

Providence United Methodist Church

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August 2012

Men's Fireside Fellowship

The United Methodist Men are planning a fireside fellowship Saturday, August 11, 6-9 pm, at the picnic shelter. We will roast hotdogs, s'mores, play games and maybe listen to some live music. Bring you dad, your son, your brother, your

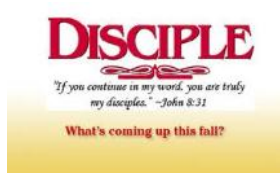


neighbor and come on out for a nice evening. We just ask that you give Galen (276-8378) a count of

who will be attending so that we know how much food to have on hand.

The UMM Second Sunday breakfast will still be held at the Shoney's on Hull Street on Sunday, August 12 at 7:45. **All men are invited.**

Disciple Bible Study



We are so fortunate to have this wonderful faith-building program at PUMC. We will be signing up folks soon to participate in this 32-34

week long program. This class requires daily Bible reading with a workbook as well as participation in a weekly meeting lasting 2 hours with a small group that soon becomes. Listen to the testimony of Kathleen White on August 12 to hear how the Disciple program transformed her faith. Learning from the Bible is how we stay connected to God and each other. Clip board signups will begin August 12.



Last Chance for VBS

Please make sure all your kids or your friends' kids are signed up for our new VBS weekend format as we dive deep into the word of God. Register on line by visiting our web-site at www.providenceumc.net. Make sure you come to church on Aug 5th to see what the kids did and hear what they learned. Join us for a luncheon in the picnic shelter after the 11 o'clock service to meet the families and the children that participated in VBS 2012. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. It can be left in the social hall before the 11 o'clock service. We will once again be providing the fried chicken.

Ice Cream Social with Giant Slip & Slide

Join us for more summer fun with FREE sundaes at our Ice Cream Social on August 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the church picnic shelter. There will also be a giant slip and slide for those who would like to cool off even more!!



Worship in August

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

Aug 5	Is forgiveness for real?	Matthew 18:21-35 Psalm 103:10-12 Colossians 3:12-17	Holy Communion VBS Sunday (at 11:00 a.m.)
Aug 12	Why do bad things happen to good people?	Romans 8:28, 35, 37-39 Psalm 5:1-8 Lamentations 3:22-33	
Aug 19	Can you help me understand the Lord's Prayer?	Colossians 2:6-15 Matthew 6:7-13	The Rev. Bob Blinn Guest Preacher (husband of Pastor Mary Beth)
Aug 26	Have you seen an angel lately?	Exodus 23:20-22 Acts 6:8-15	



Summer update

We hope everyone is having a great summer! The children who came to our Summer Program in

July enjoyed our Preschool Summer Olympics 2012, with music, crafts, science, water fun and lots more.

Why send a child to preschool?

There are many reasons, but early childhood expert, Carleton Kendrick, Ed. M, LCSW, explains it this way: In my opinion, socialization is the single greatest developmental benefit to be gained from a good preschool experience. There are many other emotional and intellectual benefits provided by a child-centered preschool program. I would add that a loving home will provide a child a fine opportunity for growth. *The key difference in the home and*

preschool socialization experiences usually is the degree to which a child has the opportunity to interact with his or her peers. At home, because of any number of circumstances, a child may have little opportunity to play, learn, share, or otherwise interact with other children of similar ages. In a preschool, that opportunity is built in every day. Let's not forget that long before preschools existed, kids played in neighborhoods with each other and their social growth flourished.

Please remember to let your friends and family know about our Preschool, and what a wonderful, nurturing, and age-appropriate Christian environment we offer. We're open Monday-Friday, with classes for children ages 2 to 5 and before-and-after school care with extended days for working families and those needing a longer day of child care. Call 276-1462 for tours and more information.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

The **Pass It On Youth Choir** and the **KC Jam Children's Choir** will resume weekly practices in September. The Youth Choir practices for an hour on Sunday afternoons and The Children's Choir meets Wednesday evenings for thirty minutes. I am looking for one volunteer (with or without musical experience) for each choir to assist me during practice.

If you feel God calling you to help with either of these very important ministries, please see me in church or you can reach me by telephone at 276-5683.

Thank you so much,
Carla Wootten

*Music speaks what cannot be expressed, soothes the mind and gives it a rest,
heals the heart and makes it whole, flows from Heaven to the soul.*

See You in September for WND!

It's summer, when everyone is going in different directions. Do you miss the great food and wonderful fellowship that we usually have on Wednesday nights at PUMC? Fear not, Wednesday Night Dinners (WND) will be back in September...with your help. We need individuals or groups to sign up to prepare and serve (and clean up after) WNDs. The charge for the dinner is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and usually there is a profit for our host(s). The church supplies paper products and coffee, tea and lemonade (must be prepared). A "balanced" meal is expected from the individual or group supplying it. Dinners during the

2011/2012 season averaged approximately 85 people in attendance. This can be a fundraiser for yourself, your group, or a particular cause.



Sign-up sheets for the remainder of 2012 are on the bulletin board in the hallway near the office. Grab your date soon, before someone else gets it! For questions or more information, contact Gracie Martin: 272-4289 (between 4:00-8:00 p.m. please) or email her at: graciemartin@verizon.net



Acolytes

Aug 5—*Communion*
 9:00 Cole Holland
 11:00 Jackson Holland

Aug 12
 9:00 Molly Roberson
 11:00 Rachael Harvey

Aug 19
 9:00 Tristen Kellam
 11:00 Emily Kyser

Aug 26
 9:00 Laura King
 11:00 Emma McConnell

Counters

Aug 5 **Ron Wootten**
 Janice Bergeron
 Bobby Johnson
 Gracie Martion

Aug 12 **Gary Wright**
 Anne Baird
 Wayne Smith

Aug 19 **Jimmy Sculthorpe**
 Paul Martin
 Hugh Miles

Aug 26 **Klaus Worrell**
 Steve Oliver
 Stuart Watkins

Communion Preparers

9:00 Marilyn Bell
 11:00 Dorline Davidson-Harvey

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship
 Neal Fleenor
 Ron White

11:00 Mike Patterson
 Bobby Burton
 Bobby Johnson
 Tom Koertge
 Bobby Wood
 Ed Harper
 Ralph Vernon
 Lori Justice
 Kathy Cullen

Greeters

9:00 Shirley Collins
 Mike Patterson
 11:00 Mary Lou Robinson
 Tracey Kellam

Audio / Media Shout

Aug 5
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Steve Oliver (MS)
 11:00 Keith King (A)
 Steve Oliver (MS)

Aug 12
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Dano Holland (MS)
 11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
 Dano Holland (MS)

Aug 19
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Brad Wootten (MS)
 11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Brad Wootten (MS)

Aug 26
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)
 11:00 Gary Wright (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)

Nursery

Aug 5
 9:00 Barbara Oliver
 SS Anne McKinnish
 11:00 Anne Blane & Brad Wootten

Aug 12
 9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
 SS Ann Busbee
 11:00 Michelle Butler
 Carol Urso

Aug 19
 9:00 Linda Koertge
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Aug 26
 9:00 Linda Koertge
 SS Ann Busbee
 11:00 Lori Breeden

Name Tags

Aug 5 Amy Mott
 Aug 12 Laurie Breeden
 Aug 19 Kyser Family
 Aug 26 Jahna Seymour

Sanctuary Organizers

Phyllis Ranger & Anna Knight

United Methodist Women

Gregory Circle will not meet in August.

Newton Circle will not meet in August.

Laughon Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 14, at 10:30 a.m. in church Social Hall.

Whitt Circle will meet for lunch on Tuesday, August 21. Time and place to be determined.



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

September 30—Providence UMW Sunday at the 11:00 worship service.

September 30—District UMW Annual Meeting at Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Registration 2:30 p.m.; Program 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Pilgrimage to Israel



The Growing Christians Class is hosting a Pilgrimage to Israel, April 7-17, **2014**. The classic tour from **Educational Opportunities Tours** is perfect for the first time traveler to the Holy Land.

On this 10-day journey you will visit all the major sites, such as the Sea of Galilee, Mt. of Be-

atitudes, Jordan River, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and more. You will even have the option of taking a day to Masada and swim in the Dead Sea! We will visits sites based on Jesus' three-year Ministry. In addition Bill Duganne and Dave Long will lead studies uniting Hebrew and Christian Bible history for a spiritual renewal prayer and share experience.

We are planning in advance to facilitate saving funds, prayer and commitment to visit the earthly home of our faith. We must fill our quota soon to seek a special pricing.

Contact Dave Long for questions and registration (email dave.long@earthlink.net or by phone at 276-9494).

F Y I: The organic dog treats that were handed out after the Blessing of the Animals were donated by Max&Ruffy's. They are available at: **PJ Pets** in Cary Town at 3536 W. Cary St. (in the shopping center with Martins). They are also available online at www.maxandruffys.com.



How are Bishops Chosen and Assigned?

Bishops are spiritual and administrative overseers in the church. Recently at Jurisdictional Conferences around the U.S., United Methodist delegates met to elect new bishops, including five needed in the Southeast. The delegates had been chosen a year ago at annual conference meetings and included equal numbers of lay and clergy. I was one of 52 persons from Virginia sent to the Southeastern Jurisdictional (SEJ) Conference for this awesome responsibility. Fifteen nominees from around the SEJ had been prayerfully put forward to be candidates as Episcopal leaders in the church. As delegates, we had received information about Episcopal candidates in the months before the conference. At the conference, each delegation was able to hear from all fifteen in person and ask questions. The process is surrounded with much prayer and discernment.

The voting began at the SEJ Conference on Wednesday, July 18, and by noon, two persons had been elected by the required 60% majority in the first three ballots. Electronic balloting for the first time made the process much more effi-

cient. The next day, by noon and the 29th ballot, all five bishops had been elected. They were then consecrated at a service of worship with the laying on of hands. They are the Revs. Jonathan Holston, Ken Carter, Bill McAlily, Debbie Wallace-Padgett, and Young Jin Cho, former Virginia Conference Arlington District Superintendent.

The new bishops and current bishops were then assigned to their places of service. The episcopacy committee, made up of two people from each of the 15 conferences in the SEJ, completed this careful work. They had already consulted with leaders of each conference and with each of the bishops. Based on the vision and the missional needs of each place, and the gifts of each bishop, the assignments were made. This happens much the way that pastors are assigned to local churches.

Our newly assigned bishop is **Bishop Young Jin Cho**. Though this rarely happens, Bishop Cho has been assigned as a new bishop to his own home conference. All those who know him are blessed that he will be our leader. Pray for Bishop Cho, and all the bishops who will begin their work on Sept. 1. God has called them for such a time as this.



Registration for Upward Soccer is going on right now. Go to: <http://www.providenceumc.net/ministries/upward-soccer/> for information, important dates and deadlines, and opportunities to help. Contact Brad Wootten if you'd like to know how you can assist (639-3161 or email: woottenb@gmail.com).

Mission Minute



First of all, a BIG Thank You to everyone who prepared Kits for Conference. We took 29 school kits, 58 health kits, and 16 birthing kits. What a blessing for whoever receives them. Thank You.

Wow that is all I can say. Our Mission Garden is going strong. It has produced thus far: 69 lbs of peas, 78 lbs of string beans, 130 lbs of squash, 100 lbs of cucumbers, 60 ears of corn. What a blessing this is. Thank you Joe, Paul, Morris and whoever else comes to help. We just re-planted string beans so stay tuned for more. We will be using some of these veggies in the fall for a Mission Dinner. YUM!

By the time you read this your Mission Team will have already reached out and helped a number of our homeless in the Richmond Area at **Homeward 2012**. On July 26, Mary Lou Robinson, Brenda Woodward, Linda Tidewater and Sue Duganne passed out numerous granola bars, helped search for the right size t-shirt or pair of pants or listened to someone's story. We loaded up four 35-gallon tubs with shirts, pants, shoes, hats, bug spray and sun block and took it all downtown to St. Paul's. What a blessing—but it does not end there. Our next project will be in November and that is our BIG count. This is where we set up a whole section in the convention center and we have everything...and I mean everything...so starting in September we will need your help again. This

time it will be winter and then we will need gloves, scarves, hoodies and sweatshirts. More to come about that in September. Thank you Ladies for giving up your day to help others.

Soon, your Mission Team will be selling flower bulbs. The catalog will be here soon so you can place orders. We will also be in the Library before and after both services (watch for specific details in the bulletin). The prices are reasonable and the bulbs will be back in time for fall or spring blooming. Proceeds will go towards Branches (Kim King Torres), Homeward, CARITAS, UMUMR, Upward Soccer, and UMFS.

As you can see your Missions Team needs your support to help out all of the above projects. Thank you so much for what you have already done. We hope that you will continue to support us as we do what God has called us to do.

Blessings and Stay Cool,
Sue Duganne

The text "Thank You!" is written in a large, green, cursive font, with several small red and blue stars scattered around it. Below this, the words "THANK YOU!" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with a green underline.

Our five weeks of English classes have ended. Attendance each week ranged from 6-11 adult students, with as many as 9 children in the nursery. Their first languages included Turkish, French and Spanish. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this ministry possible.

Church Family News and Notes


We welcome the following persons as new members of PUMC:



Welcome
Our New
Members

- **Claudia Havekost**, who came by transfer of her membership on Sunday, July 8.
- **Juanita Wolfe-Waters**, who transferred her membership on Sunday, July 15.

PUMC Members,

Hello, my name is John Mills. My wife, Mary Mills, was diagnosed with stomach cancer a little over a month ago. I'm  Heartfelt Thanks writing to express my appreciation for all the wonderful extended family members we've come across through cards, flowers and prayers. Most of all the ones who have taken time out of their nights to bring my family dinners.

I would like to send out a big thank you to Mrs. Virginia, Mrs. Sue, Mrs. Pat Loud, Mrs. Laura, Mrs. Patricia and Ms. Amanda, and the Roberson's. And all those who have signed up

for future meals. I really thank them for touching our hearts. It has made me realize that good things do happen to good people.


I also want to say thank you very much to Pastor Mary Beth for all you do. Especially for my family and the PUMC church as a whole. For coming to the hospitals and houses that need your blessings.

I know this will never be enough but please accept our thanks for this church and all of its members.

Sincerely,
John Mills and family

Thank you for the wonderful breakfast you all provided for the A.M. Davis teachers! We certainly appreciate everything that Providence United Methodist does for our school.

Kathy Gunn

 Our prayers are for the family of Chuck Schlottman, who died on Sunday, July 15.

Did you catch "The Buzz"?

We will continue to "buzz" throughout the month of August. Grab a buzz word slip and during the pastor's sermon (not biblical reading) listen and write down the 10 key/most important words. So after the service, come to the front of



the church to match your words up with the Beekeeper's list. The Beekeeper is different every week and at every service. There are no right or wrong answers and everyone (young or old) gets a piece of candy for playing. So catch the buzz! If you are interested in becoming a beekeeper, please contact Isabelle Sullivan at 276-4289 or by email at:

isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net

Pastor's Note

At our Virginia Annual Conference, meeting in Roanoke on June 22-24, I was reappointed to be your pastor, returning for my sixth year. Having been here now for five years, I find it a good time to reflect on my ministry with you. Together we have seen people come, as new people make their home with God and with us, and we have seen people go, as death and other sadness take(s) people from us. We are using our property more as a way to connect with our community through the mission garden, Upward Soccer, outdoor worship, the Spring Festival, Ice Cream Social Slip and Slide, campouts along with the traditional stew. We now have a partnership with our local elementary school. Our Connections service has been a significant change so that we might reach more people for Christ. This is only a part of what we have been doing together these five years. I am thankful for what God is doing in and through us.

What will I focus on in the coming year? I will continue to spend a significant amount of time on preaching and worship preparations. This is important because worship is the one time church gathers each week. It is the central opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is also our main connection with persons who visit with us, seeking a place to belong, be transformed and make a difference. I will also be spending more time this year helping you identify your passions and connect with ministries that are life-giving. When more and more people are joyfully serving the Lord through the church, the pastor is able to focus more on the big picture, and guide the church in fulfilling God's mission.

I look forward to being a partner with you at Providence UMC.

Peace,
Mary Beth



2011 DIRECTORY UPDATES

ADD:

HAVEKOST, Claudia, 804-282-3370, 2617 Blenheim Dr., Richmond, VA 23224

CHANGES:

DUGANNE, Chris - add Emily

GREGORY, Carlton & Betty, 10909 Lantern Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23236, same phone

JAMES, Rhys & Anna Healey, 4330 Uppingham Rd., Richmond, VA 23235

WATERS, Jack & Juanita - change to Waters, Jack & Juanita Wolfe-Waters

WHITE, Stephanie - change to Epps, Doug & Stephanie; Mark White II, 407 Red Maple Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060

WOOTTEN, Brad & Anne Blane, 15201 Clearwater Trail, Apt. 304, Chesterfield, VA 23832



Providence Road Partners

Providence Road Partners is again sponsoring a school supply drive for the students of A. M. Davis Elementary School. Please bring any of the supplies on the list to church any Sunday in August and place in the boxes that will be located around the building. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Wendy Collins (276-2418, email: MrsCollins17@aol.com).

- 1 subject spiral notebooks
- Marble notebooks
- 16 and 24 count boxes of crayons
- * Pocket folders
- * Glue sticks
- Children's scissors
- #2 pencils
- Bottles of glue
- Wide-lined notebook paper
- Rulers
- 8 count boxes of washable markers

- Plastic pencil boxes
- Zippered pencil pouches
- Index cards (3 x 5")
- Highlighters
- Pens
- Colored pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Zip-Loc bags (quart or gallon size)
- Boxes of tissues
- Pencil cap erasers
- Bookbags

*Badly needed items



“Walk the Walk You Talk” Men’s Study

We are meeting on Thursday evenings, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Room 206. This is a 40-minute series on how to “Walk the Walk You Talk.” A study in Ephesians about applying scripture to our daily life. We answer the question, “Does my life effectively demonstrate the difference that genuine faith makes in my life”.

If you would like to join the group or have questions, contact Ron White (744-3644, harlem1962@gmail.com) or Dave Long (276-9494, dave.long@earthlink.net).

“Mountain Music & Rails Spectacular”

The Providence Retired Club is on the move again. Look for flyers around church (or in the church office) for the “Mountain Music & Rails Spectacular” trip, September 20-21, 2012. \$100 will hold your reservation and is due by August 24. Prices vary based on occupancy so contact Bobby Wood (276-3058) for more details or look for the flyers.



Scripts In August

With all the back to school purchases needed, please don't forget the Scrip option. We have cards for Target, Walmart, Kohl's, DSW, Old Navy, Aeropostale, Staples, Office Depot, Sears, JC Penney's, and Dick's Sporting Goods. We are close to getting another check from Kroger, so please continue to load up and use your Kroger cards. Don't have one? Order one today in any amount you choose. These cards are reloadable. Don't forget our on-line version of scrips where you can access many cards quickly as you print them off or reload them. Follow the instructions at www.shopwithscrip.com use the PUMC code, which is **1F7E115632275**

Extreme VBS August 3 and 4

If you are a rising 6th-8th grader then you can participate in our Extreme VBS for Operation Overboard! Dare to go deep with God and discover what it means to have deep faith through learning, games, and fun. Extreme VBS is Friday night, 6:00-8:30, and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Register at Providenceumc.net.



a.m. Saturday.

Virginia Food Bank- August 14

We are going back to the Virginia Food Bank to volunteer our time with the Feed More program. This is an opportunity to work behind the scenes for hunger relief in our community. You must be 16 or older to participate. Meet at the youth house at 12:30 and we will return by 5:30.

Fall Kick-off August 26th

If you have ever wanted to check out our youth group at Providence Church then you will want to come to our Fall Kickoff on Sunday, August 26 from 4:00-8:00. We are inviting other youth groups from Richmond to come to Providence Church to compete in Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee and water games. We will end the night with an outdoor concert from the group Stereoreel. Food will also be for sale.

Sunday night Youth times

We are going back to our normal time slot for youth group, 5:30-7:30. A light snack will be served.

Night in a Box- August 10

Wonder what it is like to be homeless? No pillow, no blanket, just a box. Teens Opposing Poverty is hosting an event at Byrd Middle School, Friday, August 10, to raise awareness of the challenges homeless people face every day. In addition to sleeping in a box, there will be a street fair with musicians, a KidZone, a build-a-box contest and other fun activities. You'll also learn about life on the streets from a former homeless person. Times for this event are 6:00 p.m. Friday to 9:00

Check us out on Facebook

Keep up with Providence Youth on Facebook. See pictures from our trips, games, and mission work and find out where we are going next. There is always something going on at Providence Youth! Our address is Providence Youth Crew.

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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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