



Providence Prophet May 2017

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Page 2:
Calendars • Birthdays • Prayer Concerns • and more

101 Providence Way | Nicholasville, KY 40356 | (859) 272-3655
http://providenceccdoc.org | Rev. Carol L. Devine, Pastor

Message from our Pastor

My grandmother said, “you are what you eat.” And we all understand that eating junk food is bad for our bodies, but what and how we eat also affects our spiritual health. When I was a kid, fast food restaurants were a new thing. My grandparents’ generation mostly raised their children on the food that they grew. The process of preparing, eating and cleaning up from a meal was a family – slow – event. Mealtimes were sacred and spirits were nourished along with bodies.

We Disciples are People of the Table. Communion is central to our worship and to our theology. Each time we gather around the Lord’s Table we are reminded how we are connected to God through Christ, to one another, and to the earth. We are reminded of God’s love and endless grace. It is the most sacred time of the week.

In the September 2016 newsletter, I informed you that Providence was awarded a Food and Faith study grant by the Lilly Endowment. The grant is allowing me to take the summer off to rest, to study and read, and to travel to Italy in June. My family and I will visit Rome, Florence, Cinque Terre, and Venice together. John-Mark and I will visit the Lake Region of the northwest and I will spend a week alone at a spiritual retreat in Assisi. We will do a food tour and a farm tour. We will worship with Pope Francis and visit many sacred sites. Then in July and August, I will read a lot of books, do some much needed house work, and worship in different churches. In August, I will travel with a small group to Venezuela to connect with Disciple partners there and, in late August, I will attend a food and faith retreat with clergy women.

While I am gone Rev. Jerry Shepard will be your pastor and preacher. Jerry retired after serving 23 years at South Elkhorn and for many years (10+) at First Christian in Danville where I did my student ministry. Jerry is a strong man of faith and a good preacher and pastor. He and his wife, Candy, will worship with us May 28th and look forward to meeting you all. The grant will also pay for a guest speaker/preacher on Food and Faith, for each household to receive a Food and Faith book and for 30 PCC folks to attend a cooking class (see page 2).

Please pray for me as I will be praying for you. Stay active at Providence because God does not take a vacation and neither does the church. We will need VBS and Habitat workers. The grass will need to be mowed and the Hospice families will need food delivered. Our shut-ins will need to be visited and called. Our youth will be going on mission trips. And every Sunday at 10:45 AM the faithful will gather to worship God through songs, prayers, proclamation, offering and the Lord’s Supper because, “You are what you eat.”

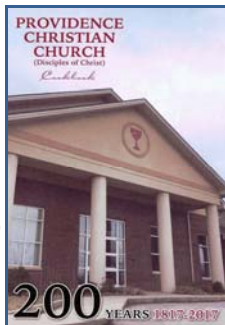
Humbled and Blessed to be your pastor!

Carol

Providence Bicentennial Celebration

May 20-21, 2017

- Last call for items such as photos (especially weddings) and other Providence memorabilia, please bring them to the church office. We will scan them or make copies and return to you promptly.
- 200th Anniversary Cookbook on sale now in the church narthex for \$10.00 each. They make great gifts, too!



~~~~~  
We need volunteers to bring items for our celebration. We have a sign-up sheet in the church narthex, or call Carl Waits 948-5527, or the church Office 272-3655:

#### Items for Cookout May 20, 2017

- Baked Beans
- Mac and Cheese
- Chips
- Homemade or store-bought ice cream
- Cookies or brownies
- Pies and cakes
- Drinks – soda, iced tea, lemonade, etc.

#### Items for reception after worship service May 21, 2017

- Finger foods – small sandwiches, fruit or vegetable trays, chips and dip
- Drinks – soda, iced tea, lemonade, etc.

### Weddings at Providence

For our 200<sup>th</sup>, we remember weddings that have taken place at Providence, combining and building families and adding to the future of our church community.



Left: July 31, 1971 wedding of Bob and Jackie Bellman at the old church building.

(Note the light fixtures which now grace the narthex and sanctuary or our new church.)

Below and right: Wedding of Martin and Sarah (Downs) Moesgaard, on April 17, 2017 – the most recent wedding at Providence.



## Happening at Providence in May

- May 12 7:00 PM – Ordination of Stephanie Finamore (*see also below*)
- May 14 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- May 15 6:00 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- May 18 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group meeting – Location TBD
- May 20 – 21 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (*see also 1<sup>st</sup> page*)
- May 22 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meeting at Bella Notte (*see also below*)
- May 24 9:30 AM – Women’s Service Group Meeting

Coming on June 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM Cooking Class (*see also below*)

### Each Sunday

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

### Each Monday, Wednesday (Summer Schedule)

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class

### Each Monday and Tuesday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

### Each Wednesday

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Each Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Brennon Sidebotham | 2  |
| Lee Walker         | 2  |
| Chelsea Sidebotham | 3  |
| Nathan Sumeracki   | 3  |
| Cailynn Coy        | 6  |
| Abigail Hibbard    | 9  |
| Eddie Cox          | 9  |
| James Morrow       | 11 |
| Clarke Toleman     | 11 |
| Dee Sidebotham     | 12 |
| Sarah Walker       | 12 |
| Lizzie Hibbard     | 14 |
| Sarah Downs        | 16 |
| Christine Coy      | 17 |
| Deborah Montgomery | 17 |
| Jesse Downs        | 19 |
| Emma Whitt         | 19 |
| Rebecca Sheldon    | 20 |
| Andrew Ward        | 20 |
| Carol Thornton     | 26 |
| Jan Downs          | 31 |
| Nicole Hagy        | 31 |
| Larry Kinnard      | 31 |
| Leland Smith       | 31 |

### Vacation Bible School at Providence

July 17-20, 2017

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Mark your calendar – details to follow



### Cooking Class at Wild Thyme Cooking

Providence is offering a free cooking class using local foods for 30 Providence friends (only one spot per household please). Get your name on the list by May 8<sup>th</sup> by emailing Rev. Carol or the church office. We will draw names to fill the spots and will notify everyone by May 12, 2017.

## Service of Ordination of Stephanie Marie Finamore

Please join us as we celebrate Stephanie’s ordination into Christian Ministry

Seven O’clock in the Evening

May 12, 2017

Providence Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
101 Providence Way  
Nicholasville, KY 40235

Reception to follow the service

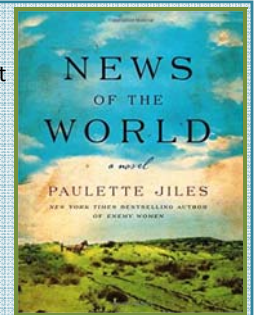
### Providence Book Club

We will meet May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 PM at Bella Notte Restaurant at Fayette Mall. Our book for discussion is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.

It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels northern Texas giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. In one town he is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to relatives in San Antonio, a journey of 400 miles through unsettled, dangerous territory.

Four years earlier, Johanna’s family was killed by a band of Kiowa raiders. She was spared and taken to be raised as one of their own. Now 10 years old, she has forgotten the English language, tries to escape at every opportunity, throws away her shoes and refuses to act “civilized.” The reunion with relatives – strangers who regard her as a burden – is neither happy nor welcome.

Exquisitely rendered and morally complex, *News of the World* is a brilliant work of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor and trust.



### NO FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS ALLOWED!

At a recent inspection by the KY State Fire Marshal these containers of flammable liquids were found on the premises and removed immediately. NEVER store flammable liquids on church property!



### Spring Clean Up Going on NOW!



- Let’s look our best for our celebration! Sign up for a room or space in the church you’re willing to clean at a time that is convenient for you. See the sign-up sheet in the church narthex.
- The church is open during the week: Mon. – Fri. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and Wed. 6:00 to 8:00 PM. If necessary, we can arrange for other times more convenient for you.

### Providence Legacy Fund

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of our church legacy this year by designating Providence in your Will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and adding your name to our Legacy Book. You can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to go to the church upon your death. Everyone can participate and there is no minimum participation level.

### 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

Zoey Downs, Susan Kinnard, Beth Waits, Lena Carter (Fern), Judi Toleman, Jerry Rutherford, Sung Bauta, Kevin Boschert, Linda Fauz, Judy Pierce, Jennifer Miller, Baby Gram Gauthier, Norman and Barbara Flynn, Dee Sidebotham, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Ivan Doane, Ellen Wilson, Margaret Barriger (Doane), Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Dr. Sam Gehring (Fern), Doris Stanley (Sumeracki), Janie Feaster, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Miller (Downs and Paynes), Megan Mattingly-Arthur, Elizabeth Hurst, Gene Shanks, Fran Charles (Hazelwood), Paul Hill (Pam Gardner), Jennifer Miller, Cashman Hawkins, Barbara Osten, (Eddie Cox), Grover Rowe, Bill Hurt, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Allen Fielder, Mike Hanley (Draper), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Jerry Jett, John Fitzhugh (Krupski).

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