



Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

I recently attended a clergy preparedness training for disaster that mostly focused on active shooters in our churches. While I learned a lot, it was quite stressful. I felt my heart rate increase and my body tense up during the police officer's presentation. More than once during the training, I realized I was holding my breath. At those times, I turned my heart back to God, took a deep breath and relaxed my body.

I recalled a study that looked at people's perceptions of danger. In summary, the more people surround themselves or are inundated with violence and guns, the more danger they perceive, even when the actual threat of danger has not changed. I was in no more danger after my training than before, but my perception had definitely changed. And while I am glad I attended the training and I think it is helpful for all of us to have knowledge about what we should do in a disaster, we cannot allow that knowledge to skew our reality.

Although we are inundated with violence through the media, we cannot allow the news to change our hearts. Darkness or evil (or whatever word we want to use) wants us to live in fear and anxiety. We are followers of the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World, Love incarnate. We reject a life of fear, distrust, and self-centeredness. We embrace a life of serenity, of trust, and of joy.

Pay attention to your body, to your breath, and to your thoughts. Take a break from the news, breathe in deeply and return your heart to God and walk in the light of Christ.

Honored and Blessed to be your Pastor!

Carol



P.S. Check out my Green Chalice article in the Disciples Home Mission Just Women magazine. A copy is posted on the church bulletin board or go to this link to order a copy:

www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/dhm-ministries/disciples-women/disciples-women-store/just-women-magazine/

PROVIDENCE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 11-14, 2016

6:30-8:00 PM

Preschool (age 4) to 5th Grade

We won't be traveling to the Olympic games in Rio this summer, but we will be learning how perseverance, strength and endurance are needed when we choose to "Go for God!"

Let the Games begin!

Registration forms are available on the welcome table or call the church office to register now.

Celebration of Velma Tim's Ministry, July 10th at the All Church Potluck

Velma Tim, our Youth Director since September 2015, is moving on to explore other areas of ministry as of the end of June 2016. We will celebrate her time with us at the July 10th church potluck.

MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

Second Quarter 2016

Thank you to families, loved ones and all who donated memorial gifts during the second quarter of 2016.

Gifts totaled \$665.00

in memory of

**Shaina Whitt
Margaret Waits
Tammy Vanover**

From our Membership and Evangelism Committee

We want to know what you think

Due to some changes the Providence Membership Survey mentioned in last month's newsletter has been delayed but will be released this month. Watch your email inbox or mailbox and let us know what you think. Let's keep our church healthy and on task.

The "E" Word

We have formed an "E" Word group and there is still time for you to join. Our group is set to embark on a six-session exploration of "evangelism," a journey that will take us down a non-traditional pathway called *The "E" Word*. It is a video/workbook program designed by our own Greg Alexander (Regional Minister DOC). These sessions will meet once a week for 30 minutes to an hour, and will debunk the usual "myths" about evangelism. All the videos and workbooks are on-line for preview. Go to <http://vimeo.com/109621061> to view the first video in the series. To join this evangelism training class, please contact John Downs, Membership and Evangelism Committee, 859-797-1949 or spudowns1@live.com. We will recognize gifts we already possess and how these gifts build bridges of relationships to Jesus.

Happening at Providence in July

- July 4 Independence Day Holiday – the Church office will be closed
- July 9 8:00 AM – Providence Habitat Workday – Workers still needed; Sign up sheet in the narthex. Lunch provided. See link also: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B28pkqSIMZpuQXFcRZWGpkTG5OSHVWdnloeV9OVUjrVVpj>
- July 10 12:00 PM – All-church potluck and Celebration of Velma Tim Ministry
- July 10 1:00 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- July 10 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- July 11-14 6:30 – 8:00 PM – Vacation Bible School (see also 1st page)
- July 21 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group Meeting – location TBD
- July 24 4th Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ
- July 25 6:30 PM Providence Book Club meeting at Joseph Beth Booksellers
- July 27 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group

IN AUGUST: Children’s Worship & Wonder will not meet in August. Children will remain and worship with their families OR those 5 and under may go to the Nursery.

Each Sunday

1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

NO Youth Group and Christian Children Children’s Fellowship during the summer

Each 2nd Sunday

2:00 PM Worship Service at Bridgepointe

Each Monday, Friday – Summer Schedule

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class

Each Tuesday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal is suspended for the summer; will resume August 10th

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Thursday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evanaelical Faith



200th Anniversary Providence Cookbook

Our cookbook project is wrapping up but there is still time to get your recipes in. Email recipes to carl.waits@twc.com or drop off at the church office. Categories are:

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| 1) Appetizers/Beverages | 5) Breads & Rolls |
| 2) Soups & Salads | 6) Desserts |
| 3) Vegetables/Sides | 7) This & That |
| 4) Main Dishes | |

Women’s Service Group News

We had a great response to our recent Church World Service Hygiene Kit project. Thanks to all who participated. We received donations enough to ship 28 kits!

Our current project runs through the month of August while we collect new, unopened, personal-size toiletries for the Hope Center. When you travel during the summer and stay at a hotel, save those unused toiletry items – soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc. – and bring them to place in the donation box in the church narthex.



All Church Cleanup

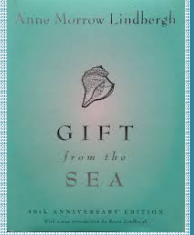
Thank you Jackie Bellman for coordinating our all-church cleanup and all the dedicated volunteers who pitched in to clean up the church!



Providence Book Club

The July 25th meeting will be held at 6:30 PM, at the Bronte Bistro at Joseph Beth Booksellers. Our book choice for discussion is *Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

Join us for a delightful, thought-provoking evening with friends who love to read.



Save the Date!

September 22-24
Christian Church in Kentucky
2016 BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY

Mission First Gatherings

All Disciples are invited to participate in Mission First! Gatherings and share their congregation’s particular passion within God’s larger mission and be inspired to action by the stories of others.

Host Mission First! sites in Kentucky are:

- Aug 7th – FCC, Danville – 3-5pm (EDT)
- Aug 10th – FCC, Mt. Sterling 6-8pm (EDT)
- Aug 14th – FCC, Lawrenceburg 3-5pm (EDT)
- Aug 17th – Central CC, Lexington 6:30 – 8:30pm
- Aug 21st – Jeffersontown CC, 3-5pm (EDT)



Prayer Concerns

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: Jacob Durbin, Ricky Highnote, Donnie Thornton, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, First Responders.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Harold Waits, Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Vicky Clark (Burger), Megan Mattingly-Arthur (Joy and Jayne Mattingly), Kamrie Deanne Neal (Paisli and Presli Neal), Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Jean Christian (Hufford), Jayne Mattingly, Graham Blodgett (Hagy), David Potter (Eddie Cox), Margaret Barriger (Doane), Allen Fielder, Mike Hanley (Draper), Joyce Hack, Evan Wayne (Coy), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Laura Crawford, Mary Betts Hodson (Flynn), Lloyd Crockett (Sarah Walker), Bill Turner, baby Anna Grace Yanantuono, John Fitzhugh and Sarah Fitzhugh (Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother.)

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