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Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

Humble people are full of gratitude. It is through the acknowledgement of blessings that they are made humble. It is through their humility that they are able to notice God’s abundant love in every day and every moment. The word *humility* comes from the Latin root *humus* – the soil of the earth from which the first human was created.

Matthew 5:5 says, *“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”* It is a beautiful cycle of humility and gratitude.

It is out of humility and gratitude that *“God so loved the world, he sent his only son,”* (John 3:16), *“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 on a cross”* (Philippians 2:6-8).

Advent, which means, “the Lord is coming” is here. We set aside four weeks every year to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ to be born anew in our lives on Christmas. The culture tries to pull us away from humility and gratitude and toward consumerism and arrogance. The culture tries to pull us into a season of greed and gluttony. The culture tries to pull us into calendars too full, debt and stress.

But God has another plan for us and the church offers something different – hope, peace, joy, and love. As we wait for the Christ child, let us turn toward God in humble gratitude for the abundance that already exists in our lives.

Merry Christmas!

Carol

An Opportunity to Serve

The CCK Board is in need of a male representative from our District (#6). The term is four years. There are two meetings each year, with occasional phone meetings as needed.

This is a great way to connect with other Disciples from around the State, and to know what is going on in our region.

Let Rev. Carol know by mid-December if you are interested in serving.

“A Christmas to Believe In” a wonderful beginning to the Christmas season!

Our amazing Providence Youth, under the capable direction of **Caron Tandy** and **Theresa Draper** presented this Christmas drama during worship service on the first Sunday of Advent.

Two teens are preparing to be in the annual church Christmas play, when one of them confesses that he’s not sure he believes in the Christmas story.



The other teen convinces him to listen to the story again before he makes up his mind to believe or not.

Thanks to **Glen Payne** for the photos.



December 13, 2014

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Our 7th 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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PCC Facebook Page

To make our Facebook page more fun and interactive, we have added new weekly features, including *Meet Our Members*, *Count Your Blessings* and *Bible Trivia*. Each person who comments on a post in December will be entered into a drawing for a PCC tote bag. Please send announcements, youth news and photos for the PCC Facebook page to Tammy Durham at durham.tammy@gswrc.org.

Count Your Blessings

Count Your Blessings is a new Outreach Committee project that allows PCC members to share God’s blessings in their lives. What things are you thankful for this week? How has God answered your prayers? Blessing Cards will be available in the pews as well as in the foyer for members to fill out.

The Blessing Cards can be placed in the Blessings Jar in the foyer or in the offering plate each week. Rev. Carol will share some of the blessings during Prayers/Joys, and Tammy will post some of the blessings on the PCC Facebook page.

Happening at Providence in December

- December 3 – 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- December 4 – 7:00 AM God & Country Meeting at Frisch’s
- December 7 – 12:15 PM Annual Congregational Meeting
We only gather once a year as a congregation to do the business of the church. And while you must be a member of Providence to vote, everyone has a voice. Providence is at its best when everyone participates; when everyone shares ideas and dreams; when everyone supports the ministry of Jesus Christ. Please support the ministry of this congregation by attending the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- December 13 – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Holiday Marketplace
- December 14 – 12:15 PM – Potluck and Board Meeting
- December 21 – 5:00 PM Longest Night Service
Advent can be a very difficult time for all of us who are struggling. It is especially emotional for those of us who have experienced loss and are mourning. “The Longest Night” will be a candlelight prayer service. Please join us for this service of healing.
- December 24 – 8:00 PM – Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
- 12/28/14 – 4th Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ

“Bodies in Motion” exercise class will NOT meet on 12/24, 12/26, and 12/31.

Each Sunday

- 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

- 6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Thursday

- 7:00 PM – Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Veltkamp	4
Makenzie Morton	11
David Hibbard	12
Angie Hibbard	13
Jerry Ward	18
Cynthia Sheldon	23
Kennan Coy	25
Lena Rae Fern	28
Tina Sidebotham	29

Providence Participates in Veteran’s Day Ceremony at Camp Nelson



Rev. Carol Devine, Johnetta Porter, and Marie Davenport participated in the Camp Nelson Veteran’s Day Ceremony in November.

Rev. Carol delivered the benediction to the ceremony and Johnetta Porter gave a powerful and stirring rendition of “America the Beautiful.” As a Blue Star Mother, Marie Davenport along with Dr. Cornelia Bingcamp placed the wreath.

PROVIDENCE 7TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Our biggest annual community event and fundraiser, Holiday Marketplace, features 32 vendors selling a variety of crafts and handmade gift items.

You can visit the Providence Women’s Service Group “Granny’s Attic,” which will have some delightful second-hand items to purchase. Or their Christmas Room for a variety of Christmas decorations and other items.

A delicious hot lunch will be served beginning at 11:00 AM and a bake sale table will be full of yummy homemade delights.

If you can help with any of the following, please contact Jackie Bellman at bellmans@windstream.net, 885-3196 or 420-2637.

One evening during the week (date will be decided)

Help needed moving boxes out of the attic that go into the Granny’s Attic or Christmas Room.

Saturday, December 13

- 7:30 to 9:30 AM Help vendors unload their products
- 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM Help in the kitchen, food prep, serving
- 1:30 to 3:00 PM. Kitchen clean up
- 3:00 to 6:00 PM Clean after the Marketplace ends. This is a MUCH NEEDED time of help.

We especially need folks with trucks to help take trash to dumpsters, bags of recyclables to the recycling centers, and some boxes to Goodwill. Please let Jackie know if you are able to do this.



2013 Holiday Marketplace “elves”



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.

Prayer Concerns

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rose Hall, Brenda Coats, Gloria Whitt, Brenda Watson, Apryl Tandy, Jayne Mattingly, Barbara Rutherford, Becky Herrell (Tina Sidebotham), Ariel Godbey (Coy), Mary Ramsey (Gloria Whitt’s mother), Tammy Vanover (Frank Coats’ daughter), Cindy McKinney (Anderson), Margaret Waits and her brother, Stanley Hicks, Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Cora Potter, (Eddie Cox), Allen Fielder, James Ruckman (Allene Fielder), Steve Carr (Nicole Hagy’s uncle), Barry Brown, Melissa Flynn-McClain, Laura Crawford, Mary Betts Hodson (Flynn), Mary and Lloyd Crockett (Sarah Walker), Jack Musgrave, Bill Turner (Ann Rea Anderson), John Fitzhugh and Sarah Fitzhugh (John Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother), Linda David.