

Providence United Methodist Church

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September 2013



Children's Music Classes

NEW Youth Handbell/Chime Choir
grades 4-8, will meet on Sundays at 4:00

NEW Youth Vocal Choir
grades 4-8, will meet on Sundays at 4:45

KC Jam (Kid's Choir/Joy and Music)
for grades K-3, will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30



Sunday Morning Class Offered

Pastor Mary Beth will be leading a conversation on "**Why I am United Methodist**" beginning September 15 for three weeks. The class will be held on Sundays at 10 am in the library. The group will explore basic United Methodist beliefs and ministry. This class is for anyone who is new to Providence or who would like to know more about our faith. Sign up on Sunday mornings or by calling the church office.

Come Support Our Teams!

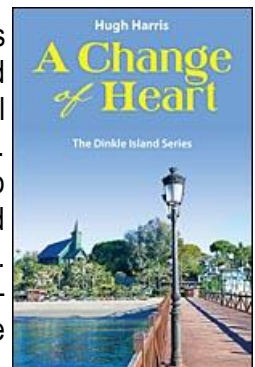
Upward soccer games begin Saturday, September 7 and continue through November 9. Games are at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Let's make a difference by supporting this worthwhile ministry of Providence United Methodist Church.

Book Study begins September 11

"A Change of Heart, The Dinkle Island Series", written by our own Hugh Harris, will be the focus of a book study beginning on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:45 pm in the Library. Rev. Harris will lead the study on this newly published book, beginning with a discussion on the process of writing fiction and what led to this particular book series.

A Change of Heart is about redemption and hope set in a small coastal Virginia town. Books will be available to buy for \$21 and a limited number will be on loan. Sign up on Sunday mornings or by calling the church office.



Worship in September

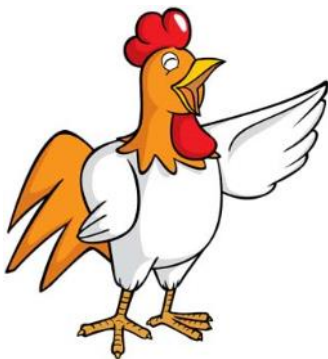
9:00 a.m. Connections Worship

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Jesus said in Matthew 28:19: Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations. What is a Disciple? In September we will explore who a disciple is and what a disciple does. Join us in this journey of discipleship!

Contemporary Worship "Connections" at 9 am is informal and led by Ministry in Motion praise team. Traditional Worship is at 11 am, includes a variety of music, and is led by the Chancel Choir and other musical groups. Our pastor, The Rev. Mary Beth Blinn, brings the message at both services.

Sept 1	A Disciple worships regularly.	Psalms 95:1-6 Luke 24:44-53	Holy Communion
Sept 8	A Disciple is one who GROWS in their faith.	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Jeremiah 18:1-11	Christian Education Sunday Bible presentation to third graders
Sept 15	A Disciple shares by GIVING in mission.	2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Matthew 19:16-22	
Sept 22	A Disciple helps MAKE NEW Disciples.	Matthew 9:35-38 Luke 15:1-10	
Sept 29	A Disciple is engaged in mission.		United Methodist Women's Day



Barbecued Chicken

Growing Christians Sunday School class will be cooking **barbecued chicken** once again on Saturday, September 21. The cost of half chicken will remain at \$5 and sides of coleslaw and baked beans will be available for \$1.50 each. You may preorder with any member of the class (or by contacting Barbie or Gary Vest at 378-2632) to ensure that you get your chicken before it's sold out. This semiannual event is the class's primary fund-raiser for its charitable giving throughout the year. As always, your support is GREATLY appreciated!

Pastor's Note

Been there. Done that. We finish a project or get through an experience and breath a sign of relief. We can cross that off our list. It's accomplished. Completed. Except when it's something like prayer. During the month of July, we focused on prayer here at Providence. We talked about prayer, we prayed individually, we prayed together. And we might think, well, we're finished with that for a while!

But it is only the beginning. Prayer is a relationship with God. Every day we can pray. Everyone can pray. So I would invite you to

settle in to a life of prayer. To begin, take 10 minutes each day. Read a passage in the Bible. Say what's on your mind to God. Then be silent, listen and rest. What peace and power would be let loose at Providence if we all were connecting with God each day! How deeply would our lives be transformed if we were a praying people. We're not finished. We're just beginning.



Peace,

Pastor Mary Beth

Wednesday Night Dinners

September is the beginning of a new season of Wednesday Night Dinners. Serving time will be changed to 5:45 through 6:30 this season. We ask that all meetings/classes begin at 6:45 (instead of 6:30) in connection with this change. Cost of the dinners will remain \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. However, there may be a higher quality and more expensive dinners offered once in a while. There will be ample notice given of both the menu and cost if a host group decides to do this.

We need groups to sign up to host dinners. Hosting a dinner means providing and prepar-

ing the food, as well as serving and cleaning up. The host group may use any possible profits as they choose. The dinner schedule is on the WND bulletin board in the hallway near the office. There is also additional information located on the bulletin board.

You may sign up on the WND bulletin board for "seasonal reservations" if you attend most of the Wednesday Night Dinners. Seasonal reservations will keep you from having to make reservations each week.

Please attend Wednesday Night Dinners for Good Food and Good Fellowship. We miss you when you are not there!

~~ Gracie Martin

Chancel Choir Workshop: September 19-21 at the church. If you are interested in singing for the adult Chancel Choir for the Christmas Program, it is recommended you attend rehearsals. For more information and schedule, contact Margaret Taylor at M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com.



We are offering two options for **Disciple Bible Study** this fall. Disciple is an in-depth, 32-week, life-changing, community-building study commitment that transforms congregations through examination of scripture.

- **Disciple I**—Becoming Disciples through Bible Study, is a prerequisite foundational course that emphasizes the wholeness of the Bible and surveys both the Old Testa-

ment and the New Testament. This class will be offered on Tuesday evenings facilitated by Laura Griggs.

- **Disciple II**—Into the Word, Into the World, focuses on four books: Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. This class will be offered on Monday evenings facilitated by Bobby Johnson.

Please express your interest by emailing Ansley Higginbotham at:

ansleyhigginbotham@yahoo.com.

Confessions of a PUMC Member

Some people (including myself) do not want to wear a name tag. But we all would appreciate it when other people do. So let's do our part by wearing ours. Let's wear our name tags to all functions where we are representing PUMC. Someone will be glad you did!



~~ Gracie Martin



Our community is invited and will be our guests for dinner on September 4, at 5:45. Do you have new neighbors? A co-worker who is just waiting to be invited? A new Upward Soccer friend? Invite them to join you for our first community dinner of the year.

United Methodist Women



- **Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.
- **Newton Circle** will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Sandra Elliott's home.
- **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 10:30 in Room 205 at the church.
- **Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. (place TBD).

Unit & District News:

- 9/13 Richmond District Mini-Mission Encounter at Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Avenue
- 9/20-21 Conference UMW Young Women's Event
- 9/21 District Mission Trip to Shalom Farms
- 9/26 Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9/28 District UMW Annual Meeting at Centenary UMC, 411 E. Grace Street
- 9/29 UMW Sunday
- 10/5 Pledge Service & Luncheon (Baked Potato Bar), 11:00 a.m.

YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

Christians Reaching Everyone Worldwide Sundays, 5:30-7:30 At the Youth House

Do you like food? Games? Laughing uncontrollably? Mission trips? Helping others? Learning how to fit God into your crazy schedule? Then Providence Youth Group is for YOU!

Youth Fall Kick Off

7-12 graders
September 8
5:30-7:30 p.m.
At the Youth House
(next to the church)

Wheel Chair Ramp

We are excited to share our Youth House with all of God's children so we now have a removable wheel chair ramp that can be attached to the front door. Please share this good news with your friends and neighbors!



Snack Volunteers Needed

Want to help the Youth while staying as far away from them as possible? Go to www.takethemameal.com and sign up to bring a snack!

The user name is "youth"
Password is "group"

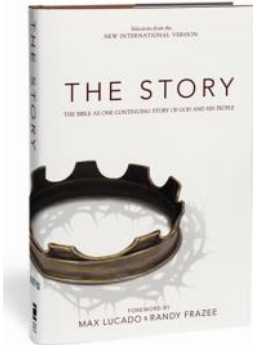
Cross Trainer

Youth Group for 5th and 6th Graders!
Begins Wednesday, September 11,
from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tweens have a special place to call their own and it is at the Youth House. Crazy games, mission projects, a weekend retreat, tween discussions, new friends, and learning exciting things in the Bible. For more information, contact Amy Palmer at pumctweens@yahoo.com



No Youth Group on September 1 due to Labor Day weekend.



All Are Welcome to Attend

Join the Young Adult class at 10:00 am on Sundays as we read, **The Story**, by Randee Frazee and Max Lucado. **The Story** was written to help people experience Scripture like never before. Carefully selected verses from the Bible are organized chronologically, from Genesis to Revelation. Throughout this study, our hope is that we will better understand God's story. All are welcome to attend.

We're all in our places, with bright shiny faces! It's back to school time again. If you would like to become involved with *Providence Road Partners*, our ministry with A. M. Davis Elementary School, please contact Wendy Collins by email or phone (MrsCollins17@aol.com, 276-2418). Here are opportunities for involvement:

- Volunteering during the school day (9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) or at evening events (lunch buddy/tutor/work with small groups, etc.)
- Helping at home
- Contributing money or items needed; donating funds for our weekend food backpack program
- Purchasing Christmas gifts for students
- Praying for the A. M. Davis staff and families
- Preparing food backpacks on Wednesday nights



ADD:

DeLap, Jim & Laura, 804-745-7508, 2203 Cardiff Ct., Richmond, VA 23236

CHANGES:

Elliott, Travis, 13092

Clementown Rd., Amelia Courthouse, VA 23002

Fitch, Bob & Fran - new phone number 804-454-1915

Griggs, Katie, 1216 SW 2nd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601

Griggs, Tyler, 205 Lancaster Gate Drive, Apt. 302, Midlothian, VA 23113

Hines, Tripp & Elizabeth - change to Elizabeth, 804-539-8891, 14399 Holly Point Way, Smithfield, VA 23430

Thompson, Heather & James Smith; Peyton, 222 1st St., Broadway, VA 22815

White, Stephanie, 2500 Dowd Lane, Richmond, VA 23235

Church Family News and Notes

Dear Providence Church Family, Wayne and I are so thankful to be part of a loving church family! We have been blessed by your many expressions of love and concern following my back surgery. We thank you for the many prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, gifts, food, and visitors. We appreciated our visits from Pastor Mary Beth and Tom and Nancy Coffman.

A special thank-you to Linda Collins for overseeing the office. Thanks to Anna Knight and the volunteers who have helped staff the office in my absence — and helped Linda get the work done. It meant a great deal to me to know things were being covered.

Thanks for the flowers honoring my 25th Anniversary at Providence. I am so grateful for the flowers and send my love to all of you!

I hope to be back at work soon! Keep those prayers coming.

Love and prayers,
Kathy Smith

We welcome new members, Laura and Jim DeLap, who joined Providence by transfer of membership on July 14.

Welcome to Ronnie Justice, who became an affiliate member of Providence on August 11. An affiliate member is one who maintains full membership at their home church and also desires to be active at another United Methodist Church. Ronnie, a member of Asbury Memorial UMC, has provided leadership in our youth ministry for the last year.



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Winston Overstreet, who passed away on Sunday, August 28; also to the family of Horace "Tripp" Hines, who died on Thursday, August 2, 2013.



Congratulations and blessings on Amanda Whitt and Doug Rodes, who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 29.

Seasonal flu shot clinic at Providence United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 29, 12:00-1:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. \$28 cash, check, insurance, Medicare Part B or Medicare HMO (bring copy of your insurance card, front & back).

**Protect Yourself and Others
GET VACINATED!**





E.S.O.L

English for Speakers of Other Languages

The adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes were a huge success this summer. We met for 11 sessions. Altogether we had 17 adult students representing 5 different languages; French, Japanese, Russian, Hungarian and Spanish. There were 11 English tutors that helped make this a success. We started with 4 students. Each session we weren't sure how many students were going to be there ready to learn. We had students joining us all throughout the summer, even on the last day! THANK YOU to all of the English tutors that were so very flexible. On our last day of class we had a celebration at the church filled with laughter and conversation.

In order for the adults to be able to come and learn we had child care available. THANKS to Mary Lou Branson for taking that scheduling responsibility on. We had 9 volunteers and a total of 9 children; ages 2 1/2 to 11 years old.

I also want to say a huge THANK YOU to Bob

Gillie for setting up the computer and getting our technology up and rolling.

THANK YOU also to Mary Beth Blinn for realizing that there is a real need for this mission through our church for our community and helping me to step out of my comfort zone.

As a follow through, Bob Gillie has set up a computer in the church library. Throughout the year people can schedule a time to come in during the day and work on Rosetta Stone. What a blessing this is to have this available to all. THANK YOU to Kathy Smith and Linda Collins for being the contact people for these students.

Will we do this next summer? YES! We sure will!

THANK YOU for all of your help and support!

~~ Carol Urso



Medication Take-Back

When: Saturday, September 14, 2013, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Where: John Tyler Community College Chester Campus
13101 Jefferson Davis Highway Chester, VA 23831

Acolytes
Sept 1—*Communion*
 Meredith Kyser
Sept 8 Emily Kyser
Sept 15 Jackson Holland
Sept 22 Tristen Kellam
Sept 29 Meredith Kyser

Communion Preparers
Sept 1
 9:00 Marilyn Bell
 11:00 Judy Miles

Name Tags
Sept 1 Gracie Martin
Sept 8 Laurie Breeden
Sept 15 Kyser Family
Sept 22 Pam Asbury
Sept 29 Cathy Patterson

Readers
Sept 1 Don Kyser
Sept 8 Elizabeth Kyser
Sept 15 Patty Wright
Sept 22 Laura Griggs
Sept 29 Barbie Vest

Sanctuary Organizers
 Eula Phillips & Peggy Gillette

Greeters
Ed Bldg:
 9:00 Anna Knight
 11:00 Mike Patterson
Narthex
 9:00 Pam Groome
 11:00 Judy Miles

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

Ushers
 9:00 Bill Blankenship
 Chris Healy
 Carolyn Bilski
 11:00 George Winstead
 Lee Bradshaw
 Bob Fitch
 Linwood Hudson
 T. L. Jenkins
 Stuart Watkins
 Pam Asbury
 Joseph Salvaggio

Nursery
Sept 1
 9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Anne Blane & Brad Wootten
Sept 8
 9:00 Kelly Horne
 SS Troye Hamilton
 11:00 Shirley Collins
Sept 15
 9:00 Wendy Collins
 Emma McConnell (Y)
 SS Jennifer Ostrum
 11:00 Laurie Breeden
Sept 22
 9:00 Ann Busbee
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins
Sept 29
 9:00 Pam Groome
 SS Noelle Holland
 11:00 Michelle Butler/
 Carol Urso

Counter Team Captains
Sept 1 Ron Wootten
Sept 8 Gary Wright
Sept 15 Jimmy Sculthorpe
Sept 22 Klaus Worrell
Sept 29 Ron Wootten



Audio / Media Shout

Sept 1
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)
 Bob Gillie (B)
 11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)
Sept 8
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)
 Bob Gillie (B)
 11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)
Sept 15
 9:00 Keith King (A)
 Steve Oliver (MS)
 Mary Elliott (B)
 11:00 Keith King (A)
 Steve Oliver (MS)
Sept 22
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Brad Wootten (MS)
 Brad Wootten (B)
 11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
 Brad Wootten (MS)
Sept 29
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Steve Oliver (MS)
 Mary Elliott (B)
 11:00 Gary Wright (A)
 Steve Oliver (MS)

Every Kitchen Has Rules!

Anyone using the kitchen facilities please read and follow the posted kitchen rules. A few highlights from the kitchen rules:

- Do not leave food.
- Cabinets and drawers are labeled. Put things back where they belong and keep disposable products covered.
- Do not be wasteful of any products. Your contributions to the church are paying for these items.
- Plastic tablecloths must be cleaned to be used again (not thrown away) and should be used as often as possible in place of the paper.
- Two smaller tables have been purchased for use when a full size table is too large. Please handle these with care so that we will have them around for a while.

~~ Gracie Martin

UMFS (United Methodist Family Services) Beneficiary of Nutzy's Rotary Funn Run Registration is Open!

Go nuts with Nutzy at the 2nd Annual Nutzy's Rotary FUNN Run 5k to benefit United Methodist Family Services and the YMCA on December 7. Children eight and older can run without mom and dad. Strollers and walkers are welcome! And new this year, the race will be timed. Runners will be in the first flights and strollers in the last flight. Early bird registration is \$25 for individuals and strollers and \$10 for those 17 and younger until Labor Day. Visit www.nutzyrotaryfunnrun.com to register today!



A YOUTH OUTREACH MINISTRY CALLED "BRANCHES"

show our love of them from Kim's home church in Richmond, Virginia, and needed help as Branches increased in numbers. This group needs to be reorganized.

Lisa Fleenor, Diane King and Gracie Martin have agreed to be co-leaders for the new Branches Buddies. If you would like to be a part of this group, either to help financially or hands-on, please send your name and e-mail address to graciemartin@verizon.net. Also, if you come across EASY and inexpensive crafts that are light in weight to ship, please send us your ideas. Our efforts are most appreciated by those we serve.

"Branches Buddies" is a group of wonderful people who came together after PUMCY's first mission trip to Branches in 2008. Lisa returned wanting the send these children "special crafts" on holidays and special occasions to

Financial Update through July 31, 2013

Financial Obligations Met: **Yes**
Apportionments Met: **Yes**
Adequate Operating Funds: **Yes**
2013 Giving (as of July 31): \$240,640

Giving in the second quarter remained on track with fairly strong months in May and June following a slow start in April. July, traditionally a slow giving month, has started the third quarter off slowly; hopefully we will gain some momentum during August and into the fall.

Giving for the year remains on track and comparable to 2012. Expenses have been less year-to-date in 2013 than 2012 and that coupled with a strong cash position to start the year due to a large year-end gift have helped the PUMC Operating Fund remain solid.

We remind all that maintenance expenditures are always just around the corner so it is important that we all stay "on pledge" with our giving; stretching where we can. For more detail, copies of the most recent treasurer's report are always available at the church office.

~~ Rick Jeffrey

Children's Music Forum

September 8, 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary (immediately following the service). If you are interested in any of the children's choirs, please attend this forum! We will be discussing rehearsal times, performance dates, and more!

CCHASM 2013 Thanksgiving Program

CCHASM is asking for our help in providing food for the Thanksgiving Meal Gift Packages. Following is a list of the food needed for each package:



- 1 40-oz. can of Yams or Sweet Potatoes
- 1 13 oz. box of Mashed Potatoes
- 1 14 oz. can of Cranberry Sauce
- 2 15 oz. cans of Corn
- 2 15 oz. cans of Green Vegetables
- 2 bags of Stuffing or 2 boxes of Stove Top
- 2 cans or packages of Gravy
- 1 box Hot Chocolate
- 1 box Tea Bags
- 1 box or bag of Cookies

Pick what you would like to give to help make up the packages.

CCHASM is putting a \$15 Gift Card for turkey and/or perishables. Martin's is giving CCHASM a discount on gift cards so they are asking that we give money instead of cards for the meat. Put the cash in an envelope marked "CCHASM Gift Cards" and put it in the collection plate. The Treasurer will write a check to CCHASM for all moneys received.

Mark Your Calendars Now

The second Saturday in October (10/12/13) is traditionally PUMC's Annual Brunswick Stew



and it will be here before you know it. For over 50 years, this has been an event to welcome the community for a meal and to thank them for their support. It is a church-wide project and every helping hand is needed and appreciated.

There is shopping to be done, veggies to be peeled and cut, stew to be stirred, containers to be filled, a Social Hall to be set up, guests to be served, and clean-up to be done. If you are willing and available, please just let us know by signing up on the clipboards in the pews or by letting any one of the committee members know (Vests [378-2632], Hudsons [276-2495], or Bobby Wood [276-3058] to name a few). We would love to have you join us, and the fellowship is a great opportunity to get to know people in the congregation whom you either haven't met yet or don't know very well!

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Sunday

- 9:00 am Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Youth Bell/Chime Choir
- 4:30 pm Youth Vocal Choir
- 5:30 pm Youth
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 7:30 pm Bells of Providence

Wednesday

- 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Dinners
- 6:45 pm Studies or Classes
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

- 5:45 pm Ministry in Motion

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Nursery Attendant	April Basham
Our Covenant Missionary	Kim King Torres

For internet use in the Educational Building, the Wi-Fi password is: praisegod1