

Newsletter

Providence UMC

January 2011

How will you get connected this year?

Ongoing small groups, like Sunday School Classes, women's circles, United Methodist Men, musical groups, plus these new small groups beginning this month provide you with many options. Do you have another idea for a small group? Contact Isabelle Sullivan at 276-4289.

Do you want to rekindle that "just-married" feeling in your marriage? Come to the new HomeBuilders small group study "**Building Your Marriage to Last.**" During this 7 session study you'll not only discover biblical principles to apply in your marriage but also how to get closer to your mate. Build friendships with other couples as you learn about God's timeless principles in a comfortable setting. The group will meet every other Friday evening starting January 28th, 2011, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the home of Christopher and Isca Wilms. To join or learn more, email wilmsfamily@verizon.net or call 804-744-1865.

Covenant Disciple Group

A small group devoted to support and accountability will begin this month. A covenant disciple group is made up of 5-7 people who meet weekly for one hour. During the meeting, participants pray together and share how each has lived out Christian discipleship that week. The group is based on John Wesley's idea that we become stronger Christians when we hold each other accountable in love for our walk in faith. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 16 at 12:15 in the Library. Contact Pastor Mary Beth Blinn to find out more.



Small Groups

Revelation Study

This 6-week study will look at the Book of Revelation and End Time teachings. It will be taught by Pastor Mary Beth Blinn on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm starting on January 26, in Room 206.

A **Tuesday Morning Bible Small Group** will focus on Discovering the Meaning of Life. Classes will begin on January 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the Library.

All are welcome!

Church Council Retreat

The church council will be gathering for a planning retreat on Friday evening, January 28 and Saturday, January 29 at the meeting room in Heritage Oaks Retirement Community. Please pray for our leaders that they may be filled with God's spirit as they consider how God is leading our church in the future.

Worship in January

Jan 2	Epiphany Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6 Matthew 2:1-12	"The Star Pointed the Way" Church Choirs and the A Cappella Choir
Jan 9	The Baptism of the Lord; Baptism Renewal Service	Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-17	"We Are Beloved" Church Choirs and the SonRise Sisters
Jan 16	Dedication and Appreciation of Church Leaders; Human Relations Day with Special Offering	1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	"Who, Us?" (Installment 1)
Jan 23	3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23	"Who, Me?" (Installment 2) Church Choirs and Pass It On Youth Choir
Jan 30	Beginning Five Week Series: Important Teachings of Jesus from the Mountainside	Micah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Church Choirs and Thomas Jenkins/C.J. Alred duet

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

Wednesday Night Dinners

Our next session of Wednesday Night Dinners will begin on January 26th and end on March 2nd, 2011. We need cooks and chefs! If your circle, small group, committee, Sunday School class or family would like to cook as a fundraiser, please sign up outside Isabelle's office or email Elizabeth Kyser at:

kyserfamily@verizon.net

Dinners will be \$5.00 per person.

The February Newsletter deadline is:
Friday, January 14th.



The church has several wheel chairs and walkers that are available for use by members of the church or their friends. If you need one of these items please contact the church office, Bobby Wood (276-3058) or Lee Bradshaw (743-3391).

YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS



Youth Council Applications Due

January 2nd is the deadline to turn in your youth council application. Goals for this year include picking a Youth CREW logo and merchandise fundraiser, attend a youth council lock-in, plan summer events, and senior graduation party. Youth council meetings will be the 3rd Sunday of each month from 12:00-1:00. Applications are outside the youth office.

Bowling Night-January 30th

No school on Monday so we are going bowling! We will have dinner at the youth house and then head to Bowl America from 6:00-7:45. Youth will need to pay for their games and shoes. We will return to the church by 8:00 for pick up.

Eagle Eyrie payment due

District retreat for 6th-12th graders is February 25th-27th. The cost is \$115 and is payable to Providence Church by January 31st. Please write "Eagle Eyrie" on the memo line.

Super Bowl Subs are Back!

Super Bowl Sunday is February 6th and the youth will be selling sub sandwiches again.

Look for order forms in the bulletin on January 16th.



It's time for church. Do you know where your nametag is?



If you've never had one or have misplaced the one you had, just indicate on the sign-in sheet that you need a nametag. Look for it on the nametag wall the next time you're in the building.

Our church sends small care packages to our college students and active military personnel several times a year. We can only do this if we have their current addresses. Please notify the church office with current addresses for our college and military people so we can update our records..

Our next mailing will be in late February.





JANUARY

Acolytes

Jan 2
8:45 Andrew Bowers
11:00 Emily Kyser

Jan 9
8:45 Nicole Riekers
11:00 Emma McConnell

Jan 16
8:45 Gabrielle Sullivan
11:00 Tristen Kellam

Jan 23
5:00 Laura King
11:00 Hannah Jenkins

Jan 30
8:45 Winton Justice
11:00 Kelsey Alred

Audio / Visual

Jan 2, 16, 23, 30 Bob Gillie
Jan 9 Russ Byers

Sanctuary Saints

Billie and Ralph Vernon

Communion—January 2

Jan 2
8:45 Lisa Fleenor &
Holly Mayton
11:00 Carolyn Winstead

Counter Captains

Jan 2 Jimmy Sculthorpe
Jan 9 Linwood Hudson
Jan 16 Klaus Worrell
Jan 23 Bobby Wood
Jan 30 Gary Wright

Name Tags

Jan 2 Gracie Martin
Jan 9 Jahna Seymour
Jan 16 Jean Riekers
Jan 23 Ginny Thompson
Jan 30 Amy Mott

Ushers

8:45 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer
Gary Wright
Janet Knight

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

Nursery

Jan 2
8:45 Kelly Horne
SS Judy Dotson
11:00 Laurie Breeden
Shirley Collins

Jan 9
8:45 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Jennifer Ostrum
11:00 Michelle Butler
Carol Urso

Jan 16
8:45 Ann Busbee
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Jan 23
8:45 Linda Koertge
SS Jennifer Ostrum
11:00 Anne Blane
Brad Wootten

Jan 30
8:45 Elizabeth Melancon
Mark Melancon
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Peggy Gillette

**The Church Office
will be closed
on Monday, January 17th
for Martin Luther King Jr.'s
Birthday Observance.**



Church Directory Updates

October 2009 Directory



Isbell, Stephanie, 10125 Berry-
meade Hills Ter, Glen Allen, VA
23060

James, Rhys & Anna **Healy** -
change zip code to 23225

Lowry, Ron & Patsy - change house number to
1900 S. Lake Heron Ln

Overstreet, Winston & Margaret - change zip code
to 23226

Patterson, Matthew, 4314 Collingswood Dr., Ches-
terfield, VA 23832

Rawls, Cindy, 7836 Whitworth Road, Richmond, VA
23235 - same phone

Schouten, Joshua & Lauren **Knight**, 10 Henry St.,
Wilmington, NC 28405

Tillery, Megan Healy, 50 Queen Mothers Ct,
Wirtz, VA 24184

Whitby, David & Amery, 8708 Tarrytown Dr., Hen-
rico, VA 23229

Zaroli, Gregory & Katie Yuhase, 13809 Biggin
Pond Ct., Midlothian, VA 23114

Additional addresses needed:

Ackerman, Jennifer

Ackerman, Kristi

Ackerman, Raedonna

Holloway, Marsha

Hynst, Martin & Tricia

Richmond, Rob & Lynn

Walters, John

United Methodist Women

The **Newton Circle** will meet at
Mary E. Elliott's on Tuesday,
January 4th at 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, January 11th, the
Laughon Circle will meet at the
Church at 10:30 a.m.

The **Whitt Circle** will meet at the church in
Room 206 on Tuesday, January 18th at 10:30
a.m.

Thursday, January 20th, the **Betty Gregory
Circle** will meet in Room 206 at 7:00 p.m.

The **UMW Executive Board** will meet on
Thursday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Li-
brary.

**The United Methodist Women wishes
everyone a Happy New Year
filled with God's Blessings.**



New Church Directories



Plans are under way for a new
PUMC pictorial directory. More
details and sign-up information
will be communicated to you
soon.

Our directory helps us connect names with
faces, builds our sense of community, and
shows our personality as a church family.

HOLD FOR

CALENDAR

Providence Watchmen

Did you know that there are intercessors praying for our pastor, Mary Beth Blinn, on a daily basis and on an assigned basis? Did you know that there are people continuing to pray blessings over our pastor and faithfully pray the 31 days of prayer since October? The Lord has blessed this congregation with watchmen. But where does this term come from? In older times, there was a watchtower that was placed in the vineyard and in that place was a watchman. Someone whose sole purpose was to be on the lookout for thieves who might come to steal the harvest. It was not an easy task--these vineyards were large. If any harvest was in danger, the master was alerted. (Isaiah 5:1-2) In these times, a watchman or an intercessor is someone who stands guard, who remains sensitive to the Spirit of God, and "watches"/prays.

who desire to watch and pray, consider contacting me at (wilmsfamily@verizon.net or 744-1865) for more information. We also invite you to lift her up each day as our 31 days of praying for our pastor continues. A guide for daily prayer can be found in the foyer.

And listen for more ways to become more involved and invested in praying and developing your individual prayer life as well. We all are designed by our creator to not only exist but to have our very being and movement in him.

How will we know how to confidently move in God if we do not communicate with him? We communicate with the members of our family everyday---how much more should we communicate with the unseen member of our family who made us and who laid down his life for us? ("greater love has no man than this that He lay down his life for his friends").

If you would like to connect with other saints

Isca Wilms

Christmas Project with A. M. Davis Families

Because of our generosity, eight families selected by the administration of A.M. Davis Elementary School received support this Christmas time. A total of 16 children, from 7 months old to 5th grade, received gifts from lists that were prepared by the parents. They each also received blankets, most of which had been made by our Vacation Bible School children. Each family was given a generous gift card to be used for food, gasoline and other needs. Thank you for your caring and interest in this project. Our partnership with A. M. Davis will continue to offer us opportunities to connect with children, their families and their teachers as we support our community.



There is a need for a member of our church who is comfortable climbing ladders. A member who is not afraid of heights is needed to assume responsibility for changing light fixtures throughout the church. This person can work on his own schedule. These services would be required approximately once per month. If interested in this project please contact Bobby Wood for training and responsibilities.

Church Family News & Notes

Dear Friends and Family of PUMC,
This has been a powerful time for our family and we are thankful that our children have witnessed the love and prayers that have covered us during this time. Thank you for all of the cards, visits, encouragement and care you have shown us during Jeff's illness. God bless.

Jeff and Kathy Alred




My heartfelt thanks to all of the wonderful friends at Providence who, as a result of their gifts of time and their talents, were able to share the true meaning of Christmas in a new and exciting way. Thanks to all of you for being a part of the Youth Christmas Eve Musical: Pass It On, A cappella and KC Jam Choirs and their leaders, those involved in the drama, those who shared photographs, Gregg Jenkins, our percussionist and a special thank you to Russ Byers and his AV team for so patiently helping to put it all together. May God bless all of you and fill your hearts with Wonderful Joy!

Carla Wootten




Welcome to Bill Duganne, who joins his wife, Sue, as a member of Providence by transferring his membership on December 12.




The Christmas Mother would like to thank the Providence Elves for the items placed under the tree. Items such as children's books, activity sets, card games, stuffed animals and dinosaurs, candy, toothbrushes, and handmade caps, scarves, socks, mittens and gloves, put smiles on the faces of many children. One particular Providence Elf kept her mind and hands busy making 36 pairs of mittens and 4 pairs of gloves.

Merry Christmas and God Bless You All!!!



Rachael is still saving cans! And probably will continue this for a while. We will come to pick them up at a member's house OR meet them here at church OR they can leave them on our porch, whichever is easiest. It has really helped her with her trip expenses.

Thanks, Dorline



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.

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.

Programs

- Jan 10 Crime Solvers
- Feb 14 Nina McAllister, Love Songs
- Mar 14 Wayne Terry, Coping with Alzheimer's. His books will be available if you're interested.
- Apr 11 Dancing Grannies
- May 9 Bingo
- June 13 Picnic at Shoney's

Try us — you might like us!

Did you know that our church has a Bereavement Committee?

The Bereavement Committee was started in October 2001 when it was learned that one of our families went to a local restaurant to be together after a funeral. The church felt we should provide a place where the family could get together in a relaxed area with a light luncheon or finger-food. Usually the committee plans for about 50-75 family members, close friends, and out-of-town guests but also depends on numbers given to the committee by the family.

This committee has been self-sufficient since its start-up when funds were supplied by the church. We have been able to continue our help because of donations from grateful families and because of generous church members who supplied food and offered their help.



Pastor's Note

The calendar tells us that a new year, 2011, is beginning. Calendars, clocks, watches are all instruments for telling us what time it is, what month it is, what year it is. When a new year rolls around, we pay a lot of attention and January 1, 2011 is no exception. This is called "chronos," the word in Greek that is translated "time" but specifically is related to keeping chronological time. There is another word for time in Greek that is "kairos." This translation is used in Romans 13:11: "Besides this, you know what **time** it is, how

it is now the moment to wake from sleep." This kind of time has very little to do with watches and calendars. It has to do with God creating an opportunity for good in a given moment. We might call it God's time. What is the God-moment, the opportunity for something new and life-giving, that January 1, 2011 brings to your life? What time is it for our church? We are committed to connecting with others with the transforming power of God's love. So now is the time that God has given us to do just that. Happy new year.

Peace,

Mary Beth

MISSIONS

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, January 21st, in the PUMC parking lot to depart for Centenary.

Old Cell Phones are needed to support victims of domestic violence. Place your old cell phones in the box on the Missions table. All information will be erased from your phone.

Homeward's Point in Time Count will be held on January 27, 2011. This event is held twice a year. At the event, we will offer those experiencing homelessness some items to provide them comfort and warmth. These items include adult size socks, scarves and hats, gloves, razors, and granola bars. Coats and warm clothing will also be given out. Donations may be left in the "Homeward" bin at the Missions table. For more information visit www.homewardva.org.

Save the Date: **CARITAS** families will be staying at PUMC on March 5-12, 2011. There will be many opportunities to offer your support.

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.



Occasionally members of the church need transportation to the doctor or other places. Members of the church will provide this transportation should the need arise. If you feel you would be a candidate as a driver, please let the church office know or call Lee Bradshaw (743-3391). Lee maintains the list. If you have a need for transportation, please call the church office or Lee Bradshaw directly.

Attendance

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
11/21	\$6,830.00	261	143
11/28	\$3,029.71	245	125
12/5	\$8,125.75	297	132
12/12	\$12,403.00	252	124



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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

6:10 pm KC JAM
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Church Telephone 276-4289
Fax Number 745-2501
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Church Staff

Pastor	Mary Beth Blinn
Director of Music Ministries	Nancy F. Burks
Director of Youth Ministries	Susan M. Clark
Director of Christian Education	Isabelle Sullivan
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Nursery Attendant	April Basham
Our Covenant Missionary	Kim King Torres

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