

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.

August 2011

Providence Road Partners

The Providence Road Partners, a.k.a. Davis Elementary School Project, coordinates PUMC's efforts to support the educational program and students at the elementary school. During the first year of the project, PUMC provided school supplies for student use during the school year, provided Christmas gifts for eight needy families, book fair gift certificates for 68 students, and treat bags for 95 teachers and staff in March. PUMC member donations and proceeds from a Wednesday night supper, prepared by Valerie Reese, supported the activities.

PUMC volunteers helped with school bus unloading and loading and helped guide kindergarten students to classrooms during the first week of school. PUMC members were classroom helpers, lunch buddies, mentors, assisted in after-school ESL supervision and library book fairs, greeted parents and children

on kindergarten registration day, and provided clerical help.

Plans for 2011-2012 include a back-to-school supply drive August 21 and August 28 and recruiting volunteers to help with a variety of activities.



Look for other volunteer opportunities coming soon in the Sunday bulletin.

A complete list of the needed school supplies is on page 5 of the newsletter.

Committee members include Sean Collins, Wendy Collins, Shirley Collins, Linda Koertge, Jane Logan, Paul Martin, Judy Miles, Virginia Randall, and Valerie Reese. If you would like to be involved in this committee, please contact the church office 276-4289.



Ice Cream Social

Celebrate the last days of summer with us at the 2nd annual Ice Cream Social! Tuesday August 30, at 6:30 p.m. We will have ice cream with tons of fixings, games, the giant waterside, a moon bounce for the younger set and tons of friends for a fantastic night of fellowship. Come on out and let's make this event even more spectacular than last year!!

Worship in August

Aug 7	8:45—Holy Communion “Food for the Body and the Soul” 11:00—VBS Sunday	Fleenor Family Ensemble	Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Matthew 14:13-21
Aug 14	Pulpit Exchange, Preacher and Soloist, Rev. Bob Blinn, pastor of Trinity UMC, Disputanta and husband of Pastor Mary Beth Blinn		Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
Aug 21	“I Am Your Brother” Come-as-you-are-Sunday	Enjoy ice cream outdoors after 11:00 worship	Psalm 133 Genesis 45:1-15
Aug 28	50 Year Members Honored A. M. Davis—Then and Now “Following Jesus”		Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

Disciple Classes

Disciple classes have been offered here at Providence UMC for over 10 years. It is a stepping stone to belonging, being transformed, and making a difference in the world! Please consider taking that step by signing up for either Disciple 1, beginning August 30 at 6:00 p.m. or Disciple 4, beginning August 29 at 7:00 p.m. You must have completed Disciple 1 before taking any of the other classes. However, once #1 is complete, the classes have been designed to be taken in any order. Sign ups will begin on the clip boards on August 7th.

Please contact Laura Griggs (Disciple 1 facilitator) at Laura.Griggs@acs-inc.com or Barbie Vest (Disciple 4 facilitator) at vestfamily5@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



VBS Celebration

VBS will take place throughout our church from August 1-5 and we will celebrate this wonderful ministry at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 7. After the service, please join the VBS team in welcoming our families with a lunch in the picnic shelter (weather permitting). The lunch is pot luck with most of the food being provided by the VBS team. If you would like to help by bringing a picnic side item, it will certainly be appreciated. We hope everyone will come out!

YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

Extreme VBS August 1-5

If you are a rising 6th, 7th, or 8th grader, join us as we go “wild” for God’s word at Pandamania VBS. Registration is online at www.providenceumc.net . This is a free event including dinner at 6:00.

30 Hour Famine

Did you know that over 8,000 children die every day because of hunger-related issues? For the third year in a row, our youth are committed to raising money and awareness about world hunger through a 30-hour famine.

The fast will begin at noon on Friday, August 12. We will meet at the youth house at 6:00 p.m. and stay together until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday when we will break the fast together with dinner. Pick up will be at 7:00 p.m.

Summer Contemporary Youth Service!

For the month of August, there will be a contemporary service at the youth house back yard from 5:00 -6:00 on Sunday nights followed by youth group from 6:00-8:00. This will be a casual, praise filled time to worship. All are welcome.



Our recent blood drive was a great success. In the words of Ken Miller of Virginia Blood Services, “Thank you SO much for your continued dedication and support.” We registered 24 people and collected a total of 23 units. There were four additional persons who gave sometime in the month of July at one of the blood centers, registering in the name of Providence UMC. Thanks for making a difference in the lives of many people in our area.

Acolytes

Aug 7—*Communion*
8:45 Laura King
11:00 Winton Justice

Aug 14
8:45 Andrew Bowers
11:00 Molly Roberson

Aug 21
8:45 Tristan Kellam
11:00 Rachael Harvey

Aug 28
8:45 Emma McConnell
11:00 Emily Kyser

Audio / Video

Audio

Aug 7 Gary Vest
Aug 14 Eric Byers
Aug 21 Tyler Griggs
Aug 28 Tyler Griggs

Video

Aug 7 Brad Wootten
Aug 14 Russ Byers
Aug 21 Russ Byers
Aug 28 Russ Byers

Communion Preparers—Aug 7

8:45 Marilyn Bell
11:00 Carolyn Winstead
Lindsey Collins

Sanctuary Organizers

Nickie Price & Nancy Coffman

Name Tags

Aug 7 Jahna Seymour
Aug 14 Jean Riekers
Aug 21 Ginny Thompson
Aug 28 Amy Mott

Ushers

8:45 Bill Blankenship
Neal Fleenor
Ron White

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

Counter Captains

Aug 7 Hugh Miles
Aug 14 Gary Wright
Aug 21 Jimmy Sculthorpe
Aug 28 Klaus Worrell

Greeters

8:45 Linda Keery
11:00 Nickie Price
Judy Miles

Nursery

Aug 7
8:45 Barbara Oliver
SS Anne McKinnish
11:00 Anne Blane
Brad Wootten

Aug 14
8:45 Jane Gilliam
SS Susan Worrell
11:00 Michelle Butler
Carol Urso

Aug 21
8:45 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Aug 28
8:45 Linda Koertge
SS Ann Busbee
11:00 Shirley Collins
Peggy Gillette

Grass Cutters

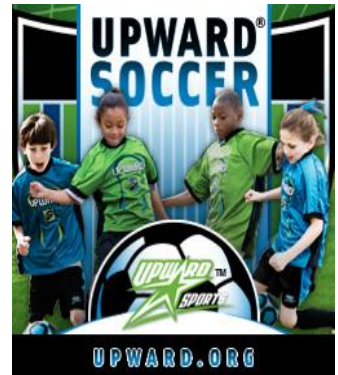
Aug 1 Gary Vest (Area 1)
Aug 8 John Bradley (Area 2)
Aug 15 Steve Reese (Area 1)
Aug 22 Bobby Wood (Area 2)
Aug 29 Gary Vest (Area 1)



Upward Soccer

As registration comes to an end we turn our focus to ensuring that Providence UMC provides each participant the best possible experience. To do so requires help from people just like you.

Do you enjoy the outdoors and being around athletics? Are you a social butterfly who has a passion for sharing with others how great our church is? Maybe you have a skill for sharing how Jesus Christ has impacted your life. If so, then Upward Soccer is the place for you. Many areas can use your help:



- **Coaches** – teach the game and the gospel at the same time
- **Referees** – instruct the participants on the right way to play the game and teach values such as integrity, honesty, and sportsmanship
- **Devotions** – share the gospel or your personal experiences with Jesus Christ in fun and exciting ways
- **Hosts** – interact with the players and their families and let them know what we already know...just how great PUMC is
- **Concessions** – Enjoy interacting with people. Volunteering for the Concessions is a great way to do just that.

Many other areas such as greeters, announcers, clean/set up, and photography are needed as well. The season kicks off September 3 and will end with the closing ceremony on October 29.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brad Wootten at woottenb@gmail.com or 804.639.3161 or look for sign-up sheets on the church clipboards and bulletin boards to find where you can help.

Mark Your Calendar—August 21 & 28 Bring Your A. M. Davis School Supplies

- Pencils*
 - Blue, black, red pens*
 - Highlighters
 - Colored pencils
 - Safety scissors
 - Pencil sharpeners
 - Pencil boxes and pouches
 - Ruled 3x5 index cards
 - Marble composition books
 - Large erasers
 - Pencil cap erasers
 - 2-pocket folders
 - Plastic 2-pocket punched folders
- * Please, no large packages

United Methodist Women

Gregory Circle will not meet in August.

Newton Circle will not meet in August.

Laughon Circle will meet the third Tuesday, August 16, at 10:30 a.m. in Betty Gregory's home.

Whitt Circle will meet the third Tuesday, August 16 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the church to go out to lunch.



Planning for Wednesday Night Dinners (WND)

Would you like to help plan for our Wednesday Night Dinners? We will meet on Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30pm in Room 206. We'll plan for September through December, and organize our first Community WND on September 7. We hope to invite our neighbors on the first Wednesday of each month for a complementary meal. Providence groups are encouraged to reserve dates for the other Wednesdays to serve dinners as we have done in the past. We will also consider programming for after dinner – praise services, mission work, speakers, etc., in addition to the small group studies. Come share your ideas and your enthusiasm. If you cannot make the meeting but want to give input, please email Laura at Laura.Griggs@acs-inc.com or call the church office (804-276-4289) and leave a message with Kathy or Linda.

Missions

The Missions Committee would like to thank Paul Martin, Morris Knight, Marian Crowder and Joe Gillette for the work they do in the Missions garden. They have picked and delivered the following items to the Good Samaritan Ministries: 165 ears of corn, 300 lbs of potatoes, 8 bags of string beans, 2 bags of green peppers, 60 lbs of cucumbers, 4 bags of squash, radishes, 4 bags of kale, 4 bags of onions, and 4 bags of lettuce. The lima beans and tomatoes will be ready to pick soon. Fall planting will include pumpkins, black-eyed peas, collards, broccoli, and turnip greens. Contact Joe Gillette (745-3182) if you would like to help in the garden. Everyone is welcome.

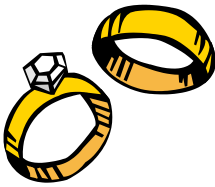
Attention All Youth and Children

Do you like to sing? Do you like to spend time with other youth or children? Then why not join a Youth or Children's Choir? Beginning in September you can meet with your friends each week as you praise God through music. Go ahead.....give it a try and become part of a great music ministry here at Providence!

Watch for specific information in the August bulletins. If you have questions you can call me - Carla Wootten - at 276-5683.



Marriage Matters Ministry



It's that time again! Time to improve your relationship with your spouse. Join us every other Friday evening starting September 9 for a six-session study,

"Improving Communication in your Marriage." Come alongside like-minded Christians seeking to honor God in our marriages, be transformed through His word, and reflect His love through our relationships.

The group will meet at the home of Christopher and Isca Wilms, and child care will be provided. RSVP to wilmsfamily@verizon.net

Scripture for the month:

"And be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

Your marriage challenge for this month:

Pray together. Being transparent before God opens up a world of closeness with your spouse. Think about it... If you have an appointment to pray together, wouldn't it be difficult to hold on to that hurt from the previous evening? God wants to reconcile us and our marriages to Him, through His Holy Spirit. Won't you let Him?

Please watch for updates on area marriage retreats, book suggestions, and websites to further your marriage.

Worship Task Force - an Update

"What's that I hear about offering two different worship experiences at PUMC?"

A Providence task force is praying, reading, visiting other churches, and working with demographic information as we plan for this church-wide goal. We are identifying who we hope to reach in our ongoing efforts to fulfill Christ's Great Commission—to make new disciples. We have determined the following values as important to our goals and keeping to PUMC's Mission Statement:

- **Delivery** – scriptural, educational, creative, invitational, informal, energizing
- **Connection** – belong, have a voice, personal, engaging all ages, inclusive
- **Faith** – prayerful, scriptural, witness, mission/outreach

Currently the members of the task force are: Bobby Johnson, Laura Griggs, Jennifer Kennedy, Carolyn Bilski, Rob Heare, Tracey Kellam, Russ Byers, Shirley Collins, Isca Wilms, Cathy Patterson, Linda Koertge, Clare Henderson, Anne Blane Wootten and Mary Beth Blinn.

Please support this effort with your prayers - that God will guide the task force in its next steps and will inspire and encourage all of us to help us reach our goals, to His Glory.

Church Family News and Notes

Welcome to Sharon Harris who joined Providence by transferring her membership from another UMC on July 24. The Rev. Hugh Harris, a retired elder in the Virginia Conference, will join his wife as an active part of our congregation.



Our sympathy and prayers are offered to the family of Edna Bowen who died on July 13; also to the family of Gene Shelton, who died on July 16. We are grateful for these members who have now entered the Church Eternal.

Congratulations to Christa Coaker and Daniel Mallory who were married on Saturday, June 25; also to Ashley Currin and Neal Oliver who were joined in marriage on July 2.



Sophia Ruth Lacy, born June 4, 2011, to Matt and Sally Miles Lacy. The proud grandparents are Hugh and Judy Miles.

Matthew James Gaudett, born June 21, 2011 to Julie and Patrick Gaudett. The proud grandparents are Bill Mannering and Peg Martin.

We're Proud of Our Acolytes!

These young people were recently recognized at our morning worship. Thanks also to Kathy Alred, former coordinator, and Don and Elizabeth Kyser, our current acolyte coordinators.

Recently retired acolytes are:

Chelsi Architzel	Thomas Jenkins
CJ Alred	Nichole Riekers
Kelsey Alred	Megan Roberson
Hannah Jenkins	Laura Yuhase.

Our current acolytes are:

Andrew Bowers	Emily Kyser
Rachael Harvey	Emma McConnell
Winton Justice	Molly Roberson
Tristan Kellam	Gabby Sullivan
Laura King	

Providence church is very proud of you and appreciates your dedication to this important task in our church.

Pastor's Note

Recently we have all been answering questions. A survey circulated throughout our congregation in July to gather helpful information from all of you. The task force on marketing will be compiling your responses and sharing them with you and with ministry groups in the church. These responses will help us plan for the future.

Sometimes it's a simple question that makes us think regardless of how we mark our answer. "In the past six months, have you invited any friends, neighbors, or newcomers to visit PUMC?" For some the answer is yes, and for others it is no. But for everyone, it serves as an invitation. If we haven't yet, then who can we consider inviting? If we already did, then who is next on our list. The bottom line is this: the primary reason people attend worship for the first time is because someone they knew invited them. We have a life-changing message to share. Who in your life needs to "belong, be transformed, and make a difference?"

Peace,

Mary Beth



Come-As-You-Are Sunday

You are invited to dress comfortably for worship on Sunday, August 21, and stay for ice cream after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. In the spirit of summertime and a more relaxed atmosphere, make this day a opportunity to invite someone to join you for the morning at church.



Who Was A. M. Davis?

Our local elementary school is called A. M. Davis, or just "Davis." On Sunday, August 28, we will find how more about the "real" Mr. A. M. Davis, and the history about our church.

Pins will be given to those who reached their fifty-year anniversary of membership, including Bob Gillie, Reeves and Martha Whitt, and Donna Krause. We will also look to the future as we celebrate our relationship with A.M. Davis Elementary School and find out how we can serve together this year.

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

SUMMER

We had a GREAT time during our Summer Program for 3-5 year olds during the last two weeks of July! The children enjoyed stories, music, crafts, Funtastic Fitness, science experiments and fun summertime snacks like "dirt" (crushed Oreos and gummy worms) and "sand" (crushed vanilla wafers and ice cream). We cooled off with lots of water play!



FALL

Fall classes are filling, so please be sure to complete your registration today. A \$70 registration fee is all that is required to register your child (age 2-5 Pre-K) to ensure a space in September. Don't miss out on the fun, learning and great programs we will be offering in the fall, such as Music with Ms Regan. If you don't have preschoolers, please let your friends and neighbors know about us.



In the next few weeks, Kathy Smith and I will begin reviewing our paper newsletter mailing lists and our email lists in order to become better stewards of supplies (paper) and technology at PUMC. There are many of us who are receiving our newsletters via email **and** paper copies through the postal service. While this is probably convenient, it does slightly increase the cost of our newsletter (paper and postage) and the amount of work (copying, folding, labeling, time, etc.) for our newsletter volunteers. Receiving your newsletter through email makes sense and has several advantages: #1, it arrives ahead of the mailbox copy; #2, it can be enlarged on the screen so it is easier to read; #3, **it's in color!**; #4; you can forward it to a friend and invite them to church events and services; and #5, you can print only what you need (a page or two only or the entire newsletter). If you receive both and would prefer to continue to receive both, please let the church office know (276-4289) so you won't be removed from our 'paper' mailing list.

Linda Collins

Providence Retired Club

Those of you who missed the July Providence Retired Club missed a very informative meeting. Our guest talked about Medicare, Medicaid, secondary insurance, power of attorney and medical directives.

We meet on the second Monday of every month, in the church social hall, at 10:30 a.m. Our meetings last about two hours. Bring a

bag lunch and give us a try. The next three programs are:

- Bill Fabs, 4Z Lord Quartet;
- Bill Young's enactment of "Joseph" from the Bible (but, which "Joseph"?);
- Gene Wade who tells a story through music.

We look forward to seeing you in August!

Providence Watchmen Intercessors

Did you know that each week there are intercessors (persons who pray for others) assigned to meet with the Pastor in her study and pray with her before the 11:00 a.m. service? It is a time of connecting with each other and with God. Each team of intercessors pray specifically for her during that week, lifting up her specific concerns for that week. Then they meet and pray together on Sunday.

Want to know how it has impacted her life? Ask her.

Want to be a watchman? Contact Isca Wilms at wilmsfamily@verizon.net or 744-1865.

Want to know what prayer opportunities are being offered? Check the prayer bulletin board across from the office.

OR you can join each day as we pray for Mary Beth using the 31 days of prayer guide found in the foyer and also pray for the life of our church. As you lift her up daily, God will inspire and lead her, as well as perform a transforming work in you.

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence" Isaiah 62:6

Blessings,
Isca

"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"

Financial Highlights 2nd Quarter, 2011

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

As of June 30, 2011, our receipts were \$198,992.06, 7% higher than for the same period in 2010. Disbursements were \$203,775.87, or 4% higher than the first half of 2010. It may be of interest that one of our church goals is to increase giving by 10%, and we seem to be moving towards target.

Funded ministries that we can celebrate are things like fifty people on a family campout enjoying God's creation at Providence, thirteen men joining their voices in an inspiring chorus for worship and ten people in a well-lit and internet-connected social hall learning English.

Thank you for your continued faithful giving that enables Providence to make a difference.



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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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