

# Providence United Methodist Church

*Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.*

November 2013



## The Playground is coming . . .

The new playground is on the way! Come out Saturday morning, November 9, at 9:00 a.m. to help us build it. We need workers to follow the directions of our contractor to get the equipment put together and in the ground. There is a job for almost everyone so join us on the 9th. Coffee and donuts provided! Please call Mary Elliott at 674-4078 if you have any questions.

## Generosity Sunday November 10

Plan to join us for a complimentary lunch on Sunday, November 10, at 12:15 pm in the Social Hall. Following lunch, you will have the opportunity to hear more about the tools for generosity. Mr. Stephen Clark will talk about new ways you can plan for giving, now and in the future, to ministries that are close to your heart. See more about Mr. Clark on page 3.

## “Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith”

Join a five-week study, with DVD presentations by Andy Stanley, on “Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith”. The group meets on Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m., in room 309. Adults and youth are welcome! Contact Mary Elliott at 674-4078 if you would like additional information.

## Gleaning for All!

On Sunday, November 3, around 1 pm, our church will glean vegetables at Gallmeyer Farms (4506 Millers Lane, Richmond, 23231, off Laburnum).



Gleaning is picking the farmer's left-over fruits and vegetables

which are then donated to those in need. (Look in Ruth 2 for an example of this in the Bible.) We will be picking tomatoes, beans, turnip greens, kale, corn and pumpkins. This is a mission project for children, youth and adults.

For carpooling, meet at the church at 12:15 pm. Bring a bag lunch! Come and make a difference. ([Directions via Google maps](#))

## 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.

Nov 3	Holy Communion All Saints Sunday	Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	"Blessed Are They"
Nov 10	Generosity Sunday Offering of Thanksgiving Food	Ecclesiastes 5:10-17 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19	"Preparing for a Greater Future" The Rev. Stephen Clark, Guest Preacher
Nov 17	Commitment Sunday Offering of Thanksgiving Food	Isaiah 12 Matthew 6:25-34	"Discerning God's Will"
Nov 24	Christ the King Sunday Thanksgiving	Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	"Jesus: the Unlikely King"



**Michael Kalson** became our new **Contemporary Worship Music Leader** on October 20. Michael's desire to play music and worship started at the age of 8 when his family traveled

as a musical group leading church worship services. In addition to working at Providence, he is an account manager with a national recruiting firm specializing in creative, IT and engineering jobs. Michael served in the US Navy for over 11 years and is truly passionate about our country and the spiritual principles on which it was founded. In his free time he has led the music program for the Kairos and Emmaus weekend retreats. Michael's expertise is in string instruments, especially acoustic and bass guitar. His enthusiasm is contagious! Welcome, Michael!

## 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



## Pastor's Note

I can now add tweeting to my list of attempts to be relevant. This has nothing to do with birds. It is a way of communicating electronically in 140 characters or less. For tweeting to make any sense, you have to have "followers." And to have followers, you either have to be famous, have loyal friends, or have something interesting to say. We'll see how it goes . . .



The question on my mind is this: Does the church have anything relevant or interesting to say? We live in a time when people are not paying attention to the church, or to religion. We have a lot of competition. But more importantly, we have been slow to

communicate the gospel in ways it will be heard. The good news of Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever, but how we share it is constantly changing. And I'm not just talking about Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, or email. I'm talking about an uncomplicated, simple, personal, genuine message that is non-judgmental and invitational. What makes it relevant is that it comes out of your everyday experience and speaks to someone else's everyday experience.

How has God touched your life **today**? Tell it, tweet it, Facebook it. I have a feeling people will pay attention.

Peace,

*Pastor Mary Beth*

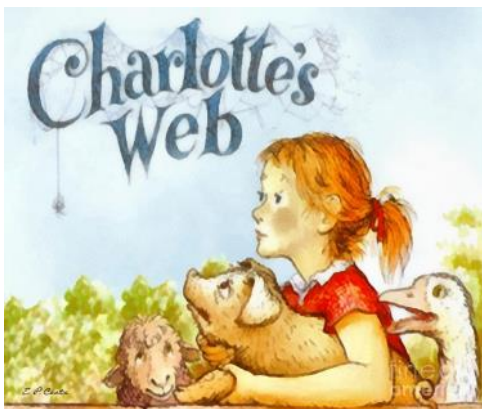
## Generosity Sunday

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Stephen Clark to our church on Generosity Sunday, November 10. Stephen will be our guest preacher at both 9 am and 11. He will also make a special presentation after lunch. (Commitment Sunday will follow on November 17 when you will be invited to prayerfully discern your financial giving for 2014.)

Steve joined the Virginia United Methodist Foundation in June 2013, as Gift Planning Officer. After graduating from Houghton College in Houghton, NY, with a BS in Ministerial Studies in May 1973, he followed in his father's footsteps and was ordained to serve as a pastor in the Christian and Missionary Alliance. For the past 26 years, Steve has worked with a number of primarily faith-based non-profit organizations in leadership roles and legacy fund raising capacities. He has also served as a generosity coach with numerous private donors in crafting family legacy plans to fund kingdom ministry. Most recently he served as the Director of Gift Planning for Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Wycliffe Foundation in Orlando, FL.

## “Charlotte’s Web” Coming to Our Social Hall November 21-23

Alpha Theatre and Arts Company is pleased to present "Charlotte's Web" based on the book by E.B. White. Alpha is a non-profit Christian organization dedicated to glorifying God through the gifts and talents of our members. We appreciate drama as a fun and effective form of expression, and we love the theatrical process as a means of fellowship and personal growth. We strive to honor God while recognizing that it takes all of us working together through our individual giftings in order to reach that goal. Our cast includes children ages 9-17, supported by a crew of parents, older siblings, and friends. We hope you will join us for this terrific story of friendship and loyalty, November 21 and 22 at 7 p.m., and November 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for the following prices: Adults - \$7, Seniors - \$6, Students/Children - \$5, with a family cap of \$25.



### United Methodist Women



- **Newton Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Elliott's home.
- **Laughon Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.
- **Whitt Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 19, at 10:30 in Room 205 at the church.
- **Gregory Circle** will meet on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Amy Palmer's home.

### Unit News:

Women's Retreat, Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at Richmond Hill Retreat Center. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m.

Unit Executive Board Planning Meeting, November 14, 6:30 p.m. in Library.

Unit Christmas Party, December 2. Covered dish dinner, installation of officers.

### District & Conference News

11/9 UMW District Leader & Member Development Day at Skipwith UMC, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

12/7 UMW District Advent Service at Asbury UMC, Church Hill, 324 N. 29th Street, Richmond, VA 10:00-11:30 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 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](mailto:pumctweens@yahoo.com).

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

7th—12th Graders

Sunday Nights

5:30-7:30

At the youth house (next to the church)

## Sunday School for Middle & High School

Is the Bible hard to understand? Have you tried to read the Bible but gave up? Do you wish there was a group of kids to learn the Bible with you and a teacher to help?



**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**  
9:45-10:45  
Middle School in Room 308  
High School in Room 301

One hour a week is all it takes!



## Gleaning at Gallmeyer Farm November 3

This is a church-wide event so the entire family can glean together! We will leave at 12:15 from the church. No youth group meeting that night.

# Missions Minutes

As the leaves fall and the weather becomes cold Know that you are blessed to be in a warm home.

**Homeward:** We continue to need all types of men's clothing. If you are changing out your cloths, please consider donating coats, shoes, hoodies, pants, underwear, hats, scarves, and long sleeve shirts. We have enough women's but not enough men's. We also need snacks because we try to give them something healthy that they can pick up and take with them. We usually see between 600 and 700 people at our November 14 event at the convention center.

We need your help on November 13 to load up all of our boxes and get them down to the event and get set up. If you are available on Wednesday afternoon, November 13, please be at the church by 2:00 so we can load up and take everything downtown. Last year we were able to drive right in and take everything to our site. We are hoping that we will be able to do the same this year but it will take a lot of people helping out. Please consider helping out on both days if possible. It is a wonderful opportunity to bless so many people and to be blessed.

**WND:** Our last WND will be held on November 20. I want to thank you for your support this year and for coming out and enjoying good food and fellowship. Please plan on coming on November 20 for a wonderful dinner.

**Thanksgiving Boxes:** Check the article on page 2 of this newsletter. There are also tubs on the second floor to collect food. There are so many families that will go without a Thanksgiving meal this year and if we can help than that is what God has instructed us to do.

Our **Advent** and **Christmas** offering will be going to several worthy causes this year:

- Society of St. Andrew
- UMFS
- Medicine Box (this group provides essential medicines and medical supplies for clinics and hospitals in countries that have experienced sudden natural disasters).
- USA: Project Crossroads (this group provides housing, firewood, meals and disaster response for the elderly, the handicapped and families).

We also plan to support the Good Samaritan Inn who cooked the wonderful garden vegetables for our last mission dinner. Also, they are the group that we provided vegetables to from our garden. This group helps people who have fallen on hard times.

I want to thank everyone at Providence, especially my Wonderful Mission team, for their hard work and dedication this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with such great people. If you would like to help with the homeward event on November 13 and 14, please email me at [pastorbilandsue2@verizon.net](mailto:pastorbilandsue2@verizon.net).

If you have not stopped by the mission room please do. We continue to make progress. You are always welcome to drop off clothing or help out.

Blessings to all.

Sue Duganne. Chairperson

## Church Family News and Notes

Blessings on Anna Catherine Reynolds, daughter of Megan and John Reynolds, who was baptized on October 20. Her grandparents are Cathy and Mike Patterson.

Welcome to Carolyn Bowman, who became an Affiliate member of Providence on October 20. She will retain her full membership at her home church in Staunton.

Dear PUMC,

Caleb and I would like to thank everyone for being so good to us during this time of sorrow. It's going to be hard for the moment. But with the Lord on our side all things are possible.

Mary had all of her church family behind her and it showed. Please thank everyone for the meals, blessings, prayers, cards and the family welcome we all look for each day. There was a young lady who really touched all of our hearts while singing and I don't recall her name. But please give her extra praise for being so brave to get up in front of everyone and sing to Mary.

Love,  
John & Caleb Mills

## Virginia United Methodist Advocate



The **Virginia United Methodist Advocate**, the official conference magazine, is published monthly throughout the year and provides information, interpretation and inspiration to approximately 7,000 subscribers.

Church members can save on individual subscriptions which are \$15 per year, \$25 for 2 years [saves \$5], or \$36 for 3 years [saves \$9] when paid directly to the *Advocate* office.

The **Advocate Online** is also available and the cost is only \$10 per year. For \$20, you may purchase an online edition and a print edition.

To subscribe online, <https://www.vaumc.org/SubscribeAdvocate>. For additional information about subscribing, contact Pam Culler at (804) 521-1100, ext. 110, or e-mail: [advocate@vaumc.org](mailto:advocate@vaumc.org).

**Presentation of Sacred Song**, by Margaret Taylor, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. with reception to follow. Music includes *Ave Maria*, *Let the Bright Seraphim*, *Domine Deus*, and select African American Spirituals for soprano. Accompanist is Charles Lindsey. Donations/love offerings will go towards beginning a recital series at Providence which would allow us to bring in outside musicians to perform for our congregation. What a wonderful opportunity to support the music community in Richmond and benefit from the talent in our community!



## High Chairs Now Available



In response to the new babies and toddlers at PUMC, and our church goal of reaching out to families, five new high chairs are available in the social hall.

Thanks to Ansley Higginbotham for researching the best and safest product, and to Jim Sarver who figured out how to put them together.

A BIG Thank You to Carla Wootten who served as our interim Contemporary Worship Music Leader for the last 6 weeks. Great Job, Carla!



### From Your PUMC Endowment Committee

Do you own non-income producing real estate??

Did you know that you can gift non-income producing real estate to the PUMC Endowment Fund (subject to review and acceptance), and take a charitable tax deduction for the full value of the property?

The professionally managed Endowment Fund would sell the real estate tax free and invest the proceeds. The income earned of the gift would be used to benefit our church and community, and fund our ministries.

The proceeds of the sale could also be used to establish a Charitable Remainder Trust that can make payments to the donor for life or a specified term of years.



## Directory Updates

### CHANGES:



**LACY**, Matt & Sally - add Violet

**LATIMER**, Robert M. LTJG, USS New Orleans (LPD18), SPO, AP 96673-1701

**MILHOLEN**, Catherine, Chesterfield Heights, 901 Madrona St., Apt. 209, Midlothian, VA 23114

**MITCHELL**, Cherri, 931 Leyburn Dr., Deltona, FL 32725

**RUST**, Kelly - change to: Rice, C. W. & Kelly Rust - same address

## "Calling All Angels"

If you are a child or youth in grades K-8, please come join us at our Wednesday (KC Jam) or Sunday (Youth) practices as we prepare for our Christmas Eve Musical. This is a great opportunity to learn about and be a part of a very special evening as the Angels lead us in the celebration of the birth of Jesus.



If you have questions contact: Margaret Taylor at 717-419-4309, Carla Wootten at 804-276-5683, or the Church Office at 804-276-4289.



### Acolytes

**Nov 3**—*Communion*  
Tristen Kellam  
**Nov 10** Jackson Holland  
**Nov 17** Emily Kyser  
**Nov 24** Meredith Kyser

### Communion Preparers

**Nov 3**  
9:00 Barbara Blankenship  
11:00 Amy Palmer

### Name Tags

**Nov 3** Laurie Breeden  
**Nov 10** Kyser Family  
**Nov 17** Pam Asbury  
**Nov 24** Cathy Patterson

### Readers

**Nov 3** Jean Chappell  
**Nov 10** Sharon Harris  
**Nov 17** Cindy Petrick  
**Nov 24** Carolyn Bowman

### Sanctuary Organizers

Jean Winfree & Flora Scott

### Greeters

**Ed Bldg:**  
9:00 Shirley Collins  
11:00 Patty Wright

### **Narthex**

9:00 Mike Patterson  
11:00 Evelyn Hasting

### Grass Cutting

**Nov 3** John Bradley (Area 2)  
**Nov 10** Steve Reese (Area 1)  
**Nov 17** Bobby Wood (Area 2)

### Counter Team Captains

**Nov 3** Gary Wright  
**Nov 10** Jimmy Sculthorpe  
**Nov 17** Klaus Worrell  
**Nov 24** Ron Wootten

### 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

### Nursery

**Nov 3**  
9:00 Pam Groome  
Emma McConnell (Y)  
SS Noelle Holland  
11:00 Shirley Collins  
Emily Kyser (Y)

### **Nov 10**

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Laurie Breeden

### **Nov 17**

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

### **Nov 24**

9:00 Barbara Oliver  
SS Ann Busbee  
11:00 Sean & Lindsey Collins

### Audio / Media Shout

**Nov 3**  
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Bob Gillie (MS)  
Mary Elliott (B)  
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)  
Bob Gillie (MS)  
**Nov 10**  
9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Steve Oliver (MS)  
Bob Gillie (B)  
11:00 Gary Wright (A)  
Steve Oliver (MS)

### **Nov 17**

9:00 Keith King (A)  
Dano Holland (MS)  
Dano Holland (B)  
11:00 Keith King (A)  
Dano Holland (MS)

### **Nov 24**

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Brad Wootten (MS)  
Brad Wootten (B)  
11:00 Bob Gillie (A)  
Brad Wootten (MS)





It's not too late to sing with the **Christmas Choir!** If you are interested in singing during the Advent/Christmas season, please email Margaret Taylor at: [M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com](mailto:M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com). All are welcome! Join us on Wednesday evenings in November at 7:30 p.m. to rehearse our Advent/Christmas music.

If you are interested in singing in a seasonal ladies or men's chorus, please email Margaret ASAP! These special choirs will sing in worship on December 22. Rehearsals TBD!

**COMING SOON!** The music ministry will be compiling a list of items needed for the new music spaces located on the first floor of the church. Things such as anthems, instrumental music, and other various items can be donated or purchased as a memorial or to honor a current member of the church. More information coming soon!

**SMALL COUCH OR LOVE SEAT NEEDED!** Margaret's office is in need of a small couch or love seat. Please email or call the church if you're interested in helping with this need!

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**November 9.** Piano Recital in the social hall featuring the students of Margaret Taylor. Please come out and support our community's young musicians! Refreshments at 4:30 p.m.

and the recital begins at 5:00. Participants include students from Providence and from the local community.

**December 8:** *Hanging of The Greens*, our annual service of music, lessons, and decorating of the church. Please join us at the 11:00 a.m. service!

**December 13.** *A SonRise Christmas*, 7:00 p.m. concert featuring Providence's auditioned ladies ensemble.

**December 21.** Dress rehearsal for our *Christmas Tapestry* service will be held, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Potluck Breakfast beginning at 8:30.

**December 22.** *Christmas Tapestry*, a service of music and scripture to celebrate the King's coming.

**December 24.**

- At 5:00 p.m., join us as the children present *Calling All Angels!* A short musical about the angels preparing for Jesus' birth!
- At 11:00 p.m. join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Music will include small ensembles, handbells, and congregational singing! You won't want to miss it!

**December 29.** Come join us for worship as our guest organist/pianist, Paul Honaker, provides our service music.



Dear Members of PUMC,  
Thank you for all that you do to support the students and teachers at A.M. Davis Elem. School.

I especially wanted to thank you for providing gift cards for students to purchase books at our

book fair. The chosen students are so excited to win and thankful for their books.

Thank you for bringing joy to some lucky students.

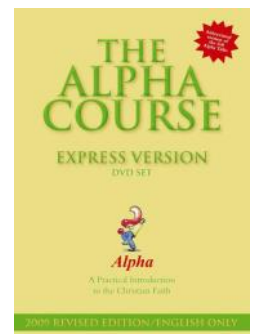
-Kristen McLain  
Kindergarten  
Teacher



## Branches Buddies

The newly “re-formed” Branches Buddies hit the ground running. The group has already gathered and put together harvest-related craft kits and treats which the Kings were able to take with them on their trip to Branches in October. Branches Buddies will be working during November getting together some Christmas items to be shipped in early December. To get involved or contribute toward shipping costs, contact Gracie Martin ([graciemartin@verizon.net](mailto:graciemartin@verizon.net)), Lisa Fleenor (639-3237), or Diane King (276-0469).

**Alpha** is a worldwide phenomenon. It's found in over 169 countries. It's run in tens of thousands of schools, prisons, homes and churches of all denominations. It's given more than 19.6 million people the opportunity to explore the meaning of life. Alpha is a course for seekers - those curious about or new to the Christian faith. And it's coming to Providence United Methodist Church on Sunday evenings for 10 weeks beginning January 12, 2014. Contact Amy Mott (814-8646) or Christopher Wilms (744-1865) if you have any questions or to see how you can be involved.





**God's Creation Calendars**  
Are Here

\$7 each or 3 for \$20

They are available in the office during the week or in the library on Sundays.

Proceeds benefit Youth Ministries. Make checks payable to: Providence Youth.

Here's an easy way to help A. M. Davis Elementary School. When you shop at Martin's Food Market, designate A. M. Davis as the school that will receive rewards from Martin's **A+ School Rewards Program**. You can designate up to two schools per your **Bonus Card** online ([www.martinsfoods.com/aplus](http://www.martinsfoods.com/aplus)) or at your local store.



Wendy Collins

**Wednesday Night Dinners**

2014 Wednesday Night Dinner opportunities are coming and the schedule for hosts to sign up will be on the bulletin board in December. Please discuss this opportunity in your November and December meetings so that you may grab the date that you want to host early. We will be returning to the 5:30-6:15 serving time in 2014. Everyone, please attend Wednesday Night Dinners for Good Food and Good Fellowship.

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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
- 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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