

Providence United Methodist Church

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October 2011

Fall Family Camp Out and Outdoor Worship

Fun for all ages! Please mark your calendars! You won't want to miss it! Can't stay the night? You are welcome to join us for the activities, dinner and campfire! Register by calling the church office at 276-4289.

Saturday—October 15

2:00-Set up tents

3:00-6:00-Games and Crafts

6:00-Dinner/Fellowship

(Bring a dish to share; Hamburgers/Hotdogs & Drinks will be provided)

7:30-Campfire/S'Mores

8:00-Campfire Fun with Mr. Tim

Sunday-October 16

7:30-Breakfast/Break down camp

8:45-Outdoor worship in the chapel

Don't have a tent? Not a problem. Bring your air mattress and sleep in the Social Hall.



Fall Outdoor Worship
Sunday, October 16
8:45 a.m.
Outdoor Chapel

“Town Hall” Meeting Set for October 2



On October 2 at 4:00 p.m., the congregation is invited to attend a “Town Hall” meeting in the social hall on the subject of offering two different worship experiences. The task force will present information from their discernment process and invite questions and discussion from the group.

Brunswick Stew A Community Event

On October 8, a long-standing tradition will continue at Providence. Beginning early in the morning, ingredients for the



stew will be added to large kettles in the picnic shelter. All day long, volunteers will stir the stew. Everyone is invited to come to the Social Hall at church, 5:00-7:00 p.m., to enjoy the Brunswick stew for supper. The supper is free and open to the community.

Worship in October

Oct 2	World Communion Sunday "Our Common Goal: Knowing Christ"	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3:4b-14; Psalm 19	Bring textiles and fabric pieces from other cultures
Oct 9	"God's People Getting It Right"	Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9	Church Choirs
Oct 16	"The Things that are God's"	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	8:45 Outdoor Worship
Oct 23	"Which is the Greatest?" Preschool Sunday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46 Psalm 90	Preschool Children
Oct 30	Laity Sunday Rob Heare, Lay Leader "What do you do with what you have?"		Emma Breeden, Soloist



STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"

Luke 14:38

Every great goal requires careful planning. Each of us wants to accomplish great things, and as a church we have a great vision for impacting the world for good through obedience to Christ. To maximize these efforts, church leaders are currently carefully planning next year's budget. This is one way we strive to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. To maximize your impact for Christ, I encourage you to start thinking about and planning your giving for the upcoming year.

Next month you will be invited to complete an estimate of giving card for 2012. Completing this card helps both the church to plan wisely and helps you grow in your faith, as you answer the challenge God has laid on your heart.

Christopher Wilms

Providence Road Partners Update

To date, we have a total of 30 volunteers covering a variety of duties. There is a place for you, and you may still sign up to be a Davis volunteer. You will need to complete a Ches-



terfield County Volunteer Application (available in the church office). You can also still join the Davis PTA (membership forms are in the Narthex). Complete the form and leave it in the church office with your \$5 membership

check. PTA membership forms and checks will be delivered to the PTA president.

Last month, eight PUMC volunteers assisted two PTA members in filling envelopes for 750 students with 18-20 pieces of information.

Our congregation collected 2,647 school supply items which were delivered to the school and distributed to the teachers. In addition to this, some additional items were delivered shortly after the start of the school year.

Thanks for all your help,
Jane Logan



PRESCHOOL NEWS

The children are settling in, and Fall is here. Pumpkin parties are coming, and the children are so excited about Preschool Sunday on October 23. We hope you will join us for a joyful presentation.

As always, we send a big THANK YOU to all who have referred families to our Preschool or donated items. We are in need of these items in particular, and would appreciate any donations of:

- Old family and children's magazines
- Pinecones
- Old Christmas cards



We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd,
Charlotte Cervarich and the Preschool Staff

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."

Acolytes

Oct 2—*Communion*
 8:45 Rachael Harvey
 11:00 Winton Justice

Oct 9
 8:45 Andrew Bowers
 11:00 Tristan Kellam

Oct 16
 8:45 Emily Kyser
 11:00 Emma McConnell

Oct 23
 8:45 Gabby Sullivan
 11:00 Molly Roberson

Oct 30
 8:45 Winton Justice
 11:00 Laura King

Audio / Video

Bob Gillie's Team

Communion Preparers—Oct 2

8:45 Ginny Thompson
 Linda Keery
 11:00 Judy Miles
 Anna Knight

Sanctuary Organizers

Shirley Hathaway

Counter Captains

Oct 2 Hugh Miles
 Oct 9 Gary Wright
 Oct 16 Jimmy Sculthorpe
 Oct 23 Klaus Worrell
 Oct 30 Hugh Miles

Ushers

8:45 Bill Blankenship
 Wayne Latimer
 Janet Knight
 Gary Wright
 11:00 Tony Fleshman
 Sean Collins
 Klaus Worrell
 Laurie Breeden
 Joe Sullivan
 Brad Wootten
 Jennifer Kennedy

Greeters

8:45 Pam Groome
 11:00 Phyllis Ranger

Grass Cutters

Oct 3 John Bradley (Area 2)
 Oct 10 Steve Reese (Area 1)
 Oct 17 Bobby Wood (Area 2)
 Oct 24 Gary Vest (Area 1)

Name Tags

Oct 2 Gracie Martin
 Oct 9 Cathy Patterson
 Oct 16 Jahna Seymour
 Oct 23 Jean Riekers
 Oct 30 Gracie Martin

Nursery

Oct 2
 8:45 Jennifer Ostrum
 SS Anne McKinnish
 11:00 Peggy Gillette
 Isabelle Sullivan
 Oct 9
 8:45 Pam Groome
 SS Jennifer Ostrum
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins
 Oct 16
 8:45 Lori Justice
 SS Shirley Collins
 11:00 Michelle Butler
 Carol Urso

Oct 23
 8:45 Jane Gilliam
 SS Ann Busbee
 11:00 Anne Blane
 Brad Wootten

Oct 30
 8:45 Barbara Oliver
 SS Ann Busbee
 11:00 Jean Riekers
 Nicole Riekers



OCTOBER

<p>FLU SHOT CLINIC SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 12:00 NOON UNTIL 2:00 P.M. SOCIAL HALL AT PUMC</p>	
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Youth C.R.E.W. News

Youth group is for grades 7-12
Meetings are **every** Sunday night, 5:30-7:30
Dinner is provided
For more information contact:
susan.clark@providenceumc.net

October 9

City Wide Scavenger Hunt! How well do you know your town and the church families that live in it? Get ready to search for some interesting things! Responsible parent drivers lead the groups. A permission form is needed to attend!

October 21 and 22

30 Hour Famine weekend! Go Hungry so others don't have to. Help raise money and aware-

ness of world hunger during this 30-hour event. The famine begins at 12:00 on Friday on your own. We meet at the youth house at 6:00 Friday night until 6:00 p.m. Saturday when we break the fast together and go out to dinner.

October 22

Youth Ministry Yard Sale! Please donate items for our yard sale to raise money for the Richmond District youth retreat at Eagle Eyrie. Ten percent of the money we raise from the yard sale will go to World Vision for the 30-Hour Famine.

October 23

No youth group meeting

October 30

Youth Group **Halloween Party!** The only ghosts at this house are holy. Wear a family friendly costume or favorite team jersey.

2012 Calendars

The youth will be selling the God's Creation calendars in November. Pricing and order information will be in the bulletin mid-October.

United Methodist Women

Below are the dates for September Circle meetings.

Newton - first Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m., at Mary Elliott's home.



Laughon - second Tuesday, October 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Whitt - third Tuesday, October 18, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Gregory - third Thursday, October 20, at 7:00 at the home of Isabelle Sullivan.

Missions

PUMC Missions will once again be participating in Homeward's Project Homeless Connect at the Richmond Coliseum. This year's count will be held on November 17, 2011. There will be many opportunities to help with this mission. Help of all ages is needed to load trucks and help set up at the Richmond Coliseum on November 16 and individuals age 18 or older are needed to help on November

17. The items needed most are adult size socks, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, coats, boots, granola bars, razors, and reusable shopping bags. Please leave these items in the bin labeled "Homeward" by the Missions table. Contact Valerie Reese (909-3689) or Mary Lou Robinson (739-2991) for more information or for information on Homeward visit www.homewardva.org.

~ Valerie Reese

Welcome, Beverley!

Beverley Edwards, our new Director of Music Ministries, is a native North Carolinian and grew up in the military town of Goldsboro, NC. She has been active in music since middle school as a trumpet player and soon serving as volunteer pianist at her childhood church. She received a degree in Music Education from Barton College in Wilson, NC. Her proficiency was piano, and after graduation she served in the NC public school system as a director at both the middle and high school levels. After several years of public education, Beverly returned to graduate school where she studied piano performance, church music, and organ. She received her Master of Music degree from East Carolina

University, Greenville, NC. Beverley has served churches throughout eastern and coastal North Carolina, most recently First Presbyterian Church in Dunn, NC where she directed a very active music program that included an accomplished adult choir, adult handbell choir, youth choir, children's choir and handbells and MusikGarten in the pre-school program.

Beverley is married to Michael, who is minister of May Memorial Baptist Church in Powhatan and has three children, Anna, Sophie, and Laura.



Mission Celebration Festival ...

On Saturday, October 15, the Richmond District will have a Mission Celebration Festival at Ramsey Memorial UMC, 5900 Hull Street Road, from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Displays will include Care and Connect, Shalom Farms, Wesley Community Center, United Methodist Family Services, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, and Camp Rainbow. Asbury-Church Hill UMC's Drum Line and Ramsey Memorial's Hispanic Praise Band will perform during the Festival.

... Comes to Providence

The Mission Celebration for the Richmond District will come to Providence UMC on Sunday, October 16. A representative of United Methodist Family Services will be our guest speaker in the chapel at 10:00 a.m. Individuals and Sunday School classes are welcome to come and hear more about life-changing ministry for children, youth, and families.

Can you help us find addresses for some of these church members?

If so, please contact the church office by email at providenceumc@providenceumc.net or by phone at 276-4289. M-Z names will appear in the November newsletter.

ACKERMAN, Jennifer, 1983	COX, Andrew, 1990	HELPER, Nancy, 1992
ACKERMAN, Kristi, 1979	COX, Anne, 1988	HELPER, William Jr, 1992
ACKERMAN, Raedonna, 1979	CREECH, Marvin, 2000	HENDRICK, Mary, 1956
ALTIZER, Ben, 1988	DENNIS, Jennifer, 1986	HENDRY, Beth, 1994
ANDERSON, Charles, 1959	DENNIS, Keith, 1998	HENDRY, Mike, 1998
ANDERSON, Richard, 1959	DENNIS, Theresa, 1986	HIGH, Howard Jr., 1956
BARTLETT, Bridgette, 1976	DOWDY, Angie, 1983	HILL, Bob, 1989
BAUGH, James, 1993	DRAKE, David, 1955	HILL, Robert, 1969
BAUGH, Nancy 1993	DUNCAN, Sheryl	HOLDREN, Stuart, 1965
BERRY, E. E. Jr., 1964	EMORY, Thelma, 1973	HOLLOWAY, Chris, 1982
BERRY, Connie, 1964	FISHER, Stewart, 1980	HOLLOWAY, Edwin III, 1986
BOSCO, Suzanne	FRANCIS, Henrietta	HOLLOWAY, Marsha, 1986
BOYER, Jenny	FREEMAN, Krystle Good, 1996	HUBBARD, Charles Jr., 1977
BOYER, Laura	FURR, Marguerite 1989	JOHNSON, Judy, 1977
BRADLEY, Gina, 1995	GARRETT, Debbie, 1964	KARLE, Mike, 1987
BRIDGES, Linda, 1982	GUNTHER, Sharon, 1991	KELLY, Karen, 1990
BRIDGES, Michael, 1982	GUTTER, Bertie, 1973	KELLY, Kenneth II, 1990
BROWN, Jerry	HACKETT, Pam	KING, Tom Jr., 1974
BROWN, Stephanie	HAGUE, Alice, 1966	KRAUSE, Donna, 1961
CARE, Brad, 1997	HARRIS, Jack, 1974	KYLE, Reba, 1992
CARE, Doreen 1997	HARRIS, Joan, 1974	LANE, Loyd, 1985
CARLTON, Sandra, 1977	HARRIS, Kevin, 1980	LANE, Nedra, 1985
CERULL, Cara, 1995	HARRIS, Ralph III, 1969	LENT, Lisa, 2004
CERULL, Diane, 1995	HARRIS, Steve, 1976	LEVERTON, Tom, 1985
CERULL, Larry, 1995	HARRIS, Timothy, 1976	
CHUMNEY, Sharon, 1991	HASKELL, Eric, 1997	

Wednesday Night Small Groups

There is still time to join these small groups which begin Wednesday, September 28, at 6:30 p.m.: Change The World (room 303/8 weeks), Advent Conspiracy (room 304/5 weeks), and our drop-in program Old Testament Stories from the Backside (room 206/8 weeks). Also during this time is programming for children and youth. Kids (grades K-5) meet in room 305 for fun games and activities with Bamboogie and Youth (grades 6-12) meet in room 301 for lessons from "The Skit Guys". Questions? Contact Isabelle Sullivan at 276-4289 or isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net .

Church Family News and Notes

Our prayers and sympathy go to Kathy, C. J., and Kelsey Alred in the death of Jeff Alred on August 27. A celebration of Jeff's life was held in the sanctuary on September 1.

I would like to thank the Music Director Search Committee for the long hours and effort resulting in the successful hiring of Beverley Edwards. Committee members include my co-chair Ernie Woodcock, Carla Wootten, Ellen Fleenor, Paul Martin, Anna Knight, Emma Breeden, and Steve Reese.

Ed Harper

Congratulations to Amery and David Whitby on the birth of their daughter, Lynley Valentine Whitby, on September 9, 2011. Proud grandparents are George and Jean Whitby.

Thank you, Providence Church, for letting me use the Sanctuary and Social Hall for my Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony. It meant a lot to me to celebrate this event in my church. I especially want to thank Pastor Mary Beth for giving the Invocation during my ceremony; it meant a lot to me that my own pastor was there participating and sharing the occasion with me. Thank you, too, to Mr. Russ Byers for

running the audio visual portion of the ceremony. What a relief to know the video really *would* play both what we wanted and when we wanted. And, thanks to those church members who came to the ceremony. I appreciated the support of my church family as I worked on my project and it was nice to have church members present for the ceremony, too.

Rachael M. Harvey
Gold Award recipient
GScout Troop 3102

The Alred family is very grateful for the love and support throughout the many long months of Jeff's illness. Your prayers, calls, visits and cards were always a comfort and encouragement to Jeff. Thank you for your many acts of kindness and sympathy to our family.

Thank you,
Kathy

The faculty and staff at David Elementary thank you and your parishioners for the generous donation of school supplies. Your ongoing support of our school community means a lot. God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Sobolewski

Aluminum cans, aluminum cans, aluminum cans.....do you have aluminum cans?! I want them! I am still saving them. I am willing to come to your house to get them OR you can drop them off (in bags, please) at my house. Crunched or uncrunched does not matter, but *please rinse them*. Thanks for your help!

Deliver to: 471 Comstock Drive
Richmond, VA 23236
OR call for pick up: 794-7955

Thank you very much,
Rachael M. Harvey



Congregational Care

We are seeking people who are willing (and able) to drive folks to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, etc. during the week and to church on Sundays. Even if you have limited availability, please sign up on the clipboards in the pews; you can decline the request if it's not convenient at that time. It truly helps to know we have people who will support this very important ministry any time they can. Please contact Lee Bradshaw (743-3391) or Nickie Price (744-4584) if you can help us. Thank you.



John 21:15:

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

The Congregational Care Committee is using www.takethemameal.com (Take Them a Meal) to provide meals for several families in our congregation at this time. If you would like to provide a meal occasionally, contact Pat Loud (763-3792). She will give you information about how to connect with the website.

Once there, you will find delivery information and a place for your name and phone number, and the meal you will be bringing. After you've signed up, you will receive a reminder the day before you are scheduled to bring the meal. We are providing meals for several families at this time. If you don't have internet access, Pat can help you get on the schedule. Thank you for providing this nourishment to our dear friends.



Pockets: Connecting Kids With God

This monthly magazine for kids 8 to 12 years old can be found in the library on the desk between the bookshelves. These materials are free and anyone is welcome to pick one up. Great activities and stories can be found inside. This month you can find articles on 10 Ways to Shine, learn how to do one thing to make a difference in the world, read about saints and heroes in the bible, bake a yummy chocolate chip pumpkin muffin recipe, complete a word search, and read some amazing stories about kids. Visit www.pockets.upperroom.org/ to learn more about this wonderful resource. For more information, feel free to contact Isabelle Sullivan at isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net or 276-4289.

Deadlines

Mid-Week Update	Tuesdays, Noon
Bulletin	Wednesdays, Noon
Newsletter	15th of each month*

***unless another date is announced
due to weekends or holidays.**



Signa Tours 

1237 Mall Drive ♦ Richmond, VA 23235
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**Providence Retirees Present:
“White Christmas” at Riverside Theatre
Tuesday - December 6th, 2011**

Come join your Providence friends and celebrate the holiday season with another trip to Riverside Center Dinner Theatre! Located close to historic Fredericksburg, the Riverside Center Dinner Theatre is a multi-million dollar facility presenting four professional “Broadway” musicals each year. It has quickly become one of the most popular dinner theaters in Virginia. Enjoy a plated lunch before the matinee - you’ll have a choice between four entrees and two delectable desserts.

Today’s Performance . . . “White Christmas”

This award-winning Broadway rendition of the familiar film story follows two WWII Army buddies, Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, who team up to form a successful night club act and move to the Broadway stage as producers. While in Florida, they receive a request to audition two sisters, Betty and Judy, who persuaded them to travel to Vermont for the holidays and discover that the Columbia Inn in Pine Tree, Vermont, run by their former commanding officer, is about to go bankrupt because of lack of snow. Bob and Phil use their wits to draw large crowds and arrange a reunion of their old division comrades at Pine Tree on Christmas Eve, when snow miraculously begins to fall and everyone raises a glass toasting “May your days be merry and bright, and may all your Christmases be white.” Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye starred in the 1954 film, making famous the Irving Berlin standards *Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep*, *Blue Skies*, *How Deep Is the Ocean*, *I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm*, and the memorable title song itself.

Enjoy a stop at the Russell Stover Candy Outlet in route to Riverside - for all those stocking stuffers!

Your Tour Cost Includes:

Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation ♪ Plated Meal at Riverside Theatre
Matinee Performance of “White Christmas” ♪ Tax & Gratuity on Inclusions
Refreshments Aboard the Motorcoach ♪ Driver Gratuity

Tour Cost Per Person: \$82.00

**Please Make Check Payable to Providence
Retired Club and Mail NO LATER than**

November 4th to:
Bobby Wood
1124 Sunkist Avenue
Richmond, VA 23235
(804) 276-3058

Departure Points and Times:

Providence UMC 10:00 AM
Please be on board coach by 9:30am
for early departure.

Estimated Time of Return:

Providence UMC 6:00 PM

*Cancellations Made Within Three (3) Business Days of
Departure Are “Non-refundable.” In Addition, All Payments
Are Subject to Any Non-refundable Charges Imposed by
Vendors.*

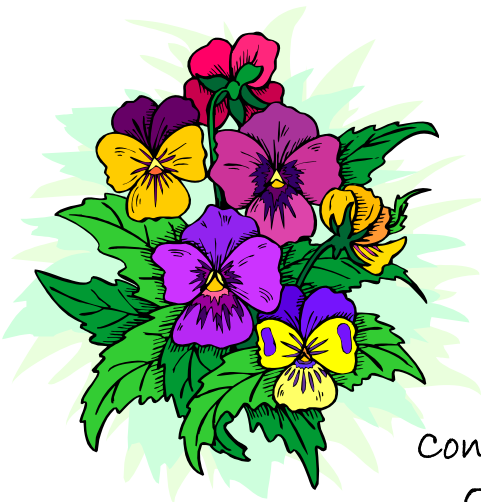
Wednesday Night Dinners to Include Our Neighbors

Each First Wednesday will be **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 need reservations, our neighbors will be our guests (at no charge). Do you know someone to invite?

Hola! Bon jour! Guten tag!

At our Wednesday Night Dinner on October 12 (5:30–6:30 p.m.) we will have an **International Potluck Dinner** sponsored by...YOU. Bring a dish to share (homemade or not), preferably with an international flair (Asian, Mexican, Italian, Hungarian, etc.). We'll put name cards on the dishes so everyone knows what they are trying and who brought what. You are encouraged to dress for a particular nationality, too – which doesn't have to match your dish. Let's have fun with this – hope to see you there.

Ciao! Arrivedici! Na razie!
Laura L. Griggs



PANSY SALE

United Methodist Urban Ministries
Of Richmond Auxiliary

\$3.25 / 6 plants

\$16 / flat (36 plants)

Contact: Shirley Collins at 745-3024
Or the church office at 276-4289.

Deadline to order: October 12

Delivery: October 15

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Invite a Neighbor

Sunday

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:30 pm	Youth

Wednesday

5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Church Telephone	276-4289
Fax Number	745-2501
Pastor's Home Telephone	562-5169
Preschool Telephone	276-1462

Contact us at:

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Church Staff

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