

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.*

*June 2013*

## **Blessing of the Animals**

Bring your furry (or not so furry) animal companions and join us in the outdoor chapel on Sunday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m. for PUMC's Second Annual Blessing of the Animals! If you didn't make it last year, the service was fun for everyone! Come and make some new animal and human friends and enjoy some afternoon worship and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

This service is so much fun, not even a few raindrops will stop us! The Blessing will take place in the picnic shelter in the event of inclement weather.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Mott at: [amott@joelbieber.com](mailto:amott@joelbieber.com) or 804-814-8646.

All God's  
Creatures



## **Invited: All Men of the Church**

Saturday, June 29, 9:30-Noon  
(begins with coffee — ends with lunch)

Discussions will include: our role in the church; how we can grow spiritually as a group; how we support our church as a group; and how we support our community as a group.



## **Celebrate Music!**

Join us at 11:00 a.m. on  
**Sunday, June 9**, to celebrate  
a wonderful year of music.

Special performances by:  
Chancel Choir,  
Bells of Providence, Pass It On,  
KC Jam, SonRise Sisters,  
Men's Quartet, and many more!

You won't want to miss it!

## Worship in June

9:00 a.m. Connections Worship (come as you are)  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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Our theme for June is a journey with Elijah, a prophet who lived 800 years before Jesus. He spoke God's message to the people of Israel and had some dramatic experiences along the way. We'll find out that we can identify with Elijah and he has word for us still today.

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.

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June 2	Elijah: God's Guy Holy Communion Graduation Sunday	Galatians 1:1-12 1 Kings 18:20-39	"Prove It"
June 9	Music Sunday		9:00 Ministry in Motion-Praise God through Music 11:00 See article on front page
June 16	Elijah: God's Guy Father's Day	Galatians: 2:15-21 1 Kings 17:8-16	"Always Enough to Go Around"
June 23	Elijah: God's Guy	Galatians 3:23-29 1 Kings 19:1-15a	"Listening for God" Preacher: Ron White
June 30	Elijah: God's Guy	Galatians 5:22-25 2 Kings 1-2, 6-14	"Will Anyone Follow in Your Footsteps?" 11:00 Hymns by Request

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## Annual Conference in Hampton

The Virginia Annual Conference will be meeting June 21-23 at the Hampton, VA, Convention Center. 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 Young Jin Cho will be presiding over his first conference. Health kits and birthing kits for distribution around the world will be delivered from our church.

## Pastor's Note

Have you ever been “down in the dumps?” I’m not sure where this expression came from, but we all know what it means. We’ve been discouraged, or depressed, or just down, emotionally and spiritually. The writer of Psalm 130 knew about this as well: **“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!”** All of us been there. Sometimes it is our work, or our family situation, or something that happens at school or with a close friend, or even at church. We may just try to deal with it ourselves, or talk with a friend. But do we go to God when we are feeling our worst? Maybe we think we shouldn’t. We should only talk to God when we are feeling confident, thankful, joyful, hopeful.

But the psalm writer knew better. We can go to God especially when we are feeling down, and this Psalm gives us the words to say if we don’t have our own. I hope you will use the words of Psalm 130 to guide your prayers this month, and in the future. God already knows what we are going through. Reaching out to God is the first step in our healing.



Peace,  
*Pastor Mary Beth*



## Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 2, will include recognition of our high school, college and university graduates. A reception will be held during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45, for the graduates, their families and our congregation. During both worship services our graduates will be highlighted and included in our prayers. Everyone is invited to sign the greeting cards located near the library.

## Make a Difference Every Month with Online Giving

We all find joy in supporting the life-changing work God is doing through our church. But when we miss a Sunday due to travel or busy schedules, it’s easy to let the consistency of our giving slip. On our website, [providenceumc.net](http://providenceumc.net), you can set up automatic recurring contributions to help stay consistent with your giving plan. It only takes a minute to set up, and you can modify it at any time.



## Celebrating Our Relationship with A. M. Davis School

- Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 at A. M. Davis took their SOL (Standards of Learning) tests in late May. Providence Road Partners provided treats for them on the first day of testing and last day of testing. The teachers, students and administration were very thankful for these treats and the motivational notes that were attached!
- Our annual PRP Teacher Appreciation Breakfast for the faculty and staff at A. M. Davis is coming up on Monday, June 10. If you would like to provide a treat for this breakfast, please contact Wendy Collins ([MrsCollins17@aol.com](mailto:MrsCollins17@aol.com)) /276-2418, or any member of Providence Road Partners). You can bring your goodies to church on June 9 and leave them in the room next to the nursery.



## Camp Westview on the James



“Westview,” as it is often called, is our church camp for the Richmond District and two other central Virginia districts. Located on the banks of the James River in Goochland, it offers residential camps for 6-14 year olds. They also offer Adventure Camps for 13-17 year olds throughout the summer with different themes. The camp is also available for church groups and outings. Pick up a brochure on the table beside the office for more information.

### United Methodist Women

The **Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 pm at Pat Loud's home.

The **Laughon Circle** will meet on June 11 at 10:30 am at the church.

The **Newton Circle** will not meet in June, EXCEPT for the June 9 picnic.

The **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, June 18 at 10:30 am at the church.

### Unit UMW News:

UMW Family Picnic, Sunday, June 9 at 12:15 at church picnic shelter. Everyone to bring covered dish to share. Chicken will be provided.

### District UMW News:

- June 7-8: District Mission Trip to Ferrum College.
- June 8: District UMW Day at Ferrum College.



# YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

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

## FAITH NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND

Saturday, June 1  
Game time 6:05  
General Admission \$5.00!  
Pregame concerts from local churches  
Player testimonials  
Post game fireworks!



## KINGS FEST JUNE 27-29

Get your tickets now for King's Dominion  
3 day festival of the top Christian rock bands!  
Thursday-Toby Mac  
Friday-Skillet  
Saturday-Chris Tomlin  
Go to [kingsdominion.com](http://kingsdominion.com) for all the info.

## June 16 is Father's Day

No Sunday night youth group  
Spend time hugging your Dad



## Graduation Sunday

Youth Group Party  
June 2, 5:30-7:30  
Youth House



**THEY DID IT!**

## Support Our Branches Mission Trip

This summer, fifteen members from our church are spending a week at Branches, an organization 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

with a direct donation to support the expenses of this trip and the supplies for the kids we are going to serve.

The youth, in turn, will serve you, the investor, with a "stock holders dinner" on July 21 as they share pictures and stories from their trip.

Checks should be made out to Providence Church. Write "**stock**" in the memo line.



The 2013 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, team-work, and sportsmanship. Upward provides a healthy environment that combines ministry and athletics to produce an educational and fun filled time for all participants.

Volunteers are needed in many different areas. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jennifer Clemmons at [upward-pumc@gmail.com](mailto:upward-pumc@gmail.com) or 804-205-8544 or look for sign up sheets on the church clipboards and

bulletin boards to find out how you can help. Other members of the Upward Leadership Team are David Hamilton and John Salvaggio.

**Important dates to remember:**

**June 1** – registration opens and registration forms will be available on the church website under Ministries/Upward Soccer

**July** - online registration will be available, check for updates on the church website under Ministries/Upward Soccer

**August 10** – Evaluations will be conducted  
The week of August 25 – Practice begins

**September 7** – The first games will be held

**November 2** – The final game and award ceremony

**Annual Conference Offering**

On Sunday, June 9, we will **collect an offering at Providence** to send to Annual Conference. This Annual Conference offering will be going to four important missions:

- **BRAZIL** – Shade and Fresh Water program for at-risk "street" children: \$50,000
- **MOZAMBIQUE** – Classroom construction and building repairs for Janene Pennel Secondary School: \$50,000

- **CAMBODIA** – Christian education materials, scholarships and other projects with children focused on growing the young church: \$50,000
- **VIRGINIA** – \$50,000 divided among three children's ministries: One Family "Una Familia," a new Eastern Shore District tutoring ministry for Hispanic children; The Henry Fork Center in rural Franklin County; and All God's Children Camps for children of incarcerated parents.

## Church Family News and Notes

We rejoice that these youth professed their faith in Christ on Sunday, May 19:

Ethan Palmer  
Tristen Kellam  
Laura King  
Emily Kyser  
Emma McConnell  
Gabrielle Sullivan



Blessings on the Mallory family. On Sunday, May 5, Jamie transferred her membership to PUMC, joining her husband Will. On that day, Jamie and Will's children (Jude, Evan, and Emma) were baptized. Welcome.



Virginia Anderson and her family are grateful for the many prayers, cards, visits, and other expressions of love and concern from her church family following her recent fall. She is back home now and doing well.



Sympathy is offered to the family of Evelyn Agee who died on May 3.

Our prayers are with the family of Barbara Sulanke who died on May 12, 2013.



## Psalm Prayer of the Month

Our Psalm for the month of June is a prayer of petition—calling out to God for help and forgiveness. If you would like to memorize a key verse, try verse 1: Out of the depth I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice. Use whatever translation you are comfortable with and pray this prayer as often as you can. You may find that you will soon have the entire Psalm memorized

### **Psalm 130** (NRSV)

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice!*

*Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my  
supplications!*

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?*

*But there is forgiveness with you, so that  
you may be revered.*

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his  
word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morn-  
ing, more than those who watch for the  
morning.*

*O Israel, hope in the Lord!*

*For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.*

*It is he who will redeem Israel from all its  
iniquities.*



# Missions Minutes

## Potato Drop

**WOW!** We had a great turn out for our Potato Drop and Festival. We had 91 volunteers come and help bag our 41,000 pounds of sweet potatoes. A great time was had by all and we had a lot of our community come and enjoy the Festival. The food was great and the moon bounce was a huge hit. Everyone loved all the animals. Thank you to Linda Downey who provided Therapy Dogs and explained what they do and how they help people.

Thank you to Dave Long and Cathy Patterson for passing out Bible bracelets and explaining what each color means. I hope all who received will remember and pay it forward. We had over 40 cakes donated and all those who walked and won had a great time.

The Children looked so cute with their faces painted. My heart is so full of pride in the fact that our church cares so much for our community and families. All of those potatoes are going to help so many people. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Please remember to complete the Mission Report on the website; this gives us a view of what is being done at Providence and how many are involved.

## Wednesday Night Speakers

A Big Thank You to Valerie Reese for all the speakers she secured for our Wednesday Night Dinners. I enjoyed all of them and I think those who were able to stay did as well.

## English Classes

You help is needed. We are looking for someone to volunteer to organize child care for our English Classes that will be starting in June. We will be holding

them on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM. Please help with this mission. We continue to receive calls about this class so we know there is a need. If you are able to help organize child care or want to help tutor or even volunteer please let me know. Carol Urso will be teaching the class again this summer. Prayerfully consider helping so that many of our neighbors can be helped.

## Homeward

We know that our Homeward Event is coming in July but we don't have a date yet. Brenda and I have been working hard in the mission room but still have a lot to do. We are boxing up clothes that we already have and we will have tubs for items that are coming in. We hope to have the room organized and ready to use by the middle of June. You can continue to drop off clothing, snack foods, socks, shoes, underwear, all types of summer clothing. We also need bug spray or towelettes. We will keep you posted as to when the event is and if you are able to help that would be great.

## Mission Garden

The garden is growing but can always use help weeding. The guys are out there every Saturday morning at 10:00, working hard so if you have some spare time and would like to give back, come on out and help.

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



### Acolytes

**June 2**—*Communion*  
Laura King  
**June 9** Cole Holland  
**June 16** Tristen Kellam  
**June 23** Meredith Kyser  
**June 30** Emily Kyser

### Communion Preparers

**June 2**  
9:00 Barbara Blankenship  
11:00 Barbara Robertson

### Name Tags

**June 2** Laurie Breeden  
**June 9** Kyser Family  
**June 16** Pam Asbury  
**June 23** Nikki Earley  
**June 30** Jahna Seymour

### Readers

**June 2** Mary Lou Branson  
**June 9** Allen Branson  
**June 16** Laurie Breeden  
**June 23** Valerie Reese  
**June 30** Barbara Sutton

### Sanctuary Organizers

Nickie Price

### Greeters

**Ed Bldg:**  
9:00 Bobby Johnson  
11:00 Allen Branson  
**Narthex**  
9:00 Mike Patterson  
11:00 Mary Lou Branson

### Grass Cutting

**June 2** Bobby Wood (Area 2)  
**June 9** Gary Vest (Area 1)  
**June 16** John Bradley (Area 2)  
**June 23** Steve Reese (Area 1)  
**June 30** Gary Vest (Area 2)

### 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

### Nursery

**June 2**  
9:00 Jennifer Ostrum  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Anne Blane & Brad Wootten  
**June 9**  
9:00 Kelly Horne  
SS Lori Justice  
11:00 Shirley Collins  
**June 16**  
9:00 Linda Koertge  
SS Jennifer Ostrum  
11:00 Laurie Breeden  
**June 23**  
9:00 Ann Busbee  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins  
**June 30**  
9:00 Pam Groome  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Michelle Butler/  
Carol Urso

### Counter Team Captains

**June 2** Klaus Worrell  
**June 9** Ron Wootten  
**June 16** Gary Wright  
**June 23** Jimmy Sculthorpe  
**June 30** Klaus Worrell

### Audio / Media Shout

**June 2**  
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Bob Gillie (MS)  
Bob Gillie (B)  
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)  
Bob Gillie (MS)  
**June 9**  
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Steve Oliver (MS)  
Bob Gillie (B)  
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Steve Oliver (MS)  
**June 16**  
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Brad Wootten (MS)  
Mary Elliott (B)  
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)  
Brad Wootten (MS)  
**June 23**  
9:00 Keith King (A)  
Steve Oliver (MS)  
Mary Elliott (B)  
11:00 Keith King (A)  
Steve Oliver (MS)  
**June 30**  
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Brad Wootten (MS)  
Brad Wootten (B)  
11:00 Gary Wright (A)  
Brad Wootten (MS)



# North Carolina Boys Choir National Tour Series

Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.

Come for an evening of music by one of the most prestigious boys choir in the United States. Music will include works such as Mendelssohn's *Lift Thine Eyes*, Mozart's *Ave Verum*, Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Pie Jesu*, and Franz Schubert's *Gloria*.

The concert is free. An offering will be collected with proceeds being donated to the North Carolina Boys Choir.





*Signa Tours* 

1237 Mall Drive ♦ Richmond, VA 23235  
(804) 379-6500 ♦ (888) 540-0100

**Providence Retirees Presents:  
Keith Henderson's Holiday Concert  
in Roanoke Rapids  
Sunday - December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Don't miss this great afternoon of holiday entertainment in Roanoke Rapids, NC to see Elvis Presley Tribute Artist, Keith Henderson! His Christmas show last year was such a huge success that he is coming back for another unforgettable afternoon of Christmas entertainment as only the "King" himself could provide! He'll be performing again with his orchestra, *The Illusions*, in the beautiful *Roanoke Rapids Theatre*, in nearby Roanoke Rapids, NC. Same great seats will be reserved - center orchestra! Don't miss out on this great way to welcome the holiday season!

Upon arriving in Roanoke Rapids, enjoy a family-style lunch at the ever so popular . . . *Ralph's Barbeque*. Locals and visitors alike claim this is the place to find some of the best barbeque you'll ever taste! Lunch will be served family style - consisting of minced pork barbeque, fried chicken, cole slaw, mashed potatoes with gravy, collard greens, hush puppies, beverage and dessert!

*My family and I have been so blessed to be able to travel throughout the country and perform my show "Illusions of the King" - a true tribute to the greatest entertainer of all time. I have loved Elvis Presley and his music all my life. I want to keep his memory alive and positive for all the fans and youth that come to our shows. Through our travels, we have made so many friends, and I want to thank you all for your continued support. Elvis fans are the greatest! -Keith Henderson*

**Tour Cost Includes:**

Round-Trip Motorcoach Transportation ♦ Lunch at Ralph's Barbeque  
Matinee Performance at The Roanoke Rapid Theatre ♦ Tax and Gratuity for Lunch  
Refreshments Served Aboard the Motorcoach ♦ Driver Gratuity

**Cost Per Person:  
\$98.00**

**Depart:** Providence UMC 12:00 PM  
(or as soon as church let's out)

**Returns:** Providence UMC 7:00 PM

**Please Make Check Payable to Providence  
Retired Club and Mail by November 1<sup>st</sup> to:**

Bobby Wood  
1124 Sunkist Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23235  
(804) 276-3058

*Cancellations Made Within Three (3) Business Days of  
Departure Are "Non-refundable." In Addition, All  
Payments Are Subject to Any Non-refundable Charges  
Imposed by Vendors.*



Chesterfield Ruritan Club has **Brunswick Stew** for sale -- \$5 per quart -- contact Bobby Burton at 804-794-2898.

**Extreme VBS 2013**  
**August 5-9, Grades 5-8**  
**Get the answers you need**  
**Invite your friends**  
**Free event**

**VBS Scheduled**

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for August 5-9. The theme is: **Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together**, is for children ages 5-grade 5.



**Men's Bible Studies**  
 The Essentials of Effective Prayer  
 Thursdays, 6:15 p.m., Room 205  
 Leader: Ron White

**Ongoing Study of 2 Timothy**  
 (a study of discipleship and Christian Education)  
 Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m., Room 309  
 Leader: Linda Koertge

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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**

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

5:45 pm Ministry in Motion

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**Church Staff**

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

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