

Newsletter

Providence UMC

February 2011

A Journey of Faith for Teens

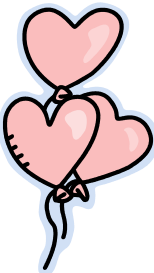
Beginning in February, Providence UMC will be offering a group for **youth in grades 7-12** to learn more about the Christian faith and what it means to follow Jesus. This class, sometimes called a Confirmation Class, will offer small group learning time, field trips, a mission project and building relationships. The youth will be invited to consider being baptized, or, if they have already been baptized, to take the step of accepting God's grace for themselves and choosing the Christian way (saying "Yes!"



or confirmation). The group will meet on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm, beginning February 9 in the youth house and will continue

through April 6.

To register for the class, email Susan at providencyouth@yahoo.com by Friday, January 28. There will be a meeting of parents and mentors on Sunday, February 6 at 12:15 in the Library.



The Youth are partnering with the United Methodist Women for a **Valentine's Day Dinner** on Saturday, February 12 at 6:00 p.m. The UMW will be cooking and the Youth will be serving and entertaining. Tickets will be

\$10 per person and will be on sale beginning Sunday, January 30 in the Library after the 11:00 service or see a Youth. Menu will be Chicken Vicky, vegetables, Jell-O, rolls and dessert. Come and support this Fun fundraiser for the Youth and UMW. A nursery will be provided.

Special Guest on February 27

The Rev. Denise Bennett will be joining us for both services on Sunday, February 27 to present the gospel in story and also to share special music with her harp. Denise Bennett tells original stories, folktales and sacred stories. Performing and teaching in schools, churches, libraries and retirement communities, she has also been a featured teller for the Williamsburg Storytelling Festival. With a BFA in Drama –

Speech and a Master of Divinity Degree from Union Theological Seminary, Denise leads workshops in basic storytelling skills, Biblical storytelling and healing stories and spirituality. She is also a published writer, poet and song writer and currently serves as the chaplain at the Hermitage, a United Methodist Home. Come and be refreshed by the spirit's power through Denise and bring a friend.



Worship in February

Feb 6	Teachings from the Mountain-side—What Jesus has to say about life and faith “You ARE the light of the World” Holy Communion	Isaiah 58:1-9a Matthew 5:13-20	Chancel Choir Pass It On
Feb 13	Scout Sunday “The Hard Part”	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 II Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Morning Glory Choir Chancel Choir A Cappella Choir
Feb 20	“The Harder Part”	I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5:38-48	Morning Glory Choir Chancel Choir Isca Wilms, Vann Barden and John Robison
Feb 27	The Rev. Denise Bennett, Story-teller and preacher	Isaiah 49:8-16a Matthew 6:24-34 Psalm 131	SonRise Sisters KC Jam

Did you know?

Our **reCONNECT** program involved 144 adults in 6 Sunday school classes and 7 midweek classes. One of those small groups decided to continue meeting!

Mulch Sale



Boy Scout Troup 862 will be taking orders for 3-cubic foot bags of top-quality, double-shredded hardwood mulch. Orders and payment need to be mailed to the address on the form no later than February 21. There is a 10-bag minimum for bags to be delivered and stacked in your driveway, March 19-20. Smaller orders are also acceptable. A receipt for the tax-deductible portion of this sale will be provided.

Order forms are available in the Narthex and outside the church office.

YOUTH C.R.E.W.

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Super Bowl Subs are Back!

Super Bowl Sunday is February 6th and the youth will be selling sub sandwiches again. The cost is \$5.00 for a 6" sub and \$2 for chips and drink. Order forms are outside the youth office. Proceeds help cover the cost of district youth retreat to Eagle Eyrie.

Youth Super Bowl Party

Bring your friends and come watch the game on the big TV at the youth house. We will have plenty of game food! Youth time will last until after the half time show.

Valentine Dedications

Let someone know how much you appreciate them. Tell him you are proud of the work he does. Tell her "I love you" with a Valentine Dedication! There is a \$1 charge for each dedication and there is no limit to the number of dedications an individual can submit. Forms are outside the youth office.

Youth Council February 20th

Youth council meeting in Room 206 from 12:15 -1:00. Bring a lunch

Richmond District Retreat to Eagle Eyrie

Please pray for our youth Feb 25-27 as we travel to Lynchburg for a weekend of worship, relationship building, and music.

We will leave Friday after school and return Sunday afternoon around 2:00.

2011 Youth Council

Congratulations to our new youth council!

President—Clare Henderson

Vice-President—Megan Roberson

Hospitality—Nicole Riekers, Molly Roberson, Savannah Elliott

Historians—Chelsi Architzel, Kelsey Alred

7th and 8th Grade Reps—Kelsey Alred

9th and 10th Grade Reps—CJ Alred

Praise Band

Instruments—CJ Alred

Vocals—Jahna Seymour

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Sunday bulletin are due to Kathy Smith on Wednesdays at **12:00 Noon**. You can leave your hand-written announcement in the Office Staff mailbox in the hallway or email them directly to Kathy at: kathy.smith@providenceumc.net



Acolytes

Feb 6
 8:45 Emma McConnell
 11:00 Molly Roberson

Feb 13
 8:45 CJ Alred
 11:00 Andrew Bowers

Feb 20
 8:45 Tristen Kellam
 11:00 Gabrielle Sullivan

Feb 27
 5:00 Emily Kyser
 11:00 Rachael Harvey

Audio / Visual

Rick Fleenor

Sanctuary Organizers

Bob and Nancy Gillie

Communion Preparers—Feb 6

8:45 Ron White
 11:00 Carolyn Winstead

Counter Captains

Feb 6 Jimmy Sculthorpe
 Feb 13 Linwood Hudson
 Feb 20 Klaus Worrell
 Feb 27 Bobby Wood

Name Tags

Feb 6 Gracie Martin
 Feb 13 Emma Fleenor
 Feb 20 Laurie Breeden
 Feb 27 Cathy Patterson

Ushers

8:45 Bill Blankenship
 Neal Fleenor
 Ron White

11:00 Mike Patterson
 Bobby Burton
 Bob Johnson
 Bobby Wood
 Charlie Groome
 Ralph Vernon

Nursery

Feb 6
 8:45 Elizabeth & Mark Melancon
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Peggy Gillette

Feb 13
 8:45 Ann Busbee
 SS Kathy Goller
 11:00 Robin Hayter/Carol Urso

Feb 20
 8:45 Pamela Groome
 SS Wendy Collins
 11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Feb 27
 8:45 Lori Justice
 SS Ann Busbee
 11:00 Sean & Lindsey Collins

The Bells of Providence will
NOT practice
 on February 6th.

Church Directory Updates

October 2009 Directory



Bishop, Bobby, 306 N. 26th St.,
Unit 206, Richmond, VA 23223

Bishop, Joey, 5351 W.
Eaglestone Loop, Tucson, AZ
85742

Brennet, Renate - new - 703-861-5429, 1901
Lancashire Dr., Richmond, Va. 23235

Creasey, Rachael - change to:
Leonard, Brandon & Rachael Creasey, 4701
Valley Crest Dr. #404, Midlothian, VA 23112

Mathews, Liesl - change to:
Parker, Liesl Mathews, 10513 Wamblee Trail,
Conifer, CO 80433

Urso, Robin - change to:
Hayter, Karl & Robin Urso - same address

United Methodist Women

Newton Circle meets Tuesday,
February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Betty-
Anne Roberson's home.

Laughon Circle meets Tuesday,
February 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Eula
Phillips' home.

Whitt Circle meets Tuesday, February 15 at
10:30 a.m. in Room 206 at the church.

Gregory Circle meets Thursday, February 17
at 7:00 p.m. in Room 206 at the church.

The UMW Executive Board Meeting is Febru-
ary 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.



Newsletter Info

If for any reason you would like to stop receiv-
ing a **PAPER** copy of the newsletter, please
call the church office (276-4289) to let Kathy or
Linda know. You can receive it by email rather
than snail-mail just by asking.

The Parenting Resource Center

PUMC now has a resource room exclusively
for parents in Room 304. This has resulted
from a small group that meets on Sundays dur-
ing the Sunday school hour. Their one time
study turned into an ongoing group that now
meets weekly to discuss the joys and tribula-
tions child rearing can cause. Through their

studies, a few resources have been gathered
that might be helpful to other parents. We en-
courage you to check out the resources room.
We also would like to purchase other books
that might assist parents of children of all ages.
If you would like to make a donation of \$10,
\$20, or even \$30 contact Isabelle Sullivan, our
director of Christian Education. A bookplate in
your honor will be placed inside the book you
helped purchase.

A New Directory is Coming!

To celebrate the Providence United Methodist Church family and strengthen the connections within our congregation, we will soon produce a new pictorial directory.

We have selected Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits to service our congregation. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Plus, every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait! You can sign up at the church on Sunday mornings for the next few weeks or **sign up right now online at our church website at www.providenceumc.net. We are hoping for 100% participation!**

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church.

You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session.

You also have the opportunity to invite your extended family and have portraits made with everyone together. Just schedule together and add additional time spots for each of your extended family units. Each family unit will be photographed and receive their own complimentary 8x10 portrait.

In addition, you may invite a family or friend in your neighborhood to come and receive their own complimentary 8x10 portrait.

We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory!



Funding for Ministry in 2011

Ministry at Providence United Methodist Church happens through many dedicated people and with resources provided by our congregation. The money given through our regular and special offerings helps fund all that we do in Jesus' name. For the year 2011, the ministry costs that we anticipate through our operating budget will be: **\$445,766**

This represents a 2% increase compared to last year. We believe that Providence United Methodist Church is up to the challenge of meeting these ministry needs. Thank you for considering all that our church does with the money you so generously give. Here's where the money goes:

Inside the walls, many significant educational, caring, worshipful moments happen every day, not just on Sunday. The lives of children, youth and adults are changed through the ministries planned and carried out by our committees and staff: **\$23,100**

Outside the walls, mission and ministry happens through evangelistic outreach, our youth mission trips, CCHASM, our missionary Kim King Torres and Branches, Society of St. Andrew, CARITAS; and also through our share of district, conference and world-wide ministry including mission in over 100 countries: **\$76,026**

Through our staff, we provide for specialized ministries in four different areas. Included are salaries and related expenses for our Pastor, Director of Youth Ministry, Director of Christian Education, Director of Music, nursery worker and two office staff: **\$207,540**

In our office, "the word" gets out with the help of copy equipment, printers, computers, supplies and postage expense: **\$14,900**

In our church building many ministries happen day in and day out, including use by many community groups. Included are maintenance costs, utilities, janitorial service, cleaning supplies and a monthly mortgage payment: **\$124,200**

A detailed line-item budget for 2011 is available from the church office.

Our **Mission** at Providence UMC is to welcome all persons, invite them into a relationship with Jesus Christ and together be formed as faithful disciples.

Our **Vision** is to be partners with God, making a difference in the world.

Pastor's Note

There are many things which we cannot predict very well. The weather, for one. One to two inches sometimes ends up being 5-6 inches. A wintry-mix can easily just be rain. It all depends on how and when things come together in the atmosphere. The winter is still young as I write this on January 13, and we've already seen the forecasters confounded by the weather this winter.

There is at least one thing that should always be predictable at Providence UMC. There should never been any question about it. No one should ever be surprised or disappointed. That is our welcome and inclusion of guests. The hope is this: every person who enters and leaves our church will have at least one person, besides the greeters or the pastor, saying "hello" or striking up a conversation. It should become our way of being together, everyone speaking to everyone else, especially those we don't know.

It's not that hard: "Hi, I'm Mary Beth Blinn. It's nice to see you today." In fact, it is one of the most blessed things we could ever do. And the blessing is all ours. Take out the guess work and be predictable. It's up to you.



Peace,

Mary Beth

Weekly Church Schedule

Sunday:

8:45 & 11:00 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
12:00 CrossTrainers
12:15 New Fire Choir
3:45 A Cappella Choir
4:30 Pass It On Choir
5:30 Youth
7:00 Bells of Providence

Wednesday:

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30 KC Jam Practice
6:30 Revelation Study
7:30 Chancel Choir

Save the Dates:

Caritas—March 5-11
Spring Festival—April 16
Golf Tournament—April 29
VBS—August 1-5
UMW Retreat—September
Brunswick Stew—October 8
Fall Festival—October 29

Church Family News & Notes



Welcome to new member Renate Brennet, who transferred her membership to Providence on Sunday, January 9.

Congratulations to Robin Urso and Carl Hayter, who were married at Providence on Saturday, December 11, 2010. Also to Sydna Stevens and Kevin Eastman, who were married on Saturday, December 4.



Our sympathy is extended to Jim Yeatts on the death of his wife, Anna, on January 14.

The Urso family wishes to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy following the death of Michael's mother, Dolly Haas, on December 26, 2010.

Michael and Carol Urso
Robin Hayter
Michelle Butler



I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, e-mails and calls following my recent knee surgery. I especially want to thank Pastor Mary Beth for her visits, both to the house and in the hospital.

Charles King

Thank you to all the volunteers that braved the cold and came out to support our Bethlehem City. Thank you everyone: Sunday School classes, Linda & Kathy in the office and especially the people that helped with costumes. Even though we canceled our first night due to the weather, Friday night, and especially Saturday night, we had a lot of cars to drive thru and received lots of compliments for sharing this with the community. We are still in need of volunteers to help disassemble the city on February 12th. If you can help, please email Art & Robin Bowers at ajbandrijb@aol.com.

Providence Retired Club



The Providence Retired Club (PRC) meets in the Social Hall on the second Monday of every month at 10:30 a.m.

Bring a brown-bag lunch and join us for any (all) of our meetings, and bring a friend.

The PRC is planning a trip to the Riverside Theater, on Wednesday, April 13th, to see "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas". The cost includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, meal at the theater, cost of performance, tax and all gratuities, and refreshments aboard the motorcoach. Cost per person: \$82

The motorcoach will depart PUMC at 10:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. Please look for trip flyers and check the website for complete information.

Try us — you might like us!

Deadline

March Newsletter

Tuesday, February 15

Are You Grieving?

Have you lost a loved one to death? Has the loss left you lonely, angry, confused, guilt-ridden? Are you having trouble focusing on day-to-day living?

We are beginning a new Grief Ministry here at Providence. On Sunday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the Library, you can get together with others who are experiencing the same feelings you are. There are others who understand what it's like to lose a spouse/partner, parent, sibling, or child. Join us to see if this might speak to your need and help to comfort you. If you need transportation, please call Lee Bradshaw (804) 743-3391 (home) or (804) 516-3809 (cell) and he will help you arrange a ride.



Church Calendar

Please take a minute to check the church calendar before you schedule a new meeting or change a regularly-scheduled meeting to another time. Every



effort is made to maintain an accurate calendar for church meetings and events. A quick email or handwritten note in the Staff Mail Box is all it takes to help us maintain the calendar.

Missions Committee

Save the Date: **CARITAS** families will be staying at PUMC on March 5-12, 2011. There will be many opportunities to offer your support. Sign-up sheets to help that will be posted on the Missions bulletin board.

Save the Date: PUMC annual Charity **Golf Tournament** will be held on Friday, April 29th at Providence Golf Course.

Canned goods are being collected for CCHASM. Donations may be left in the bin at the Missions table. For more information on CCHASM visit www.CCHASM.org.

The feeding program at Centenary United Methodist Church is on the third Friday of each month at 9:15 a.m. Eight to ten Cooks for Christ (CFC) are needed to prepare a meal and serve it to 180-200 guests. If you would like to help in this missions project which Providence United Methodist Church has been a part of for over 30 years, meet at church to carpool. Centenary is located at 411 Grace Street in Richmond. Cooks for Christ will meet at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, February 18th in the PUMC parking lot to depart for Centenary.



Wednesday Night Dinners

This church-wide fellowship time will run the entire month of February (and some of March).



Come out and support the different groups that cook us wonderful meals. Proceeds go to the different ministries supported by those groups. Meals are only

\$5. After dinner stay and get connected with our latest small group learning about the Book of Revelation. This group meets in Room 309 from 6:30 to 7:30 and is facilitated by Pastor Mary Beth Blinn. During this time, youth are invited to hang loose and fellowship together while playing organized games on the stage of the fellowship hall. Children in grades 1-5 have choir practice under the leadership of Mrs. Carla and Mrs. Robin in Room 306.

Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center

The Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center, otherwise known as Blackstone, is located in Blackstone, Virginia, and is our gathering place for conference retreats and other events, such as Emmaus weekends. It provides a place where faith is strengthened and enhanced, and personal relationships are built. An emergency conference fundraising appeal has been announced to cover \$413,000 for construction plans and capital development debt. If you would like to make a donation toward this appeal, mark "Blackstone" on your check or envelope and place in the offering place.





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 901 S. Providence Road
 Richmond, VA 23236
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 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday

8:45 am	Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Cross Trainers
12:15 pm	New Fire Choir
3:45 pm	A Cappella Choir
4:30 pm	Pass It On Choir
5:30 pm	Youth
7:00 pm	Bells of Providence

Wednesday

6:30 pm	KC JAM
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir

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