

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.

November 2012

Come Celebrate November 18th after Worship!!

Each November we join together to commit our financial support to Providence for the upcoming year. This is such an exciting time as we see everyone putting their faith into action. We are all saying "Yes, with God's help I want to support the life changing ministries of my church. I want to make a difference!" Our theme this year is "The Earth is the Lord's!"

This year we are going to celebrate this commit-

ment and rejoice in how God will use our gifts. **You are invited to a church-wide meal immediately following the 11 am worship service on November 18th.** The meal is for everyone in the congregation. There is no cost to attend, however, you must RSVP to the church office by November 11.

You can make your reservation by email (kathy.smith@providenceumc.net), by dropping the RSVP card in the offering plate, or by signing up on pew clipboards.

Journey Advent Study

Just a few days left before our Advent study begins. Are you signed up? Small groups are a great way to connect with Christ and each other. Join Rob Heare as he leads a five-week study called The Journey. This DVD based study will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning November 6 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Together you will look at the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus

Christ. The sessions will look at:

1. Mary of Nazareth
2. Joseph of Bethlehem
3. Mary's Visit to Elizabeth
4. From Nazareth to Bethlehem
5. The Manger



Contact Rob Heare at baark702@verizon.net if you would like more information or wish to sign up.

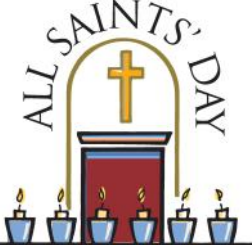
Prayer Service for Newly Elected Leaders

On Wednesday, November 7, the congregation is invited to gather for prayer at 6:15-6:40 in the Chapel. Pastor Mary Beth will lead as we focus our prayers for our new president and other elected leaders. Through song, silent and spoken words, we will pray for our unity as Christians, and seek God's guidance and grace.

Worship in November

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

Nov 4	The Earth is the Lord's All Saints Day Service of Holy Communion	Psalm 24 Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Mark 12:28-45	11:00—Jackie Hargrave and Betty Gregory, Duet
Nov 11	The Earth is the Lord's Veterans' Day	I Kings 17:8-16 Mark 12:38-44	
Nov 18	The Earth is the Lord's Celebration Sunday	Ephesians 3:14-21 Mark 10:17-27	11:00—Bells of Providence and SonRise Sisters
Nov 25	Christ the King Sunday	Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	



All Saints Sunday, November 4

During a special observance at both services, those who have died this past year will be remembered as part of our All Saints Day Service. We will give thanks for them and the ways they have loved and served God in the world.

Volunteers Needed

Last years Journey to Bethlehem was a great community-wide event. We transformed the third floor into a wonderful experience for families to walk through as they shared, learned, and prepared themselves for the birth of Jesus. We hope to bring this night back and need your help. Contact isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net if you are able to help with any of the following:

- Lead one of the 5 stations
- Fill the halls and stations as an actor
- Greet and register our guests
- Help with set up on December 4
- Help with clean up on December 5
- Advertising



Pastor's Note

The Earth is the Lord's . . . Our stewardship theme is taken this year from Psalm 24:1: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." At the heart of our lives is this understanding: everything belongs to God. This is a very different approach than what we see in the world around us. We are bombarded with pressure to claim what we can for ourselves, and see it as a result of our hard work. There is some-



thing to be said for hard work, but it's more than that. As Christians, we believe that God is the source of every good thing. And as a response, we say thank you.

It's like breathing in . . . God's amazing grace. And breathing out . . . thank you, Lord. How do we live out, day by day, the response, "Thank you, Lord?" We'll be exploring that together in the coming days. I thank the Lord for you, God's people at Providence UMC.

Peace,
Mary Beth



Pancakes and Sausage Dinner on November 10

The UMM will have their country sausage and pancake dinner on November 10, at 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Cost will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids. Sign up on clipboards for dinner. Additional sausage will be available. Sign up on UMM bulletin board to purchase sausage.

Kroger Cards

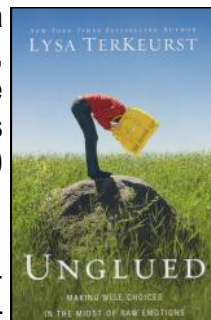
Scripts may be finished but our sales of Kroger cards continues. Our goal is for every church member that shops at Kroger to have one. We get 5% back on all purchases. You can reload the cards at the cash registers using cash or credit card. Better yet, purchase a card for family and friends and encourage them to reload and we will reap the benefits. E-mail isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net to purchase a Kroger card in any amount. It only takes 2 days for cards to arrive and after that, every purchase you make earns money for our playground renovation!



Women's Bible Study

A new Women's Bible Study, based on the book Unglued by Lysa Terkeurst, begins Sunday, November 4, at the home of Mary Elliott. It begins with a light dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Contact Mary Elliott at 674-4078 for more information.



Wednesday Night Dinners Remember to Make Your Reservation and Attend!

We have had good attendance at Wednesday Night Dinners, this season, which is wonderful. The problem is that approximately 25% more people have been consistently attending dinners than were signed up. This is fine if the hosts cook extra food; however, if 60 people signed up and they prepared for 70 (just in case) and 80 people actually come in looking for food, it becomes a problem.

We want to see everyone at WND, but remember to make your reservations. If you attend regularly, add your name to the list on the



WND bulletin board and you will be counted each week. And for the groups that are hosting the dinners, remember that if you want to eat, you need to be counted also.

Attend the Wednesday Night Dinners for great food and fantastic fellowship!

Save the Date

Our **Charge Conference**, with the District Superintendent, Dr. Steve Jones, will be on Sunday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. The congregation is welcome to attend.



Confirmation Class Organized

Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are participating in a confirmation class that has met six times this fall. They will continue with a six-week session in the winter and a six-week session in the spring. They are learning about the Christian faith and what it means to follow Jesus. The members of the class and their mentors are:

- ◆ Laura King—Patty Wright
- ◆ Ethan Palmer—Randy Mott
- ◆ Gabrielle Sullivan—Kathy Alred
- ◆ Emily Kyser—Fran McConnell
- ◆ Tristan Kellam—Noelle Holland
- ◆ Emma McConnell—Lisa Fleenor



Bible Study

**The Tuesday Morning Bible Study
will not meet on November 6.**

Why We Tithe

We tithe, not because we're supposed to, but because we joyfully want to.

We tithe, not necessarily to help the Church, but through sincere gratitude to God for entrusting us with the glorious gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and the gift of life.

We tithe, not to soothe our conscience, but because we have found that our relationship with God is much closer than it would otherwise be.

We tithe, not to receive anything in return, but somehow we find the law of sowing and reaping is a vital part of God's plan for abundant life.

We tithe, not as an ultimate or final goal of our giving, but as another step — a springboard toward increasingly generous sharing of our God-given resources.

We tithe because we can do no less. We tithe, not because we are commanded, but because we are committed.

We tithe because we have never seen a regretful tither, or a remorseful tither.

We tithe because we have discovered that it is a great and creative adventure, and because its spiritual rewards are surprising, enriching, increasing and unending.

~~William Arthur Ward

Youth Crew News

Christians reaching everyone worldwide

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to make my job easier as interim youth leader. We appreciate the meals you provide us, the prayers you pray and the support you give!

~~ Greg Elliott

November 4—Susan returns!! We are having a fun night! Cookout, campfire and games! Bring a friend and let's make this a huge party!

November 11—Bring \$5 for a Wal-Mart food shopping trip to benefit CCHASM food bank. The game is in the shopping, you don't want to miss it!

November 18—Tonight is our thankful night, Come prepared to share what you are thankful for!

November 25—No youth. Be thankful with your family.

Join us Sundays at 5:30 p.m. at the youth house next to the church.

CROSS TRAINER



Cross Trainers is a youth group just for fifth and sixth graders. Play games, talk about tween issues and make new friends. 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

The United Methodist Women are collecting cancelled postage stamps for UMCOR. They need to be trimmed about a quarter inch (1/4") around the stamp. Put them in the box by the elevator.



Upward Soccer Season Concludes

On November 3, the final games of the season will be played at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Festivities, including awards and lunch, will follow. Thanks to all those who have made this ministry possible!

Church Family News and Notes



Welcome to our newest members:

David and Troye Hamilton, who made their profession of faith on Sunday, October 14, and their two children, Tabitha and Piper, who were baptized.

Nikki Earley, who transferred her membership from another denomination, on Sunday, October 21.

Blessings on Gabriel Watson Wilms, who was born on September 26, to Christopher and Isca Wilms, and big sister, Sarah Wilms; also on Emma Thecla Mallory, who was born on October 11, to William and Jaime Mallory. Evan and Jude are big brothers.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

We Are Thankful



Providence
United Methodist Church
Preschool

During this month of giving thanks, we wish to thank the members of PUMC for all of your continuing support. We truly are thankful to be part of

PUMC and are so appreciative of the time, talents and donations that you have made. Thanks to you, the Preschool is thriving!

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

~~ from the Preschool Staff

2011 Directory Updates

ADD:

Elbert, Jane, 804-675-0534, 9026 Amberleigh Loop, Richmond, VA 23236

Hamilton, David & Troye; Tabitha & Piper, 804-502-0235, 12303 Twelveoaks Ct., Midlothian, VA 23112



Kellam, Tom & Kim **Parr**; Cody Parr-Newman, Ben Kellam, 804-594-2529, 1630 Porters Mill Terrace, Midlothian, VA 23114

CHANGES:

Bradshaw, Lee Jr., 804-516-3809, 2300 Cedarfield Parkway, Apt. 278, Richmond, VA 23233.

Email: lee.bradshawjr@comcast.net

Brown, Ben & Mary, 2708 Salem Church Road, Apt. 318, Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Coghill, Dee, Lucy Corr Village, 6800 Lucy Corr Blvd., Chesterfield, VA 23832

Lee, Keri - change to Lee, Wayne & Keri, 5618 Powell Grove Dr., Midlothian, VA 23112

Mallory, William & Jaime, add Emma

Wilms, Christopher & Isca - add Gabriel

From the Financial Secretary

We have decided not to send out statements of giving for the period ending September 30 this year. Instead, we will send statements of giving at the end of November. This will give you a chance to see what you have contributed to the church so far this year, for which we are extremely grateful. Your gifts have made many wonderful things happen in our church.

make any year-end gifts to complete your pledge and maybe consider an extra gift to further encourage our many ministries. Any gifts you would like to make for tax purposes in 2012 must either be postmarked or in the church office by Monday, December 31, 2012.

Thank you for what you do for Providence UMC.

~~Kathy Smith

It will also be a time to consider if you wish to



November Newsletter
Deadline is:

November 14

Don't forget to



on November 6!

Who will you invite to be our guest?

at our Community Wednesday Night Dinner
on November 7 at 5:30 p.m.

It's not too late to bring any of the following items for our Preschool:

- ◆ Gift cards to bookstores
- ◆ Gallon size Ziploc bags
- ◆ Sandwich size Ziploc bags
- ◆ 8.5" x 11" thermal laminating pouches
- ◆ 8.5" x 11" White card stock
- ◆ Powder-free disposable gloves
- ◆ White paper plates (small and large)
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ White lunch bags
- ◆ Rolls of fabric ribbon (all colors & patterns)
- ◆ Dry erase markers (multi colors)



Acolytes

Nov 4—*Communion*
 Emily Kyser
 Meredith Kyser
 Nov 11 Cole Holland
 Nov 18 Laura King
 Nov 25 Tristen Kellam

Communion Preparers

9:00 Ron White
 11:00 Judy Miles
 Lindsey Collins

Counters

Nov 4 **Gary Wright**
 Anne Baird
 Wayne Smith
 Nov 11 **Jimmy Sculthorpe**
 Paul Martin
 Hugh Miles
 Nov 18 **Klaus Worrell**
 Steve Oliver
 Stuart Watkins
 Nov 25 **Ron Wootten**
 Janice Bergeron
 Bobby Johnson
 Gracie Martin

Ushers

9:00 Bill Blankenship
 Neal Fleenor
 Ron White
 11:00 Bobby Burton
 Charles Groome
 Tom Koertge
 Bobby Wood
 Ed Harper
 Ralph Vernon
 Lori Justice
 Kathy Cullen

Audio / Media Shout

Nov 4
 9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
 Dano Holland (MS)
 Dano Holland (B)
 11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
 Dano Holland (MS)

Nov 11
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Steve Oliver (MS)
 Mary Elliott (B)
 11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Steve Oliver (MS)

Nov 18
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Brad Wootten (MS)
 Mary Elliott (B)
 11:00 Keith King (A)
 Brad Wootten (MS)

Nov 25
 9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)
 Bob Gillie (B)
 11:00 Gary Wright (A)
 Bob Gillie (MS)

Name Tags

Nov 4 Cathy Patterson
 Nov 11 Laurie Breeden
 Nov 18 Kyser Family
 Nov 25 Gracie Martin

Greeters

9:00 Art Bowers
 Mike Patterson
 11:00 Allen Branson
 Mary Lou Branson

Nursery

Nov 4
 9:00 Pam Groome
 SS Lori Justice
 11:00 Shirley Collins

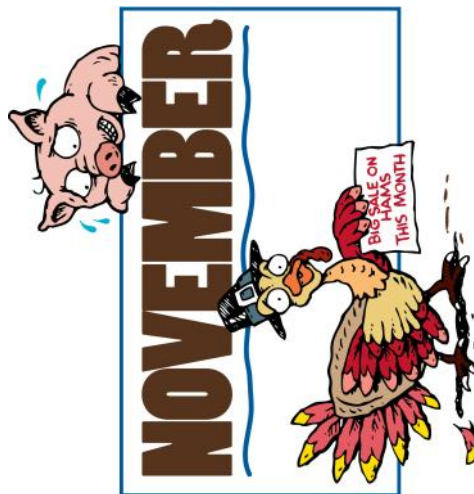
Nov 11
 9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
 SS Jennifer Ostrum
 11:00 Laurie Breeden

Nov 18
 9:00 Kelly Horne
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Nov 25
 9:00 Linda Koertge
 SS Ann Busbee
 11:00 Sean & Lindsey Collins

Sanctuary Organizers

Jean Winfree
 Flora Scott



Missions Minutes

Our Mission Garden: Our mission garden is just about finished for the year; we will soon be pulling up everything and getting the soil ready for next year. So if you would like to work out some frustrations, come on out and help pull up the old so we can get ready for the new.

WND: Please remember we will be hosting the November Dinner on November 28, so come for a Mexican dinner. Ole'

Our BIG Homeward event is November 13. This is where we can really use your help to make a difference. We need at least 8-10 people to help with that event on the day of. But we need 20+ people the day before when we setup at the convention center. So if you are able and willing we would love your help. Here is a list of what we are looking for this year:

- **Men's:** Pants, Shirts, socks, hoodies, t shirts, coats, shoes (sturdy), gloves, hats
- **Women's:** Larger pants, shirts, sweaters, coats, bras, shoes (sturdy), gloves, hats

Thank you to Jean and Elizabeth for stepping up and agreeing to go through all of the items that are being donated. They have agreed to sort, tag and bag everything. So clean out your closets and give what you can. Let's help others stay warm this winter.



CCHASM: Thanksgiving Boxes: PUMC has committed to filling **three** Thanksgiving boxes to help families in the area this year. Please refer to the bulletin board for what is needed as well as the recent bulletin

insert. Any help will be appreciated. Let's help everyone have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings: Valerie Reese will be heading up the program this year for Mary Lou. More information to come on that, so stay tuned and be willing to help.

Rosetta Stone: We have purchased Rosetta Stone language computer program (English) and will be offering this course to the community. Carol Urso and I have been working to get this program going. This will be an ongoing mission here at Providence. We will be sending flyers to both A.M. Davis and Reams as well as putting flyers at the Mexican Ice Cream Shop on Midlothian. Members of the community will be able to call and schedule computer time during the day when their children are in school. This program will be offered in the Library, four days a week, from 9:30-3:00. Each session will last 1 ½ hours. No child care is provided for the computer sessions. We are still planning to have a class in the summer if we can get the help we need.

We are still in need of a builder. We are looking to build a new Mission Area in the church to clean-up the area on the second floor. If you are good with wood and nails please contact me. I promise it is a simple concept.

As always we would love to have you come join us at our next meeting which will be November 14 (this is a change for this month only). We will be discussing CARITAS and Christmas Offering. Hope to see you at 6:30 in the Parlor. Come join the fun.

If you have questions or would like to contact me I can be reached at pastorbillandsue2@verizon.net Blessing to each and everyone.

~~ Sue Duganne

United Methodist Women

The **Newton Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. with Judy Dotson.

The **Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. at church in the Social Hall.

The **Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. (location TBA)

The **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m. at church in the Social Hall.

District UMW Training Day on Saturday, No-



ember 10. Registration 9:00 a.m., Program and Training 9:00-11:30 a.m., at Good Shepherd UMC, 9155 Hungary Rd., Henrico, VA 23294.

The **UMW Planning Dinner** will be Thursday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 206.

Upcoming Events:

District UMW Advent Service, Saturday, December 1, Registration 10:00, Program 10:30-11:30 a.m., at River Road UMC, 8800 River Rd., Richmond, VA 23229

Financial Update Through September

Financial Obligations Met: **Yes**
Apportionments Met: **No**
Adequate Operating Reserves: **Yes**

Giving for the month of September was higher than September of last year at \$33,379, and year-to-date giving outpaces last year by a modest \$3500. Expenses for the year however have been greater than giving by \$11,522. To avoid the operating fund dipping below an acceptable level, the church deferred the September apportionment payment. Apportionments

are how our church participates, along with all other United Methodist churches, in supporting the ministry efforts of the worldwide United Methodist denomination. While it is not unusual for giving to decline during the summer months, we can all strive toward the example of our Heavenly Father, whom the psalmist wrote of in Psalm 100:5 saying *"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."* Just as God's commitment to us is steadfast, let us each resolve joyfully to fulfill the financial commitments we have made to our church.



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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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Office Assistant	Linda Collins
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Our Covenant Missionary	Kim King Torres

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