

Providence United Methodist Church

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October 2012

Brunswick Stew

Fall is finally here, and with the cooler temperatures, nothing warms a body like a hot bowl of stew! For over 50 years PUMC has been serving up some of the finest Brunswick stew and the tradition continues on **Saturday, October 13**. You might ask yourself “what can I do to be part of this tradition?” Come out between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to help with stirring (no experience required!). Stop by around 3:00 p.m. to help dip stew into the containers for the stew that has been sold. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us for a bowl between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. We have also invited some community servants (firemen, policemen, EMS squads) so we can say “thank you” for their service. Join us on **October 13** and bring your family and some guests.



CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. The Chesterfield Crop

Hunger Walk provides financial support to Richmond Friends of the Homeless and the Freedom House. Join our Youth for our Crop Walk on October 28 at the beautiful Brandermill Pavilion and two-mile trails.

When: October 28th from 1:00-4:00

Where: Meet at the youth house at 1:00

How much: Donations from friends and family

Do we have youth at 5:30? No, this is our Youth event.



Christians all around the world celebrate Holy Communion on October 7. Our special offering that day will support scholarships and in-service training for United Methodists around the world. One recipient said, “I am determined to not let anything stop my drive to succeed. I could not afford to be in college today if I did not receive scholarships through my church, my family and my community.”

Are you interested in knowing more about being a member of Providence UMC? Pastor Mary Beth will lead a session on Sunday, October 14 at 10 am in the church library.



Worship in October

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

Oct 7	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 James 2:1-10, 14-17	"Is it enough to believe?"	World Communion Sunday Pass It On Youth Choir
Oct 14	Celebrating the People of God Laity Sunday	Disciples Are Called to Witness	Worthy is the Lamb Youth Trio-"You Raise Me Up" SonRise Sisters
Oct 21	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8 Mark 9:30-37	"Taking Children in Our Arms"	Children's Sabbath Preschool Sunday (11:00 am) KC Jam Choir and Preschool Children
Oct 28	James 5:13-16 Mark 7:31-37	"Astounded!"	Upward Soccer Sunday John Robison-"I'll Fly Away"

Reminder from the



As we enter the last quarter of 2012 and you look around at the things happening at Provi-

dence (classes, Upward Soccer, Youth, music, worship), remember that it is all possible with your financial gifts. As sometimes happens, we are behind where we need to be in giving at this point of the year. Please review your financial support of the ministries of Providence during the last three months of 2012 so that God's work can continue into 2013.

~~Ernie Woodcock

Sometime during the month of October, let's show Pastor Mary Beth how much she means to us and how much we appreciate what she does for Providence.



Pastor's Note

On March 4, 2012, we launched our Connections worship service at 9 am on Sunday mornings. It has been six months since that date, and we thank God for the opportunity to offer two different worship experiences at Providence. Shifting our style and time of our early service has meant change for many of you. Some have given up an extra hour of sleep to begin attending the new, more contemporary service. Others have chosen to worship at 11 am, leaving familiar faces and accommodating a different time for worship. Some of you have continued to worship at your usual time, and have been gracious in your participation in a style of worship that is new to you. Thank you to each of you for being flexible as we see what God is going to do through us at PUMC.



I am also thankful for a multi-generational group of musicians who practice and lead worship each week with joy and commitment. For our new contemporary music director, Eve Minter, and her talents for envisioning worship that includes a variety of music and participation by the congregation. For the new worshipers who have been trying us out. For each of you who has offered suggestions and input on how we can make Connections reach more people.

As we all know, nothing ever stays the same. In the weeks and months ahead, we will continue to make changes that help us offer two worship services that enliven and transform. I'm glad that we are on this journey together. And, as always, may God push us to take a look around, and say, who's missing? Who's not here yet?

Peace,
Mary Beth

Holiday Meals for CCHASM

We have an opportunity to assist with the Thanksgiving Program for CCHASM. Our goal is to provide at least three packages and we are asking for your assistance. Here's a list of what is needed for a complete meal gift package, so families will have a happy holiday:

40 oz can (large) of Yams or Sweet Potatoes
14 oz can of cranberry sauce
15 oz can of green beans
2 cans of gravy
1 box of tea bags
\$15 gift cards for turkeys

13 oz box of Mashed Potatoes
15 oz can of Corn
2 packages of stuffing
1 box of hot chocolate
1 box or bag of cookies



Bring any of the above food items and place them near the second floor elevators by Sunday, November 11.



Lunch with the Pastor

Join the pastor for informal conversation and lunch on Sunday, October 14, 12:30 pm at Mi Hacienda, 8250 Midlothian Turnpike. Discuss recent sermon topics, ideas for our church, the weather, or whatever is on your mind. No need to sign-up—just show up!



Generous Hearts and Caring Hands to Those in Need

people to CCHASM, Providence pays \$300 at the beginning of each year to help with administrative costs and to contribute money for use throughout the year to assist with rent, electricity, gas, etc., for people in need.

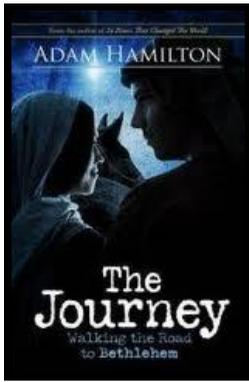
Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry (CCHASM) needs out help. Southminster Presbyterian (our CCHASM food pantry) is in serious need of our assistance.

Some years ago, our church joined CCHASM so we wouldn't need to keep money and food in the church to help people who called or stopped by asking for assistance. Not that we didn't want to help people, but we didn't have the resources required to monitor such a program.

There are about 80 churches in the Chesterfield area that belong to CCHASM. In order to refer

In the last couple of months, food collection has dropped significantly. The Christian Builders Class recently voted to make a monetary contribution to purchase food. It was suggested that other classes might want to do something similar. Another suggestion might be to bring a canned food to the Wednesday Night Dinners.

CCHASM knows they can count on us because Providence always comes through when asked to help. Let's overwhelm them with our food contributions in October!



Advent Study

This Advent season, prepare yourself with this six-week, small group opportunity that will study and discuss Adam Hamilton's The Journey, Walking the Road To Bethlehem. This group will be lead by Rob Heare and will begin in early November (date/time TBA). Look deeper into the life and birth of Christ and gain insight into your own journey with the Lord, as you follow in the sacred footsteps of Mary, Joseph and others on the journey to Bethlehem. Sign ups will begin in October .

Journey To Bethlehem

We are once again hoping to bring this opportunity to our church and community. Last year's event was such a success that we hope this year will be even bigger and better. However, to make that happen, we will need your help.



Our Journey will take place on **December 5** from 6:00—8:00 p.m. Families and individuals will tour the transformed third floor to help pre-

pare their minds and spirits for the true meaning of Christmas. We will need many actors to fill the rooms. The more we have the better for our guests.

Another need is set-up and clean-up crews. We will transform the third floor on December 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Also, we need folks to help with registration which will help our people flow.

Finally, we need everyone to post on their Facebook page about this wonderful event or give their friends and families a flyer to attend so everyone will feel the magic of the Christ child.

If you can help, please contact Isabelle Sullivan at isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net.

Did you know that you can receive the church newsletter and all of the latest news and updates by email? If you would like to **stop** receiving a paper newsletter, just let us know by calling the office at 276-4289 or by indicating your change on a sign-in sheet on Sunday.



Youth Crew News

Christians reaching everyone worldwide



Contact information for interim youth leader

Greg Elliott is the interim youth director until November 3 while Susan Clark is on leave. For the latest youth information, go to our Facebook page "Providence Youth Crew", email Greg at peapot@cavtel.net, or call his cell at 370-7538.

Wednesday Night Dinner October 10

The youth group is serving dinner on October 10 with the proceeds going to our summer mission trip. We need parents and youth to help cook after school and serve at 5:30. Contact Greg Elliott (370-7538) for questions.

Learn Basic Sign Language

Join us Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 to learn basic sign language communication skills.

We will focus on the top 100 signs. The class is held in room 309. Contact Greg Elliott for more information.

Dinner Sign-ups

Sharing a meal with friends is something we all enjoy and we want to keep this tradition alive in our youth group. Please sign up at: www.takethemeal.com to provide a meal for the youth. The two passwords under "schedule a meal" are youth and group.

CROSS TRAINER



Cross Trainers for 5th and 6th graders

This is a youth group just for 5th and 6th graders! Play games, talk about tween issues and make new friends. How does God fit in to your crazy life? Find out on Wednesday nights at the youth house next to the church from 6:30-7:30. For more information, contact Amy Palmer at arp703@yahoo.com.

Remember our Crop Walk 2012, October 28, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Brandermill Pavilion. Join our Youth in this walk. They will be meeting at the Youth House at 1:00 p.m. More details are on page 1.

Preschool Update

For more than 20 years the laughter and voices of young children has filled our ground floor preschool. As a ministry of this church, the Providence Preschool has provided a nurturing environment, top quality preparation for kindergarten and introduced our youngest children to the love of Jesus. In 2010-2011 our preschool underwent significant staff transitions which,



among other factors, led to student enrollment falling below self-sustainability. In partnership with the preschool board, led by Kelly King Horne, and recognizing the im-

portance of this ministry to our church's mission, last year the church council approved supporting the preschool through this transition as needed up to \$24,000, which has been met.

Our preschool director, Charlotte Cervarich, worked tirelessly through this past academic year, and enrollment dramatically increased from 25 to 40 students. The fall semester has opened with strong enrollment and a dedicated staff. The church council recently affirmed its ongoing commitment to our preschool ministry. The finance committee continues to be in close communication with the preschool. As always, our church congregation has a great opportunity to make a difference for Christ through your generous support of this and all of our ministries.

Scripts Program Concludes

We are now ending the scrip program that helped raise funds for our playground renovations. Please load up on cards you may need or want especially for the holidays. The program will place it's last order on October 21. Kroger cards can still be purchased. That program will continue. For cards purchased at Kroger, designate the church as your charity and PUMC will receive a percentage. Thank you to those that used the program to help raise over \$1,500. You are appreciated. The church council will look into other ways to help fund this church goal.

2011 Directory Updates

Brown, Michael & Cindy - remove email addresses

Busbee, Andrew & Ann, 11101 Collington Dr., Midlothian, VA 23112 - same phone

Crooks, Emily - change to Ripp, Vince & Emily, 8331 Hungary Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Fitch, Bob & Fran, 6653 Roundabout Way, Apt 209, Chesterfield, VA 23832

Foular, Todd & Louise, RR 2, Box 171B, Lewisburg, WV 24901-9456

James, Rhys & Anna Healy - add Alice

Mallory, Marshall & Catherine - remove email address



Church Family News and Notes

Welcome to new member Jane Elbert, who transferred her membership to Providence on Sunday, September 16.

Welcome also to Kim Parr who professed her faith, Tom Kellam who transferred his member from another UM church, and their son, Ben Kellam, who was baptized, on September 23.



Thank you for your prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. Even though I have a permanent plate in my right arm I am now able to drive my shift car to my job at California Military Institute and teach my two classes of World History, two classes of English, one of AP European History, and one of ROTC. With therapy and time I will be healed but I could not have done it without you at Providence United Methodist Church.

~~Marshall Mallory

To all my church family, I would like to thank my Sunday School Class, my circle and the knitting group plus all my friends at the church for the cards, visits, prayers and gifts. To me, church friends are one of the best gifts from God.

~~Shirley Hathaway

Dear Providence friends, thank you so much for the prayers for Heather Stoble and my granddaughter, Heather Thompson, as they hiked the Appalachian Trail. As you know, my Heater broke her foot and was unable to continue. However, Heater Stoble and the young man from Michigan called "Muck" have made it to Katahdin, Maine. Praise the Lord and thanks for your prayers.

~~Ginny Thompson

You all did a wonderful job! We collected a total of 22 good units. Thanks for all of your support and dedication! This was a truly fabulous turnout! Should we go ahead and look at booking next year's dates?

~~Virginia Blood Service

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Join us for Preschool Sunday, October 21

We invite you to join our Preschool students and families on Preschool Sunday. The children will have a special song they will be sharing with you, and we will all enjoy seeing their wonderful, smiling faces.

Thank You

Thanks to all of you who have donated items or your time to the Preschool. We really appreciate your support and we're blessed to be a part

of Providence United Methodist Church.

Thanks also for your student referrals - we're growing all the time!

PUMC Preschool provides a nurturing, Christian environment full of fun and learning for toddlers and preschoolers ages 2-5.



We're now open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 pm. Call us at 276-1462 for more information.



Acolytes

Oct 7—*Communion*
 Rachael Harvey

Oct 14
 Emma McConnell
 Melina Sullivan

Oct 21
 Tristen Kellam

Oct 28
 Jackson Holland

Counters

Oct 7 **Gary Wright**
 Anne Baird
 Wayne Smith

Oct 14 **Jimmy Sculthorpe**
 Paul Martin
 Hugh Miles

Oct 21 **Klaus Worrell**
 Steve Oliver
 Stuart Watkins

Oct 28 **Ron Wootten**
 Janice Bergeron
 Bobby Johnson
 Gracie Martin

Sanctuary Organizers

Shirley Hathaway

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship
 Wayne Latimer
 Janet Knight
 Gary Wright

11:00 Tony Fleshman
 Sean Collins
 Klaus Worrell
 Laurie Breeden
 Joe Sullivan
 Brad Wootten
 Jennifer Kennedy

Audio / Media Shout

Oct 7
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)
 Bob Gillie (B)

11:00 Keith King (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)

Oct 14
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Dano Holland (MS)
 Dano Holland (B)

11:00 Gary Wright (A)
 Dano Holland (MS)

Oct 21
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Brad Wootten (MS)
 Mary Elliott (B)

11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
 Brad Wootten (MS)

Oct 28
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Steve Oliver (MS)
 Bob Gillie (B)

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

Communion Preparers

9:00 Linda Keery
 11:00 Carolyn Winstead

Greeters

9:00 Renate Brennet
 11:00 Pam Groome

Nursery

Oct 7
 9:00 Pam Groome
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Oct 14
 9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
 SS Lori Justice
 11:00 Isabelle Sullivan

Oct 21
 9:00 Kelly Horne
 SS Shirley Collins
 11:00 Michelle Butler
 Carol Urso

Oct 28
 9:00 Linda Koertge
 SS Ann Busbee
 11:00 Anne Blane
 Brad Wootten

Name Tags

Oct 7 Kyser Family
 Oct 14 Jahna Seymour
 Oct 21 Jean Riekers
 Oct 28 Amy Mott



Missions Minutes

Fall is in the air but the leaves are still green

Our Mission Garden: With fall in the air we will soon have pumpkins to harvest. I would like to say a BIG Thank You to our Mission Garden Men (MGM for short) they have been such faithful men to come and work, plant, weed and harvest. What a blessing, I would also like to thank anyone else who jumped in and helped with the garden this year. We provided food for many people out of our little garden.

WND: We had our wonderful Mission Garden Party Dinner where we showcased veggies from our own Mission Garden. It was a wonderful dinner with fresh green beans, black eyed peas, stewed tomatoes and fresh kale, all from our garden; we also had baked chicken and cornbread, a real southern dinner. Thanks to all who helped make it a reality. We hope to do this again in the spring so stay tuned. If you enjoyed the dinner and all the wonderful veggies and would like to make sure that we will continue to have a garden, check with our Mission Garden Men, Paul Martin, Joe Gillette and Morris Knight. They would love to sign you up to help.

If you like gleaning and helping out in a garden, have we got just the ticket for you. There will be a group leaving from Ramsey on October 13 heading to Shalom Farms which is at Westview on the James. The cost is \$8 per person. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Collins at 745-3024. She will also have more details if you have questions. Happy Gleaning!

Our BIG **Homeward** event is November 13 and we can really use your help to make a difference. We need 8-10 people to help the day of, but we need 20+ the day before when we setup at the convention center. So if you are able and willing, we'd love your

help. Here is a list of what we are looking for this year:

- **Men's:** pants, shirts, socks, hoodies, t-shirts, coats, sturdy shoes, gloves, hats
- **Women's:** larger pants, shirts, sweaters, coats, bras, sturdy shoes, gloves, hats

Thank you to Jean and Elizabeth for agreeing to go through all of the donated items and to sort, tag and bag everything. Items will be kept in room 304 until after the stew when we will resume using the Social Hall. So clean out your closets and give what you can. Let's help others stay warm this winter.

Flower Bulbs: Thank you to all who purchased Flower Bulbs from the Mission Team. I can't wait to see them in the spring! Who knows, we may see some of them hanging on our Easter Cross.

We are still in need of a builder to build a new Mission Area in the church to organize the donations on the second floor. If you are good with wood and nails please contact me.

As always we would love to have you join us at our next meeting on October 17 where we will be discussing our upcoming missions. Hope to see you there at 6:30 in the Parlor.

If you have questions or would like to contact me at pastorbillandsue2@verizon.net

Blessing to each and everyone.

~~Sue Duganne



United Methodist Women

Newton Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m., with Kathy Alred.

Laughon Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Whitt Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 16, at 10:30 a.m. in room 309 at the church.

Gregory Circle will meet on Thursday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m., location TBD.



Upcoming Events:

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

October 20—UMW Program at Anna Knight's Lake Gaston home. Carpool from church at 8:30 a.m. Program starts at 10:00 a.m. Open to all Women of the church. Bring a dish to share for lunch.

October 27-28—Virginia Conference 40th Annual Meeting, VUMAC, Blackstone, VA.

Thanks to everyone who signed up to host Wednesday Night Dinners this fall. There will be more opportunities in 2013. Look for the schedule for sign-ups and grab your date beginning in December.

Remember to attend the Wednesday Night Dinners for good food and fellowship each week. We miss you when you're not there!



~~ Gracie Martin

Need Computer Access?



Do you not have a computer at home? A computer is now available in the church library for your use for school and home needs. It may be used during church office hours or anytime the church is open. No password is necessary. There is no printer capability at this time. If you have questions, contact the church office.

Please clear seasonal flowers from the church cemetery by **October 15**.



Deadlines:

Mid-Week Update: Tuesdays at Noon
Bulletin: Wednesdays at Noon
Newsletter: 15th of each month

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Sunday

9:00 am Connections Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
4:30 pm Pass It On
5:30 pm Youth
7:30 pm Bells of Providence

Wednesday

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 pm KC Jam
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

7:30 pm Ministry in Motion

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