



# Providence Prophet

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## Message from our Pastor

*Big News! Providence has been awarded a Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal grant.\* The grant was submitted by the Pastoral Committee with the support of the Board this past spring. This grant is awarded to over 100 congregations from different denominations all across the U.S. in order to support Sabbath time for pastors and to strengthen congregations. Money from the grant will support a Food and Faith focused summer for 2017 that will include two women's clergy retreats, a congregation-wide book study, a special guest speaker, a cooking class, a guest preacher/pastor, and a summer off for me that will include a trip with my family to Italy, the home of the slow food movement. Besides traveling, during my summer off, I will visit other churches (and take notes), read a lot of books, eat good food and reconnect with my Lord and Savior.*

*In April 2017, I will celebrate five fabulous years at Providence. It has been an absolute honor and blessing to serve as your pastor and to journey in faith with you. But my time has had some challenges. I have presided over the funerals of 32 people (half were members and half were Providence family and friends) on top of preaching, teaching adults and youth, leading youth group, pastoral care, administrative tasks, and representing Providence in the community and state.*

*Since coming to Providence, all three of my children have gone off to college, my sister and her family moved away, my step grandparents passed away, my father has had health problems and we have buried several friends.*

*So in 2017, we will celebrate Providence' bicentennial in a big way and then I will take some time off for rest, renewal and re-centering. While apart, we will all explore the connection of food to our faith from The Lord's Table to every table we eat around (including laps). Psalm 107 says, "For [God] satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." We all imagine together God's great banquet with abundant, delicious, good foods.*

*The world is longing for God and God's abundance in their bodies and in their spirits. Perhaps Providence can be a model to the church by answering that longing through our community garden and potlucks, food delivery and backpacks for school kids, by breaking good bread together, by eating "good things," and thereby allowing the world to taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us all seek God's direction and guidance as we discern our next steps as individuals and as the church to live out the gospel in this time and in this place.*

*Blessed and Humbled to be your Pastor!*

**Carol**

*\*P.S. The Lilly Foundation has asked that this announcement not be publicized in the media (including social media) until mid-October.*

## YOUTH GROUP TACO DINNER

September 11 – 12:15 PM



No need to bring a potluck dish on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Youth and their parents will be providing the meal.

Please plan to stay after worship for delicious tacos and sides. Donations go to raise money for our 2017 Youth Mission Trip.



## Youth News

We are delighted to welcome back **Moe Morris**, our Youth Director, as we look forward and plan a busy schedule of upcoming activities and Mission Trips.

- On September 11, Lloyd Monroe, Founder/Director, Porch de Salomon a mission site in Guatemala, will be our guest preacher. Since 2006 mission teams have built over 65 houses for impoverished indigenous families. They have also sponsored dental and medical clinics in surrounding villages and teams provide year-round, humanitarian relief to indigenous people including food, clean water, infant relief, medicine, school scholarships, substance abuse recovery, counseling, and more. They operate Salomon's Porch café and encourage high-impact spiritual growth in individuals and congregations through their involvement in Porch's work.
- September 11 – 12:00 PM – Youth Group Taco Dinner (see box above)
- September 17 – 1:30 PM – Youth Group Spiritual Retreat begins and will run until 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. For additional details, contact Moe.
- September 25 – 3:30 PM – CROP WALK for Hunger – The children and youth will be participating in the CROP Walk for Hunger, which supports area God's Pantries as well as global food programs. The youth are collecting donations and registering additional walkers in the narthex September 4<sup>th</sup> through September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please consider walking with us this year! You can also support our team online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/lexingtonky/pccyouth> or donate at church. The youth group will also have coffee cans available to collect change in the Sunday School rooms and the Narthex. Please bring your spare change in September and support an end to hunger.

## Welcome Back, Moe!



The Morris Family – Moe, Angela and son, Gideon

## Happening at Providence in September

- September 5 Labor Day Holiday – the Church office will be closed. No “Bodies in Motion” Exercise class today – but classes will resume Wednesday this week and continue M-W-F schedule.
- September 4 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe

- September 11 Worship – Lloyd Monroe will be our Guest Preacher – Founder/Director of Porch de Salomon mission site in Guatemala  
12:00 PM – Youth Group Taco Dinner (see also 1<sup>st</sup> page, Youth News)



Lloyd Monroe

- September 11 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- September 15 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group Meeting – location TBD
- September 17 1:30 PM – Youth Group Spiritual Retreat (see also 1<sup>st</sup> page, Youth News)
- September 22-24 Christian Church in Kentucky Biennial Assembly  
Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington
- September 25 3:30 PM – CROP Walk (see also 1<sup>st</sup> page, Youth News)
- September 25 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ
- September 26 5:30 PM Providence Book Club meeting at Joseph Beth Booksellers
- September 28 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group

### Each Sunday

1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith  
5:00 – 7:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children Children’s Fellowship

### Each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

2:00 PM Worship Service at Bridgepointe

### Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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 (resumes August 10<sup>th</sup>)

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

### Each Thursday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

## Providence Book Club

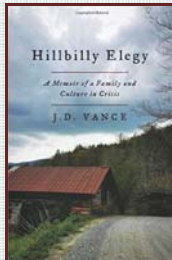
The September 26th meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at the Bronte Bistro at Joseph Beth Booksellers. Our book choice for discussion this month is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance.

From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America’s white working class.

Upcoming book selections are:

October: *The Secrets of Mary Bowser* by Lois Leveen, based on the remarkable true story of a courageous slave woman willing to sacrifice her freedom to change the course of history.

November: *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, a provocative novel of morality and miracles, science and sacrifice set in the Amazon forest.



## Christian Church in Kentucky 2016 BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY September 22-24

All are encouraged to attend – any part or all – and if you wish to serve as a delegate, please see Rev. Carol.

Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY

## Providence Family Chrismon Project

Chrismons are hand-made white and gold decorations made from Christian symbols used to decorate Christmas Trees in churches (see examples).

Ours are getting old and worn, so we are asking every Providence Household to make at least one Chrismon this year to decorate our tree on November 27, 2016 (First Sunday of Advent).

The Steps are as Follows:

As a family, choose the Christian symbol(s) you want to use.

Options Found Here:

<http://www.ezartsncrafts.com/christiansymbols.html>

Let Providence know what Symbol you have chosen by emailing [marie@providenceccdoc.org](mailto:marie@providenceccdoc.org)

Purchase a kit or your supplies at:

<http://christiansymbolkits.com/index.php/shop/single-patterns>

For Instructions and supplies for Felt Chrismons:

<http://www.ezartsncrafts.com/whatyouwillneed.html>

For Instructions and supplies for styrofoam or beaded Chrismons:

<http://www.umcs.org/chrismons/making.htm>



## Providence Women’s Retreat

### “Self-Compassion”

November 4-5, 2016

Givens House, Stanford, KY

Led by Spiritual Director, Lisa Maas

“Love your neighbor as yourselves.” In order to love and have compassion for others, we must first love and have compassion for ourselves. Our retreat will be all about self care and will include good food, good beds, laughter and spiritual work.

Registration forms available in the narthex, or request from the office. (Scholarships are available, please see Rev. Carol.)

## Alzheimers and Memory Care Family Support Group

### Lexington Lantern

Phone: (859) 309-4867

When: Second Friday of every month at 10:00

Where: Family Dining Room

### Lexington-East Lantern

Phone: (859) 721-0350

When: Third Tuesday of every month at 5:30

Where: Family Dining Room

### Frankfort Lantern

Phone: (502) 226-7118

When: Second Thursday of Every Month at 5:30 p.m.

## 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, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlings and First Responders.

### MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Baby Austin and mother, Regina Bellman, Judi Toleman, Paul Hill (Pam Gardner), Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Dee Sidebotham, Megan Mattingly-Arthur, Dr. Sam Gehring (Fern), Fay Young, Cindy Clifton Watts, Johnnie Durbin (Fielder), Grover Rowe, Bill Hurt, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Vicky Clark (Burger), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Pierre Michon, (Payne), Jean Christian (Hufford), Graham Blodgett (Hagy), Cora Potter, Peggy Bobbies (Eddie Cox), Margaret Barriger (Doane), Allen Fielder, Mike Hanley (Draper), Evan Wayne (Coy), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Laura Crawford, Mary Betts Hodson (Flynn), Lloyd Crockett (Sarah Walker), Bill Turner, John Fitzhugh and Sarah Fitzhugh (Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother.)

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