

December 1, 2013



# Providence Prophet

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**December 14, 2012**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Our 6<sup>th</sup> year – featuring**

- 32 vendors of crafts and handmade gifts
- Granny’s Attic for delightful second hand items
- Delicious hot lunch and baked goods

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## Message from our Pastor

2013 is almost over which means it is time for our annual Congregational Meeting. I have gone back through my monthly reports to the Board. I have collected information from the ministries of the church. I have put all the information together in a slide show so that this Sunday after worship, we can look back at the year to remember and celebrate how God has been present and active at PCC. We will then look forward and vote on the budget for 2014 and the slate for a new board. As your pastor, I kindly ask you to put aside your dislike of meetings and attend the annual Congregational Meeting. If you put any money into the offering plate, if you attend worship or any activities, you should attend. We gather only once, as a congregation, to do the business of the church. You should want to know what I do to earn my salary since it is such a large part of the budget. What do I do with my time? Come to the meeting Sunday, December 1st and find out.

2013 is almost over which means Advent is here! The sanctuary is beautiful, the music is fabulous and the worship is inspiring. The Chimes will play, we will have Lessons and Carols (i.e., no sermon), and we will gather at 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve for a Candle Light service. On Christmas Sunday, the youth will lead worship. Together we prepare for Christ’s coming once again to the world and into our hearts. Together we wait to see how the miracle of the birth of a baby born on the dirt floor of a barn surrounded by animals will impact our lives. Together we ponder how:

*“Christ Jesus who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2.5-11)*

2013 is almost over. Journey with us as we look back and look forward, as we remember and dream, as we struggle with and celebrate what God is doing here at Providence Christian Church.

*Carol*



## CREATION CARE TEAM Message from Jenifer

Happy December to everyone from your **Creation Care Team (CCT)!** As we ready ourselves for the rush of the holidays, I would like to remind us all of a couple of things. First, notice that “reduce” and “reuse” come before “recycle” in the logo for green living. One of the ways to reduce and reuse is to opt for shopping bags that aren’t the disposable plastic kind. You are in luck! This December we will have some great bags available to you that fit the bill! They bear the same logo as our bulletin and tell our location and website. It is a great way to be green this holiday season AND do a little advertising for PCC. Think about giving these bags as gifts or even using them as a gift bag in which to give something else. They are only \$2 each, or three for \$5. The possibilities are endless and so are the benefits!

Speaking of gifts . . . when purchasing for loved ones this year, think about going smaller rather than larger. Support your local artisans by buying locally made gifts or gift certificates to locally owned stores and restaurants. The PCC Holiday Marketplace is a great place to find special homemade items. (Personally, I think some of Mrs. Davenport’s delicious pecans are a GREAT Christmas gift!) What about giving tickets to a concert, movie, or some other activity that you can enjoy together? Also, remember that all those Christmas lights use electricity so use them sparingly.

The MAIN thing is that we focus on Jesus and try not to get distracted by all the other “celebrations” going on. The birth of our savior should be celebration enough! Love to all of you!

*Jenifer*

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*“Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” Genesis 2:15*

Welcome New Member  
**SUNG BAUTA**



Sung joined Providence Christian Church in November.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

David Hibbard	12
Angie Hibbard	13
Jerry Ward	18
Cynthia Sheldon	23
Kennan Coy	25
Lena Rae Fern	28
Sienna Stark	28
Tina Sidebotham	29

**DECEMBER CALENDAR (SEE YOUTH GROUP BELOW\*)**

12/1/13 – 12:15 PM - Annual Congregational Meeting  
 12/4/13 – 9:30 AM – Disciples Women’s Service Group  
 12/8/13 – 12:30 PM – Potluck and Board Meeting  
 12/14/13 – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Holiday Marketplace  
 12/22/13 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ  
 12/24/13 – 8:00 PM – Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

**Each Sunday**

– 12:15 PM Pilates with Sarah Downs  
 – 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith  
 – 5:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Program

**Each Monday**

– 7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

**Each Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

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

**Each Wednesday**

– 5:45 PM – Providence Prayer Team  
 – 6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal  
 – 7:00 PM – Youth Fellowship  
 – 7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

**Each Thursday**

– 7:00 PM – Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

**\*YOUTH GROUP DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

12/1/13 – NO Youth Group due to Thanksgiving  
 12/8/13 – 5:00 – 7:00 PM Youth Group – Dinner provided  
 12/14/13 – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Holiday Marketplace  
 High School Mission Trip to Guatemala Fundraiser  
 12/15/13 – 4:00 PM – Build Gingerbread Houses for Cub Scouts  
 12/15/13 – 5:00 – 7:00 PM – Christmas Party at the Payne’s House  
 Dinner provided  
 12/22/13 – NO Youth Group due to winter break  
 12/29/13 – Youth Sunday Worship Service  
 12/29/13 – No Youth Group due to winter break

**CHRISTIAN CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

12/8/13 – 5:00 – 7:00 PM Regular Meeting  
 12/15/13 – 5:00 – 7:00 PM Regular Meeting



**Advent 2013  
 Scripture and Sermons**

**Advent I – December 1**  
 Romans 15:4-13 “People in Exile”

**Advent II – December 8**  
 Matthew 1:1-17 “It’s Not Your Birthday”

**Advent III – December 15**  
 Matthew 1:18-25 “Taking Christmas Back”

**Advent IV – December 22**  
 Lessons and Carols

**Christmas Eve Homily – December 24**  
 Hebrews 1:1-12 “A Persecuted People”

**Youth Sunday – December 29**



Rev. Carol (right) participated in the 2013 Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service at Phillips Memorial CME.



Holiday Marketplace



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**PROVIDENCE 6TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE**

Our biggest annual community event and fundraiser, Holiday Marketplace, features 32 vendors selling a variety of crafts and handmade gift items. There will also be “Granny’s Attic,” which will have some delightful second-hand items to purchase. A delicious hot lunch will be served beginning at 11:00 AM and a bake sale table will be full of yummy homemade delights.

**WE NEED EVERYBODY’S HELP AND SUPPORT TO:**

- Bring baked goods to sell. Bring to the church beginning 12/9/13 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Donate Christmas decorations. Bring to the church beginning 12/9/13 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Donate White Elephant items. Bring to the church beginning 12/9/13 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Sign up to work a shift – at Granny’s Attic, the lunch serving line, bake sale, assist vendors with set up, unloading, etc.
- Attend, bring a friend, tell your relatives, friends and neighbors!

The church building is the Lord’s House and property of the community. It belongs to all of us. Please help us keep the building tidy. Pick up after yourself, as well as the rest of the church family. Put trash in the trash can, recycling in the recycle receptacles and hymnals and Bibles under the chairs. Thank you for your help.

**PROVIDENCE PRAYER TEAM**

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

**SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

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

**MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Don Draper, Jayne Mattingly, Margaret Waits, Milly Browning, Chuck and Charlene Carter (Beth Waits), Dolly Payne (Glen’s mother), Jack Coomer (Draper), Mary Betts Hodson (Norman Flynn’s niece), Claude E. Carter (Lena Rae Fern’s stepfather), Erica Thornton, Treva Adams (Brenda Coots’ sister), Tammy Vanover (Frank Coots’ Daughter), John Hufford (Joe’s brother), Kimberly Hodge, Paula Cull, Denise Turner (Sidebothams), Dylan Gash (Don’s nephew), Jack Musgrave (Ann Rea Anderson), Bob Krupski, Sarah Fitzhugh (John Krupski), Theresa McWhorter (Tammy Durham’s sister), Darlene and Daniel Barnes, Susie Holbrook (Jennifer Payne), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother), James Ruckman (Allene Fielder’s brother), Reece King (Linda Schweitzer), Laura Crawford (Flynn), Edythe Albrecht.

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