



Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

I love snow. I love to watch it fall, dancing its way to the ground. I love the sparkle it brings to the dark landscape of winter, and silence it brings to our noisy world. I love how, when we get enough of it, it forces us to stay home more. I love to shovel the snow and to walk in it and play in it. I love snow.

I love the season of Lent, the six weeks before Easter. I love the simplicity and focus it brings to our worship at Providence and at home. I love the reminder Lent provides to be quiet, to be reverent, to slow down, strip away and refocus. I love that our Tradition forces us to concentrate on prayer, charity and repentance for six weeks. I love that so many of us live differently in Lent giving more time and energy to God. I love that during the six weeks of Lent, in Kentucky we move from winter to spring – which parallels our journey with Jesus to the cross and to the Resurrection.

I love spring. I love the brightness and lightness of green in early spring. I love the sound of the animals that seem to come alive. I love the rain and the sound and smell of the rain. I love the flowers that unbelievably come back each year. I love the warmth of the sun and the energy it provides. I love the hope that I feel for the world in the spring. I love spring.

We cannot have spring without winter. We cannot celebrate the Resurrection without first going to the cross. If you desire a deeper faith, a stronger connection with Jesus, and a more Godly spirit, do something about it. Attend worship every Sunday until Easter. Attend the Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week. Read the account of Jesus' last week in the Gospel of Mark beginning in chapter 11. Sacrifice something. Give of yourself. Give to the special mortgaaqe offering on Easter.

We cannot have spring without winter. We cannot fully experience Resurrection unless we first journey to the cross.

Carol

YOUTH GROUP TACO DINNER

March 8th – 12:15 PM



No need to bring a potluck dish the second Sunday in March.

The Youth and their parents will be providing the meal.

Please plan to stay after worship for delicious tacos and sides.

Donations for the meal will go to helping the Youth attend General Assembly this summer.

PROVIDENCE WEBSITE

<http://providenceccdoc.org>

Did you know:

- Carol's Sermon Manuscripts and NOW Sermon Audio are found on the Providence website.
- You can arrange to make your contributions by auto-deduction. It is easy to set up and very safe. Go to our website or see Bob Bellman for more information.

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.

- March 1st - "Tuesday" Mark 11.20-25
- March 8th - "Wednesday" Mark 14.1-11
- March 15th - "Thursday" Mark 14.12-16
- March 22nd - "Friday" Mark 15.1-21
- March 29th - Palm Sunday "Saturday"
- April 5th - Easter Sunday Mark 16.1-8

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2th, 7:00 PM - Gym/Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate Jesus' Last Supper

We will worship and remember while enjoying a simple meal of foods that Jesus and his disciples would have eaten as they celebrated the Passover. You will not want to miss this service

Providence Women's Service Group March Project

This month the Providence Women's Service Group is collecting new and gently-used suitcases, backpacks and duffle bags for foster care families.

Please bring your donations by March 22nd and place them in the designated spot in the church narthex beneath the coat rack.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

Make plans to attend now. More information available in the church office or go to <http://ga.disciples.org/registration/> register. Discount rate until April 1.

Two by Tuesdays: A Visitation Ministry

Our visitation ministry meets at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays to visit members, prospective members and others related to our congregation.

Everyone is welcome to join us in this ministry, as we go out in pairs to visit with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

This month, we will meet on the second Tuesday, March 10, at 6:00 PM, and we always finish by 8:00 PM. We hope you will join us.

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Happening at Providence in March

- March 8 – **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**
- March 8 – 12:15 PM – Youth Group Taco Dinner (see also Page 1)
- March 8 – 1:00 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- March 10 – 6:00 PM – Two by Tuesday Visitation Ministry – All are invited to join in this visiting ministry. (see also Page 1)
- March 25 – 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group (see also Page 1 for March Service Project)

Coming up in April. . .

- April 2nd – 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service (see also Page 1)

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Randy Cox	3
Patsy Samples	17
Anna Tackett	21
Anneliese Blair Jones	21
Jennifer Robbins	24
Matthew Anderson	24
Mallory McDanald	31

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

Cost is \$185.50

Cliffview Retreat Center, Lancaster

INVITATION TO INTIMACY: GOD’S BANQUET FOR LIFE

Relationship Intimacy 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.

~ ~ REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 15TH ~ ~

Spring Conferences 2015

“Speak Up! Giving Voice to the Voiceless”

Saturday, April 18, 2105

Sinking Fork Christian Church, Hopkinsville
Rev. Linda Creason, Popular Kentucky Disciples Minister and Former Pastor of Bardwell Christian Church, Preaching Music with Deborah Garr, Music Minister, Seventh Street Christian Church, Paris

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington
Rev. Amy Gopp Vigne, former Executive Director of the Week of Compassion and current Director of Pastoral Care and Members Relations at Church World Service, Preaching Music with Nashville singer/songwriters Andra Moran, Disciples Recording Artist, and Sarah Williams. Kentucky’s own, Deborah Garr, Seventh Street Christian Church in Paris, will be there also to lend her musical gifts to the conference.

Woman-to-Woman Worldwide 2015 Israel and Palestine

Woman-to-Woman Worldwide is a program which helps women from the United States and Canada learn what life is like as a woman of faith in other countries around the world.

For Further Information, contact Linda Jones at linda@ccinky.net or by phone at 859-233-1391

Discovery Weekend for Women

June 5-7, 2015

Speaker: Dr. Penny Zeimer

Theme: *Whole Selves: Finding What We’ve Lost and Celebrating What We’ve Found*

Discovery Weekend Women’s Retreat is a time of spiritual renewal, relaxation, fellowship, worship and recreation. The weekend includes keynotes, discussion, lively music and meaningful worship.

The theme will address how we live whole lives in the midst of breaking news and broken times, places, communities, and words. And how can we live our lives whole?

Dr. Penny Ziemer is an ordained minister with the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ). In 1994, Penny was called to First Christian Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, as Minister of Spiritual Enrichment where she still leads a Disciples Women’s Reflection/Prayer group. Penny teaches religion, literature and public speaking classes at Mt. Olive College. She has also taught a course in spiritual formation for the Christian Church in North Carolina Lay Academy. Penny currently serves as pastor for Carr Memorial Christian Church in Clinton, NC.

Friday Registration: 4:00 pm

First Session: following dinner

Sunday closing: 11:30 am

For more information go to

<http://www.christmount.org/discoveryweekend>



Twin Pines Christian Church is hosting a 12-week GriefShare grief recovery seminar and support group. GriefShare begins on Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30-8:30 PM, with Rev. Bennie Braddick leading the first seminar. Regardless of where someone may be in their grieving process - sometimes it helps just to talk with others who have lost someone they love. Interested persons can come to the first session to view a video and share in a support group discussion to see if GriefShare is right for them.

Melissa Hall and Sarah Chapman will be lead facilitators for the remaining sessions that begin March 10 - May 26, 2015. *It is not necessary that every session be attended.* GriefShare sessions will be held at Twin Pines Christian Church, 1139 Tanbark Rd., Lexington, KY in the Adult Study Room. Registration Form: <https://fs17.formsite.com/twinpinescc/GriefLead/index.html>.

Additional questions can be directed to the Twin Pines Christian Church office at 859-271-6711 or tpcc@twinpinescc.org.

Prayer Concerns

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jayne Mattingly, Evan Wayne (Coy), Eddie Dean Cox, Rose Hall, Tim Miller (Kinnard) Apryl Tandy, Mary Ramsey (Gloria Whitt’s mother), Tammy Vanover (Frank Coots’ daughter), Margaret Waits and her brother, Stanley Hicks, Kevin Boschert (McDanald), 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.

~ Please contact the Church Office with additions or corrections. ~