Connections 11:00 Music provided by the children's, youth and adult choirs, handbells, SonRise Sisters, & Men's Quartet
May 27	Pentecost The Birthday of the Church! Wear Something Red	Romans 8:22-27 Acts 2:1-21	9:00 Connections 11:00 Traditional Worship

### Scrip

Mother's Day, Graduation, and Spring Improvements are the perfect opportunity to scrip. Grab a sheet and locate your mom's or child's favorite store, restaurant, or activity and purchase a scrip card for them. They will be thrilled and you will have contributed to our new playground fund.

All this warm weather usually gets folks outside planting flowers and working on projects to improve their homes. A scrip card from Lowe's, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, or other places will help get all those projects done and contribute to our playground fund.

It's so easy! Order on Sundays and pick them up usually Wednesday or Thursdays — all

ready for the weekend. Each card you purchase through the scrip program gives a percentage back to PUMC.



### Kroger Special

For the month of May, you can order a \$5 Kroger scrip card. These cards are different than the other scrip cards as they are reloadable. All you do is go to the customer service or cashier and add money to the Kroger Card you purchased through PUMC and 5% comes back to us. Order these cards the same way you order the other scrip cards by either downloading the form off our web-site or picking one up off the bulletin board at church. Order on Sundays and pick up on Wednesdays.



We are very excited about all the wonderful mission opportunities for kids and their parents through our mid-week program. This

month we are inviting the whole church to get involved.

We are learning about Branches in Florida City, Florida and making backpacks for the kids this summer. We are also making hospital waiting room kits for Children's Hospital and Chippenham's Emergency room. Our needs are listed below. All items are needed by May 9<sup>th</sup> but sooner is appreciated. Items can be dropped off outside room 203.

- Individually wrapped packs of peanut butter crackers
- Mac and Cheese individual bowls
- Cereal bars
- Individual portions of applesauce
- Individual wrapped packets of oatmeal
- Individual wrapped small boxes of raisins or other dried fruit
- Juice boxes (less sugar is better)
- 8 pack of crayons
- Fun pens
- Activity books/pads for kids (like mazes, word searches, and crossword)
- New Uno card games
- New deck of cards (for kids)
- Mini checker set (or other travel-size game)
- Small coloring books
- Mini spiral notebooks
- Travel size games (like checkers or connect four)
- Plastic bins (shoe box size or slightly larger)
- Anything kids might enjoy playing with that fits inside a shoe box

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all our Disciple 1 and Disciple 4 graduates and to their wonderful facilitators Laura Griggs and Barbie Vest!

#### Disciple 1

Renate Brennet  
Boyd & Marlene Gurney  
Kim Parr  
Dave Long  
Patty Wright  
Fred & Beverly Evans

#### Disciple 4

Isabelle Sullivan  
Bobby Johnson  
Mary Lou & Allen Branson  
Mike & Wendy Collins  
Kathleen White  
Patsy Stine  
Anna Knight  
Barbara Sutton

### PUMC Softball Schedule

5/4	7:00	Field 6
5/11	7:00	Field 6
5/18	7:00	Field 5
5/25	Bye Week	
6/1	8:30	Field 5
6/8	8:30	Field 5
6/15	8:30	Field 5
6/22	7:00	Field 6
6/29	8:30	Field 5
7/6	Bye Week	
7/13	8:30	Field 5
7/20	Bye Week	
7/27	8:30	Field 5
8/3	7:00	Field 6

All games are at Ironbridge Park.



**Acolytes**

May 6—*Communion*  
 9:00 Emma McConnell  
 11:00 Emily Kyser

May 13  
 9:00 Gabby Sullivan  
 11:00 Jackson Holland

May 20  
 9:00 Laura King  
 11:00 Emily Kyser

May 27  
 9:00 Tristen Kellam  
 11:00 Molly Roberson

**Sanctuary Organizers**

Bob Gillie

**Name Tags**

May 6 Jahna Seymour  
 May 13 Gracie Martin  
 May 20 Cathy Patterson  
 May 27 Gracie Martin

**Communion Preparers**

May 6  
 9:00 Marilyn Bell  
 11:00 Barbara Robertson  
 Lindsey Collins

**Counter Captains**

May 6 Klaus Worrell  
 May 13 Ron Wootten  
 May 20 Gary Wright  
 May 27 Jimmy Sculthorpe

**Audio / Media Shout**

May 6  
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
 Brad Wootten (MS)  
 11:00 Ron Wootten (A)  
 Brad Wootten (MS)

May 13  
 9:00 Gary Wright (A)  
 Steve Oliver (MS)  
 11:00 Gary Wright (A)  
 Steve Oliver (MS)

May 20  
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
 Dano Holland (MS)  
 11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
 Dano Holland (MS)

May 27  
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
 Bob Gillie (MS)  
 11:00 Keith King (A)  
 Bob Gillie (MS)

**Ushers**

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
 Neal Fleenor  
 Ron White

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

**Nursery**

May 6  
 9:00 Linda Koertge  
 SS Jennifer Ostrum  
 11:00 Lori Breeden

May 13  
 9:00 Barbara Oliver  
 SS Anne McKinnish  
 11:00 Anne Blane & Brad Wootten

May 20  
 9:00 Jennifer Ostrum  
 SS Jennifer Ostrum  
 11:00 Michelle Butler  
 Carol Urso

May 27  
 9:00 Lori Justice  
 SS Wendy Collins  
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

**Greeters**

9:00 Renate Brennet  
 Linda Kerry  
 11:00 Pam Groome  
 Shirley Hathaway

## United Methodist Women

**Newton Circle** meets Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Betty-Anne Roberson.

**Laughon Circle** meets Tuesday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

**Whitt Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

**Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ruth Jarrell.

Membership Tea Unit meeting will be Sunday, May 6 at 3:00 p.m.

The Executive Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

The Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat will be May 4-6 at VUMAC.

Upcoming in June—Family Picnic Unit Meeting on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.



## May Faith Promise 2012 Focus on Youth

“**Faith Promise 2012**” refers to our collective and individual commitment to financially support the big ministries planned for this year. God has called us to make disciples of Jesus, and we are stepping out in faith to do just that. James reminds us in chapter 2 that our faith and our actions go hand-in-hand.

The month of May has been designated as a special focus by the Finance Committee. We invite each of you to participate in a sacrificial “extra mile” gift, which will bless both our

church and the giver. All gifts given during May which are **designated for Faith Promise 2012** will go toward our **ministries with youth**. Special envelopes will also be available in the pew racks.

Our budget supports our vibrant youth ministry through money for programming, mission trips, salary for our youth director and maintenance and utilities at the youth house. By FAITH we see the PROMISES of God fulfilled in our youth!

How will you step up to meet the Faith Promise 2012 challenge?

## Plan Now for Later

Tax time often reminds us of our individual financial planning for the future. With April 15 behind us, May is a good month to consider the PUMC Endowment Fund. You can make a direct gift or, even more importantly, plan for a future gift through your will or other planned giving. Contact Ron White (744-3644) the committee chairperson, or Mary Beth Blinn if you are interested in knowing more.

## *Pastor's Note*

Recently I noticed a basket in the lobby of the downtown YMCA. In it were multiple strips of white paper. The sign on the basket said, "A Scripture for Today. Choose One." Now, each time I go to the "Y", I choose a scripture from the basket. I read it and think about it on the walk home. If Bob and I are walking together, we share them with each other.

There are many ways to stay connected with the Bible. The "Upper Room", a daily devotional available in the church foyer, has a scripture reading for each day. You can choose to read through a book of the Bible. I would suggest starting with the Gospel of Mark.

As a congregation, we are reading and praying

through the whole Bible between now and Pentecost, May 27. When you are at the church, check out the display near the library and pick up a reading for one or more days that week. You can read them at home, read them aloud, share them together if there are others in your home, asking simple questions: What does this say? What does this mean? What does this mean to me? You may also choose to read them aloud in the church sanctuary.

Why do we read and study the Bible? It is the primary way that God speaks to us. Take time this month to read, and to listen. It will change your life.

Peace,

*Mary Beth*

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## 2011 DIRECTORY UPDATES

**BAILEY**, Mike & Erin - add Ellison

**JONES**, Michael & Christie - add Alice

**PEGA**, Chris & Becky - add Patrick

**ROCKWELL**, Gil, Jr., 804-276-3174, 2609 St. Regis Dr., Richmond, VA 23236

**ROCKWELL**, Paul, 804-739-7445, 14210 W. Hensley Rd., Midlothian, VA 23112

**ROSENBAUM**, Danny & Lisa - add Crystal & Wade



### Deadlines:

Mid-Week Update: Tuesdays at Noon

Bulletin: Wednesdays at Noon

Newsletter: 15th of each month

### The Church Office will be Closed

On Monday, May 28

in observance of

Memorial Day.



## What Do the Numbers Mean?

When we count people, we are saying that people matter. They matter to us at Providence because they matter to God. Starting this month, we will be reporting statistics quarterly. They will include average worship attendance, small group attendance, and people active in mission. Some of these numbers



have not been counted before and are more difficult to keep track of. But we want to try. The numbers will help us celebrate

ways that God is working here at Providence. They will also help us know areas where we need to increase our ministries.

### January-March 2012

Average Worship Attendance:	<b>264</b> (2011: 246)
People in Sunday School:	<b>136</b> (2011: 130)
Other Small Groups:	<b>94</b>
People serving in mission:	<b>Coming Soon!</b> (CARITAS, A.M. Davis, Mission Garden, Mission Kids, Cooks for Christ, Homeward, etc.)

### Many Thanks ...

... to ALL OF YOU who helped with the Good Friday Service. A special thank you to the wonderful 'cast' - Bob Johnson, Emma, Jim and Andrew McConnell, Rick Jeffrey, Lori Justice and C.J. Alred. Thank you to Ashley Kiper and Kathy Alred for helping with costumes, drama and music. Blessings to my dear friend, Isca Wilms and to the Pass It On Choir for sharing very special, heartfelt music. Thank you to Pastor Mary Beth for letting me 'run with this idea' and to our fantastic office staff for putting everything together.

~Carla Wootten

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

John 3:16

Virginia Conference of the  
United Methodist Church

## Family Fun Day

May 5, 2012

Enjoy a full day of fun, food, and fellowship with your family and friends at Kings Dominion-Virginia's Premier Theme and Water park.

Purchase your tickets online and get a discount for your family's tickets. Type **www.KingsDominion.com/VAUMC** into your browser, log into the site with the username **KDUMC04** and password **KDUMC04**.

Place your credit card order, then print out your ticket(s) and remember to **bring your ticket with you to the park.**

Additional discount days are Saturdays, May 12 & 19, as well as Memorial Day Weekend, May 26, 27, & 28.

## Church Family News and Notes

Thanks for all the prayers and concern from my many friends and church family during my surgery and recovery.

~Marian Crowder

Sympathy to Catherine Milholen on the recent loss of her brother.

Blessings on these newborn babies and their families:

Ellison Channing Bailey, daughter of Mike and Erin Bailey, born March 27;

Patrick Joseph Klaus Pega, son of Rebecca and Christopher Pega, grandson of Klaus and Sue Worrell, born March 27;

Piper Reyna Hamilton, daughter of Troye and Dave Hamilton, born March 27;

Luke Harvey Zarolli, son of Katie and Greg Zarolli, grandson of Karen Yuhase and Steve Yuhase, great-grandson of Hilda Lindsey, born April 14.

## FAITH 101

Check us out in the Library on Sundays at 9:45 to learn more about God, faith, and the United Methodist Church.



## Wednesday Night Dinner

Opportunity for Fundraising

Would your group, or you as an individual, like to raise as much as \$200? Sign up to cook a Wednesday Night Dinner for 60-80 people on May 9 or 16.  
Contact Laura Griggs at 909-9470.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### ***FUN in the SUN!***

Join us for two weeks of fun and learning for your preschooler, ages 2-1/2 to 5 (Pre-K) in a relaxed, camp-like atmosphere. Your child will grow and learn while having lots of fun. Music, science, nature, fitness, water play and more!



### Also coming...***The PUMC Preschool Summer Olympics!***

Monday-Friday, July 16-27, 9:30 am -1:00 pm. Space is limited and registration forms are available on the table outside of the church office. Call the Preschool for more information - 276-1462. Invite a friend - the program is open to the entire community.

### ***A Big THANK YOU!***

As the school year comes to a close in early June, the staff of the Preschool wishes to thank the members of PUMC who have been so thoughtful and supportive throughout the year with generous donations of many types. We feel truly blessed to be a ministry of PUMC.



## Youth C.R.E.W. News



### May 2—Confirmation Meeting

If you are in grade 7 or higher, please attend an informational meeting to talk about the confirmation process and when classes will begin. The meeting is Wednesday, May 2 at 6:30 in room 206. Your parents are invited too!

### May 12—Race for the Cure

The 5K Race for the Cure on Brown's Island is May 12. We will meet there and run/walk together. Register online by May 9 and let Susan Clark know you are going. We will meet 30 minutes before the race. The cost is \$30.

### May 13—Mother's Day

No Youth Group this Sunday so you can spend time with your mom. Remember she washes your gym uniform.



Join us!

August 3-4

Regular & Extreme VBS



### CROSS TRAINER



**The Skit Guys series is coming to  
Cross Trainers (for 5th & 6th graders)  
in May and June!**

Sundays, 12:15-2:00, at the Youth House

The skit guys have been best friends since high school. Think of them as the wise guys in class who had everyone laughing and managed to make a career out of it. They've been teaching God's word using comedy, drama and whatever category talking action figures fit into for over twenty years.

May 6 Skit Guys "Adam and Eve"

May 13 No Cross Trainers

May 20 Skit Guys "Joseph"

May 27 Skit Guys "Psalm 139"

June 10 Skit Guys "Mercy"

This is our last meeting for the school year.

## Financial Update through March 2012

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

For the first three months of 2012, budgeted receipts were \$101,464, compared to expenses of \$105,109. Higher expenses are expected this year compared to last due to expanded ministry and worship opportunities, and the monthly mortgage payment for the elevator/HVAC building improvements. All of the church staff, leaders, and committees are being very careful to maximize our impact for Christ by avoiding any unnecessary expenses. The operating fund is quite adequate at \$21,068. For more detail, copies of the most recent treasurer's report are always available at the church office. This is an exciting year for Providence and we have faith that all of our members will join in making a difference by supporting the church financially.



**A LOOK  
at the  
BUDGET**

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## Graduates

Reminder that all graduate information, for all children graduating from High School, College, or trade school who are members of Providence United Methodist Church, needs to be in to Isabelle Sullivan by May 15<sup>th</sup>.



E-mail the information to:

[isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net](mailto:isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net)

## Connecting Through "Connections"

We are beginning our third month of our new contemporary worship service, Connections, meeting at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. Is there someone in your life, your family, your neighborhood, who is looking for a way to connect with others and with God? Come early (8:30-8:55) for coffee and conversation.



## Pentecost Celebrates the Birthday of Church

Sunday, May 27, 2012  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Wear something red to remember the flames of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2) that fill us with God's power!

## Mission Matters

He Has Risen  
Happy Spring to All

Your Mission team has been very busy so far in 2012; we just finished up our Annual Golf Tournament and raised close to \$2,000 that will go to Upward Soccer and UMUMR. Great Job to Joe Gillette and his team which consisted of Klaus Worrell, Elizabeth Newcomer, Valerie Reese, Mary Lou Robinson, Autumn Robinson, Shirley Collins, and I am sure many others. The winning team was Mike Patterson's team which included Larry Powers, Jim Beatty and John Taylor. Way to go guys! We look forward to seeing you next year to defend your title.

Our **Mission Garden** is growing and we have just planted string beans, squash, cucumbers and corn. I hope everyone purchased their geraniums from Shirley Collins to support UMUMR. If you didn't, there is always the Fall when she will again be selling Pansies.

Our next **Homeward Event** will be July 26 at St Paul's downtown. We are in need of bug spray, sunscreen and granola bars. We are also looking for gently used T-shirts as well as jeans and tennis shoes or sturdy shoes. You can drop clothes off in the fellowship hall and all other items by the

mission table; there will be a box waiting for your donations. My prayer is that you all will step up again just as you did in January. This Church has blessed so many people and I know it is in your hearts to continue to bless people. We will also need some help at this event so if you have some free time and would like to come and help us out let me know. Stay tuned for more information.

Thank you for your Lenten offering as well as your Easter offering. Final numbers are not in but I can feel great things happening. I hope to have totals by our next newsletter.

Please come and support your Mission Team at our next Wednesday Night Dinner which will be May 30.

As always we would love to have you join us at our next meeting which will be in June. We will be discussing our upcoming Homeward Event. Hope to see you there 6:30 in the Parlor. Come join the fun.

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

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

Blessing to each and everyone,  
~ Sue Duganne



Sunday, May 6, 9:00 a.m.  
in the Outdoor Chapel

**Come As You Are!**

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### **Sunday**

8:30 am	Coffee Social Time
9:00 am	Connections Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
4:30 pm	Pass It On Choir
5:30 pm	Youth
6:30 pm	Bells of Providence
7:30 pm	Ministry in Motion Rehearsal

### **Wednesday**

5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Church Telephone	276-4289
Fax Number	745-2501
Pastor's Home Telephone	562-5169
Preschool Telephone	276-1462

### **Contact us at:**

Website:	<a href="http://www.providenceumc.net">www.providenceumc.net</a>
E-mail:	<a href="mailto:providenceumc@providenceumc.net">providenceumc@providenceumc.net</a>
Pastor:	<a href="mailto:marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net">marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net</a>

### **Church Staff**

Pastor	Mary Beth Blinn
Director of Music Ministries	Beverley Edwards
Director of Preschool Ministries	Charlotte Cervarich
Director of Youth Ministries	Susan Clark
Director of Christian Education	Isabelle Sullivan
Church Secretary	Kathy Smith
Office Assistant	Linda Collins
Custodial Service	Bill Duganne
Nursery Attendant	April Basham
Our Covenant Missionary	Kim King Torres

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