



Providence Prophet

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From our Pastor

I had never known the power of Holy Week until I experienced it in a Latin American Country. John-Mark and I lived in Costa Rica for two years and during our first Holy Week we went camping in a National Park on the beach on the Caribbean Sea. We decided to purchase our food near the destination so that we would not have to carry the food in our travels. When we got off the bus, we were surprised to discover that all the stores were closed. Someone told us, "It's Holy Week!" During Holy Week, people do not go to work or to school, there are special parades, worship services and celebrations. People make pilgrimages to the Basilica, walking for days. Shrines to Christ and Mary are visited by families. People in desperate life situations crawl on their knees, from their homes to church, praying to God for intervention. It is a week dedicated to family and faith, and it is powerful.

I have found that Lent is most compelling when I attend an Ash Wednesday Service and take on a Lenten practice. And, I have found that Easter Worship is most moving when Holy Week includes observances that set it apart from the other 51 weeks of the year. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is our guide through Lent and Holy Week. One of the key roles of a mother is to serve as the memory of the family. She remembers the momentous occasions, our births and our illnesses; our joys and our sufferings. Mothers treasure these things in their hearts, as Mary did. We were not present for the events of Holy Week, but Mary was, and "remembering" through her heart will give us a new appreciation for these events.

Consider doing something new for Holy Week 2013:

- Light a Christ candle each evening in your home, imagine Mary's prayers 2,000 years ago and pray together as a family.
- Come to Providence each day between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM for a few minutes of prayer and reflection in the sanctuary (materials will be available).
- Attend community worship at Nicholasville Christian Church from Noon – 1:00 PM each day you are able. (Providence is leading worship on Thursday).
- Attend our Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM to celebrate Jesus' Last Supper.
- Participate in our Prayer Vigil from 3:00 PM on Good Friday, the hour Jesus took his last breath, to midnight Easter morning.
- Attend the Youth-Led Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning at 7:00 AM and stay for breakfast.
- And invite your family and friends to attend worship Easter Sunday.

Easter is the most important day of the Christian year but it cannot be fully appreciated, if we do not first journey with Christ and Mary to the cross.

I am so blessed to be your pastor!

Carol



Disciples Women's Service Group Hygiene Kit Project

Hygiene kits are packages of supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to people in need around the world.

The contents of each package have been selected with care based on years of experience to make them as useful as possible, wherever and whenever they are sent.

Look for inserts in the Sunday bulletin during the month of March.



Food Offering During the Six Weeks of Lent

We invite everyone to bring items for the Providence Food Pantry each Sunday which we will present as part of our worship service. Each box of food we prepare contains:

- 2 cans fruit
- 1 box crackers
- 1 box spaghetti
- 2 cans vegetables
- 1 box cereal (oats)
- 1 spaghetti sauce
- 2 cans meat or tuna
- 1 jar peanut butter

Extra items added when available: Mac 'n cheese, cornbread mix, etc.

MARCH CALENDAR

- 3/3/13 – 12:00 Noon – Deacons Meeting in the Sanctuary
– Elders Meeting in the Adult Sunday School Room
- 3/9/13 – 8:00 AM – Men’s Breakfast
- 3/10/13 – 12:30 PM – Potluck and Board Meeting
- 3/27/13 – 9:30 AM – Providence Disciples Women’s Service Group

Each Sunday

- 12:15 PM Pilates with Sarah Downs
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Programs

Each Monday, Wednesday & Friday

- 10:00 AM – “Bodies in Motion” Low-Impact Exercise Class

Each Wednesday

- 5:45 PM – Providence Prayer Team
- 6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM – Youth Fellowship

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Randy Cox	3
Patsy Samples	17
Anna Tackett	21
Betty Lou Thornton	23
Jennifer Robbins	24
Matthew Anderson	24
Susan Miller	28
Mallory McDonald	31

Lenten Services

March 24 – Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Worship Service at Providence

Holy Week – March 25 thru March 29, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Holy Week services each day at Nicholasville Christian Church, and lunch provided. Rev. Carol will preach on Thursday.

Holy Week–March 25 – March 29, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Providence Sanctuary open to all for prayer and meditation. (Materials will be available.)

March 28 – 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday service at Providence Christian Church. Special Music by Carrie McDonald. Rev. Carol will preach and we will celebrate the Last Supper.

March 29 – 3:00 PM

Good Friday Prayer Vigil begins and continues until midnight Easter morning.

March 31 – Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Youth-Led Sunrise Service (*breakfast following*)
10:45 AM Easter Worship Service at Providence

***Books for the Spirit:
Devotions for Lent***

God is on the Cross

Reflections on Lent and Easter by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Fellowship of Prayer

2013 Lenten Season

by the Bethany Fellowship Writers

These and other devotional books are available through The Thoughtful Christian, 800-554-4694, www.thoughtfulchristian.com or other Christian bookstores.

Hospitality: Not A Spectator Sport
Kentucky Disciples Women’s Ministries
2013 Spring Conference

April 13, 9:30 AM – Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington. Keynote speaker is Dr. Sharyn Dowd, Minister for Spiritual Formation and Mission Engagement at First Baptist Church in Decatur, GA and former LTS Professor of New Testament. Music and a concert will be provided by Andra Moran, Disciples recording artist. Registration form available in church office. See also bulletin board. Registration fee \$30. (\$40 after April 1st.)

April 20, 9:30 AM – Sinking Fork Christian Church, Princeton Road, Hopkinsville/Lexington. Keynote speaker is Kathy Jeffries of Nashville, Former IDWM Vice President and popular Disciples speaker and retreat leader. Registration form available in church office. See also bulletin board. Registration fee \$25. (\$35 after April 8th.)



First Annual
Providence God and Country Picnic
Planned for June

Our new Evangelism Committee, headed up by **Frank Coots**, is planning a “God and Country” community-wide event, tentatively planned for June 29th. Frank is being assisted by **Ertel Whitt**, as chairperson for the event.

Plans include games, food, music, entertainment, door prizes and more! Details will be provided as we firm up plans.

If you would like to help, contact **Frank at 885-5283** or **Ertel at 241-1063**.

2013
General
Assembly

July 13-17
Orlando, FL



PROVIDENCE PRAYER TEAM

The Providence Prayer Team meets at 5:45 on Wednesday evenings.

PRAYER LIST FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders and for our military: Adam Draper, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Donnie Thornton, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Craig Tackett, Ken Harney, Steven Russell.

PRAYER LIST

Jayne Mattingly, Sharon Gash, Don Draper, Gloria Whitt, Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother), Janet Gayheart, James Ruckman (Allene Fielder’s brother), Tom Schweitzer, Joan Jones (Rose Hall’s sister), Don Smitson (Eddie Cox’s brother-in-law), Gary Tinnell (Theresa Draper’s brother), Reece King (Linda Schweitzer), Meredith Owens (Mildred Walker), Randall Hall (Rose’s stepson), Laura Crawford (Flynn), Margaret Waits, Helen Lynch, Mildred Walker, Edythe Albrecht, Myrtle Warren.

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