



Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

As we all know, a life lived in gratitude is a healthier, happier and more hopeful life. What I had not considered, until I recently studied the Scripture about the healing of the 10 lepers, was that to be truly grateful we must first relinquish control of our lives to God. When we have deep gratitude for each and every little thing and every single relationship, we acknowledge God's control in our lives. Real gratitude takes us out of the driver's seat and puts Jesus there. What a marvelous realization!

I have a young friend who when life gets a little out of control says, "Jesus take the wheel." In moments of chaos or crisis, she realizes that she is not the best one to decide which path to take. But when we live fully and truly thankful lives every moment of every day, Jesus is always in the driver's seat.

November will be a season of gratitude for us at Providence. We will invite everyone to share the things you are grateful for. I encourage all of you to keep a gratitude list for this month. Keep it in a journal by your bed, carry a small notebook with you at all times, or post your list on your refrigerator. Add to it each day with very specific things for which you are grateful at that moment, never listing the same thing more than once. You may even add things that some people might deem negative because those things bring you closer to God and call you to a higher purpose. Your list is your own and can be very personal and very profound.

In a spirit of gratitude, we invite you to financially commit to Providence for 2017. We will bring our commitment cards forward during worship on November 6th. We serve and worship an awesome God. Let us delight in all of God's goodness that we experience every moment of every day.

Blessed and Honored to be your pastor,

Carol

Youth News from Moe

October flew by! November is upon us and ushering in the holiday season. Mix 94.5 should start playing Christmas music very soon. Pretty sure they call it "Mixmas."

In that spirit, I want to let you know that our youth group is selling Advent Calendars and poinsettias this season to raise money for our 2017 summer mission trips. We will sell the calendars at Holiday Marketplace as well as from now until November 30th in the narthex. We'll have an order form for the poinsettias in the bulletin this Sunday and next (Nov. 6 and 13) and the deadline for ordering is the 13th. Each youth can take your order at any time. If you want a calendar, hunt them down and ask. We will have a nativity scene option as well as one with Santa.

As always thank you so much for all the support you give the Youth at Providence throughout the year. We could not do the things we do without you.

Moe

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.ezartscrafts.com/christiansymbols.html>

Let Providence know what Symbol you have chosen by emailing 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.ezartscrafts.com/whatyouwillneed.html>

For Instructions and supplies for styrofoam or beaded

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



Commitment Sunday is November 6th

This is the time of year when we have the opportunity during our Stewardship and Finance campaign to reflect on our spiritual life, our blessings, and the needs of our church. We reflect on ways we can let God lead us in our daily lives, in prayer, in service and generosity as we prepare for the presentation of our Estimate of Giving cards for 2017.

We need your help to make Commitment Sunday for Budget 2017 a success. Providence members and friends have been mailed Estimate of Giving cards for 2017. We ask that you let God lead you as you consider your blessings and how much you can commit financially to the work and ministries of the church. Bring your completed Estimate of Giving Card with you to worship on Commitment Sunday.

For those of you who are new to Providence, we use these cards to make a covenant of money, time and talent that will allow us to strengthen our church ministries, pay Providence Christian Church bills and allow our church committees to better plan for our church future.

Remember, God will accept our gifts on the basis of what we have to give, not what we do not have (2 Corinthians 8:12). All gifts are greatly appreciated.



Saturday, November 12th
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Providence Holiday Marketplace is our biggest community event of the year. Now in its 9th 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 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

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. Clean out closets, box up those "white elephants" and "vintage" holiday things and bring them to church the last week of October through November 10th. You can leave them in the church office during the week M-F between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Happening at Providence in November

- **November 6** "Fall Back" to Standard Time
- November 6 Commitment Sunday at Providence (see also 1st page)
- November 12 10:00 AM – Providence Holiday Marketplace (see also 1st page)
- November 13 We will honor our veterans – Please bring photos for a display in the narthex and see Don Thornton, who will be in charge of coordinating the display. (see also below.)
- November 13 NO All-Church Potluck – Providence Board Meeting on Monday 11/14
2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- November 14 6:00 PM – Providence Board Meeting – The Board will take nominations for Deacons and Elders. If any church member has a recommendation for Deacon or Elder, please contact a Nominating Committee member: John Downs, Debbie Lynch or Gary Anderson.
- November 16 8:00 PM – Chimes Choir Rehearsal
- November 17 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group Meeting – location TBD
- November 20 6:00 PM – Community Thanksgiving Service at Providence
- **November 24** **Thanksgiving Day – the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday**
- November 27 Advent Sunday and 4th Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ
- November 28 5:30 PM Providence Book Club meeting at Joseph Beth Booksellers
- November 30 8:00 PM – Chimes Choir Rehearsal

Each Sunday

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

Each 2nd 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 10th)

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Thursday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Providence Women's Retreat "Self-Compassion"

November 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.)

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Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries 2016 Fall Retreats

Registration forms with further details available in the church office.

- November 11-13 at Barren River State Resort Park, Lucas, KY
"Love's in Need of Love Right Now!" Keynote speaker, Lisa Caldwell Reiss; musical leadership and performances by Andra Moran, Sarah Williams and Deborah Garr. Submit registration form and fee of \$30 by October 28 to CCK.
- November 11-13, Knobs Haven Retreat House in Loretto, KY
This silent retreat will be facilitated by Bonnie Fouts, Educator and KDWM Cabinet Member and Secretary. This event is limited to 15 women. Lodging, meals and registration are included in the cost of \$95 person. Submit registration form and fee by October 28 to CCK.

(Scholarships may be available through the Regional Office. Contact Linda Jones (859-233-1391 or linda@ccinky.net)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Schweitzer	1
Ashley Waits Hulsing	1
Kristen McDonald	3
Jennifer Sumeracki	3
Avery Whitt	3
Tegan Anderson	5
Triston Cox	15
Michael Doane	16
Sharon Gash	16
Terri Hazelwood	16
Michelle Roberts	18
Blake Roberts	19
Anaiah Bauta	29
Travis Ward	30



VETERANS DAY

The Central Kentucky Veterans Committee (CKVC) will host a Veterans Day Ceremony at Camp Nelson National Cemetery on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, at 11:00 AM. The ceremony will recognize six outstanding Veterans of Jessamine County as well as a WWII Veteran of the Women's Army Corp (WACs). Two of the six outstanding Veterans being recognized are members of Providence Christian Church, **Norman Flynn** and **Donnie Thornton**. The event will include a wreath laying ceremony followed by vocal performances by Beth Furr, Michael Priestly and Diggles Family Ministries, and patriotic music from the West Jessamine High School Band. Golf carts will be available for individuals needing transportation to and from their vehicles and the ceremony.

The November 10th edition of the *Jessamine Journal* will also honor six veterans from Jessamine County, including **Norman Flynn** and **Donnie Thornton**.



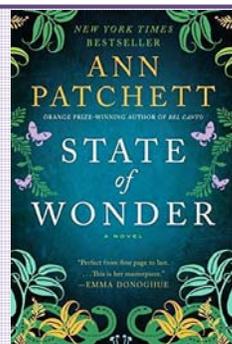
Youth Group Poinsettias For Sale

For the sanctuary in Memory/Honor of loved ones; or for personal use (gifts, etc.) Order forms will be in the bulletin on Sunday, November 6th and 13th (deadline.) Red or Jingle Bell (red and white) poinsettias are offered at \$15.00 each. We will also take orders at Holiday Marketplace.

Providence Book Club

The November 28th meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at the Bronte Bistro at Joseph Beth Booksellers. Our book choice for discussion this month is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, a provocative novel of morality and miracles, science and sacrifice set in the Amazon forest.

Our December meeting will be a planning meeting for the new year.



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 Bellman, Judi Toleman, Vicky Clark (Burger), Ellen Wilson (Doane), Rhonda Bland, Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Hurst, Elizabeth Miller (Paynes), Paul Hill (Pam Gardner), Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Dee Sidebotham, Megan Mattingly-Arthur, Cora Potter, Peggy Bobbies (Eddie Cox), Dr. Sam Gehring (Fern), Grover Rowe, Bill Hurt, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Fay Young, Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Jean Christian (Hufford), Graham Blodgett (Hagy), Margaret Barriger (Doane), Allen Fielder, Johnnie Durbin (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. ~