

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.

July 2012

Summer Sermons

Thanks to all who submitted ideas for summer sermons! Pastor Mary Beth will be preaching on the following themes in July. Do you know someone who is asking these questions? Please encourage them to come with you. Have to miss a Sunday? Check out the sermon on our church website the following week.

- July 1 Should religion and politics mix?
- July 8 What does it mean to be saved?
- July 15 Is everything in life already planned out?
- July 22 Why can't we just get along?
- July 29 How do we decide what's right and wrong?

Coming in August:

- Is forgiveness real?
- Why do bad things happen to us?
- Understanding the Lord's Prayer and Angels.

What Happens When Women Say Yes to God

A new Bible study begins on July 8, and proceeds every other Sunday from 5:30-7:15 at the home of Mary Elliott, facilitator. Author, Lysa Terkeurt, shares inspiring stories from her own life along with compelling biblical insights as she describes what it means to partner with God in all decisions and actions. Readers will learn to:

- discern the voice of God and truly say yes to His call
- see what wholehearted obedience looks like on a daily basis
- give themselves to God and let Him affect lives around them

Sign up on Sundays during service on our clipboards or by contacting Mary Elliott at 674-4078 or peapot@cavtel.net



Movies and Popcorn in July

(sponsored by the Family Council)

Join us at 1:30 p.m., in the Social Hall for free movies and popcorn. The featured films will be:

- ⇒ 7/11 The Muppets
- ⇒ 7/18 The Smurfs
- ⇒ 7/25 The Lorax

Hope to see you there!



Worship in July

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

July 1	Should religion and politics mix?	Titus 3:1-7 Matthew 5:13-16	Holy Communion Chancel Choir (11:00 am)
July 8	What does it mean to be saved?	Ephesians 2:1-10 Acts 16:25-34	
July 15	Is everything in life already planned out?	Joshua 24:14-18 Luke 15:11-24	Connections Worship—Outdoors!
July 22	Why can't we just get along?	Matthew 5:21-26 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	"You Raise Me Up" Jahna Seymour, CJ Alred and Molly Roberson
July 29	How do we decide what's right and wrong?	Exodus 20:1-17 Romans 14:1-12	"New Shoes" The SonRise Sisters

Did you know that Sunday's sermons are available in an audio format on our church's website? Check out www.providenceumc.net if you have to miss a Sunday this summer.



Lake Junaluska Singers in Concert

The Lake Junaluska Singers, directed by Dr. Melodie Gallo-way, is a 16-voice ensemble that presents concerts throughout the year at Lake Junaluska and on summer tour. Their concerts include classical, choral music, spirituals, comedy, and musical theatre. The Lake Junaluska Singers will be in concert at Bon Air UMC, 1645 Buford Road, on July 24 at 7 p.m.

Thanks

Thanks to all the Sunday School classes for providing food at our Graduation celebration on June 10. Also thanks to the Education and the Congregation Care Committee for all the hard work they did in setting up for this event.

What is your preschooler doing this Summer?

PUMC Preschool has a few spaces available in our awesome
SUMMER PROGRAM for ages 2-5.

Monday-Friday, July 16-27, 9:30-1:00

Only \$150, Snacks, drinks, treats included

Open to the entire community

Music, science, nature, fitness, water fun and MORE

Featuring the PUMC Preschool Summer Olympics!

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

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped with our Preschool Yard and Bake Sale in June by donating items, working at either the yard or bake sale, or by renting a space. We truly appreciate the wonderful support you show us, and we greatly value our close partnership with PUMC members.

FALL PPRESCHOOL REGISTRATION—If you know of anyone in your family or neighborhood who is looking for a nurturing, Christian-oriented preschool for their child ages 2-5, please refer them to us. We are currently registering for Fall 2012, and would welcome the chance to talk with them about what we have to offer their preschooler.



Going Deeper With God



This is our theme this year for our new Vacation Bible School format. This new format gives more flexibility to the whole church get-

ting involved as it is only 2 days! Join us on August 3 and 4 as we dare kids to go deep with God in their faith through drama, crafts, games, science activities, music, and more!

Another VBS training session for all those wishing to dive into the ocean with the kids is

set for July 9 at 6:30 p.m. Please start telling your family, friends, and neighbors about our VBS. Send them to our web-site to register.

Other needs are: classes or individuals to cook dinner on August 3 for parents, kids, and VBS workers, class or individuals to pack the kids and VBS workers lunches (and serve them too), folks to act in the drama skits, one or two super cheesy adults or teens to help with opening assembly on Friday 6—6:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30—10 a.m. and again from 12:30-1 p.m., snack leader (Saturday only), and other supplies will be posted on our VBS board as of July 1.



Acolytes

July 1—*Communion*

9:00 Gabby Sullivan
11:00 Emily Sullivan

July 8

9:00 Emma McConnell
11:00 Tristen Kellam

July 15

9:00 Molly Roberson
11:00 Gabby Sullivan

July 22

9:00 Emily Kyser
11:00 Tristen Kellam

July 29

9:00 Emma McConnell
11:00 Emily Kyser

Counters

July 1 **Klaus Worrell**
Steve Oliver
Stuart Watkins

July 8 **Ron Wootten**
Janice Bergeron
Bobby Johnson
Gracie Martin

July 15 **Gary Wright**
Anne Baird
Wayne Smith

July 22 **Jimmy Sculthorpe**
Paul Martin
Hugh Miles

July 29 **Klaus Worrell**
Steve Oliver
Stuart Watkins

Audio / Media Shout

July 1

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)
11:00 Gary Wright (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)

July 8

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)
11:00 Keith King (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)

July 15

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Dano Holland (MS)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Dano Holland (MS)

July 22

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)

July 29

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer
Janet Knight
Gary Wright

11:00 Tony Fleshman
Sean Collins
Klaus Worrell
Laurie Breeden
Joe Sullivan
Brad Wootten
Jennifer Kennedy

Nursery

July 1

9:00 Laurie Breeden
SS Pam Groome
11:00 Michelle Butler/Carol Urso

July 8

9:00 Kelly Horne
SS Jennifer Ostrum
11:00 Lindsey & Sean Collins

July 15

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

July 22

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Anne McKinnish
11:00 Shirley Collins

July 29

9:00 Linda Koertge
SS Jennifer Ostrum
11:00 Isabelle Sullivan

Name Tags

July 1 Gracie Martin
July 8 Gracie Martin
July 15 Kyser Family
July 22 Jahna Seymour
July 29 Jean Riekers

Greeters

9:00 Anna Knight
Mike Patterson
11:00 Ellin Howell
Bill Howell

Sanctuary Organizers

Nickie Price & Jean Winfree

Communion Preparers

9:00 Linda Koertge
11:00 Sandi Kneib

United Methodist Women

Gregory Circle will not meet in July.

Newton Circle will not meet in July.



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

Whitt Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 17. Time and place to-be-determined.

July 27-29, 30-August 1—Virginia Conference School of Christian Mission, VUMAC, Blackstone, VA

Upcoming Events:

August 8-9—UMW District Mission Trip to Eastern Shore—Agape, Children's Community Center and All God's Children Camp.

September 14—Richmond District Mini-School of Christian Mission, St. Mark's UMC, 11551 Lucks Lane, Midlothian, VA

Faith Promise 2012

Members and friends of Providence generously responded to the "Faith Promise" challenge in May with \$1,956 of extra giving to the work of the Lord. Additionally, \$498 was raised through groups that sponsored dinners for this project. All these funds help to support our expanded ministries for this year, and in particular help ensure that our youth ministries remain fully funded.

We are very thankful to have such faithful givers, and we thank everyone for their regular and "extra mile" giving. Please continue to remember Providence in your continued giving this summer, as together we reach out to a community that needs God's grace.

Did you know that we are providing 8 students with weekend meals for 5 weeks of summer school at A. M. Davis Elementary School? We thank God for our Providence Road Partnership!



Conversation with the Pastor

On Sunday, July 15, our pastor is inviting you to join her for lunch at Mi Ranchito Restaurant (Midlothian Turnpike west of Providence Road). The informal topic of conversation will be your thoughts and questions about our summer sermon topics (or anything else!). If you would like to attend lunch, please call the church office at 276-4289 or email Pastor Mary Beth at: Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net

Pastor's Note

More than a year ago, our church adopted a mission statement which, in its short form, is: Belong. Be Transformed. Make a Difference. The order of these words is not a coincidence. Most often, it is when newcomers feel they belong that the way is paved for transformation and service. How do we help others who are new to experience a sense of belonging? It is certainly through a word of welcome when guests come through the door for the first time. It is also through follow-up conversations, phone call, notes and invitations to small groups that relationships are built.

Sometimes people are first looking for a way to serve and make a difference, and as they get

involved in a project, they make friends, feel that they belong and are open to God's transforming love. So for some people, it's more like: Make a Difference. Belong. Be Transformed.

It takes effort from everyone. The guest takes a big step in showing up at Providence worship or another event. They often take further steps of joining a small group or continuing to come to worship to meet others. The rest of us are called to step out of our comfortable circle of friends and connect with others. I see it happening. Let's make it happen more. After all, it's what we say we're about:

Belong. Be Transformed. Make a Difference.

Peace,

Mary Beth



self have traveled to the eastern shore to participate in a wonderful ministry sponsored by the Virginia Conference called, "All God's Children Camp". This camp allows children (ages 7-12) with an incarcerated mother or father to spend a week at camp, participating in activities such as boating, swimming, hiking, archery, music,

For the crafts, Bible study, and conflict resolution. There are three locations: Camp Highroad in Middleburg (Northern VA), Occohannock on the Bay (Eastern VA), and Westview on the James in Goochland (Central VA). This ministry is always looking for volunteers to participate in the program through mentoring, support, and prayers. I will be sharing more about my experience on July 8 and will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Check out their website for more information:

<http://www.vaumc.org/page.aspx?pid=477>

~Isabelle Sullivan



Thank you to Gary Vest and his Community Dinner helpers for doing a terrific job of putting on great dinners each month through the past year. There is a special place in heaven for people who serve joyfully in the kitchen. We are anxious to see what the next year brings.

MISSION MINUTES

Can you feel his warmth?

With summer in full swing, your mission team hopes that you will enjoy it but...don't forget we could use your help. We are in need of a carpenter, yes a carpenter. We want to build a Mission Caddy to replace the table on the second floor. If you are skilled in building and would like to get involved, please contact Sue Duganne at 317-3014 for more information. We have our hand in so many projects and we need a suitable place for all that we do.

English Classes: Please remember that we can use help during our English classes this summer, we are looking for people to help with child care from 6:30-8:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays till July 23. Please be a blessing to our neighbors. Who knows you might just learn a new language as well.

Mission Garden: Our mission garden is in need of some TLC. We need people to help weed the garden. If you are at the church please stop by and pull a few weeds or if you see veggies ready to be picked, pick them and put them under the picnic shelter. Paul Martin, Morris Knight, Joe Gillette and I are sure many others work very hard and we are hoping to enjoy the fruits of their labor in the fall. In the mean time for our garden to grow strong and produce lots of great vegetables we need to get the weeds out. Make it a family event get the kids involved. Go in the evening when the air is cooler let the kids pull weeds and teach them about the gardening and how God creates this wonderful process.

Homeward Event: July 26 at St. Paul's Church Downtown: If you like sorting through items we could use your help as we gear up for Homeward. We have clothes in the downstairs shower area that need to be sorted and bagged. If you have some free time and are at the church please grab a bag and sort. We will also need a couple of volunteers to help on July 26 at St Paul's. We don't have a big space but it will take more than just the 4 of us that usually go.

So here is your opportunity to GET INVOLVED. We are in need of bug spray, sun-screen and granola bars. We are also looking for T-Shirts gently used 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.

As always we would love to have you. Join us at our next meeting on July 11. 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 pastorbilland-sue2@verizon.net. Blessings to each and everyone.

~Sue Duganne

Church Family News and Notes

Blessing on Karen Caruthers who professed her faith on Sunday, June 10 and became a member of Providence. Included in that service was one of Karen's poems which you find on page 10 of the newsletter. Welcome to the Providence family.

Welcome to Amy Palmer, who joined our church by transfer from another UMC, on May 2. We are also glad to have Amy's son, Ethan, and her husband, Irv.

Our new members also include Rudy and Cindy Petrick, who transferred their membership from another denomination. Rudy and Cindy are the parents of Amy Palmer. Welcome, Rudy and Cindy!

Congratulations to Michael and Christy Jones. Their daughter, Alice Ruth, was born on April 3.

Blessings on Page and Ansley Higginbotham on the birth of Franklin Edward, born on May 23.

On behalf of the Surreywood Civic Association Retiree Committee, I'd like to express my gratitude for providing the picnic shelter on May 19. It was the perfect venue for our gathering. We are very grateful for good neighbors such as your church.

Sincerely
Sue Kropp, Chair

Bill and I are once again expressing our sincere appreciation for your continuing love and support during this difficult time. We are truly blessed by the many prayers, cards, flowers, and delicious meals you have sent our way. God bless each and every one of you.

Mary Steele

Thanks to so many of you who remembered me with cards, calls and prayers after my surgery. God has answered the prayers and I am "doing good". Praise the Lord!

Thanks! AB Creasy
("Nurse Doris" thanks you too!)

New Communion Set

Beginning in April, the Connections worshippers began using a new pottery communion set. It was handmade by Anna Blinn Cole, daughter of Pastor Mary Beth.

Anna began learning how to work with clay when she was in high school, and continued to create ceramic items while in college and graduate school. When she heard about the Connections service and our desire to have a new

chalice and plate, she set up her newly acquired pottery wheel in her kitchen in upstate NY and got to work.

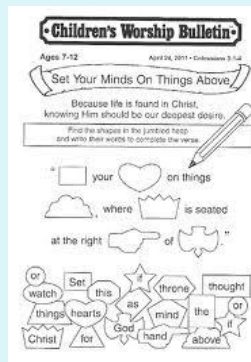
She was able to fire (or bake) and glaze (add color) the pieces in a kiln owned by someone in her community. Then the three chalices and plate were carefully packed up and shipped to Providence. In the box was this note from Anna: "Happy Beginnings! May the Connections service be a blessing to all who attend. In peace, Anna Blinn Cole"

What is the SEJ Conference?

The Southeast Jurisdiction is made up of the United Methodist Conferences, including Virginia, in the Southeast portion of the United States. Each conference in each jurisdiction sends delegates every four years to a meeting whose primary business is to elect new bishops. The SEJ Conference will be held July 17-20 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Mary Beth Blinn is an elected clergy delegate to that conference and will be attending with 52 other lay and clergy delegates from Virginia. Please pray for spiritual discernment for all delegates as Episcopal leaders for the Church are chosen.

Children's Bulletins

We have children bulletin's for children ages 3-6 and 7-12 every Sunday. These bulletins review the same verse the sermon is based on. Please grab one for your child. They are located on our information table right outside the sanctuary or simply ask an usher to help you.



2011 DIRECTORY UPDATES

ADD:

Caruthers, Karen J., 804-272-4898, 4124 Denbigh Dr., Richmond, VA 23235

Palmer, Amy; Ethan, 804-525-6186, 100 Woodward Road, Richmond, VA 23236

Petrick, Rudy & Cindy, 804-525-6186, 100 Woodward Road, Richmond, VA 23236

CHANGES:

Fleshman, Clayton, 804-212-8188, 581 Dalton Ridge Dr., Apt 589B, Lancaster, SC 29720

Higginbotham, Page & Ansley - add Franklin

Hines, Tripp & Elizabeth - remove phone number & email address

Holzbach, Louise, The Crossings at Ironbridge, Room 102, 6701 Ironbridge Pkwy, Chester, VA 23831

Isbell, Stephanie - change to Taylor, Jason & Stephanie Isbell; Madison, 1206 Blue Jay Lane, Richmond, VA 23229

Latimer, Matt ENS, 1069 Law St., San Diego, CA 92109

Mallory, Marshall & Catherine - zip should be 92253

Pickeral, Sue - add Room 323B

Waters, Jack - add Juanita



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:

- 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.

- Oct 18 Bill Young presents himself as Patrick Henry. He will tell us a few things that happened in his life.
- Nov 12 Entertainment at 10:30 a.m. with business to follow. Linda Jackson Cole, a Chesterfield Extension Agent. will speak on Nutrition (just in time for Thanksgiving!).
- Dec 10 At 11:30 a.m. we will have our annual Christmas covered-dish luncheon. The club will furnish the meat and bread. Church staff is invited and there will be no meeting.

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

Are you ready to

Beginning in July we will be playing Buzz Words during worship. Grab a "buzz word note paper" located on the clipboards and play Buzz Words during the sermon. During Pastor Mary Beth's message write down the 10 key/most important words you hear. After worship, meet briefly in the library and compare your list with the "bee keeper's" list. If you match the most words, your name will be placed on our "bee hive". Everyone receives a treat for playing. Play as a family or with a friend in your pew. Remember, only 10 words! Have fun as you work on your listening skills each week. The "buzz" begins July 1.



A Walk to Faith

When it is too dark for me to see,
Do I kneel and pray to thee?

When my burdens are too heavy for me to bear,
How will I know if you really care?

When winds of woe make it too hard to stand,
Will you comfort me and reach out your hand?

I wondered then, and sometimes wonder still,
Am I still here because of your will?

"Yes" is the answer I've come to see,
As I say aloud "My Lord, My God",
and stand with thee.

~ written by Karen Caruthers
on Sunday, May 27, 2012 at PUMC



Summer Sunday School

This summer we are trying something new for Sunday school. Children in grades K to 7 and their families will be learning together. Each week in the social hall, families will gather together to learn and have fun. These lessons are engaging for all ages, active, and most importantly allow families to spend some quality time together. We will be learning from three stories in the Old Testament and three stories in the New Testament. Join us for all or any of the lessons from July 1 through 29. Grade 8 and high school age kids will meet in room 301 and preschoolers to 5 (but not in kindergarten) will meet in room 103. Nursery is available for our youngest friends (2 and younger).

I want to say "Thank You" to Valerie Reese, Shirley Collins, Laura Griggs and Linda Keery for joyfully stepping up to help with the Social Time before the Connections service. Special mention to Bill Estes, who often cleaned up the coffee pots for us. I couldn't ask for a better team. Also, thanks to all those who came and "socialized" with us early on Sunday mornings.

~~ Gracie Martin



PUMC UPWARD SOCCER 2012

Come join the fun! The 2012 season of Upward Soccer is just a couple of months away. Upward provides children in our community a great opportunity to grow their faith and become closer to Jesus Christ while learning the life long values of integrity, respect, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The Upward ministry also provides the community a great way to see what we are all about at PUMC.

Important dates to remember:

- June 1 – online registration opened at www.bluesombrero.com/providenceumc and registration forms are 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 or 804.513.7687 or look for sign up sheets on the church clipboards and bulletin boards to find out how you can help.



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Sunday

9:00 am	Connections Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
5:30 pm	Youth
7:30 pm	Ministry in Motion Rehearsal

Wednesday

7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
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Church Staff

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