

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.

September 2011

Upward Soccer Games

Each Saturday at
9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Come out, bring a chair and enjoy watching these young ones play their hearts out!

Thanks for continuing your prayers for our Upward Soccer Ministry.



You're Invited!

Mary Beth and Bob Blinn invite you to their home at 515 N. 1st Street, Richmond, 23219 on Saturday, September 17, 2:30-5:00 p.m. **OR** Sunday, September 18, 2:30-5:00 p.m. Enjoy some refreshments and conversation.



We are starting the fall off with a grand Sunday school kickoff! All children preschool

through grade 12 are invited to attend a pancake breakfast on September 11 at 9:45 a.m. in the social hall to meet their teachers. Parents are invited to eat with their younger children and meet the teachers. Children will head to their classes around 10:20 a.m. for a get to know you session and activities. You can pick up your child in their classrooms promptly at 10:45 a.m.

September 11 is Promotion Sunday and our third graders will receive new Bibles.

The Sunday school classes and rooms are:

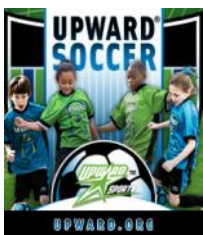
- Preschool Kids ages 2½ to 5 (but not in Kindergarten)—room 203 with Mrs. Virginia and Mrs. Mary Ann
- Kindergarten to grade 2—room 208 with Mrs. Carol and Mrs. Jane
- Grade 3 to 5—room 305 with Mrs. Isabelle
- Grade 6 to 8—room 308 with Mr. Jim and Mrs. Lisa
- Grade 9 to 12—room 301 with Mr. and Mrs. P.

Learn about some of our other Adult Class options on page 10.

Worship in September

Sept 4	Holy Communion Connecting with Church Friends	Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 14:13-21	“Everyone Belongs at the Table”
Sept 11	Inviting a Friend or Neighbor	Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	“Too Good to be True” Observance of 10th anniversary of 9/11
Sept 18	Upward Soccer Sunday	Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	“Good Seeds, Good Soil”
Sept 25	United Methodist Women’s Sunday		

Host Volunteer



Do you have a child playing on a team or do you have a strong interest in reaching out to the community to tell them about all the great things that go on at PUMC?

Host volunteers interact with

the participants and their families to build relationships, answer any questions they may have concerning the church or their faith, and encourage them to participate in other aspects of the church. This is a critical role in building stronger relationships between the church and the community.

As your Upwards Host Commissioner, I am looking for individuals or families, one for each team, who would act as a liaison between the families of that team and the church.

You do not need to commit to every Saturday, but the more you are able to be there, the more able you will be to know the players and their families.

The season is September 3-October 29. (There is no game on October 8 due to the Brunswick Stew Day.) The games are at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 but you would only need to be at one of those time slots. This is a relatively small time commitment in comparison to the potentially huge impact on God’s Kingdom.

There will be opportunities to sign up on the clipboard on Sundays or call me at 307-4707.

Thank you,
Cathy Patterson

Marketing PUMC Survey Summary

Thanks to all **135** of you who recently completed the church survey. We are learning more about ourselves and how we can better reach out to our community and help others belong, be transformed, and make a difference in the world.

On this topic, **89%** reported that you feel like you belong at Providence; **73%** felt like you are being transformed, and **85%** say you are given opportunities to make a difference in the world. With respect to worship (**83%**) and music ministries (**77%**), members feel satisfied or very satisfied with these church activities.

Very significantly, **70%** felt your spiritual life was much or somewhat stronger now than two years ago. As we look to the future, **50%** or more recommended that we should be putting more emphasis on evangelism, families with children, and our community.

Eighty-three percent would invite a friend, neighbor or newcomer to Providence. Additionally, you affirmed that you would recommend PUMC to families with children, teens, single or divorced persons, married couples or persons 65 and older.

Committees within the church are absorbing this information and plans will soon be taking shape as we plan to reach out to our friends, families, neighbors ... our community.

Marketing PUMC Team

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!



Pass It On Youth Choir will meet Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Practices will begin on September 18.



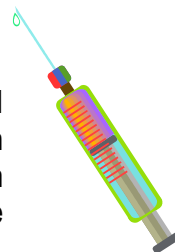
KC Jam Children's Choir will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:10-6:40 p.m. in room 306. Practices begin on September 28.

If you have questions you can call me - Carla Wootten - at 276-5683.

See you in September!

Flu Shots at PUMC

Again this year Providence will be sponsoring a Flu Clinic on Sunday, October 9, from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. in the social hall.



SEPTEMBER

Acolytes

Sept 4—*Communion*
8:45 Winton Justice
11:00 Andrew Bowers

Sept 11
8:45 Emily Kyser
11:00 Emma McConnell

Sept 18
8:45 Laura King
11:00 Tristan Kellam

Sept 25
8:45 Molly Roberson
11:00 Gabby Sullivan

Audio / Video

Russ Byers' Team

Communion Preparers—Sept 4

8:45 Marilyn Bell
11:00 Jean Riekers

Sanctuary Organizers

Eula Phillips & Peggy Gillette

Name Tags

Sept 4 Gracie Martin
Sept 11 Laurie Breeden
Sept 18 Emma Fleenor
Sept 25 Kyser Family

Ushers

8:45 Bill Blankenship
Chris Healy
Carolyn Bilski

11:00 David Sommer
Lee Bradshaw
Bob Fitch
Linwood Hudson
T.L. Jenkins
Stuart Watkins
George Winstead

Counter Captains

Sept 4 Hugh Miles
Sept 11 Gary Wright
Sept 18 Jimmy Sculthorpe
Sept 25 Klaus Worrell

Greeters

8:45 Anna Knight
11:00 William & Ellin Howell

Nursery

Sept 4
8:45 Linda Koertge
SS Ann Busbee
11:00 Shirley Collins
Peggy Gillette

Sept 11
8:45 Lori Justice
SS Barbara Oliver
11:00 Robin Hayter
Carol Urso

Sept 18
8:45 Ann Busbee
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Sept 25
8:45 Lori Justice
SS Anne McKinnish
11:00 Anne Blane
Brad Wootten

Grass Cutters

Sept 5 John Bradley (Area 2)
Sept 12 Steve Reese (Area 1)
Sept 19 Bobby Wood (Area 2)
Sept 26 Gary Vest (Area 1)

It's that time of year again! Stew! Stew! Stew!

October 8, 2011



We all love to eat it, but we need your help.
Please help us by volunteering a couple of hours
to help prepare the stew.
Look for sign-up opportunities on the clipboards.

Fall Youth Group Kick Off

Join us for a party in the parking lot!
7th-12th Grades

September 11—5:30-7:30
Parent meeting—7:00-7:30

Tailgate dinner, tour the youth house, hear about our **upcoming events**, meet **new friends**, **raffles** throughout the night!!!
Parent meeting will share important upcoming dates, forms and sign-up sheets...and a **parent raffle!!!**

Providence Road Partners

Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our community through A.M. Davis Elementary School? Volunteering could be a short-term activity or be all year depending on the project and your schedule. The following list gives you an idea of what you can choose to do or you may suggest something else.

- **Classroom Volunteer:** (Help with clerical tasks and/or working with individuals or small groups of children.)
- **Lunch Buddy:** Sit with a table of students and visit, approximately 25-30 minutes; preferably once a week.
- **Library Helper:** Assist librarian by shelving books, filing papers, work at book fair, etc.
- **After School Care:** Help supervise homework for students while parents learn English--once or twice a week.
- **Tutor:** Assist a student or group of stu-

dents in a learning activity as directed by classroom teacher.

- **Math or Reading Buddy:** Help individual children as directed by classroom teacher.
- **“Hand work” at home:** Cut out items, staple, stuff, etc. Materials may be picked up and returned to the church.
- **Help:** with a new school garden.
- **Help:** with bus arrival and departure the first week of school (Sept. 6-9), approx. 30 minutes in the morning or afternoon.
- **Staff Appreciation:** Help with an appreciation breakfast or treats.
- **Join the A.M. Davis PTA** (\$5.00)

All volunteers must complete a Chesterfield County volunteer application form which may be picked up in the church office. Please fill out a form on Sunday or e-mail the church office with your interest.

Thank you.
Jane Logan

United Methodist Women

Below are the dates for September Circle meetings.

Gregory - third Thursday, September 15 (note change of date) at 7:00 p.m. at Isabelle Sullivan's home.

Laughon - second Tuesday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Bring a lunch.

Newton - second Tuesday, September 13



(note change in date) at 7:00 p.m. at Sandra Elliott's home.

Whitt - third Tuesday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Bring a lunch.

Other news:

September 24 - UMW District Annual Meeting at Westover Hills United Methodist Church, 1705 Westover Hills Blvd., Richmond 23225. Registration: 9:30 a.m. Meeting: 10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

September 25 - Providence UMW Sunday

PRESCHOOL NEWS

On September 13, we welcome our wonderful preschoolers back for the 2011-2012 school year. We have exciting plans for a great year of fun and learning. Thanks to you, our enrollment is growing. We still have some openings, so if you know of a family who is looking for a preschool with a nurturing, Christian environment, please let them know about us. We would like to invite them to visit and see what we have to

offer for children ages 2-5, and their families. Additional information about the Preschool may be found on the church website, in brochures located on the table outside the church office, or by calling Charlotte Cervarich at 276-1462. Thank you for your continuing support, and please keep our staff and students in your prayers.



CROSS TRAINER



Fall Kick Off
for 5th and 6th grade Youth Group

September 11th — 12:15-2:00
Parent meeting from 12:15-12:45
Lunch will be provided!

Small Group News

This fall PUMC has many opportunities for you to connect with others and be transformed by Christ's words. Check out these small group options as they have different start and end dates. Most of these groups begin September 28 following the Wednesday Night Dinner.

Change The World by Mike Slaughter. Each week, participants will read and discuss a gospel story, watch a video profiling an inspiring, world-changing mission effort, and envision together how they can change the world locally and globally. You won't just read about Jesus feeding the 5000 or healing the lepers, but will be inspired by contemporary ministries and challenged to take a leading role in the congregation's missional efforts. This class will be led by Rob Heare and will run through November 16. Books cost \$5.00.

Advent Conspiracy—Tired of the consumerism that has come to define Christmas? **Advent Conspiracy** encourages us to restore the heart of the holiday. Unwrapping four simple but powerful concepts, this stirring book invites you to celebrate Jesus' birth more meaningfully by giving relationally to family, friends, and the less fortunate. Through this four-session DVD curriculum, **Advent Conspiracy** shows how you can substitute compassion for consumption by practicing four simple but powerful concepts. Christmas can still change the world when people, like Jesus, give what matters most—their presence. This study ends October 26 and will be facilitated by Cathy Patterson. Book cost is \$11.00.

Old Testament Stories from the Backside—Drop in and join Allen Branson as he facilitates from this book. This popular series helps those with really busy schedules. No reading, no books, just drop in for one hour to listen and learn. This series ends November 9.

Youth in grades 6-12—Join Youth Director, Susan Clark for a fun evening with lessons from the "Skit Guys". Meet in room 301 at 6:30 p.m. This session ends November 16.

Grades K-5—Continue the VBS excitement we had this summer with **Bamboogie**. Through Bible heroes such as Daniel and David, kids will learn about their bodies from God's perspective—how each body is the temple of God—and apply what they learn to their everyday lives. Meet in room 305 at 6:30 p.m. with Mrs. Isabelle.

Other Small Group opportunities at PUMC include:

"Improving Communication in your Marriage" begins September 9 and will meet every other Friday night (for six sessions) in the home of Isca and Christopher Wilms. Child care is provided.

Men's Small Group—will begin gathering in late-September on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This group will focus on the upcoming movie "Courageous". It's primarily meant to get men talking about the key issues of living a courageous life: family, priorities, legacy and faith. For more information, contact Bill Duganne by email at:

pastorbillandsue2@verizon.net

Church Family News and Notes

We would like to thank Mary Beth and all of our PUMC family for their prayers, visits, cards, emails, calls, and well wishes during Terry's recent hospitalization. Your support has meant the world to us. Please keep us in your prayers as Terry continues his treatments.

---Becky & Terry Wagner

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our granddaughter, Jessica Fulghum, and her family, we express our utmost appreciation for all the prayers and support for Jessica during her battle with Leukemia. We are also grateful for the many cards and gifts, which blessed her and lifted her spirits. Jessica responded well to the treatments and is now in the maintenance phase of treatment which will continue monthly at the hospital, as well as oral chemo daily at home, through September 2012. She resumed all her activities several months ago and continues to do well. We are so thankful for our Providence Church family.

---Tom and Nancy Coffman



Our love and sympathy go to the family and friends of Vann Barden, who died on July 30.

Congratulations to Rachael Harvey who received her Girl Scout Gold Award on Friday, August 26.



Welcome to Bill LaRue, who joined our church by transfer on August 28.

Missed Sunday's Sermon?

Listen to it at our website:

www.providenceumc.net

Click on "**Listen to a Sermon**"

on the left side of the **HOME** page.

Welcome Luncheon

Are you a newcomer to our church or a new member? You are invited to a luncheon on Sunday, September 11 following the 11:00 a.m. service. Meet some other people from Providence and find out more about our ministries. Sign up at worship or call 276-4289 to make a reservation.



Who Will You Invite?

September is a great time to get started or started again. Before Sunday, September 4, you are asked to think of **someone who you haven't seen** for a while at church. Invite them to join you at one of our worship services on the 4th. As we celebrate Holy Communion, wouldn't it be wonderful to reconnect with some of these special friends at the Lord's Table?



For September 11, you are asked to invite **friends and neighbors who may be looking for a church home**. The service will include a variety of musical offerings and will be a great opportunity to introduce someone to our church.

September 18 will be **Upward Soccer Sunday** and our new friends from the soccer fields will be invited to join us for worship.

Red Rice (side)

Ingredients:

1 tbsp vegetable oil
Half chopped garlic

White Rice

1/3 c chopped onion
1 spoon Knorr tomato

Directions:

Wash rice and drain. Cook rice. Add Knorr tomato and let it boil until water dries and remains soft. Add oil, onion and garlic, fry mixed until light brown.

Mexican Mole is a brown sauce used on chicken and rice. Recipe submitted by Mirna, one of our ESL students. PUMC recently hosted 10 ESL students and entertained 7 children during the ESL class time.

Mexican Mole (pronounced mo-lay)

Serve hot and eat with tortillas!

Ingredients:

4 chicken pieces 2 c chicken soup
1/3 c chopped onion Half chopped garlic
2 tsp chocolate (unsweetened)
Salt to taste

Directions:

Boil the chicken with water, garlic and salt. When it boils off and reserve. In the blender, put mole with chicken broth, the ground and cook, mixed, add the chocolate and leaves the first boiling. Add shredded cooked chicken mixed through a few more minutes and turn off the stove.

Back By Popular Demand

The Worship and Family Council committees along with our Upwards Soccer program are planning our second **Family Camp Out** for October 15. We had 60 participants at the first Camp Out in June and everyone agreed we should do another one in the Fall. Our activities included games, wiffle ball, family scavenger hunt, dinner, campfire with s'mores and conclude the next morning with breakfast in the social hall and worship in the outdoor chapel. We are inviting all ages and sizes of families.

Please mark your calendars! You won't want to miss it!



Sunday School Isn't Just For Kids

Here at PUMC, we have a long standing tradition of adult Sunday school classes. These classes are a great way to meet and get connected with others, learn about the Bible and what it means to you, and a way to stay connected with Christ. We have 8 adult Sunday school options here at PUMC that meet at 9:45 a.m. You can see where they are located on our web-site or in the brochures located in the pews on Sunday mornings. Below is a description of just a few of the classes' upcoming studies beginning this fall. All of our classes are open and waiting for you to join them!

New Beginnings Class – This class which meets in room 302 will begin a study on September 11 called *They Like Jesus But Not The Church*. This DVD-based study led by author Dan Kimball, will help you explore and respond truthfully, caringly, and engagingly to six of the most common objections and misunderstandings emerging generations have about the church and Christianity.

The Parenting Class – This class which meets in room 304 will also start a series on September 11 called *Sacred Parenting, How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls*. This six session DVD-based study by award winning Gary Thomas shows how God can transform lessons in raising children into opportunities to grow in the image of Christ.

The Faith Sharers – This class which meets in room 307 will begin a study on September 11 called *He Still Moves Stones* by Max Lucado. In this book, they will be looking at some of the many Bible stories of people who are hurting deeply. Though their situations vary, their conditions don't. They have nowhere to turn. Yet before their eyes stands a never-say-die Galilean who majors in stepping in when everyone else steps out. Lucado reminds us that the purpose of these portraits isn't to tell us what Jesus did, but rather to remind us what Jesus still does.

Friendship – This class which meets in room 205 will begin a study September 4 called *Luke, New Hope, New Joy*. It was good news not only of Jesus' birth but of what he offered to men, women and children throughout his ministry. In this study guide Ada Lum leads you to discover that this message of hope and joy is for you as well!

For additional information regarding session titles or topics on these classes and to check out the other adult classes, visit the church's website at www.providenceumc.net and click on the MINISTRIES/Sunday School Classes tab at the top.



Great Devotions For All Ages

The Education Committee has ordered two new resources for children and teens called **Pockets** and **Devos** created by the Upper Room. Pockets will be available in the Nartex and Devos will be located in the Firehouse. Also available for adults to order is **Alive Now** and **Weavings**. These resources are also created by the Upper Room and are in the library for you to stop by and take a look. If you'd like to subscribe, just talk to Isabelle Sullivan or check out our website and click on the *Resources* tab.

What is Pockets?

Designed for 8-12 year-olds, Pockets magazine offers wholesome devotional readings that teach about God's love and presence in life. The content includes fiction, scripture stories, puzzles and games, poems, recipes, colorful pictures, activities, and scripture readings. The purpose of Pockets is to help children grow in

their relationship with God and live as Christian disciples. It is written and produced for children and designed to help children pray and to see their faith as an integral part of their everyday lives. The magazine emphasizes that God loves us and that God's grace calls us into community. It is through the community of God's people that we experience that love in our daily lives.

What is Devos?

Devazine is a devotional magazine designed just for youth. It is written by teenagers and adults who work with and care about teens. *Devazine's* purpose is to help youth 12-18 years old develop a lifelong practice of spending time with God and reflecting on what God is doing in their lives. Each theme includes weekday meditations and a feature article on the weekend. Meditations may be read in chronological or random order.

Wednesday Night Dinners will begin on September 28.

*After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter,
"Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"
"Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you."
"Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.
John 21:15 (New Living Translation)*

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the **A. M. Davis Summer Backpack Program**. Due to your generosity, six children took home large bags of food each Thursday during Summer School to help them make it through the weekends. The large bags of food included notes each week to encourage the students and to invite them to visit our church and participate in Upward Soccer, Vacation Bible School, summer movies, etc.

--- Wendy Collins

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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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