

Providence United Methodist Church

June 2017



Graduate Sunday — June 11

Sunday, June 11, is Graduate Sunday at Providence. This is our opportunity to let our graduates know how proud we are of them. Please take a moment to sign the cards in the hallway near the water fountain. Our graduates will be recognized at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you haven't already let the church office know about your special graduate, please send Linda an email this week (Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net).

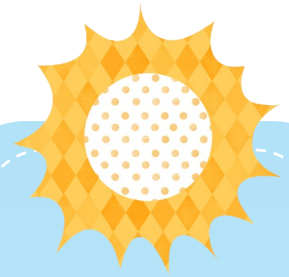
CREATIVE ARTS @ PUMC

CAP is our unique version of vacation Bible school for rising kindergarten through 6th grade children. We have Music, Art and Drama stations where the children will learn about their nightly Bible verse in fun and creative ways. This year the theme is "Around the World". CAP will be July 17-21, 5:30-8:30 p.m. You can register for CAP by clicking [here](#) or by going to the PUMC website and clicking on the CAP tab at the top.

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer. Some areas include:

- Dinner/kitchen clean-up
- Assisting at stations
- Group leaders
- Set-up/decorating & take down.

Even if you can't help every night, we still need you! Don't miss out on the opportunity to be involved with what has become a staple in this community. Sign-up on the sign-in sheet on Sundays, or email Sherry Jeter (Sherry.Jeter@providenceumc.net) if you would like to volunteer.



Important Dates

June

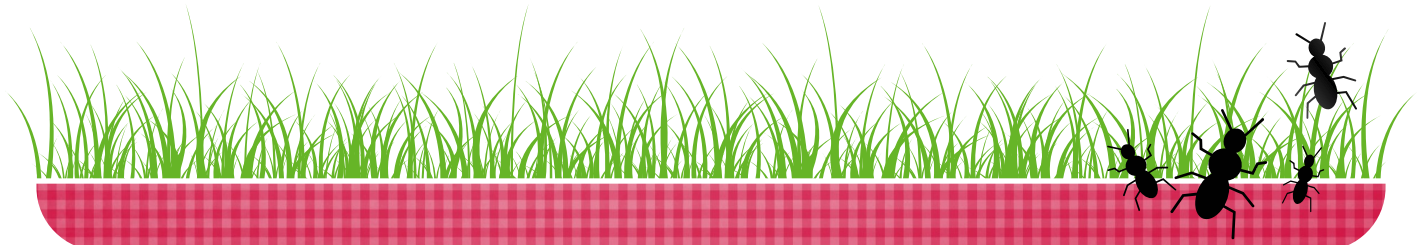
- 1 CAP Registration Opens
Upward Soccer Online Registration Opens
- 2 Girl Scout Sleepover (SH)
- 3 Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony
- 4 Pentecost (wear **RED**)
- 11 Graduate Sunday
Trinity Sunday
Peace with Justice Sunday
- 16 Annual Conference Begins
- 17 Ruritan Yard Sale
- 18 Father's Day

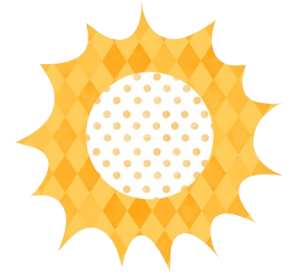
July

- 8-14 Youth Mission Trip
- 17-21 Creative Arts @ PUMC
- 23 CAP Sunday

August

- 5 Upward Onsite Registration & Evaluations
- 12 Cook Out & Talent Show (tentative)
- 22 Upward practices begin
- 24 Upward practices begin





Music Notes!!!

The Temperature is Rising...

The temperature is rising “out”side as summer approaches and so is the enthusiasm “IN”side as we prepare for the excitement of Pentecost, Graduation Sunday, the weekend of July 4th, CAP Sunday and new music opportunities at PUMC!!!

The air-conditioning will be running but the Flame of the Holy Spirit will be descending and igniting the fires of our musical passions over the next few months. God does not hibernate after Easter and neither does the church.

THIS IS A CHURCH ON FIRE and let us all be on fire for the Church!

Upcoming Dates

June 4—PENTECOST! Wear something **RED**!

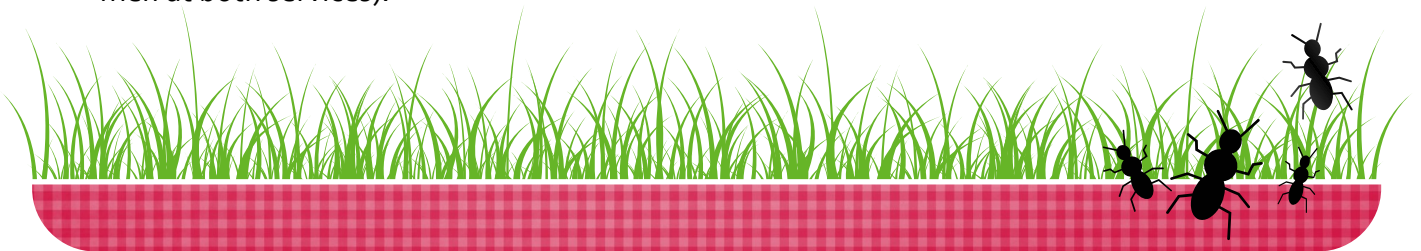
- ◆ MIM (Ministry in Motion) will ignite the Passion of the Holy Spirit during our informal, contemporary Connections Service at 9:00am
- ◆ Our talented Chancel Choir, with professional flutist Michelle Matts, will lead our Traditional Service at 11:00am. Michelle is well known in the area and her group, PolyCeltic, travels all over to give concerts at many different venues. <https://www.facebook.com/PolyCeltic/>
- ◆ Any children or adults who are interested in Processing down the aisle of the church for the opening hymn at the 11:00am service will have something red to wave during the excitement!

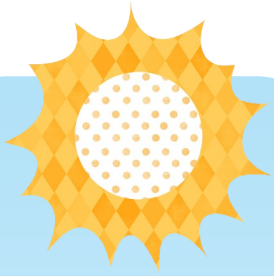
June 11—Graduation Sunday & Trinity Sunday

- ◆ Our graduates will be honored at the 11:00am Traditional Service.
- ◆ The magnificent Bells of Providence will offer two musical selections with our three-octave Hand Bell Choir to honor Christ!

June 18—Father’s Day

- ◆ Honor your earthly father AND your Heavenly Father! (There is a special treat for all gentlemen at both services).





*"Where words fail,
music speaks."*

Hans Christian Andersen

*"Music gives a soul to
the universe,
wings to the mind,
light to the imagination
and life to everything."*

Plato

New Summer Opportunities!

◆ HAND BELL EXPLORATION DAY

A Saturday for Teens & Adults to learn more about the art of ringing Hand Bells. No commitment is necessary! No previous music knowledge or training is required! Anyone who can count up to four is in! Let Allison know if you are interested. Date to be determined.

◆ The "Who-So-Ever-Will" Choir

Can't commit to a weekly choir schedule? No problem! Everyone will have opportunities to come forward during the 11:00am Traditional Service and sing a very familiar hymn. No strings attached—no rehearsals—just "impromptu fun"! Check the mid-week updates for advance notice.

***Do you sing or play an instrument that
we don't know about?***

Don't be shy...

MIM & The Connections Service

MIM (Ministry In Motion) leads our 9:00am informal, Contemporary worship service. This talented Praise Band provides exciting, enthusiastic, upbeat, passionate, meditative and soulful music each Sunday that centers around the scriptures and sermon for that day. The songs are chosen with congregational participation in mind!

The Connections Service continues to enjoy your favorite, familiar Praise & Worship songs as well as some of the newest, current Contemporary Praise Music popular on several local radio stations! (Ask us which stations we like and we'll be excited to tell you!)

Coffee and refreshments are offered before the Connections Service. Arrive early to enjoy connecting with friends before worship begins at 9:00am!

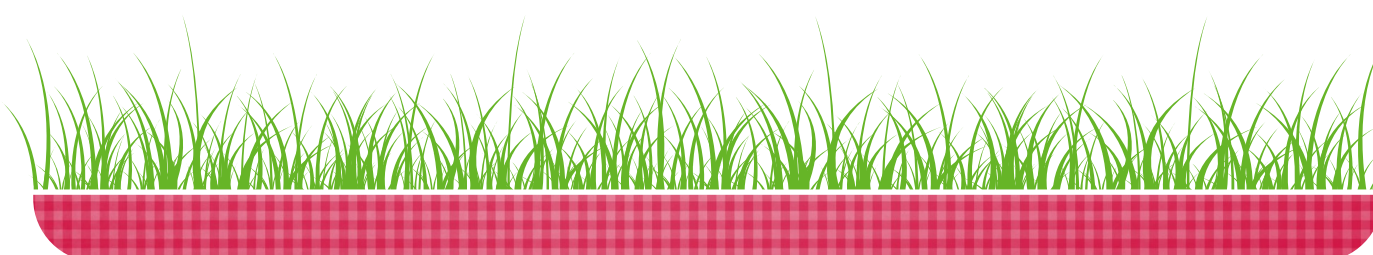
If you want to know more about becoming part of MIM (vocalists, guitarists, bass players, keyboardists, percussionists, etc.) call or email Allison.

We look forward to Worshipping with you each Sunday!

Love,
Allison Stowers
Music Ministries

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"The River of Life"

Just as water flows, it is important to allow life to flow as well. Life often presents unexpected twists and turns, challenging us to learn to be flexible, adaptable and malleable.

Throughout the past several months, our Providence youth have continued to teach me the importance of locating that "inner child" part of ourselves, and allow life to flow. The laughter, joy and innocence that children and adolescents naturally express, offers immeasurable hope as we continue to journey through life together.

Recently, our Providence Youth have been enjoying the change of seasons and have participated in numerous activities. We worshipped together during the "Newsboys" concert, as we were captivated by a colorfully lit stage and an excited audience. Also, our youth had the opportunity to share our competitive sides while enjoying an afternoon of go-carting, bumper boats and put-put golf. During our most recent community outing, our youth chose to either paddle boat, or canoe during our trip to Pocahontas State Park. As I paddled down the lake in the back of one of the canoe's, two of our Inukshuk youth reminded me of how precious our "inner child" is and helped me understand how important it is to continue to nurture this aspect of ourselves. These young people seemed to be able to perceive the beautiful landscape with such fresh eyes as they pointed out the plants, animals and colors along the water's edge. It was almost as if they were allowing themselves to be reborn in every moment while offering practical solutions to the challenges we encountered along the way.

At times we have to work together, as we lost direction, got our paddles tangled in lily pads, or had to navigate around a rock. What inspired me the most, was the spirit of joy the youth maintained as we faced and conquered these challenges along the way. Perhaps we should heed the simple yet profound lessons these young people are trying to teach us every day. No matter what obstacle lies ahead along the river of life, we must seek to maintain a spirit of joy as we overcome them. As mentioned in the book of James, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sis-

ters whenever you face trials of many kinds..." James 1:2. The currents of life can sometimes pull us, faster than the rhythm of our souls, but grace continues to carry us forward.

Working with young people is a privilege, as they often have many lessons to share with us if we are willing to listen. As we flow with life, stagnation can be conquered if we are willing to support one another along the journey. As summer begins, many exciting plans to continue to flow with the seasons are underway.

Please note the following upcoming events for our Providence Youth Department:

Sunday, June 4: Community Service Youth Session (5:30p.m.-7:30 p.m.)

Youth will be providing community service to the congregation, by participating in cleaning and maintaining the Children's Ministry nursery.

Pentecost Service June 4: Youth will be participating in scripture readings during Pentecost Sunday.

Graduation Service June 11: All graduating youth, parents, family and other youth members are invited to honor our graduates during the 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday June 11.

Youth Graduation Party: Youth, parents and family, please join us at the youth house on **Sunday June 11th** for our annual Graduation Party. Please bring a dish to share and be prepared to celebrate our graduate's accomplishments!

Youth Mission Trip: July 8-14: Reach in Roanoke (More information will be provided soon)

2017 Ruritan Youth Camp July 21-23: (one opening is still available)

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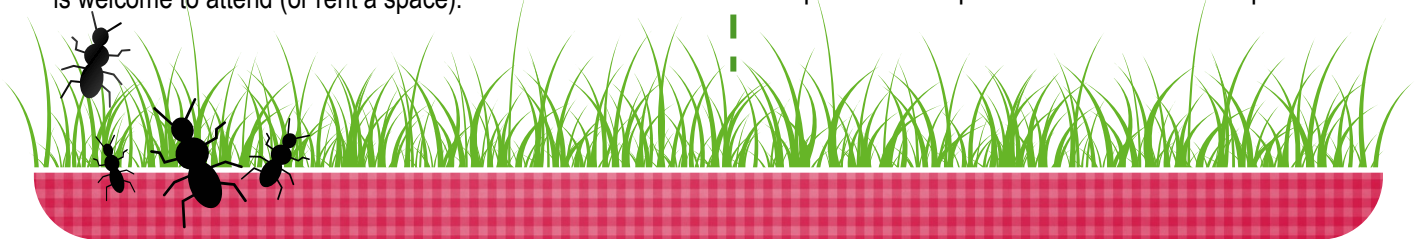
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The Chesterfield Ruritan Club is sponsoring a Yard Sale in the parking lot at Providence on Saturday, June 17, 7:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You (or a friend) can "rent a spot" for \$25 and all profits from your sales are yours to keep. To reserve a space, contact Steve Meadows at 804-272-5108. Come and browse all the "good stuff" and grab a snack while you're here. Everyone is welcome to attend (or rent a space).

CHAMPs

Wednesday, June 7 at 6:15 we will have a special CHAMPs Activity Night. We will be Rock Painting with "RVA Rocks" — a group dedicated to building a sense of community through creativity and nature exploration. Popcorn and snacks will be provided!



UPWARD SOCCER

Upward Soccer is a fun way to introduce children to Jesus Christ while learning values such as sportsmanship, respect, integrity, and teamwork. The games are played on the fields behind the church.

The Upward Soccer season is just around the corner! Practices will begin at the end of August but we need to start recruiting players now. If you would like a few advertising posers to hand around the community (at restaurants, pools, daycares, or anywhere else) for families to see them, please contact Sean Collins.

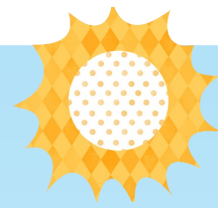
Online registration opens June 1!

2017 Online Registration Link
registration.upward.org/UPW64064

Forms and Fees:

- Early registration fee is \$75 per child. After August 24 the cost is \$80 per child.
- Deadline for registration is September 9.
- Register online or drop off you form and registration fee at the church office between 10 am and 4 pm, Monday—Thursday.
- Soccer shorts are optional at a cost of \$15.
- Cleats are recommended.

Additional information about the Upward organization can be found at:
<http://www.upward.org/> or on the Providence website,
click on the UPWARD tab at the top.



Important Soccer Dates

June 1

Online Registration Opens

Aug. 5

Onsite registration

Evaluations

- 9-10 am — 4 year olds & Kindergarten
- 10-11 am — 1st & 2nd grades
- 11 am -12 n — 3rd-5th grades

Aug. 22 or Aug 24

Practices begin
(Tuesday or Thursday evenings, 6-7pm)

Sept. 9

Registration deline
Games begin
(Saturday mornings at 9am or 10 am)

Nov. 4

Last games



Church Family News & Notes

A special thanks to our Providence Church family, Derrick and our Sunday School Class for our many cards and their concerns and showers of prayers. Prayers go a long way in healing the body, mind and soul.

In Christian Love,
Barbara & Bill Blankenship

We would like to express our appreciation to our Church family for the cards, calls and prayers during our recent illness(es).

Love to all,
Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

I want everyone to know how much I appreciated all of your prayers and concerns for me. I am feeling so much better. Your love and prayers have been felt.

Thank you,
Doris Creasy

Thanks to Derrick for his visits and to our church family for the cards and calls while we were both sick with pneumonia.

In Christ,
Billiedale & Ralph Vernon



Church Directory Changes

Jenkins, Myrte—change apt to #313

Keerans, Joy—Sunrise at Bon Air, 2105 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond, VA 23235

Lee, Larry—remove address, email & phone number

Lee, Wayne & Keri—delete address

Yuhase, Bille—change to Billy & Paige, 4711 King William Rd, Richmond, VA 23225

Fleshman, Kelsey, 3212 Sylvania Place, Chester, VA 23831

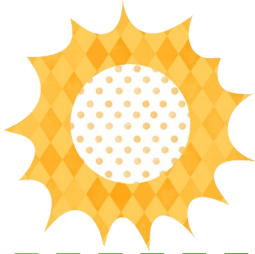
Gillie, Bob—9926 Bennington Dr., West Chester, OH 45241

Griggs, Katie—198 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE, Apt. 3E, Atlanta, GA 30308

Rust, Brian & Colleen—add Connor

Watkins, Linda—1207 Fernview Trail, Midlothian, VA 23114

Bilski, Carolyn—2861 East Alexander Court, Gilbert, AZ 85298



CHAMPS

We have had a great Spring, growing as a group in Christian love and fellowship. In March we met at Maymont and in April we had an awesome Easter Festival—a big THANK YOU to all who helped make that a success! Then in May, we had blast during our family bowling activity. Summer is just around the corner and we have begun to plan a lot more for our children and families.

The first Wednesday of every month we have met to learn more about the bible, do crafts and play games. The children have been coming faithfully and it is exciting to see how God is working in them.

We were also able to kick-off our Music Jam activities on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The children did a wonderful job learning a song for Easter and they have also been exploring rhythm instruments and learning more about music.

As our ministry grows we will need more adult volunteers to help out on a consistent basis. Please prayerfully consider where your time and talents can be used. If it is once or twice a month or every ac-

tivity, all help is welcome! I would like to continue expanding our community outreach and drawing in more children, but in order to do this we will need more ongoing support. I would like to begin having a community dinner geared towards children once a quarter and I am exploring the possibility of with programs like mentoring and tutoring. If you would like to join the children's ministries team please contact me at anytime.

Summer Calendar

June

- 7 CHAMP's Activity night-Rock Painting
- 11 CHAMP's Music Jam
- 16 Pizza & Movie night

July

- 17-21 CAP--Creative Arts @ PUMC

August

- 2 CHAMP's Activity night
- 13 CHAMP's Music Jam
- 25 Splash day & Cookout
- 27 CHAMP's Music Jam

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Worship with us on Sundays at
9:00 am — Contemporary
11:00 am — Traditional



Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday Office Closed

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