

Providence United Methodist Church

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September 2012

Mid-Week Small Groups for the Fall

Why join a small group? Because, it helps build relationships and forms disciples.

This fall we are proud to offer a jam-packed evening of small group options that begin on September 19. Child care will be available (free of charge) but you must register in advance for it. Register for these groups and/or child care on Sundays on our clipboards or by contacting Isabelle Sullivan at 276-4289.

Additional information regarding these mid-week small groups can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

- Spiritual gifts
- Fireproof
- 2 Timothy
- Crosstrainers
- Mayberry Series
- Youth Classes
- K-4 Graders

Date Night

Join us on September 14 at 6:00 p.m. to watch the powerful movie **Fireproof** right here at PUMC. This movie touched the hearts and impacted the marriages of millions of movie goers. Child care will be provided for free. Check out a clip of the movie on our web-site and register to attend this free event.

Wednesday Night Dinners to Include Our Neighbors

Each first Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. will be our **Community Night** at our Wednesday Night Dinners. While our Wednesday night regulars will pay the usual \$5 per adult, \$3 for children 10 and under, and everyone will need reservations, our neighbors will be our guests (at no charge). Do you know someone to invite?



Save the date for PUMC's CAMP OUT

We are inviting families young and old and of all sizes to attend our Camp Out on Saturday afternoon, September 22. You won't want to miss the fun: games, family scavenger hunt, dinner, and campfire songs with s'mores. We will conclude the next morning with breakfast in the social hall and worship in the outdoor chapel. If you are not a fan of sleeping under the stars, you are still welcome to come join in the activities and head home to sleep in your own bed.



Worship in September

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

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

We Give Thanks for Families — God's Good Gift!

Sept 2	Family Values for All Kinds of Families	2 Timothy 1:3-7 1 Corinthians 13:4-13	
Sept 9	Caring for Kids	Proverbs 1:8-9, 22:6; 24:3-4, 29:17 Ephesians 6:1-4	Sunday School Recognitions
Sept 16	Making Marriage Work	Genesis 2:18-24 Colossians 3:12-19	Recognition of 50+ Year Marriages
Sept 23	The Church as Family	Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 12:46-50	Connections—Outdoor Chapel, weather permitting
Sept 30	Strengthening Families in our Community	Guest Preacher: Ms. Angie Williams from United Methodist Family Services; United Methodist Women Sunday	

Get to Know Our New Music Staff

Margaret Taylor is our Director of Music, with responsibility for the 11 am traditional worship service, the Chancel Choir, the SonRise Sisters, the Bells of Providence, and our men's ensembles. She is a recent graduate of Lebanon Valley College with a double major in Music/Vocal Studies and Music Education. She has served as the organist and pianist at Zion Lutheran Church.

Eve Minter is our new Director of Contemporary Music. Eve's experience with contemporary worship comes from opportunities in the local church to serve in worship leadership with music teams. She has a BA degree in music and a Masters in music education and

has worked in music education. She lives in Manakin Sabot, VA with her husband, Frank, and their three children, Annie, Jonathan and Allison.

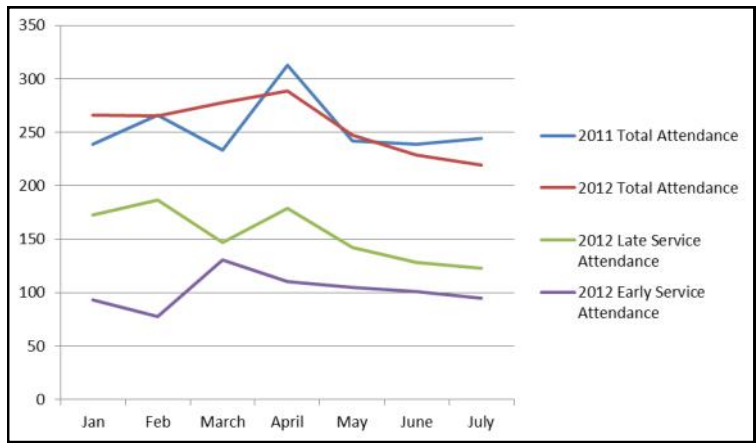
In January 2012, the position of Director of Contemporary Music was created to provide leadership for our new Connections worship service. At that time, our former Director of Music was hired to fill both jobs. After advertising separately for these two positions, we are blessed that they have both been filled and that Margaret and Eve are bringing their talents to PUMC.

Look for more information about Eve and Margaret in future newsletters.



A Report on Worship Attendance

The graph at the right charts our worship attendance for 2012 and compares 2012 with 2011. The information reveals that the average attendance varies significantly month by month. April is usually higher because of Easter. The summer is usually lower because of vacations. You will notice that after March 4, the early service attendance increased as some of you shifted from one service to another and new folks have joined us. The total average attendance, in spite of a lower July (due to storms and outdoor worship), is up for 2012 at 256, compared to 2011 at 254.



Pastor's Note

What do the numbers tell us? (See graph.) They tell us that we have work to do! Since we have seats available on Sunday morning at both 9 am and 11 am, I would like to ask you to do two things. First, starting in September, recommit yourself to regular worship attendance. It is the one time in the week when we can fellowship with our church family, be inspired by wonderful music, and hear God's word for our daily lives. God desires our worship and commands us to keep the Sabbath. Faithful weekly worship by those of you who are members would help us more than reach our goal of 276 for 2012.

Second, reach out to invite someone new. Usually in September, people are thinking



about making a fresh start. We made significant changes this year in order to offer two different worship experiences. Tell your friends and neighbors about our two services and meet them here. It could make all the difference in their lives. I know that some of you have been inviting others to come. Thank you! The seeds you are planting are bearing fruit. What a wonderful, loving, serving, growing congregation we have here at Providence. With your help, the numbers will show what we already know.

Peace,
Mary Beth

You're invited to come to our house at 515 N. 1st Street, Richmond. 23219 for an open house. Choose Saturday, September 8, 3-5 pm, or Sunday, September 9, 3-5 pm.

Sunday School Kickoff

September 9

The children, tweens, and teens are getting back to the regular schedule for Sunday School as we promote our kids into their new grade level classes. We will kick this off with a pancake breakfast in the social hall as we regroup into our classes and meet our teachers and new friends. Parents are welcome to eat with their child but it is not required. Please help me in thanking our dedicated teachers who share their love of Christ in helping our kids grow in faith:

Mrs. Virginia Randall and **Mrs. Mary Ann Walton**—Preschool (room 103)

Mrs. Carol Urso and **Ms. Jane Gilliam**—K- 2nd Grade (room 109)

Mrs. Isabelle Sullivan and **Mrs. Amy Mott**—3rd to 5th Grade (room 305)

Mrs. Lisa Fleenor and **Mr. Jim McConnell**—Middle School (room 308)

Chris and **Isca Wilms**—High School (room 301)

Registration forms will be collected during the breakfast. You can get one on line. Those entering third grade will receive their Bibles at the service they normally attend.

Adult Sunday School for the Fall

Are you connected with one of our great adult Sunday school classes? Would you like to visit a different class to change things up a bit? Here is what our adults are doing this fall:

The Christian Builders class (room 206) will continue with the Adult Bible Studies which will focus on Hebrews and Acts.

The Friendship class (room 205) will again be studying from The International Lesson.

Faith Sharers (room 307) will begin a new 13-week study on Sept. 9 titled "Colossians - Navigating Successfully Through Cultural Chaos.

The Parenting Class (room 304) will be studying from the ScreamFree parenting series which

has developed an all-inclusive program to solve your parenting challenges, from calming tantrums (both your kids' and your own) to teaching responsibility and respect.

The New Beginnings class for young adults (room 302) will be studying the book Trusting God, Even When It Hurts.

The Living Word class (room 303) will be studying the 10 Commandments.

The Pairs and Spares (social hall) will be studying the book, What The Gospels Meant. This 12 week study will look at each Gospel and how they present Jesus.

The Growing Christians meet in room 309.

Any and all of these Sunday school classes are looking forward to meeting you. Please join in on one this Sunday!

Family: Many Forms, Common Faith

For the month of September, Providence UMC will be celebrating the Christian home. We are doing so to develop and strengthen faith in the home; celebrate and support Christian families in their faith journey, and celebrate Christian Home Month.

As the title implies, families come in many shapes and sizes. Whether you are single, a couple, married with children, divorced with children, empty nesters, or another way that makes up your family, the home is where your Christian faith is really developed. Though the church tries to help mold that faith, it is ultimately up to the family to make it work. That is why for the month of September we are really going to be focusing on ways your family can connect and grow in your faith.

For the month of September, we have some family activities at church for you to attend and some suggestions for you and your “family” to do at home that focus on “Hope”:

- Remember your blessings, individually and as a family. Set one night a week (at least) to eat dinner together as a family.

- Faith 5—A commitment to spend 5 minutes either in the morning or in the evening to walk through these 5 steps (check out the web-site for more: <http://www.faithink.com/inkubators/faith5.asp>).

1. Share your highs and lows of the days
2. Read a scripture verse from Sunday's sermon or another verse that you feel like reading
3. Talk about how the highs and lows relate to the scripture (is God actually saying something to you?)
4. Pray for one another's highs and lows
5. Bless one another before going to bed

- Study scripture together. Some of the key scripture passages that mention a source of hope: Genesis 8:6-22, Genesis 21:1-7, Joshua 4:1-7, Psalm 23, Psalm 65, Matthew 5:1-14, Matthew 28:1-10, Matthew 28:16-20, Romans 8:38-39. Ask one family member to read the scripture. After hearing the scripture ask each family member to say what that particular scripture means to them.

- Establish a family covenant together. Go on our web-site to print one off.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We're excited that preschool will start back again this month, and the joyful noise of children will fill our halls once again. Thanks to you and all of your support, our registrations for the year are going SO well. We are truly blessed to be a ministry of PUMC that reaches so many families in our community. Please keep us in your prayers as we embark on our new days and hours. We are now open Monday-Friday

and offer extended hours before and after preschool for families needing extra hours of child care. Call us for more information at 276-1462.

Blessings to all of our students and PUMC families as the children return to school this fall. We look forward to seeing you at Preschool Sunday on October 14.





"New to Youth" Night

September 2 from 5:30-7:30

If you like having fun, making friends, playing crazy games, eating food, helping others and love Jesus.....

Then you belong at Providence Youth!

We are in the Youth FIRE house next to the church

Susan.clark@providenceumc.net for more info.

Middle and High School Wednesday night Class

Learn Basic Sign Language for 8 weeks!

Classes begin September 19

6:30-7:30 in Room 306

Email susan.clark@providenceumc.net to RSVP for this class

Teacher TBD

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes are for 7th graders and older who want to become adult members of the church. There are three 6 week sessions plus field trips. If you are interested please contact Pastor Mary Beth Blinn at

Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net

Classes begin Wednesday, September 19, from 6:00-7:30 in Room 309

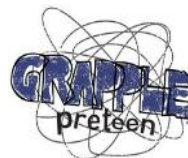


CROSS TRAINER



Calling All 5th and 6th Graders!

Cross Trainers is a youth group for tweens! Join us at the youth FIRE house on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 for Fun, Faith, and Fellowship! We are bringing back the "Grapple" program so get ready to have fun!



Finance Committee

As we start the last third of 2012, we want to give you a snapshot of finances for Providence as of July 31.

Our budget for 2012 represents a significant increase over 2011 in part because of mortgage payments now included in the budget and other. The payments represent renovations in 2005 that made our church accessible and a new HVAC. A recent gift directed toward the principal has reduced the balance of the loan by about 10% to now less than \$185,000. All bills and our share of conference apportionments are up-to-date and our operating fund balance is an adequate \$16,842.

The numbers at the right show that giving to the budget in 2012 is below 2011 and expenses are above 2011.

<u>July Year-to-Date</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Receipts	\$237,891	\$231,792
Disbursements	\$233,940	\$239,715

If we were spending at budgeted levels through July, disbursements would be \$266,171. Fortunately there have been no major maintenance issues and utilities expenses are down and committees have continued to be careful with their expenses.

So over the next four months we ask that you prayerfully consider fulfilling your pledge, as well as going a step above. With everyone doing their part we can finish 2012 in a record breaking way and all ministries can be fully funded.

~ Ernie Woodcock

Flu shots will again be available for our members on Sunday, September 30, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Sign up on the clipboards in September.



Church Family News and Notes

Auryn Basel Webb (boy), born May 23, 2012. Proud parents are Bryce and Katie Healy Webb.

Our prayers are with the family of Mildred Crostic, who died on August 6, 2012.

Mid Week Small Groups Class Information

Spiritual Gifts—Facilitated by Tony Fleshman (6:15—7:30, room 303). Experience the discovery and growth that will empower and equip us for service and leadership. More than the Biblical foundation for understanding spiritual gifts, participants will reveal God's will and direction for their lives as they name, claim, and apply their spiritual gifts.

The Mayberry Series—Facilitated by Diane King (6:30—7:30, room 206). This drop in series is always popular as folks can come once, twice or every week. There is no reading required. Just some good old-fashioned values taught by our dear friend Andy Griffith followed by a series of discussion questions.

Fireproof—Facilitated by Mike and Cathy Patterson (6:15—7:30, room 309). The **Fireproof Your Marriage** small group curriculum is founded on Biblical principles for strong, God-centered, lifelong marriages. This 6 to 8 week study uses exclusive video clips from **Fireproof** along with thought-provoking discussion questions, and individual and couples' devotionals to

challenge members to grow deeper spiritually and in their relationship. If you are married, you will love this group!

2 Timothy—Facilitated by Dave Long and Linda Koertge (6:30—8:00, room 307) is an ensemble group of leaders and seekers studying the challenges, comfort, cautions, and charge of discipleship in the Kingdom of Christ. Discussions use the Old and New Testaments as well as study tools to discover insights to personal and church applications of the commands and precepts from our LORD. A come and go arrangement makes home study optional.

Youth Classes—(6:30—7:30, room 301) Discover the world of sign language.

K-4 Graders—Sing in the choir with KC Jam (6:00—6:30, room 306) and/or join *B.L.A.S.T* (Bible Learning And Sharing Together) for active games, crafts, and Bible stories (6:30-7:30, room 305).

Crosstrainers is back in our new format (6:30—7:30 at the Youth House) with Amy Palmer, all 5th and 6th graders will get together to play games, fellowship and learn how the Bible applies to their everyday lives.



The church office
will be closed
on Monday, September 3
for Labor Day.

Sponsored by the Growing Christians Class:

Barbeque Chicken (\$5 per half)

September 22

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Order on sign-sheets in September
or see Gary or Barbie Vest (378-2632).



September

Acolytes

Sept 2—*Communion*

9:00 Gabby Sullivan
11:00 Emily Kyser

Sept 9

9:00 Emma McConnell
11:00 Rachael Harvey

Sept 16

9:00 Jackson Holland
11:00 Cole Holland

Sept 23

9:00 Laura King
11:00 Tristen Kellam

Sept 30

9:00 Cole Holland
11:00 Jackson Holland

Counters

Sept 2 **Ron Wootten**
Janice Bergeron
Bobby Johnson
Gracie Martin

Sept 9 **Gary Wright**
Anne Baird
Wayne Smith

Sept 16 **Jimmy Sculthorpe**
Paul Martin
Hugh Miles

Sept 23 **Klaus Worrell**
Steve Oliver
Stuart Watkins

Sept 30 **Ron Wootten**
Janice Bergeron
Bobby Johnson
Gracie Martin

Sanctuary Organizers

Eula Phillips & Peggy Gillette

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Chris Healy
Carolyn Bilski

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

Audio / Media Shout

Sept 2

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

Sept 9

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

Sept 16

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

Sept 23

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Brad Wootten (MS)
11:00 Gary Wright (A)
Brad Wootten (MS)

Sept 30

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

Communion Preparers

9:00 Marilyn Bell
11:00 Doris Creasy
Laurie Breeden

Greeters

9:00 Bobby Johnson
Mike Patterson
11:00 Doris Creasy
Phyllis Ranger

Nursery

Sept 2

9:00 Kelly Horne
SS Pam Groome
11:00 Michelle Butler
Carol Urso

Sept 9

9:00 Ann Busbee
SS Jennifer Ostrum
11:00 Lindsey & Sean Collins

Sept 16

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

Sept 23

9:00 Laurie Breeden
SS Jennifer Ostrum
11:00 Shirley Collins

Sept 30

9:00 Ann Busbee
SS Lori Justice
11:00 Isabelle Sullivan

Name Tags

Sept 2 Gracie Martin
Sept 9 Jean Riekers
Sept 16 Amy Mott
Sept 23 Laurie Breeden
Sept 30 Cathy Patterson

Missions Minutes

Our Mission Garden is in need of some weeding. So, if you can help mornings at 9:30 come on out. Stay tuned for plans for a Garden Party Dinner on Wednesday, September 26.

Needed: help facilitating English Classes, September 19-October 24, 6:30—7:30 (room 308). We would like to offer English classes right after our Wednesday Night Dinners. Contact Sue Duganne at: pastorbillandsue2@verizon.net

Our Homeward Event in July at St Paul's downtown was a huge success. We helped over 150 people and everyone was so thankful for everything that we brought. We ran out of bug spray and suntan lotion and we went through all of our toiletries.

But we are not done yet. Our BIG Homeward event is coming in November and this is where we can really use your help to make a difference. We need 8-10 people to help with that event on November 13. We need 20 or more people the day before when we setup at the convention center. So, if you are able and willing, we would love your help. Stay tuned for more information on that event. I hope everyone saw the article in the newspaper about our own Kelly Horne. What a great job she is doing. So thank you Kelly!

In September we will start gathering clothing items for our **November Homeward Event** which will be November 13th at the Richmond Convention Center, we are looking for the following items:

- men's pants
- long sleeve shirts
- hoodies
- work boots
- tennis shoes
- white T-shirts and underwear
- women's larger pants
- long sleeve shirts
- sweaters
- bras and panties

We are looking for both men's and women's coats, hats and gloves. We will also need granola bars. We will be collecting till the end of October.

Flower Bulbs: Your Mission Team is selling Flower Bulbs to help raise money for all of our projects. They are beautiful and very reasonably priced. Visit the Library and place your order. We will be sending in the order on September 24 so the bulbs will be delivered right to your door for fall planting. These will make great Christmas Gifts as well. Please support your Mission Team.

WND (Wednesday Night Dinner) Mission Team will be cooking and serving dinner the last Wednesday of September, October and November. Come and get some great food and fellowship, and support your Mission Team.



United Methodist Women

Laughon Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Newton Circle—Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Sandra Elliott.

Whitt Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 18, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Gregory Circle will meet on Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined.



The **Executive Board** will meet on Thursday, September 27, at 7:00 p.m., in the church Library.

Upcoming Events:

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.

October 6—Pledge service unit meeting (baked potato bar lunch) at 11:00 a.m.

2011 DIRECTORY UPDATES

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Goller, Tom & Kathe-change to Goller, Kathe; Tyler Harris, Chloe, 804-739-9412, 6517 H Woodlake Village Court, Midlothian, VA 23112, Kjljg74@verizon.net

Gregory, Carlton & Betty, 10909 Lantern Way instead of Road

Griggs, Katie, 229 NW 16th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601

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Jones, Amanda Healy - change to Jones, Kevin & Amanda Healy; Preston & Sophia, same address and phone

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Mallory, Marshall & Catherine-add marshall.mallory@navy.mil

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Scholl, Betty, 1210 Huguenot Trail, Midlothian, VA 23113

Rust, Brian & Coleen - add Thomas

Tillery, Megan Healy-change to: Healy, Megan, 1600 Turnmill Dr., Richmond, VA 23235

Tracy, Arthur & Ingeborg-remove address and phone number

Webb, Bryce & Katie Healy-add Auryan

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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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