

February 1, 2015



Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

February 18th, Ash Wednesday, is the first day of our 40-day (six-week) journey to the cross and preparation for the Resurrection. During Lent, we strip the sanctuary of decorations and ornamentations to parallel what we are also doing in our lives. Lent is a time of deep reflection and a deepening of our faith. In order strip away and to make room for God, I invite you to give up something for Lent. Give up soda, or meat, desserts, or fast food, Facebook, or television, etc.

In order to deepen your faith through reflection, take on something. Take up reading the Bible each day (read the Gospel of Mark), praying with someone else, or sit silently for 60 minutes.

I have had some kind of Lenten practice since I was about 12 years. I have done this, not because I was required to, but because of the profound effect it has had on my life. Giving up something or taking on something for six weeks provides a starting place, or practice ground that can lead to long-term change.

It is not overwhelming to commit to doing something for just six weeks. Make a change this Lenten Season – make more room for God in your life for six weeks. When you do, with an open heart, I am absolutely confident that you will be blessed by doing so.

Carol

Lenten Message from our Church Treasurer

People often give up something for Lent in reflection of the sacrifice of our Lord at Calvary.

The Providence Board would like to challenge you to place a monetary value on whatever you give up and set that money aside each day of each week. We are all then invited to bring that amount to church each week until Easter when we will celebrate the resurrection. Our goal for this special offering is one church mortgage payment of \$5,314.

For example: Give up a daily Starbucks coffee during the work week - \$4 x 5 days x 6 wks = \$120. Or give up eating out, or watching cable TV, or buying new clothes: \$25 x 6 wks = \$150.

As we remember the ultimate sacrifice of Christ, let's sacrifice something and pay down Providence's debt.

Bob Bellman

Welcome New Members! (Yes, Judi and Mary are sisters.)



Judi Roberts Reed joined on January 4th and was baptized on January 11th.



Mary Roberts Lanser joined on January 25th.

Two by Tuesdays: A Visitation Ministry

On the first Tuesday of each month you are invited to meet at church at 6:00 PM and join **John-Mark Hack** and others to visit and get to know people in our congregation.

Personal visitation has proven to be a good way of maintaining and increasing church membership. Inactive members deeply appreciate being called on, heard and recognized. Prospective members are grateful to know that there are people in their community who care about them and their families.

Going out in twos, as instructed by Christ, the pairs visit people suggested by the pastor or others in the church.

All visits are scheduled by the church office the previous week. For more information, contact Pastor Carol.

2015 Christian Unity Service January 25th, at Pax Christi Catholic Church

The 2015 Christian Unity Service at Pax Christi Catholic Church was attended by many Providence Youth and their families. Rev. Carol, along with our Regional Minister, Greg Alexander, participated in the service.

Our relationship with the Pax Christi congregation began years ago when they were building a new church and joined with Providence for Vacation Bible School.



This ecumenical relationship was then expanded to churches in the South Lexington area. In celebration of these congregations, Pax Christi installed a cross (photo left) with names of the founding congregations in their prayer garden. The prayer garden is open to all to enjoy a quiet, peaceful time of contemplation or meditation.



Happening at Providence in February

- February 1 – 5:00 PM – Youth Group Super Bowl Party at Rev. Carol’s house. Bring an appetizer. Youth and Parents invited.
- February 8 – 12:15 PM – Potluck and Board Meeting
- February 15 – 12:15 PM – Elders and Deacons Meetings following Sunday Worship
- February 18 – 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service
- February 22 – First Sunday of Lent - beginning of “The Last Week of Jesus” series of sermons by Rev. Carol (*see also below*)
- February 22 – 4th Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ
- February 25 – 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group

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*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Melody Ward	8
C. R. Gash	12
Ruth Delacey	14
Jennie Doane	14
Erin Roberts	16
George Dean	21
Kaylee Morton	21
Frank Coots	22
Martha Morrow	23
Wyatt McDonald	26
Gloria Whitt	27
Barbara Flynn	28
Bobby Payne	28
Tonya Wells	29

Relationship Enrichment Retreat Led by Rev. Ray Holdren, Pastoral Counselor

Open to all couples in a long-term relationship
Friday May 1 – Saturday, May 2, 2015
Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster

AN INVITATION TO INTIMACY: GOD’S BANQUET FOR LIFE

Breaking down “intimate” into smaller chunks, it becomes this: “I”, “time” and “mate”. Borrowing from Peggy Keinplatz, University of Ottawa, relationship intimacy can be reached by:

- 1) Being Present,
- 2) Being Authentic,
- 3) Having emotional connections,
- 4) Providing deep care and respect
- 5) Transcendence, a spiritual connection through and beyond sensing.

Relationship Intimacy then is the model we use for how we go through life together. Using the imagery from the Gospel of Matthew of being at God’s Banquet Table, in this retreat we will experience tastes of fun, relaxation, exploration, discovering and sharing toward the goal of stronger connections through our intimate relationships with God.

Lenten Sermon Series

During Lent, the sermon series will be “The Last Week of Jesus” based on the book *The Last Week*, by Marcus Borg and John Crossan.

- February 22nd – “Monday” Mark 11.12-19
- March 1st – “Tuesday” Mark 11.20-25
- March 8th – “Wednesday” Mark 14.1-11
- March 22nd – “Thursday” Mark 14.12-16
- March 29th – Palm Sunday “Friday” Mark 15.1-21
- April 5th – Easter Sunday Mark 16.1-8



CREATION CARE TEAM

Providence Christian Church is a Green Chalice Congregation! Under the initiative of Jenifer Payne a Creation Care Team was formed whose goal was to help Providence walk more gently on the earth.

Due to that commitment and work, PCC has qualified and received our certificate naming us a Green Chalice Congregation. The certificate will be soon be on display.

Talk to Jenifer if you would like to be involved in this great ministry. 230-8634 or Jenifer.h.payne@gmail.com

Walk for Warmth



Lexington Rescue Walk For Warmth
February 28 – 9:00 AM
Phoenix Park
100 E. Main Street
Help prevent homelessness by raising funds for families facing eviction or utility shutoff. 859-381-9600 or www.walkforwarmth.org

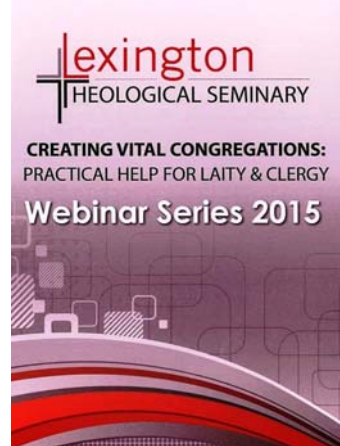
STEPHEN MINISTRY



INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

A Half-Day Workshop Featuring:
Session 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
Session 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry
Session 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

When: Saturday, February 28, 2015
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. (check-in and on-site registration begin at 8:00 A.M.)
Where: Central Christian Church
219 E. Short St.
Lexington, KY 40507
Cost: \$15 per person, or \$50 per congregation (four or more)
To Register:
Visit www.stephenministry.org/workshop or call Stephen Ministries at (314) 428-2600



More information contact:
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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

Jayne Mattingly, Rose Hall, Apryl Tandy, Mary Ramsey (Gloria Whitt’s mother), Tammy Vanover (Frank Coots’ daughter), Theresa Martin (Tackett), 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), Cindy McKinney, Jack Musgrave, Bill Turner (Anderson), John Fitzhugh and Sarah Fitzhugh (John Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother), Linda David.