

Providence United Methodist Church

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October 2013

FALL FUN NIGHT!



ALL AGES – FREE! - Come out for a family fun night on **Saturday, October 5**, 6-8pm at PUMC picnic shelter. We will have burgers and s'mores, games and campfire songs. Please bring a side dish to share. Hope you can join us for fun and fellowship! Put this on your calendar now, you definitely don't want to miss this!

New Small Group Begins

Join a five-week study on "Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith" with DVD presentations by Andy Stanley. The Five Things are:

- Practical Teaching,
- Providential Relationships,
- Private Disciplines,
- Personal Ministry, and
- Pivotal Circumstances.

The group will begin on Wednesday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. Adults and youth are welcome! For more information contact Mary Elliott, at peapot@cavtel.net or by phone (674-4078).

Click on the picture at the right, if you'd like to learn more about this study.



Brunswick Stew on October 12 Free Dinner 5-7 p.m. Community is Invited!

The second Saturday in October (10/12/13) is traditionally PUMC's Annual Brunswick Stew. Dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. and the community is invited. 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. Show up at the Picnic Shelter any time after 8:00 a.m. to help with stirring.



October 12 will be here before you know it so don't wait too long to order stew to take home. Call Shirley Hudson (276-2495) to place your order as soon as possible.

Worship in September

9:00 a.m. Connections Worship

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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.

Oct 6	World Communion Sunday	2 Timothy 1:1-10 Luke 17:5-10	20th Sunday after Pentecost
Oct 13	Laity Sunday Preacher: Ron White, Associate Lay Leader	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	21st Sunday after Pentecost
Oct 20	Children's Sabbath Upward Soccer Sunday	Psalms 66:1-9 Luke 17:11-19	22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Oct 27		2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Position Open

The position of Family and Discipleship Ministries is now open. Because of family commitments, Ansley Higginbotham ended her employment at Providence at the end of September. We are thankful to Ansley for her enthusiasm, good ideas and hard work. And we are happy that she will still be around with her family as an active member. Blessings on you, Ansley, as you continue to serve God.

CCHASM 2013 Thanksgiving Program

On November 10 and 17, you are invited to bring any of the food items listed below. They will be gathered at the front of the sanctuary and taken to the special Thanksgiving meal distribution organized by CCHASM.

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

**Sharing the Feast**
Thanksgiving Basket Project

Pastor's Note

Fall is a memorable time for our family. Our son, Christopher, was born on September 8, 1978. My husband, Bob, wrote a poem on that beautiful day:

“Our love has wrought a miracle
This day when Fall sings in the air.
What we would have God gave in full--
Now sing we all of the joy we share.”
RCB 9/8/78

The fall, with its beautiful colors, yet inevitable killing frost, reminds us of the seasons of life. It was also in September in 1982 that our second child was stillborn shortly before she was due to be born. The circumstances of life are like the seasons, many of which we cannot

control. Some of them bring beauty and joy, some of them pain and suffering. As life goes on, we can experience God's grace no matter what is happening. As the seasons inevitably cycle through, fall, winter, spring, summer, so God is always working out good in our lives (Romans 8:28). Now, 30+ years later we are blessed by our two adult children, Christopher and Anna, who are signs of God's grace in our lives.



Whatever this day is bringing you, know that God is with you and will bring you through.

Peace,
Pastor Mary Beth

What is the Needlepoint Project?

Perhaps you have seen a request in the bulletin for people to volunteer to needlepoint. A committee has been formed and work is in progress to make needlepoint kneelers for our Memorial Chapel. This project has been funded by members and friends of Providence and will take approximately two years to complete.

We are still in need of persons to needlepoint, so if you are interested, please call Mary Ann Walton (745-2513 or 467-1943). We would love to have you join us on this project and work to enhance the beauty of our church.



Memorial Walk Near Completion

Thanks to a gift in memory of Janet Fattizzi by her family, a place for the interment of ashes has been constructed in our church cemetery. The walk, which extends from the sidewalk toward the road, is at the center of the cemetery. More information about the details will be forthcoming. Thanks to the trustees and the cemetery committee who have worked together on this project.



Wednesday Night Dinner Schedule

The Wednesday Night Dinner schedule is full through December. THANKS to all the folks who signed up to host dinners. There will be more opportunities to host dinners for next year, beginning with sign-ups in December. Now, everyone's task is to come out to support these groups, while enjoying some good food and good fellowship. Also, please take a moment to make comments concerning the WND time change (currently serving 5:45-6:30), either positive or negative, to Gracie Martin (graciemartin@verizon.net) or Pastor Mary Beth (Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net). Your feedback is needed to determine whether to continue with this schedule.



United Methodist Women

- **Newton Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 206 at the home of Carolyn Bowman.
- **Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.
- **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 15, at 10:30 in Room 205 at the church.
- **Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. (place TBD).

Unit & District News:

- 10/5 Pledge Service & Luncheon (Baked Potato Bar), 11:00 a.m.
- 10/12 Brunswick Stew at PUMC
- 10/12 Mission Trip—Pow Wow to Rappahannock Reservation
- 10/24 UMW Executive Board, 7:00 p.m. (Library)
- 10/25-27 Virginia Conference UMW 41st Annual Meeting, Blackstone, VA

Upcoming Events:

- 11/9 UMW District Leader & Member Development Day at Skipwith UMC, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- 11/14 Unit Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Library)

We have a program in place with **KROGER**. For everything spent on a Kroger card tied to the church's account, a percentage is given back to us in the form of a check to help fund the playground. After you've used what's on it, DON'T throw it away! Just have it refilled at the customer service desk at Kroger. THANKS for your support of this program and please call Mary Elliott with any questions at 804-370-3706. **There are order forms on the table in the hallway near the office. Complete the form and leave it in the office with your check.**



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 Group for 5th and 6th Graders! Cross Trainers do it all!

CROSS TRAINER Tweens have a special place to call their own and it is at the youth house on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30.



Crazy games, mission projects, a weekend retreat, tween discussions, new friends, and learn exciting things in the Bible.

For more information, contact Amy Palmer at pumctweens@yahoo.com.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

7th—12th Graders

Sunday Nights
5:30-7:30

At the youth house (next to the church)

Wheelchair Ramp at the Youth House

We are excited to share our youth house with all of God's children so we now have a removable wheelchair 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? Sign up to bring a snack by going to Takethemameal.com

User name is: Password is:
youth **group**
All the directions are on the page.

Help Us End Hunger

October 27, 1:00 p.m.
Brandermill's Sunday Park

Meet at the youth house at noon to eat lunch and we will leave at 1:00. Parents must write a permission slip to attend.



Missions Minutes

What happen to summer??

Hands on Mission Opportunity! Time to get those hands dirty and feel great about doing it. November 3, right after church, you have the opportunity to help glean at Gallmeyer Farm. You will be picking everything in the garden that has been left behind, the not so pretty veggies and fruit. This will help feed many people. Watch your bulletin for more information.

Our Mission Garden: Our mission garden is coming to an end but here is what our little garden produced this year. peas, onions, radishes, lettuce, string beans, corn, tomatoes, potatoes, squash, cucumbers, peppers, black eyed peas, collards, kale and cabbage. Wow! That is a lot of food and all of it went to the Good Samaritan Inn to help feed those in need.

WND: Please remember we will be hosting the dinner on October 30. Your support is always appreciated. The proceeds from our dinners help with our Missions, which are CARITAS, Homeward and Branches along with the Mission Garden. Come and enjoy and help.

Our BIG Homeward event is coming and we need help. It is Thursday, November 14, this year and we need help loading all the items on Wednesday (November 13) to set up and then we also need people to be there with us on Thursday the 14th to assist our guests. If you'd like to get involved this is a great opportunity contact me at 317-3014.

CCHASM: Please remember we are hoping to complete at least 10 Thanksgiving Boxes for CCHASM this year. Bring your items and leave them by the mission table on the second floor.

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings: Valerie Reese will be getting stockings again please be on the look out for more information.

Our next meeting will be on October 16, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parlor. If you would like to be part of this team please join us.

If you have questions or would like to contact me I can be reached at: pastorbilland-sue2@verizon.net

Blessings to each and everyone,
Sue Duganne, Chairperson

Help Support Prison Ministry

Kairos, a four-day spiritual weekend, will be held at Sussex II State Prison October 24-27. The Rev. Bob Blinn is part of the team and is inviting Providence to help provide cookies for the event. Homemade chocolate chip cookies (no nuts) are a highlight of the weekend for the inmates and you can help with this ministry. Bring your cookies to the church office anytime on Wednesday, October 24 and indicate how many dozen are in your delivery.

Church Family News and Notes

Welcome to new members, Page and Ansley Higginbotham, who transferred their membership to Providence on September 15. Their sons, Sammy and Franklin, join them as baptized members at PUMC.

Blessings on Tru Wynne Holland, who was baptized on September 15. Tru is the son of Dano and Noelle Holland.

Congratulations to Lindsay and David Garrison on the birth of their daughter, Eloise Luck Garrison, on September 5, 2013.

Our sympathy and love are offered to the family of Mary Casey-Mills, who died on September 13.



Thank you all for your love and support in the loss of our mother, Rachel Bowlin. We cherish the prayers and many kind words of comfort received during this time.

Love & blessings!
Nancy & Tom Coffman

Pray Without Ceasing

Would you like to make prayer more a part of your life? Choose a “breath prayer” that you can pray at any moment and in any circumstance. A breath prayer is one that has two phrases: breathing in and breathing out. The first part of the prayer could be a name for God and the second part a praise or a petition. Here is a list of suggested phrases that you can put together to create your own prayer. Write one and pray it for a week, or a month, or longer. It will become second nature to you and give you words to say when you think you have no words.

Breathe In (choose one)	Breathe Out (choose one)	
Spirit of God	Grant me peace	Take my hand
Holy Spirit	You are great	Shine on me
Precious Lord	You are love	Lead me
Almighty God	Deliver me	Forgive me
Heavenly Father	Give me hope	Lift me up
Holy God	Walk with me	Hear my prayer
Faithful Shepherd		
Light of the World		

You're Invited!

Jubilation, a 65-member, Senior Adult Community Choir, is beginning their “**Welcome to Our Open House**” concerts. Providence has several singers in this choir and it would be wonderful to hear them in concert.

The free, 45-minute concerts are performed in the sanctuary of Salisbury Presbyterian Church (13621 Salisbury Road, Midlothian, VA 23113). Doors open at 10:15 a.m. Upcoming concert dates are:

- **Tuesday, October 13** (Fall Fest)
- **Tuesday, December 10** (Holiday Sing)
- **Tuesday, April 8, 2014** (Here's to Spring)

Jubilation and the **Salisbury Ringers**, an adult handbell choir of the church, will perform a concert of sacred, secular, patriot and show music on **Saturday, April 5, 2014**, at 7:00 p.m.



Directory Updates

ADD:

Justice, Ronnie, 12911 Donegal Drive, Chesterfield, VA 23832

CHANGES:

Cole, Eleanor, The Hermitage, 1600 Westwood Ave., Richmond, VA 23227

Harris, Sharon & Hugh, 5925 Village Lake Ct., North Chesterfield, VA 23234

Koertge, Ellen, 202 Ellett Rd., Blacksburg, VA 24060

Reynolds, John & Megan Patterson, add Anna



News from Providence Road Partners

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our school supply drive. Twenty boxes of supplies were delivered to the school and are being distributed to students and teachers. Looking for a way to participate in this ministry? You could:

- donate new or gently used pants to the school clinic in children's sizes 4, 5, 6 and 7.
- contribute \$5 for a child to receive a free book at the book fair in October.
- support the weekend food backpack program which will begin in October. The

number of students is being finalized at this time. It costs \$12 to feed one student each week-end.

If you are making a contribution to be used at A. M. Davis, you can write a check payable to the church and write "A. M. Davis" on the memo line. If you have any questions, contact any member of PRP or Wendy Collins (MrsCollins17@aol.com or phone: 276-2418).



Acolytes

Oct 6—*Communion*
Meredith Kyser
Oct 13 Jackson Holland
Oct 20 Tristen Kellam
Oct 27 Cole Holland

Communion Preparers

Oct 6
9:00 Linda Koertge
11:00 Doris Creasy
Laurie Breeden

Name Tags

Oct 6 Carolyn Winstead
Oct 13 Jean Riekers
Oct 20 Nikki Earley
Oct 27 Jahna Seymour

Readers

Oct 6 Anne Blane Wootten
Oct 13 Betty Gregory
Oct 20 Pam Asbury
Oct 27 Mary Steele

Sanctuary Organizers

Anna Knight & Phyllis Ranger

Greeters

Ed Bldg:
9:00 Carolyn Bilski
11:00 Marlene Gurney

Narthex

9:00 Mike Patterson
11:00 Boyd Gurney

Grass Cutting

Oct 6 John Bradley (Area 2)
Oct 13 Steve Reese (Area 1)
Oct 20 Bobby Wood (Area 2)
Oct 27 Gary Vest (Area 1)

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer
Janet Knight
Joe Sullivan
11:00 Klaus Worrell
Sean Collins
Gary Wright
Laurie Breeden
Brad Wootten
Jennifer Kennedy
Tony Fleshman
Rudy Petrick

Nursery

Oct 6
9:00 Pam Groome
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins
Oct 13
9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Barbara Oliver
11:00 Sean & Lindsey Collins
Oct 20
9:00 Kelly Horne
SS Shirley Collins
11:00 Michelle Butler/Carol Urso
Oct 27
9:00 Jennifer Clemmons
Emma McConnell (Y)
SS Ann Busbee
11:00 Anne Blane & Brad Wootten

Counter Team Captains

Oct 6 Gary Wright
Oct 13 Jimmy Sculthorpe
Oct 20 Klaus Worrell
Oct 27 Ron Wootten

Audio / Media Shout

Oct 6
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Brad Wootten (MS)
Brad Wootten (B)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Brad Wootten (MS)
Oct 13
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)
Mary Elliott (B)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Steve Oliver (MS)
Oct 20
9:00 Keith King (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)
Bob Gillie (B)
11:00 Keith King (A)
Bob Gillie (MS)
Oct 27
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Dano Holland (MS)
Dano Holland (B)
11:00 Bob Gillie (A)
Dano Holland (MS)



OCTOBER



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**Providence Retirees Presents:
Keith Henderson's Holiday Concert
in Roanoke Rapids
Sunday - December 8th, 2013**

Don't miss this great afternoon of holiday entertainment in Roanoke Rapids, NC to see Elvis Presley Tribute Artist, Keith Henderson! His Christmas show last year was such a huge success that he is coming back for another unforgettable afternoon of Christmas entertainment as only the "King" himself could provide! He'll be performing again with his orchestra, *The Illusions*, in the beautiful *Roanoke Rapids Theatre*, in nearby Roanoke Rapids, NC. Same great seats will be reserved - center orchestra! Don't miss out on this great way to welcome the holiday season!

Upon arriving in Roanoke Rapids, enjoy a family-style lunch at the ever so popular . . . *Ralph's Barbeque*. Locals and visitors alike claim this is the place to find some of the best barbeque you'll ever taste! Lunch will be served family style - consisting of minced pork barbeque, fried chicken, cole slaw, mashed potatoes with gravy, collard greens, hush puppies, beverage and dessert!

My family and I have been so blessed to be able to travel throughout the country and perform my show "Illusions of the King" - a true tribute to the greatest entertainer of all time. I have loved Elvis Presley and his music all my life. I want to keep his memory alive and positive for all the fans and youth that come to our shows. Through our travels, we have made so many friends, and I want to thank you all for your continued support. Elvis fans are the greatest! -Keith Henderson

Tour Cost Includes:

Round-Trip Motorcoach Transportation ♦ Lunch at Ralph's Barbeque
Matinee Performance at The Roanoke Rapid Theatre ♦ Tax and Gratuity for Lunch
Refreshments Served Aboard the Motorcoach ♦ Driver Gratuity

**Cost Per Person:
\$98.00**

Depart: Providence UMC 12:00 PM
(or as soon as church let's out)

Returns: Providence UMC 7:00 PM

**Please Make Check Payable to Providence
Retired Club and Mail by November 1st to:**

Bobby Wood
1124 Sunkist Avenue
Richmond, VA 23235
(804) 276-3058

*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.*

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Some of you have asked when we will be practicing music for Christmas. Margaret Taylor, our Music Director, has set aside special times in October to rehearse. The "Christmas Choir" (EVERYONE IS WELCOME) will sing at the 11:00 service on December 22, 2013. There will be selected pieces of music, not a cantata out of one book, as in previous years. We encourage and welcome any of you, and friends interested in singing for this Christmas service, to attend the rehearsals listed below. We know there will be conflicts, but if you can come to at least two out of the three rehearsals, it will be great. They are:

- Wednesday October 16 7:30-9:00 pm (regular rehearsal time)
- Friday October 18 7:00-9:00 pm
- Saturday October 19 9:00-12:00 noon

Please save the dates and plan to attend - the more, the merrier!! Help us spread the word to the men's chorus, contemporary service singers, etc. We need you to help make this a memorable Christmas service.

PUMC Endowment Fund

Don't want to pay capital gains taxes on the sale of low-cost stock that produces little or no income??? What about considering a gift of the stock to the PUMC Endowment Fund?

You can give the low cost basis stock to the Endowment Fund and take a charitable deduction for the full value of the stock at the time of the gift.

Our professionally managed Endowment Fund will sell the stock, invest the proceeds and use the income earned on your gift to fund our ministries and benefit our church and community.

You may also gift the stock to a Charitable Remainder Trust through the Endowment Fund that will sell the stock tax free and make payments to you for life or a specified term of years.



On October 6, Christians around the world come to the Lord's table remembering Jesus' death and resurrection, and celebrating the unity of all believers.

The special offering this day will go to support World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship

Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Programs. Mary Grace Galapon, deaconess in the Philippines, wants to develop a program to protect young people at increased risk of human trafficking. Her scholarship allows her to continue her training.

Claim Your



Week at PUMC

October 13-20

There's lots of stuff stored on and around the stage area in the Social Hall. There's probably even stuff in other places in the church that is no longer used or stuff that could be repurposed.

October 13-20 has been designated "**Claim Your Stuff Week**" at PUMC. If you know of some good stuff that is being stored somewhere in the church and is no longer needed, bring it to the stage area before October 13. Perhaps someone can put it to use somewhere else.

Sometime during "Claim Your Stuff Week" or before or after services, take a moment to look at the stuff that has accumulated. If we need it, then let's find a proper place for it to be stored. If we no longer have a use for it, let's find a new home for it or possibly donate or dispose of it.

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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
6:30 pm	KC JAM
6:45 pm	Studies or Classes
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:45 pm	Ministry in Motion
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