

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.

July 2011

Making a Difference

A special thank you goes out to our Branches Buddies who made it possible to send 70 pairs of new flip flops, along with water balloons to decorate them, to Branches for the children. On my first trip there, it was wonderful to see the sense of community the day after making them when they all came back wearing their flip flops, unique to them. One of my greatest memories at Branches was working alongside a little girl who was very happily decorating her “fancy flip flops” so that she could give them as a gift to her friend who didn’t have any shoes. My heart melted. After sharing what I had heard, I learned that that little girl had nothing and lives with her grandparents. That is the reason I love to send two of everything (especially Christmas crafts) – one for the child to keep, and one for them to give as a gift. Thank you again to all who make this possible, and for all of your prayers for these children!!!

Love, The Flip Flop Lady
(aka Lisa Fleenor)



Branches is a United Methodist ministry to children, youth, their families in southern Florida. If you would like to be a Branches Buddy and help with craft supplies, contact Lisa at 639-3237.



Please sign up to donate blood on Sunday, July 10, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the water fountain. If you’re not picky about the time you donate, email Laurie Breden at Icbree123@aol.com. She will schedule you a time and let you know.

Inspired by Janet Fattizzi, let’s make this our most successful blood drive ever.

Movie Days at PUMC

Beat the heat this summer with FREE movies and snacks!! Come out to the Social Hall every Wednesday in July for Movie Day! Every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. we will be showing a family friendly movie, and serving light refreshments:

- July 6 Kung Fu Panda
- July 13 The Chronicle of Narnia Series: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
- July 20 Tangled
- July 27 How To Train A Dragon

So come on out and stay cool this summer!

Worship in July

July 3	Celebrating Worship: The Pattern	Exodus 24 Luke 24:28-35	Acolyte Sunday Chancel Choir
July 10	Celebrating Worship: The Purpose	Exodus 3:1-6 Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalms 103:1-5	Men's Chorus Emma Breeden, solo (Melina Sullivan)
July 17	Youth-led Worship	Genesis 10-19a	
July 24	Celebrating Worship: The Practice	Isaiah 6:1-8 Acts 2:37-42	Vann Barden & Isca Wilms, duet
July 31	Celebrating Worship: The People	Acts 1:6-11 I Corinthians 14:23-26	

YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

Youth Director Susan Clark

For information about our youth program, any activities, or any other questions regarding youth ministry, please contact Susan Clark by email at susan.clark@providenceumc.net, church phone 276-4289 or cell at 921-9132.

Summer Youth Group Times

Our group time for the summer is **6:00-8:00** on Sunday nights. This is a change from our school year meeting time. We are replacing dinner with popsicles and snacks. Popsicle and snack donations gladly accepted in the youth office.

Summer youth group is a great time to invite your friends! Any activity off church property requires a note from a parent or guardian to attend. This note can be printed from our website www.providenceumc.net (look under the "FORMS" heading on the front page) or it can be handwritten.

July 7—Gleaning for Society of St. Andrew

9 "when you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God". Lev. 19:9-10

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We will glean tomatoes for Society of St. Andrew from 8:30-10:00 a.m. on July 7th. The food we pick will go to the Food Bank of Virginia so those in need can enjoy fresh produce. The farmer's field is near Kings Dominion. Meet us in the church parking lot near the youth house at 8:00 a.m. for a ride. From there, some of us will go to Kings Dominion but you also have the choice of getting a ride back to the church.

July 7—Kings Fest at Kings Dominion

After gleaning the fields we will head to the park for a day of fun and concerts! Kings Fest is a 3 day festival of Christian concerts. July 7th is Skillet, The David Crowder Band, Hawk Nelson, Lecrae, Finding Favour, and speaker Tom Richter. Tickets for a season pass holder are \$31.49 or \$64.24 for non-season pass holder. It is up to the youth to buy their own tickets but I will provide transportation if you RSVP by July 4th.

July 10-16—Impact Richmond Mission Trip

Please remember us as we go into the community to help families with home repairs and spreading the love of Christ. The youth and adults representing Providence Church on this trip are CJ Alred, Kelsey Alred, Keith Bahm, Savannah Elliott, Hannah Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Jonathan Manalo, Nicole Riekers, Megan Roberson, Molly Roberson, Ashley White, Susan Clark, Greg Elliott, and Kathleen White.

July 17—Youth Sunday

The youth will lead both services on Sunday morning and share testimonies from their mission trip.

July 17—Stockholders Dinner

As a thank you for all the generous stock donations, the youth will serve a "Stock Holders Dinner" at the youth house at 6:00PM. We will share pictures of the work we did, the families we served, and stories that will make you laugh and cry.

July 20—Va. Food Bank

If you are 16 or older, you can help the Va. Food Bank package breakfast meals for the 2011 Summer Feeding Program. Did you know that every weekday during the summer, the Va. Food Bank distributes 2,500 breakfasts and more that 3,000 lunches to children and disabled adults in need? That requires a lot of volunteers! Our volunteer slot is from 1:00-4:00 and has a maximum of 12 volunteers. If you are able to help, please email Susan Clark at: susan.clark@providenceumc.net.

July 24—Flying Squirrels Game!

The Flying Squirrels are hosting a theme game night "A Christmas Story" so grab your BB gun (just kidding) and join us for the game. Meet at the youth house at 4:30 with a permission slip. The game is free if you bring your report card with an "A" on it. Otherwise it is \$7.00 plus food money.



Acolytes

July 3—*Communion*
 8:45 Andrew Bowers
 11:00 Emily Kyser

July 10
 8:45 Tristan Kellam
 11:00 Rachael Harvey

July 17
 8:45 Gabby Sullivan
 11:00 Emma McConnell

July 24
 8:45 Winton Justice
 11:00 Molly Roberson

July 31
 8:45 Emily Kyser
 11:00 Andrew McConnell

Audio / Visual

Bob Gillie

Communion Preparers—July 3

8:45 Lisa Fleenor
 Holly Mayton
 11:00 Doris Creasy
 Laurie Breeden

Name Tags

July 3 Gracie Martin
 July 10 Laurie Breeden
 July 17 Emma Fleenor
 July 24 Kyser Family
 July 31 Gracie Martin

Sanctuary Organizers

Jane and Fred Loveless

Ushers

8:45 Bill Blankenship
 Wayne Latimer
 Janet Knight
 Gary Wright
 11:00 Tony Fleshman
 Sean Collins
 Klaus Worrell
 Laurie Breeden
 Joe Sullivan
 Brad Wootten
 Jennifer Kennedy

Counter Captains

July 3 Klaus Worrell
 July 10 Hugh Miles
 July 17 Gary Wright
 July 24 Jimmy Sculthorpe
 July 31 Klaus Worrell

Grass Cutters

July 4 Gary Vest (Area 1)
 July 11 John Bradley (Area 2)
 July 18 Steve Reese (Area 1)
 July 25 Bobby Wood (Area 2)

Nursery

July 3
 8:45 Kelly Horne
 SS Pam Groome
 11:00 Michelle Butler
 Carol Urso
 Megan Roberson

July 10
 8:45 Ann Busbee
 SS Susan Worrell
 11:00 Lindsey & Sean Collins

July 17
 8:45 Jane Gilliam
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

July 24
 8:45 Jennifer Ostrum
 SS Pam Groome
 11:00 Shirley Collins
 Jean Riekers
 Nicole Riekers

July 31
 8:45 Linda Koertge
 SS Lori Justice
 11:00 Peggy Gillette
 Isabelle Sullivan

Greeters

8:45 Carolyn Bilski
 11:00 Lewis & Frances Miller



The Bells of Providence
 will **not** practice in July or
August.





**For K-5 kids and
Extreme PandaMania for 6th to 8th
August 1-5, 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

Join the fun and help share God's love with the children we will receive. Tell your family and friends about this amazing FREE program for kids entering Kindergarten through 8th grade.

There are many ways to help.

- Pray for the children, their parents, and the

- adults helping with VBS that they will feel God's love and be transformed.
- Have your group cook a kid-friendly meal (sign up on the bulletin board beside the Library).
- Volunteer to be a crew leader. Research shows that adults who "play" lower their cholesterol and stress levels. Having a small group of 5-6 kids to sing with, craft with, run with (don't worry, not too much running) and listen to Bible stories with is as rewarding for you as it is for the kids. Register today at www.providenceumc.net and click on the panda or talk with me (Isabelle Sullivan) about it. We need you!
- All VBS crew leaders need to attend a training session at the church on Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 p.m.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU from PUMC Preschool

On behalf of the staff of PUMC Preschool, I want to thank all of you for the support you have given to the Preschool over the past school year. This support has taken the form of donations of books and other materials, donations of your time, as well as your kind words of encouragement. All that you do is much appreciated by our staff and the wonderful children we teach.

Summer Program Update

We currently have a few spaces remaining in our summer program for children ages 3-5 (Pre-K) from July 19-29. If you or someone you know is looking for a great summertime activity for preschoolers, please consider our program. We offer lots of fun and learning in a camp-like atmosphere. Music, fitness, science and much more! Details and registration forms can be found on the table outside of the church office, or by calling Charlotte Cervarich at 276-1462.



PUMC Missions

PUMC Missions will once again be participating in this summer's Homeward Point-in-Time Homeless Count. This year's count will be held on July 28, 2011. The items needed most are adult size socks, baby or body wipes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, bug spray, sunscreen, deodorant, granola bars, razors and reusable shopping bags. Please leave these items in the bin labeled "Homeward" by the Missions table. For more information on Homeward visit www.homewardva.org.

Providence United Methodist Church hosted a Regional Missions Meeting on June 8, 2011. Representatives from Bon Air, Mt. Pisgah, St. Marks, Asbury and Brandermill attended the meeting. Each church discussed missions that

they were passionate about. There are many opportunities for us to work with these congregations to provide service to local, regional and world ministries.

St. Mark's sends volunteer teams to Crossover Ministries in downtown Richmond several times a year. Their next scheduled clinic will be on August 27, 2011. They are in need of Physicians, Nurses, Spanish-speaking translators and Office Workers to help with this mission. An orientation meeting will take place prior to the day of the clinic.

If you would like more information on assisting with this mission please contact Sharron or Wally Glasscock at skglassco@comcast.net or 804-674-4227. For additional information go to www.crossoverministry.org.

United Methodist Women

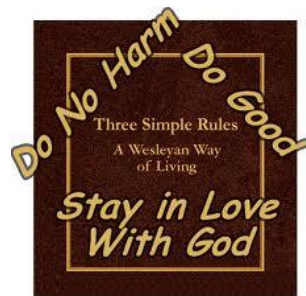
Newton Circle will not meet in July.

Gregory Circle will not meet in July.

Laughon Circle will meet the second Tuesday, July 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the home of Evelyn Hastings.



Whitt Circle will meet on the third Tuesday, July 19, at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the church to go out to lunch.



Three Simple Rules

Join a small group for the month of July and study Wesley's Three Simple Rules: Do good. Do no harm. Stay in love with God. The group will meet in the Library beginning July 3 at 9:45-10:45 am. Study books will be available for purchase.

Church Directory

The new Pictorial Directory is currently



Providence Retired Club

The PRC's invites one and all to their meeting on Monday, July 11th. We start at 10:30 a.m. and the program begins at 11:00. Carolyn Wartham, Director of Nursing for Home Care Assistance, will be speaking about the assistance available so seniors can remain in their homes. Following the guest speaker, we will have a brown-bag luncheon if you'd like to stay and chat.

— Shirley Hudson

Another Way to Make a Difference

There are 8 students at A. M. Davis Elementary School who will be receiving a bag of food each Friday during summer school to help get them through the weekend. Wendy, Sean and Lindsey Collins will be purchasing the food and packing it up for the children each week. If you would like to support this ministry with a financial gift, please indicate on your envelope or check "**Providence Road Partners—Food**".



The gospel of John tells of a boy who gave his lunch of five loaves and two fish to help feed a crowd of thousands. Why? On the surface, it seems the boy would go without lunch and the crowd would still be hungry. But God used that compassionate and sacrificial gift to accomplish a great miracle.

God does the same with our gifts. That extra offering you gave May 29th provided medica-

tion to the John Wesley Medical Boat and saved a child in the Amazon that would have died of dengue fever. Your offering bought a Bible for a family in China whose lives were transformed as a result. Your regular support of PUMC makes possible our vibrant youth group and children's ministries, laying the spiritual foundation for the next generation. And the best is yet to come. As we grow in our compassionate giving, God will do even greater things through our church.

Christopher Wilms
Stewardship Chairperson

Church Family News and Notes



Welcome to Jolie Hutcheson-Rice who joined Providence on June 12 by transfer of her membership .

I wish to tell everyone of my great appreciation for all the prayers and kind thoughts I received from everyone from the time of the diagnosis of Nancy's illness and when she went to see her Savior. I also wish to express my thank you to all the people who sent the many cards, visited with Nancy and stayed with her at times when I needed to be away from home for a couple hours. A big thank you for the food that was brought to the house and for the help I received around the house. It was very much appreciated. I will always be grateful to my extended church family.

— Bob Gillie

Our prayers and sympathy go to Bob Gillie and his family in the death of his wife, Nancy, on May 25.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Michael Andrew Neisz who died unexpectedly on June 13.

George Tinsley is grateful for the prayers, cards, calls, visits, and other expressions of concern following his recent fall. It means so much to him to have such a thoughtful and caring church family.

On behalf of my family and myself, I wanted to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Christian family at Providence United Methodist Church. Words cannot adequately express how much your cards, calls, emails and visits have meant to all of us over the past few weeks. We feel truly blessed to be included by your congregation.

Thank you,
Gayle Robinson
(daughter-in-law of Dave & Mary Lou)

Sunday School Leaders

July 14—6:45 p.m.

Room 206

A representative from each class should attend this gathering.

**The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, July 4th.**



Pastor's Note

One of our goals this year is to actively market our church to our community. Church marketing is another way to describe evangelism. A task force is exploring what this means and how we will proceed. We will want to know the perceptions and needs of our community so that we can better reach out. We also want to know about **your** perceptions of our church and how those effect your willingness to invite and welcome others. A survey will be available in July to get your input, including from all our youth and adults. We will also be inviting our new members to share your perceptions with us in small groups.

The goal of all of this planning and effort is to extend the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to all the world, beginning with our neighbors. Our desire as a church is to be a community where all persons can belong, be transformed and make a difference. We want to be effective, outreaching and excited about the good news. We want to know our community and we want them to know us. To do this we will need your participation, in many ways. So, when the opportunity comes along this month to give us your "two cents" worth, please take the time to do it. Pick up a pencil or go to your computer. It will make a BIG difference.

Peace,

Mary Beth



Classes This Fall

The Disciple classes are a wonderful program designed by the United Methodist Church aimed at developing strong Christians. Providence will be offering **Disciple 2** beginning late August or early September.

Laura Griggs will be leading **Disciple 1** which gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. This study is 34 weeks in length.

If you have completed Disciple 1 then you can take any of the remaining Disciple classes (even though they are called 2, 3, or 4 it does not represent the order in which you have to take them).

Barbie Vest will be leading **Disciple 4** which concentrates on the Writings of Old Testament books that are not in the Torah or of the Prophets, the Gospel of John, and Revelation. This class lasts 32 weeks.

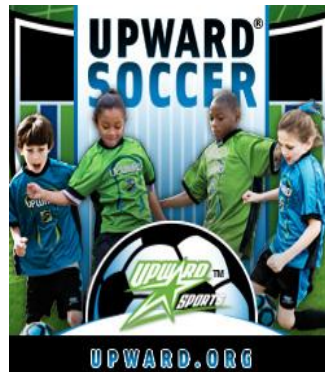
Sign-ups for these amazing studies will begin in late July.

PUMC Presents UPWARD SOCCER 2011

The 2011 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:

- **NOW** – online registration at www.bluesombrero.com/providenceumc and registration forms available on the church website under Ministries/Upward Soccer
- July 23rd – An onsite registration will be held at the church
- July 30th – Evaluations will be conducted
- The week of August 21st – Practice begins
- September 3rd – The first games will be held
- October 29th – The final game and closing ceremony



Volunteers are needed in many different areas (coaching, referees, devotionals, prayer). If you are interested in volunteering please contact Brad Wootten at woottenb@gmail.com or 804-639-3161 or look for sign up opportunities on the church clipboards and bulletin boards to find out how you can help.

Paper With a Purpose

Branches is having a fundraiser. The kids and youth have made stationery that is very unique. It is called **Paper with a Purpose** and is made from recycled colored paper. The note cards are embossed and also imbedded with wild-flower seeds. The envelopes are also from recycled paper. An example of it can be found on the Missions bulletin board outside the elevator on the second floor. They are asking \$10.00 for a set of five. All the proceeds go to Building Up Branches.

The cards can be ordered individually by going to BranchesFLCity@SFLUM.org OR by contacting Diane King at 276-0469 and she will send a group order (to save on shipping).

Checks should be made out to South Florida Urban Ministries (SFLUM), with **Paper with a Purpose** on the memo line. If mailing in an order, the address is: SFLUM, 2850 SW 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33133.

This makes a great and unusual gift for that special someone!

CONSIDER THIS...

What is prayer?

Prayer is conversation with God—both ways. It is not one way communication with God; where we list our concerns, wants and move on. It is humbling ourselves, repenting, asking the Holy Spirit to help us pray, baring our hearts before the Lord.... And then to wait/listen for guidance, be open to His direction, and FOLLOW Him.

How will you know His direction?

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand". (John 10:27-28) It will always line up with God's word. His direction will never lead you AWAY from Him. It might challenge you and ask you to trust Him—just how Abraham heard God's voice and trusted in His leadership and guidance to a NEW place. His direction will lead you closer to Him.

So trust in the Lord's guidance this month. And know that when you pray, he hears, and answers. The question is: Are you listening and allowing God to lead you? Are you following God's direction?

Blessings,
Isca Wilms

"All our anxieties all our fears
Bring to the mercy seat leave it there
Never a burden we cannot bear
Never a friend like Jesus"

Providence Prayer Corner

There are many ways that our congregation prays together. In the days ahead, you will be invited to learn more about prayer and participate in the following ways.

- Everyday, watch and pray for our pastor, church, families, nation, and world. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." (Matthew 26:41)
- Participate during the month of July in "Penny for your prayers". We will focus our prayers each week on a different theme.
- Come for an evening of prayer and worship on **Wednesday, July 27th**, at **7:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome. We will sing, pray individually and together. Come with a thankful heart; come with your concerns; come seeking God's direction for our church's future. YOU belong here. Come and experience unity in His spirit with your church family!



(Brought to you by Providence Watchmen, a group of persons committed to prayer and offering our congregation more information about and opportunities to pray.)

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Invite a Neighbor

Sunday

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
6:00 pm	Youth

Wednesday

7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
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