

Church Council Update

The Providence UMC Church Council met for a planning retreat on January 28 and 29, with a follow-up on February 13. The Council adopted two new mission statements: one longer version to fully explain our mission and vision for Providence, and a shorter version that is easy to remember, to repeat to others and to incorporate in our ongoing activities.

Providence United Methodist Church seeks to be a community where persons are invited to belong, be transformed by God's love and make a difference in the world.

**Providence United Methodist Church
Belong. Be transformed. Make a difference.**



We also adopted four new goals for our 3-year strategic plan:

- Actively market our church to the community
- Modernize the playground
- Offer two different worship experiences each week
- Develop multi-generational mission opportunities

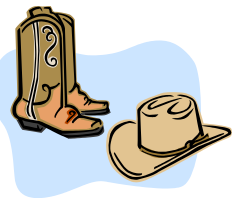
The Church Council welcomes the congregation's feedback and ideas as we strive to do God's will at Providence.



The season of Lent is a period of 40 days before Easter. It is a time of personal self-reflection and thinking about Jesus' journey to the cross. Lenten devotional booklets are available to support your spiritual growth during this season. Ash Wednesday is the traditional beginning of Lent. On Wednesday, March 9, we will observe this holy day with the service that begins at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service will include the imposition of ashes as a sign of our mortality and repentance.

"The Ballad of Little Joe"

On **March 26** at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall, PUMC's Family Council is sponsoring a fun filled morning of Wild West activities. We will be watching Veggie Tale's "The Ballad of Little Joe," and there will also be games, crafts and a snack. Come dressed in your favorite western wear, hope to see you there!



Worship in March

Mar 6	Transfiguration Sunday Holy Communion	Exodus 24:12-18 Matthew 17:1-9	Morning Glory Choir Chancel Choir
Mar 13	Lenten Series: Fearless: The Courage to Question First Sunday in Lent Girl Scout Sunday	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Matthew 4:1-11	Word: Bread Morning Glory Choir Chancel Choir Isca Wilms (soloist)
Mar 20	Second Sunday in Lent	Psalm 121 John 3:1-17	Word: Birth Combined children, Youth, and Adult Choirs
Mar 27	Third Sunday in Lent	Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	Word: Water Pass It On Choir Rachael Fulghum (soloist) SonRise Sisters

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



Paul reminds us "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Cor 12:27). Just as our bodies function best when every part is working, our church needs your faithful involvement to be effective for Christ. Providence offers so many ways to grow closer to God through opportunities for service. Go to www.providenceumc.net and select "Getting Connected at PUMC" to get started!

Christopher Wilms
Stewardship Chairman

YOUTH C.R.E.W. NEWS

CROSS TRAINER



Sub sale success!

Thank you for supporting our youth Super Bowl sub sale. We sold 56 subs to raise money for our Eagle Eyrie district retreat. Thanks be to God for our supportive congregation!

CARITAS week begins March 6th

Come see what it is like to be the hands and feet of Christ. We are serving dinner to our CARITAS guests on Sunday night, March 6.

Youth House/Coffee House

Friday, March 11th, we are turning the youth house into a coffee house from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bring your friends and listen to live music while you order cappuccino.

Youth Council Meeting March 20th

Meeting in Room 206 from 12:15-1:00. Please bring a lunch.

Summer Mission Trip

Our summer mission trip for grades 7-12 will be right here in Richmond again. We will help families in need from July 10-16 and stay at St. Mark's UMC. The cost for this trip is \$199, which is due by March 31st.

For more information please contact Susan Clark at providencyouth@yahoo.com.

The purpose of Cross Trainers is to offer 5th and 6th graders a place to talk about preteen issues and integrate God's word into their lives. Our goal is to provide an age-appropriate environment that is exciting and mission oriented.

We meet every Sunday from 12:15-2:00 in the Youth F.I.R.E. House located next to the church. We encourage everyone in these grades to come out and bring a friend!

For more information, please contact:

Susan at providencyouth@yahoo.com or Isabelle at Isabelle.Sullivan@providenceumc.net.

Monthly Mission Project

This month we will help set up a craft area for the children of CARITAS on Sunday, March 6th. We will also make cards and placemats for Sunday night dinner.

Mygrapple.com

The Cross Trainer preteen ministry uses the mygrapple curriculum and has a wonderful website with games and activities to keep in touch with church friends during the week. Check out the website and join us this Sunday!



Acolytes

Mar 6
8:45 Winton Justice
11:00 Nicole Riekers

Mar 13
8:45 Kelsey Alred
11:00 Laura King

Mar 20
8:45 Molly Roberson
11:00 Rachael Harvey

Mar 27
5:00 Hannah Jenkins
11:00 Emma McConnell

Ushers

8:45 Bill Blankenship
Chris Healy
Carolyn Bilski

11:00 David Sommer
Lee Bradshaw
Bob Fitch
Linwood Hudson
T.L. Jenkins
Stuart Watkins
George Winstead

Audio / Visual

Russ Byers

Counter Captains

Mar 6 Gary Wright
Mar 13 Jimmy Sculthorpe
Mar 20 Linwood Hudson
Mar 27 Klaus Worrell

Name Tags

Mar 6 Kyser Family
Mar 13 Gracie Martin
Mar 20 Jahna Seymour
Mar 27 Jean Riekers

Sanctuary Organizers

Eula Phillips & Peggy Gillette

Communion Preparers—Mar 6

8:45 Linda Koertge &
Linda Keery
11:00 Jean Riekers &
Dorline Davidson-Harvey

Nursery

Mar 6
8:45 Barbara Oliver
SS Jennifer Ostrum
11:00 Elizabeth & Mark Melancon

Mar 13
8:45 Kristie Willis
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Carol Urso
Michelle Butler

Mar 20
8:45 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Pamela Groome
11:00 Becky Wagner
Shirley Collins

Mar 27
8:45 Ann Busbee
Laurie Breedon
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins



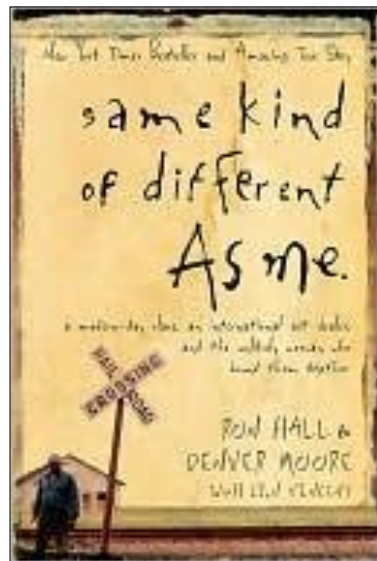
March

Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, March 15

Have you read "Same Kind of Different as Me"?

This is a book relating to all of us in one way or another. So much so, the UMW has selected this book to review in a "book discussion" later in the Spring. As you may recall, last year's book review was on "Who Stole My Church".

If you are interested in reading and/or participating in a book discussion, Evelyn Hastings, UMW Program Resource Chairperson, will be purchasing copies of "Same Kind of Different as Me" for approximately \$10.00 each. To order your copy and indicate your desire to attend the book discussion, please use the "sign-in" sheet in the pews or sign up on the UMW bulletin board between February 20th and March 6th.



Richmond District United Methodist 2011 Golf Tournament

Sponsored by Providence United Methodist Church

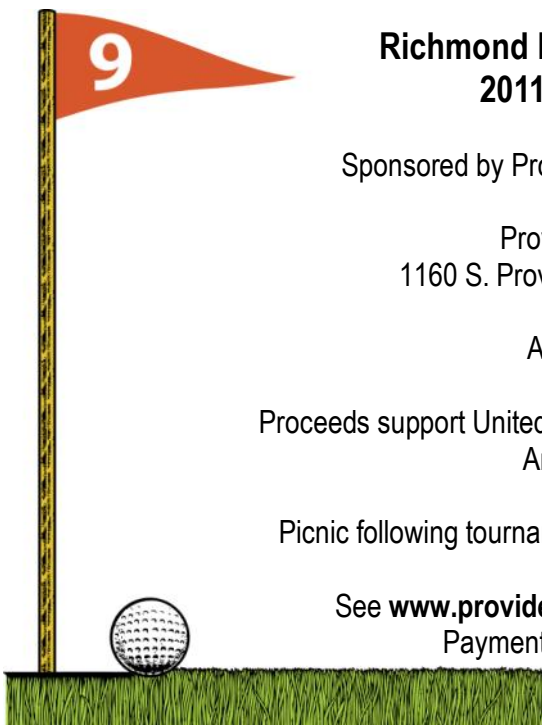
Providence Golf Course
1160 S. Providence Road, Richmond, VA

April 29—1:00 p.m.

Proceeds support United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond
And Upward Soccer

Picnic following tournament at Providence UMC Picnic Shelter

See www.providenceunc.net for Registration Form
Payment deadline: April 24, 2011





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. in the PUMC parking lot to depart for Centenary.

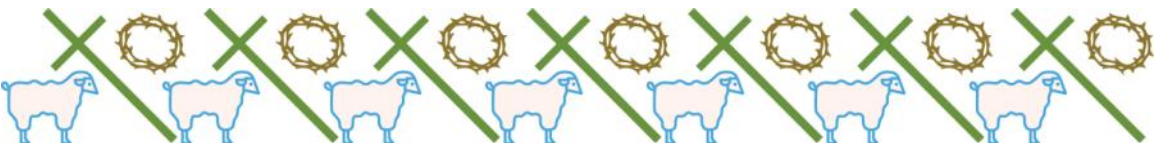
Canned goods are being collected for **CCHASM**. Donations may be left in the bin at the Missions table. For more information on CCHASM visit www.CCHASM.org.

This year's **Lenten offering** will benefit The United Methodist Ministry in Petersburg called Pathways. The Easter offering will be split equally between the Good Samaritan Ministries, Branches and Brazil's Shade and Fresh Water Project.

Join us on April 29th at Providence Golf Course for our annual **Charity Golf Tournament**. Proceeds benefit our Upward Soccer league and United Methodist Urban Ministries. It's only \$65 per person to play. Bring yourself or bring a foursome. Enjoy a picnic and prizes at the picnic following the tournament. To sponsor a hole, all you need is \$50. A sign displaying your company will be placed at the hole during the tournament. Contact Valerie Reese (909-3659) if you would like to play in the tournament, sponsor a hole, or sponsor a prize. Check the church's website if you need a registration form. Come out and have some fun!

Lenten Retreats

Located on the crest of Church Hill, overlooking Richmond's historic Shockoe Bottom and downtown, Richmond Hill is an ideal urban spiritual retreat center for both groups and individuals. Here you'll discover the quiet needed to listen deeply, to hear God's voice, to rest, to reflect, to plan, to formulate vision and mission. Away from the distractions of your office, church, agency, or home, you will be able to retreat in a quiet, private setting. All of this is within the life of a vibrant spiritual community that has its own distinctive rhythm marked by prayer each morning, noon, and evening. Two Lenten retreats are now being offered at this location: March 26-27 and April 8-9. Visit the Richmond Hill web-site for more information: www.richmondhillva.org and click on the *news* tab followed by *new retreats* to learn more and to register. If you are attending, please contact Isabelle Sullivan at 276-4289, or by email at isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net.



Church Directory

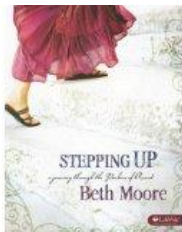
Updates—October 2009 Directory



- Bareford, Jonathan, 209 Gaylord St., Apt. 1., Denver, CO 80206
- Coaker, Daniel, 1135 Sumpter St., Richmond, VA 23220
- Latimer, Michael, 209 Gaylord St., Apt. 1, Denver, CO 80206
- Rothrock, Suzanne, now: Herrod, Suzanne, 135 Stratford Ct., New Stanton, PA 15672
- Woodward, Alan, 8320 Lyndale Dr., Richmond, VA 23235

Men & Women's Study Begin This Month

New small group opportunities for men and women begin in the month of March. Sign up on line or on the clip boards so you don't miss out.



Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore

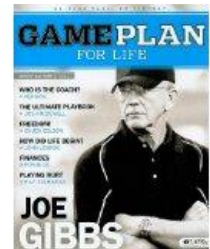
Explore the major feasts of Israel and journey as a small group through this 7-session study of Psalms

120-134. The themes of unity, joy, gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail. Modern-day believers in Jesus Christ can learn much from these treasured Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy with God. Thursdays, March 10–April 14, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 309. Book Cost \$13.00 Facilitated by Kathy Cullen.

The Game Plan For Life by Joe Gibbs is an exciting new study by Joe Gibbs. You may remember Joe as the coach of the Super Bowl-winning Washington Redskins or you may associate him with his championship NASCAR

teams. Either way, Coach Gibbs is a proven winner and he wants to help you win the biggest game of all... LIFE!

Based on a national survey, the Gibbs team has identified the eleven most important issues facing men today. In this edition of Game Plan for Life, we're going to dive into six of those eleven issues. They are:



- **Finances:** Signing Bonus // Featuring Ron Blue
- **God:** You Are Being Scouted // Featuring Ken Boa
- **Creation:** The Enemy's Game Plan // Featuring John Lennox
- **The Bible:** The Ultimate Playbook // Featuring Josh McDowell
- **Sin & Addiction:** Playing Hurt // Featuring Ravi Zacharias
- **Salvation:** Making God's Team // Featuring Chuck Colson

Created for the average Joe, Game Plan for Life is simple and relevant. Sundays, March 13-April 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (room to be determined). Facilitated by Bill Duganne. Book Cost \$9.00.

Pastor's Note

After prayer, much conversation, and sharing big ideas, it is a sacred moment when God's people see the future together. At the Church Council's recent planning retreat we noted the strengths and weaknesses of our church and the realities and opportunities in our community. We shared a hope that in three years our church would be even stronger, more connected with our neighbors, and filled with children, youth, young adults and families. We recognized that God was leading us to add four goals to our 3-year plan.

1. Actively market our church to the community
2. Modernize the playground
3. Offer two different worship **experiences** each week
4. Develop multi-generational mission opportunities

Our leaders are set to begin the planning needed to accomplish these goals. You will be involved and be informed as we move forward. They are wonderful and challenging goals. Guiding us will be the conviction that God has called us to be a community where all can *belong, be transformed and make a difference*. I am excited about the joyful work that lies ahead. I'm glad that we are all partners together.

Mary Beth

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New Preschool Director

Welcome to Charlotte Cervarich who recently began her work as Providence UMC Preschool Director. Charlotte's education includes a BA in Secondary Education and a MA in Instructional Technology. Her experience includes working as an instructional assistant in special education at Bon Air Elementary School; nine years as a teacher at Bon Air Baptist Weekday School and one year there as assistant director. Previously she worked in corporate training development. Drop by and welcome Charlotte to our preschool ministry.

Spring Wednesday Night Dinners

Our new series begins March 16 through April 27 (with no dinner or activities planned on April 20 due to spring break).

This series will be different because instead of educational opportunities after dinner we will have mission or worship experiences for all ages.

After dinner on March 16, 30 and April 13 come, and participate in or learn about different mission opportunities. Our first project will be teacher appreciation bags for our Providence Road partnership. On March 23, April 6 and 27, we have wonderful worship experiences planned. Our hope is that you will come and support these great experiences.



We need cooks for these dates as well, so please sign up outside room 203 if you or your group would like to do so.

The Lenten Offering for Pathways

Pathways is an organization that is about building lives, awakening hope in Petersburg, VA and the region.



Their **YouthBuild** program is a uniquely comprehensive, full-time, non-residential, community-based program that offers at-risk youth an immediately productive role rebuilding their communities. Students spend half their time attending basic education classes and half their time receiving job skills training in high-demand fields while building affordable housing. YouthBuild is also on the cutting edge of education reform for drop-outs and effective re-entry for offenders. Another area is the Free Specialty Clinic, Southside Virginia's only free clinic specializing in the following areas: heart conditions, arthritis, sleep disorders, asthma as well as vaccines and women's health. You can find out more at www.pathways-va.org. Thanks for collecting your offerings through the season of Lent. Cardboard banks are available.

Church Family News & Notes

Blessings on Caleb Mills who was baptized on Sunday, February 20. Welcome also to his mother, Mary Casey-Mills, who joined our church by transfer from another UMC.

Sympathy is expressed to Johnise Molloy upon the death of her husband, Mike, on February 11th.

I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern shown me during my illness, and also the best wishes on the occasion of my birthday. I am so very thankful to you all. Being a member of Providence is a tremendous blessing.

Bill Steele

Thank you so very much for the calls, cards and memorial gifts after the sudden death of my son-in-law, John Spenik. The love of my Providence Church family has helped ease the ache in my heart for Denise and their children, Alexandra, and Kyle.

The mission of which our Father gave John birth to accomplish was fulfilled.

May God bless each of you!

Emma Lou Fleenor



Non-seasonal flowers need to be removed from the Cemetery by March 15th.



Thank you,
Cemetery Committee

Learn About Picasso's Art

With the Virginia Museum of Art's new exhibit, Pablo Picasso has become the talk of Richmond. Come on Sunday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. to our church to learn more about this famous 20th Century artist and his art. Sean Collins, a PUMC member and art teacher at A. M. Davis Elementary School, will lead an information session for our church and interested community members.



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UM Family Days at Kings Dominion

Looking for something fun to do with the whole family? May 8 will be United Methodist Day at Kings Dominion and Kings Dominion is offering discounted tickets for this event and other selected Saturdays in the month of April and May for \$28 per person. Purchase tickets at the Kings Dominion web-site with the promo code: UMC4.



Have you seen anything around the church that could use a little TLC or repairs? If so, please use the form on the church website (under the Resources tab) to report maintenance needs.

Picture Perfect

A new directory is under way for PUMC. This valuable tool for many of us features pictures, address, and phone numbers of the folks in our church family. We want to make sure this new directory includes everyone, so please make sure you have scheduled an appointment either online or, if you don't have a computer, on Sundays in the library after service. All those who participate will receive a FREE 8x10 picture and a directory. Contact Kristie Willis if you have any questions at: kristie41@verizon.net.



United Methodist Women

Newton Circle meets Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm in Shirley Collin's home.

Laughon Circle - Tuesday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library and later go out to lunch.

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

Gregory Circle, second Thursday, March 10 late afternoon, cooking dinner for CARITAS, followed by a short meeting. Please note change in date.

Unit Meeting will be Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. Call to Prayer & Self Denial. Program on General Assembly Day.

No Executive Board Meeting in March.



Reminder

Our next Fellowship Sunday is April 17. Food will be provided by Christian Builders and Friendship Class. During this time, we hope you will enjoy traveling through the Easter Walk. More information on this experience next month.



Newsletter Info

If for any reason you would like to stop receiving 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.

Spring Festival

We are gearing up for this year's wonderful community outreach event. It will be held on April 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many of our favorite activities will be returning and some new fun ones will be there too. We will need many of you to help so that this event is top notch. Many opportunities will be listed on the bulletin board outside the library on our main floor. This is an event to show our church to the community so we will need young and old to assist. Please stop by to see where you can help. We will also be collecting the follow-

ing items from March 1 through April 13:

- Plastic eggs (if you stuff the eggs beforehand please remember no chocolate and tape the eggs shut)
- Hard Candy Only
- Unsharpened decorative pencils (these will be prizes)
- Small decorative notepads (these will be prizes)
- Any fast food toys from kid meals you might have lying around (prizes)





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 901 S. Providence Road
 Richmond, VA 23236
 *** NEWSLETTER MAILED February 22 ***
 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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 Fax Number 745-2501
 Pastor's Home Telephone 562-5169
 Preschool Telephone 276-1462

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