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# Providence Prophet

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## Message from our Pastor

On Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, I woke up early in the morning and walked two and one-half miles to the EcoAmerica Offices in Washington D.C. I was one of about 20 people invited to their office to watch Pope Francis through the window as he arrived at St. Matthew’s Cathedral. Twelve motorcycles followed by a motorcade of black SUV’s and a tiny black Fiat car pulled up to the Cathedral right in front of our windows. Pope Francis got out of his car, straightened his robe and turned and waved to us before entering the Cathedral. We celebrated and then we turned from the windows to the large television to watch his address to the U.S. Bishops and Cardinals. I want to share some of the highlights of that speech:

*“I would ask you to share my affection and spiritual closeness with the People of God throughout this vast land. The heart of the Pope expands to include everyone. To testify to the immensity of God’s love is the heart of the mission entrusted to the Successor of Peter, the Vicar of the One who on the cross embraced the whole of mankind. May no member of Christ’s Body and the American people feel excluded from the Pope’s embrace.... May the Pope be not simply a name but a felt presence, sustaining the fervent plea of the Bride: “Come, Lord!” Whenever a hand reaches out to do good or to show the love of Christ, to dry a tear or bring comfort to the lonely, to show the way to the one who is lost or to console a broken heart, to help the fallen or to teach those thirsting for truth, to forgive or to offer a new start in God... know that the Pope is at your side and supports you. He puts his hand on your own, a hand wrinkled with age, but by God’s grace, still able to support and encourage....*

*“We need to let the Lord’s words echo constantly in our hearts: ‘Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, who am meek and humble of heart, and you will find refreshment for your souls.’ (Mt 11.28-30). Jesus’ yoke is a yoke of love and thus a pledge of refreshment. At times in our work we can be burdened by a sense of loneliness and so, feel the heaviness of the yoke that we forget that we have received it from the Lord. It seems to be ours alone, and so we drag it like weary oxen working a dry field, troubled by the thought that we are laboring in vain. We can forget the profound refreshment which is indissolubly linked to the One who has made us this promise. We need to learn from Jesus, or better to learn Jesus, meek and humble; to enter into his meekness and his humility by contemplating his way of acting....And to remember that Jesus’ church is kept whole not by ‘consuming fire from heaven’ (Lk 9.54), but by the secret warmth of the Spirit, who ‘heals what is wounded, bends what is rigid, straightens what is crooked.’”*

May our yokes be easy and our burdens light as together we do the work of Christ where we are. I am so blessed to be your Pastor,

**Carol**

## Message From Velma Tim, Youth Director



*“I am so excited to join this wonderful church family and to serve as Youth Director! I have met many of you and I can say for certain that Providence is a community that embodies the love of Christ, revealing that love to the world.*

*The Providence Youth are a smart and gifted group that I am excited to serve, and look forward to God’s work in the days ahead!” #youthgroupocks*

**Velma**

Velma is a student at Asbury Theological Seminary. In 1997 she attended Bible College in Cameroon. She has served as a missionary in Cameroon, Nigeria, Guinea and Sierra Leone; conducted leadership conferences in Liberia, Ghana, Kenya and Cote D’Ivoire.

In 2008, she pioneered a youth ministry in Liberia, which now reaches more than five hundred youth weekly. Programs include an after-school program, youth camps, women’s conferences and church leader conferences for pastors and missionaries. We welcome Velma and feel truly blessed by her energy, enthusiasm and spirit! To see a video of Velma sharing the story of her faith journey, please visit the

Providence website (<http://providenceccdoc.org>).

## CROP Walk 2015 Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

The Providence Youth, family, friends – and one pet – enjoyed beautiful weather for the 2015 CROP Walk to end hunger.

THANK YOU to all those who participated and to all those who have donated so far.

There is still time to donate to help the Providence Youth reach our goal.

Visit the Providence website, click on “Crop Walk” and donate online.



**PROVIDENCE WEBSITE** <http://providenceccdoc.org>

- 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.

## Happening at Providence in October

- October 4 9:30 AM – Rev. Carol’s radio address can be heard the first Sunday of each month. Tune your radio to FM 105.9 or go to <http://www.wnjkfm.com/listen/live>
- October 4 World Communion Sunday – We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper by intinction.
- October 6 6:00 PM – Two by Tuesday Visitation Ministry
- October 10 *Lexington-Jessamine Syria Reception – see flyer attached to email and posted on bulletin board*
- October 11 12:15 PM – All Church Potluck
- October 11 1:00 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- October 15 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group Meeting – Location TBD
- October 18 Children’s Sabbath – Bring all the children in your life to share this great Worship Service.
- October 18 1:30 PM – *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith will celebrate their annual Harvest Festival*
- October 25 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ
- October 28 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**

- 7:00 PM *Choir Rehearsal*
- 7:00 PM *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*

**Each Thursday**

- 7:00 PM – *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sydney Robbins	4
Judy Krupski	5
Roger Stacey	8
Will Hibbard	11
Pauline Burger	12
Debbie Lynch	14
Triston Cox	15
Jenifer Payne	15
Josh Sumeracki	23
Brad Sumeracki	30
Evan Hamilton Bullock	31

### Opportunities to Give, to Serve

► **Providence Women’s Service Group**

The Women’s Service Group is collecting new, unopened, personal-size toiletries for the Hope Center – soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc. – during the month of October. We will have a basket in the church narthex for dropping them off.



► **Volunteers needed Hospice of the Bluegrass**

Hospice of the Bluegrass is looking for individuals to serve as receptionist at our Lexington/Jessamine County clinical office, 2409 Members Way in Lexington. Receptionists are needed for either morning (9:00 AM to noon) or afternoon (1:00 to 4:00 PM) shifts on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays (your choice). If the stated hours don’t work for you, we will work with you to find a fit. No special background or experience is required to volunteer for Hospice of the Bluegrass, just a willingness to help.

New volunteer orientation is scheduled for Monday, October 12th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. For more information on the orientation or becoming a volunteer, please contact Gwynn Siemen at 859-296-6116. If you are unable to attend the scheduled orientation, arrangements can be made.

► **Jessamine County Food Bank**

*Operated by Nicholasville Christian Church*  
 104 S. Second St., Nicholasville 885-4311

The Jessamine County Food Pantry continues to see an increase in the number of needy families in our community. In August they served the most families ever – 341! And 51 of those were NEW families that have never before received food from the pantry. At Providence we have our own Food Pantry that specifically serves low-income Hospice families but we also support the JC Food Pantry. If you are so moved, please support the JC Food Pantry.

► **Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign 2015**

Sign up to be a Bell Ringer! Choose from numerous locations, dates and times around Nicholasville and Lexington. There is a sign-up sheet on the information table in the church narthex.



**Disciples Women’s Ministries Fall Retreats 2015**

**Registration Forms are available in the Church Office**

- October 24-25 Barren River State Resort Park in Lucas, KY. Fee of \$30 and registration form due to CCK by October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- November 13-15 a silent retreat at Knobs Haven Retreat House in Loretto, KY. Scholarships may be available. Contact Linda Jones at 859-233-1391.



**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

*The Providence Holiday Marketplace is our biggest community event of the year. Now in its 8th year, the Marketplace has evolved from a small church bazaar.... to that of a large gym full of holiday spirit, music, shoppers, vendors, the smell of homemade baked goods, and a warm lunch being prepared to sell to our shoppers and vendors. No matter the weather outside, inside the atmosphere is warm and welcoming!*

- Featuring:**
- 32 vendors of crafts and handmade gifts
  - *Granny’s Attic and The Holiday Room* for delightful second-hand items
  - Delicious hot lunch and baked goods

*Mark your calendar now to come out and support the church in our biggest event of the year!*

**Granny’s Attic and The Holiday Room**

*The Providence Women’s Service Group is collecting items for sale again this year for these delightful “booths” at the Providence Holiday Marketplace.*

*“One person’s junk is another’s treasure” – so clean out closets, box up those “white elephants” and “vintage” holiday things and bring them to church the last week of October through November 11<sup>th</sup>. You can leave them in the church office during the week M-F between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.*

**MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED**

**July, August and September 2015**

Thank you to families, loved ones and all who donated memorial gifts during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015.

Gifts totaled **\$1,690.00** in memory of the following:

- Milly Browning
- Don Draper
- Brian Durham
- Joe Hufford
- Mary Ramsey

## Prayer Concerns

**PRAYERS FOR OUR PEACE OFFICERS:** The families and loved ones of our peace officers who have lost their lives.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION:**

*Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders, our military and all who serve our nation:* Eric Heathman, Ricky Highnote, Jacob Durbin, Donnie Thornton, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Matthew Hufford (Peace Corps.)

**MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Morgan Walker (Bellman), Jayne Mattingly, Tammy Vanover, Joyce Hack, Becky Herrell (Sidebotham), David Potter (Eddie Cox), Cindy Clifton Watts (Fielder), John Breeding, Kelly Ambrose (Sarah Downs), Margaret Barriger (Doane), Mike Hanley, Delores Dove (Draper), Leon Cissell (Hack), Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Evan Wayne (Coy), Apryl Tandy, Margaret Waits and her brother, Stanley Hicks, Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Allen Fielder, Mike Flynn, Laura Crawford, Mary Betts Hodson (Flynn), Lloyd Crockett (Sarah Walker), Cindy McKinney, Bill Turner (Anderson), John Fitzhugh and Sarah Fitzhugh, Baby Anna Grace Yanantuono (Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother), Linda David.