

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.*

*June 2012*

## **Small Group Opportunities**

We have two wonderful ways for you to kick in the summer season. Read about them below and make sure to sign up on the clip boards on Sundays to register your interest or simply call the church to sign yourself up.

### **How God Takes Our Little & Makes it Much**

by Jame W Moore.

In this 6-session, video-based and book study, Dr. James Moore uses key Scriptures to show how God can take little and turn it into something great. Through these stories, you'll grow as a faithful follower of Jesus as you practice your faith in everyday life. Stories include: The story of Moses (a reluctant shepherd turned into a bold leader), the story of Esther (a harem girl turned into a heroine), the story of Peter (a fisherman turned into a Disciple), and many more. Classes will be facilitated by Diane King and begin Wednesday, June 13 at 10 a.m. and continue until July 25 (excluding July 4).

## **Personal Finance Class**

Begins June 20th

Did you know that God's Word provides all of the guidance you need for successful management of your personal finances? Join us for a life changing new series, "Building a Solid Financial Foundation." This 7-week study will be lead by Ron White, and begins Wednesday, June 20th, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There is a \$17 cost for a detailed workbook and cd-rom with many helpful resources. When we apply God's guidance to any area of our life it always produces good fruit. Join us for this class, and experience the peace, hope, and joy of the Spirit in your finances.

## **CONNECTIONS**

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Informal Contemporary Worship

## **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

**Saturday, June 9      8:00 - Noon**

Rent a space or come to shop! Spaces are \$25 and reservation forms are located on the table outside of the office. If you have items to donate to the Preschool for sale, please bring them downstairs to the Preschool from June 6-8. If you need to drop anything off sooner, please call Charlotte Cervarich at 276-1462 to make arrangements.

## Worship in June

June 3	Holy Communion Peace with Justice Sunday Disciple Bible Study Recognitions	Psalms 29 Isaiah 6:1-8	Connections (9:00 a.m.) Traditional (11:00 a.m.)
June 10	Graduation Sunday	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Connections (9:00 a.m.) Traditional (11:00 a.m.)
June 17	Fathers' Day	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	Connections (9:00 a.m.) Traditional (11:00 a.m.)
June 24	United Methodist Men's Sunday		Connections (9:00 a.m.) Traditional (11:00 a.m.)

### Suggestions for Summer Sermons?

Do you have a question about Christian beliefs or living as a disciple of Jesus Christ? Pastor Mary Beth is inviting your questions as possible themes for her preaching this summer. Submit your thought or question through email ([Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net](mailto:Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net)) or in the suggestion box in the foyer at church. The deadline is June 10.

### Mission Kids Update



What a great session of Mission Kids. If you haven't visited us on FaceBook to see Mission Kids in action, please do so soon. The kids and a few of their parents spent the past five weeks doing the following:

- Made table covers with jokes and drawings for the United Methodist Family services as well as helped with clerical work.
- Worked in the PUMC mission garden picking radishes, weeding, spraying for bugs, and planting seeds for more food to grow.

- Talked with our Missionary Kim King Torres through Skype about her work in Florida City, Florida and colored 40 bags which we filled with food for the kids at branches.
- Created 25 waiting room kits for children at Children's hospital and Chippenham's ER. These kits will be offered to kids as they have to wait for treatment or wait for a loved one to get treatment.
- Lastly, we went to the Laurels to play games with the residents there.

This was a fun and rewarding small group. I hope you will join us next time as we continue to look for more opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ.



## PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

July 16-27—Monday-Friday

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for fun and learning for your preschooler, aged 2-1/2 to 5, in a relaxed camp-like atmosphere. Your child will grow and learn while having lots of fun. Fitness, Music, Nature, Water Fun and More...

FEATURING the PUMC Preschool Summer Olympics

All snacks, drinks and treats provided!

Registration forms are available on the table outside of the office,  
or by calling 276-1462.

### Community-Wide Wednesday Night Dinner

June 6, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Invite a friend or neighbor — they eat free!

(This dinner concludes Wednesday Night Dinners for the summer.)

#### Blind Faith Ministry

Megan Roberson, a high school student and member of Providence Church has started a ministry called “Blind Faith” in honor of her friend, Barbara Clatterbuck. Ms. Clatterbuck is a blind woman living in Parham Rehabilitation Center. Megan has noticed the needs of other residents and wants to raise money to purchase things like slippers, flowers, and stuffed animals for lonely residents. To raise money, Megan is selling rubber bracelets for \$3.00 with John 20:29 on them. John 20-29 says “Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Contact Megan at [tigger54321@comcast.net](mailto:tigger54321@comcast.net) for more information.

#### PUMC Softball Schedule

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.**



# JUNE

## Acolytes

June 3—*Communion*  
 9:00 Gabby Sullivan  
 11:00 Laura King

June 10  
 9:00 Emma McConnell  
 11:00 Cole Holland

June 17  
 9:00 Molly Roberson  
 11:00 Rachael Harvey

June 24  
 9:00 Tristen Kellam  
 11:00 Emily Kyser

## Counter Captains

June 3 Klaus Worrell  
 June 10 Ron Wootten  
 June 17 Gary Wright  
 June 24 Jimmy Sculthorpe

## Name Tags

June 3 Jean Riekers  
 June 10 Amy Mott  
 June 17 Emma Fleenor  
 June 24 Laurie Breeden

## Greeters

Frances and Lewis Miller

## Communion Preparers

June 3  
 9:00 Lisa Fleenor  
 Anna Knight  
 11:00 Carolyn Winstead

## Audio / Media Shout

June 3  
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
 Dano Holland (MS)  
 11:00 Gary Wright (A)  
 Dano Holland (MS)

June 10  
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
 Bob Gillie (MS)  
 11:00 Keith King (A)  
 Bob Gillie (MS)

June 17  
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
 Brad Wootten (MS)  
 11:00 Ron Wootten (A)  
 Brad Wootten (MS)

June 24  
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
 Steve Oliver (MS)  
 11:00 Bob Gillie (A)  
 Steve Oliver (MS)

## Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
 Chris Healy  
 Carolyn Bilski  
 11:00 George Winstead  
 Lee Bradshaw  
 Bob Fitch  
 Linwood Hudson  
 T. L. Jenkins  
 Stuart Watkins  
 David Sommer  
 Allen Branson

## Nursery

June 3  
 9:00 Linda Koertge  
 SS Pam Groome  
 11:00 Shirley Collins

June 10  
 9:00 Kelly Horne  
 SS Barbara Oliver  
 11:00 Carol Urso

June 17  
 9:00 Ann Busbee  
 SS Anne McKinnish  
 11:00 Isabelle Sullivan

June 24  
 9:00 Laurie Breeden  
 SS Wendy Collins  
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

## **Deadlines:**

Mid-Week Update:

Tuesdays at Noon

Bulletin:

Wednesdays at Noon

Newsletter:

**Thursday, June 14**

## United Methodist Women

The **June Unit Picnic** will be on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m., at the Picnic Shelter. All Circles and families are welcome.

**Gregory Circle** will attend the Unit Picnic in lieu of their regular circle meeting

**Newton Circle** will meet on Thursday, June 7, after the Unit Picnic.

**Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

**Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, June 21, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.



## Thanks for Making a Difference

### Recent Special Offerings

B. T. Cooper Academy, Kenya	\$862.05
Society of St. Andrew	\$403.33
Haiti Solar Oven Project	\$403.33
Branches	\$403.34
UMUMR Shalom Farm	\$514.83
Native American Ministries	\$126.00

## You Are Welcome!

Beginning Line Dancing  
Mondays at 9:15-10:00  
Room 309

Experienced Line Dancers will continue to meet, 10:00-11:00



## Blessing of the Animals

And God said, "**Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind. . . and God saw that it was good.**" Genesis 1:24-25. On Sunday, June 10, at 4 p.m., a Blessing of the Animals will be held at Providence, weather permitting. Pets may be brought on leashes or in cages as we celebrate God's good gifts.



## Thank You for a Great Partnership!

Our Preschool year ends on Friday, June 1. The staff and students of PUMC Preschool would like to thank you for all of your support and kind words over the past school year. We are partners in achieving our goal of offering an academically sound, nurturing, Christian preschool experience to the young children of our community.

## *Pastor's Note*

How does a preacher know what to preach? It begins with prayer, scripture and a pastor knowing the needs of the community of faith. Much of the time, I am guided by the lectionary readings which are a three year cycle of readings from the whole Bible, and which cover all the major portions of the gospels. Many preachers, across denominational lines, use the lectionary as a guide to preaching. So you may hear a sermon on the same scripture on the same day if you visit another church in our community. These readings match up with the church year, during which we celebrate holy seasons such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

Other times, I may choose scripture and themes that relate to the concerns and spiritual needs of the congregation. This will be affected by what's going on in the life of our church, community and world. Sometimes someone will say to me, "You should preach a sermon

on this or that!" I try to stay in tune with the Holy Spirit and study the scriptures to see what God may be saying to us as a congregation. It is a humbling task and I appreciate your prayers as I prepare each week for the "relentless return of the Sabbath."

This summer I am inviting your questions and input as I plan my preaching. Check out the article on page 2 in this newsletter on how to submit a question or a scripture for my prayerful consideration.

Thank you for your careful listening each week. However, the sermon doesn't end during worship on Sunday. It continues the rest of the week as you think about the scripture, my words, your life and how God is leading you in faithful discipleship. May God help us all to listen and to respond.

Peace,

*Mary Beth*

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## 2011 DIRECTORY UPDATES

**BOWERS**, Robin; Andrew, 858 Hockett Road, Manakin Sabot, VA 23103

**GRIGGS**, Katie, 426 NW 15th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

**PICKERAL**, Sue - change to Ursula, Lucy Corr Village, 6800 Lucy Corr Blvd., Chesterfield, VA 23832

**ZARROLI**, Greg & Katie - add Luke

## SAVE THE DATES!!

Join the Family Council for FREE movies and popcorn in July! Hope you can join us for the fun on July 11, 18, and 25 at 1:30. Watch for additional details in the July Newsletter!

## PUMC UPWARD SOCCER 2012



The 2012 season of Upward Soccer is right around the corner. Providence UMC is looking to continue the success of this great ministry that provides

children an opportunity to grow their faith and become closer to Jesus Christ while learning the life long values of integrity, respect, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Upward provides a healthy environment that combines ministry and athletics to produce an educational and fun filled time for all participants.

### Important dates to remember

- ⇒ **June 1** – online registration opens at [www.bluesombrero.com/providenceumc](http://www.bluesombrero.com/providenceumc) and registration forms will be available on the church website under Ministries/Upward Soccer
- ⇒ **August 11** – Evaluations will be conducted
- ⇒ The week of **August 26** – Practice begins
- ⇒ **September 8** – The first games will be held
- ⇒ **November 3** – The final game and award ceremony

Volunteers are needed in many different areas. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Brad Wootten at [woottenb@gmail.com](mailto:woottenb@gmail.com) or 804.513.7687 or look for sign up sheets on the church clipboards and bulletin boards to find out how you can help.

## 2012 Graduates at PUMC

Join us on June 10 during our Sunday School hour in the social hall as we honor our 2012 graduates from High School, College, and Trade School. Refreshments will be served. There will be no Sunday School on this day so that we may all celebrate in the joy of the following graduates:

**Emma Breeden** (VCU, Bachelor of Arts in English and minor in Media Studies)

**Steven Bradley** (VCU, Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics)

**Eric Byers** (Virginia Tech, BS in Natural Resources Conservation)

**Lindsey Collins** (VCU, Master of Education in Counselor Education in School Counseling Summa Cum Laude)

**Alexis Cummings** (Powhatan High School)

**Jessica Ezell** (James River High School)

**Clayton Fleshman** (Virginia Tech, BS Mining and Minerals Engineering)

**Katie Griggs** (Virginia Tech, Bachelor's degree in Theater and a minor in Psychology)

**Karl Hayter** (VCU's School of Pharmacy)

**Greg Jenkins** (VCU, Master of Science in Information Systems Management)

**Michelle Magee** (James River High School)

**Marshall Mallory** (Chapman University, Master's Degree in Education and Teaching)

**Heather Riekers** (VCU, Major in Broadcast Journalism and Minor in Religious Studies)

**Joseph Salvaggio** (Monacan High School)

**Heather Thompson** (J Sargeant Reynolds CC as a paramedic)

**Theresa Thompson** (Cedar Valley College, Texas as Licensed Veterinarian Technician)



## Church Family News and Notes



### Howard George Busbee Summerfield

Born: April 4, 2012

Parents: Stacey & Toby Summerfield

Grandparents: Howard & Mary Busbee

### Madison Isbell Taylor

Born: December 16, 2011

Parents: Jason & Stephanie Isbell Taylor



Blessings on Lynley Valentine Whitby, who was baptized on April 22. Her parents are David and Amery Whitby and her grandparents are George and Jean Whitby.



Congratulations and Blessings on John Waters and Juanita Wolfe-Cersley who were married on Saturday, May 19, in our sanctuary.



We feel so blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church. The prayer blanket made by the church will forever be a treasure for Ellison and a reminder of the warmth of God's love. The meals have been such a blessing and we look forward to returning the favor to our congregation. Much love and thanks!

Mike, Erin & Girls

## Operation Overboard

August 3-4

We are trying something new this year for Vacation Bible School. We will be hosting a 2-day event, Friday, August 3, from 6:00—8:30 p.m. and Saturday, August 4, from 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. This new style will allow more of our congregation to serve with less time commitment and allow more children to attend with less conflict to their schedules. Join me on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. for our VBS training session. We need drama characters, folks to make us one dinner and one lunch, photographers, and of

course dive guides (the leaders that carry the children from station to station). We will need many volunteers to again pull off a successful VBS—Providence style. If you have never been a part of our VBS, I encourage you to come and join the fun. For more information, contact Isabelle Sullivan by email at [isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net](mailto:isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net) or by phone at 276-4289.



~ Isabelle Sullivan



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



### Summer is here and so is Youth Ministry!

- ◇ June 10 - Graduation Sunday.
- ◇ June 17 - Father's Day- No Youth meeting.
- ◇ June 24 - Flying Squirrels game at 2:05. Meet at youth house at 1:30. No night meeting.
- ◇ June 28 - Kings Fest - Groups include Casting Crowns, NEEDTOBREATHE, Thousand Food Crutch and more. Cost is \$24.99 if you have a season pass or \$56.99 if you don't. Price includes day admission to park. Purchase your own tickets and choose lawn seats so we can sit together.
- ◇ July 8 - Youth Group meeting 6:00-8:00—no dinner.

- ◇ July 10 - Day at Virginia Beach. Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. Will return around 6:00 p.m.
- ◇ July 14 - Lock-in Scavenger Hunt. 4:00 p.m. Saturday-9:00 a.m. Sunday. Must attend worship on Sunday morning to participate in lock-in.
- ◇ July 15 - No youth meeting.
- ◇ July 17 - Feed More Mission project at Virginia Food Bank, 1:00-4:00 p.m.. Must be 16 years old. Meet at youth house by 12:15.
- ◇ July 22 - Tubing down the James 1:00-5:00 p.m. The cost is \$12.50.
- ◇ August 3-4 - Extreme VBS for rising 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- ◇ August 10-11 - Night in a Box for Teens Opposing Poverty.
- ◇ August 14 - Feed More at Virginia Food Bank mission project 1:00-4:00 p.m.

For information about any of these events contact our youth director, Susan Clark at church at 276-4289 or by email at [susan.clark@providenceumc.net](mailto:susan.clark@providenceumc.net).

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### Scripts Is Now Online!

Introducing [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), our new and convenient way for everyone to order scrip cards from anywhere and anytime. Log on to the site ([www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)) and create an account for yourself in the green box labeled "family sign ups". Go through the steps of setting up your account. Once you have done so, you will be prompted to enter your organization's code which is **1F7E115632275**. That's it! You can order any time during the day or night. We will release the orders every Sunday afternoon by 1:00 p.m., so make sure you have your order in by then. Those using this service will have to make payments through their bank accounts. Traditional orders will still be taken

over the summer BUT only during church office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday), so please make sure you have your check and order form in by Friday at noon. This will take effect on **June 10**.

Thank you for all your help with raising money for our improved playground. On June 3, we will be available in the office to help you set up your accounts during the Sunday School hour and after the 11:00 a.m. service. If you have any questions with setting this up, please contact Isabelle Sullivan at 276-4289.



## Providence Retired Club

There are probably a number of people in the congregation who would enjoy meeting with the Providence Retired Club. The PRCs meet in the Social Hall on the second Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. We have a short business



meeting and adjourn for a program or entertainment. Normally we each bring a bagged lunch and eat together afterwards.

Future programs include:

- June 11 Our Annual "Picnic" at **SHONEY'S** on Hull Street (near Courthouse Road)
- July 9 Denise Cosner, Home Instead Senior Care (at 10:30 a.m.)
- Aug 18 Adolph Moller (accordionist) with "Name That Tune" game
- Sept 10 Brian Truzzie, Chesterfield Parks & Recreation, slide presentation on the Midlothian Coal Mines

Please join us anytime — we'd love to have you with us.

~ Shirley Hudson

## Summer Sunday School

Beginning June 17 through the month of August, our dedicated children and youth Sunday School teachers will be taking a much deserved rest as they refresh themselves for the fall. Details for Summer are coming soon!

I want to lift up Mike and Cathy Patterson for their long time service to youth Sunday School. They moved over to young adult ministry in February after having taught 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school for over 15 years! We thank them for their service to our church. Please help me in thanking Cathy and Mike along with the individuals below with notes or words of appreciation when you see them.

- Preschool: Virginia Randall and Mary Ann Walton
- K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Carol Urso and Jane Gilliam
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Isabelle Sullivan and Amy Mott
- 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Lisa Fleenor and Jim McConnell
- 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade: Chris and Isca Wilms

Isabelle Sullivan  
Director, Christian Education

## Calling All Rising 4—6<sup>th</sup> Graders

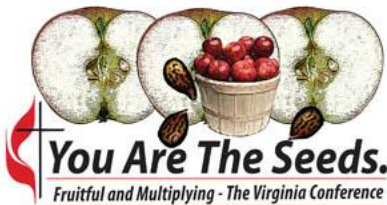
It is time for Helping Hands mission trip again, July 19—20. Join us for an exciting two day Mission Experience for children offered to all member churches of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. This is for all rising 4 — 6<sup>th</sup> graders, parents, and adult leaders.

Come and learn about mission opportunities and the importance of being a caring Christian. The cost is only \$36 per person. This includes a T-shirt, meals and snacks, and overnight stay. We will need adult chaperones so please let me know if you can help. Fill out the registration form on our web-site and turn it in with payment by June 18. Questions? Contact Isabelle Sullivan 276-4289.

## CCHASM Tidbits

Many of you may, or may not, know that PUMC joined CCHASM about 10 years ago. Overall, the intent was to not keep cash and food in the church. CCHASM screens and monitors recipients for us and in return for coordinating this, we (PUMC) promises food, paper products, and financial aid.

Recent donations have been greatly appreciated.



### Annual Conference

The Virginia Annual Conference will be meeting June 22-24 in Roanoke, Virginia. Each church is represented by clergy and lay members (Pastor Mary Beth and Jim Chappell) for this gathering which includes reports of ministries, decision-making, worship and the setting of pastoral appointments for the coming year. Bishop Charlene Kammerer will be presiding at her last Annual Conference and will be retiring in August.

Health kits and birthing kits from our church will be delivered to be shipped around the world. On Sunday, June 17, we will collect an offering at Providence for Mozambique, Brazil, Cambodia, Shalom Farm (Goochland County) to take with us for the Annual Conference Offering.

ed. The people of Providence are asked to do so much, but you seem to always come through and we thank you very much.

As a quick reminder, the second Sunday of every month is designated for food collection for CCHASM. Please put any donations in the designated bins in the narthex. Or, drop off your donation anytime when the bin is in the hallway near the elevator.

### Needed for Haiti

The Laughon Circle was privileged to have Rev. Sam Nesmith as their guest speaker in April who has made **91** mission trips abroad. Since the earthquake in Haiti over a year ago, Rev. Nesmith has made 5 trips to that country, just returning from his latest mission in mid-April. He shared pictures with us and told of his experiences there. When asked what we could do to help, he replied that he could use any kind of basic first aid supplies.

Following is a suggested list of items we will be collecting to send with him on his next trip:

- Band aids
- Antibiotic ointment
- Alcohol wipes
- Aspirin
- Pain relievers (such as Advil)
- Cotton swabs (or balls)
- Campho-Phenique

There will be a designated bin in the mission spot in the hallway outside the elevator on the second floor. Together we can help make a difference!

~ Diane King

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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 Choir  
5:30 pm Youth  
7:30 pm Ministry in Motion Rehearsal

**Wednesday**  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

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