



Providence Prophet July 2017

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From the Heart

Starting the day with a good run has been my habit for many years. One winter morning I was running west in the darkness when I turned to loop back toward the house and was stunned by the deep red light of sunrise that glowed behind the silhouette of stratus clouds. I was struck by the thought that that beautiful sunrise had been forming behind me, and I hadn't had a clue. All I had been aware of was the darkness.

Sometimes in life, events cast a dark shadow over us. The loss of a beloved friend or family member, a divorce, a loss of a job, a bad diagnosis can cover us in darkness and fill us with despair. What that sunrise reminded me of that morning was that God is at work behind the scenes ushering in a new day of light, beauty and hope. What happened to me that frosty morning was that I heard a sermon from nature. It is not the first time that has happened, and I pray it isn't the last time. I know I am not alone in hearing those sermons from nature. Jesuit priest, Mark Thibodeaux wrote: "Everyone in the course of a lifetime experiences rare and wonderful epiphanies in nature when God momentarily lifts the veil of our unknowing and shows us his face."

Have you had those moments when you observed something in nature as God "lifted the veil of unknowing," and you saw the face of God? I thought that it would be incredible to hear your stories of those sacred moments when God spoke to you through nature. You might even have some pictures of nature that have spoken God's word to you. Would you be willing to share your pictures and/or your stories with your church? I would like to have July 18th as the day that we share those pictures and stories in worship. So, please think back to those sacred moments when you heard a lesson about life in nature and let me know if you would be willing to share those moments with your church family. You can send your pictures and reflections to me at revjshepard@hotmail.com.

This Sunday, July 2, we will go back to the Garden of Eden in Genesis 2 and 3 as we look at God's design for life on this planet, humanity's disappointing response to God's design, and God's response to human betrayal. There are important lessons for our lives today in that well-known story. Sunday's sermon is, "Trouble in Paradise."

See you Sunday,

Jerry

Your Fair Share



2017-2018 Providence Mortgage Campaign

Our new Mortgage Campaign begins on July 9, 2017, with Commitment Sunday. We mailed you a letter, pledge card and worksheet detailing our 2017-2018 goal in the mail this past week.

Please remember Providence in your prayers as you consider what God asks you to do to contribute "Your Fair Share" and bring your pledge card on Commitment Sunday.

Bob Bellman
Campaign Chairperson



Youth Group Mission Trip June 17-24, 2017

Our youth group spent four days in the Urban Mission community in St. Louis, MO, worshipping, learning and working. We helped at a homeless shelter for families and worked with the kids in their summer camp; helped at a thrift store; cleaned a cemetery; gardened at a domestic violence center and then an urban farm. We learned a lot about all the great things good people are doing in the City of St. Louis, and also about the racial tensions that have existed there for some time. We toured an area called the "Delmar Divide" and learned just how clear a line between rich and poor can be.

It was not all work though! We went to the zoo, traveled to the top of the Arch and explored the City Museum. Our seven youth, one brave youth leader (**Jennifer Sumeracki**), and I had a great time and learned more about ourselves and the world we live in.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this trip possible. We are preparing a slide show of the highlights our trip to share on Youth Sunday, July 30th.

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Youth Group visiting the St. Louis Arch.

Stephanie (Finamore) Rolfe Receives Master of Divinity Degree

Stephanie Finamore Rolfe of Altoona, Pennsylvania, was awarded a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 14, 2017. Rolfe (nee Finamore) was ordained on May 12, 2017, at Providence Christian Church in Nicholasville, KY.

She and her husband, Jeffrey Rolfe, were married on May 21, 2017, at Jeffersontown Christian Church in Jeffersontown, KY.

Stephanie is a graduate of Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science.



Ordination of Stephanie Finamore Rolfe May 12, 2017

Happening at Providence in July

- July 4 **The Church Office will be closed for Independence Day Holiday.**
- July 8 8:00 AM - Providence Habitat Work Day (see also below)
- July 9 "Your Fair Share" Mortgage Campaign Commitment Sunday (see also 1st page)
- July 9 12:00 PM – All Church Potluck
- July 9 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- June 9 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- July 17-20 6:30 PM – Providence Vacation Bible School (see also below)
- July 20 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group meeting – Location TBD
- July 28 9:30 AM – Providence Women's Service Group Meeting
- July 31 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meeting at Bella Notte at Fayette Mall (see also below)

Each Sunday

1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith
12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children's Fellowship

Each Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Paisli Neal	2
Angela Morris	3
Caron Tandy	3
Pamela Hill Gardner	4
Todd Wells	5
Alex Jacobs	5
Harlee Barnett	7
Dona Renfro	8
Leah Turner	8
Bailey Dean Hobson	12
Walter Conn	13
Marti Bullock	14
Ethan Whitt	14
Tevy Toleman	15
Jesse Rhianne Coy	17
Stephanie Finamore	18
Carllen Bullock	19
Rose Hall	21
Beth Hufford	22
Seth Draper	26
Maddie Toleman	26
Ann Rea Anderson	28
Moe Morris	29

Habitat Providence Work Day – July 8, 2017

1785 Russell Cave Road, Lexington

We need workers and people to bring food for lunch for our Habitat Work Day. You can bring lunch food items to the church M-W-Th-F between 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the narthex. Contact Theresa Draper (859-312-1054 or tannd826@gmail.com) for more information.



Vacation Bible School at Providence

July 17-20, 2017 – 6:30 to 8:00 PM – Let's Party!

As Providence celebrates our 200th birthday this year VBS will be all about birthdays:

- Day 1 – Happy Birthday Earth! (Creation)
- Day 2 – Happy Birthday Jesus! (Christmas)
- Day 3 – Happy Birthday Christian Church (Pentecost)
- Day 4 – Happy Birthday Providence!

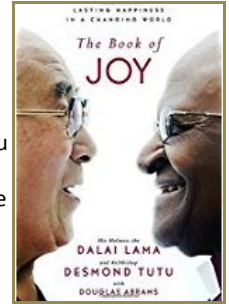
Children of all ages are invited. Children who are not fully potty trained must be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteers Needed – If you can help, contact Michelle Roberts at michelle.roberts@iessamine.kvschools.us

Providence Book Club

We will meet July 31st at 5:30 PM at Bella Notte Restaurant at Fayette Mall. Our book for discussion is *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World,* Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.



Food and Faith Cooking Class at Wild Thyme

As congregational participation in the Lilly Grant study of Food and Faith this summer, Providence members "cooked up some fun" at Wild Thyme Cooking in Lexington on June 9th.



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

Keith Wilson, Darlene Shelton (Thornton and Brown), Gay Herrin (Lanser), Barbara Osten and Missy Cook (Cox), Zoey Downs, Beth Waits, Lena Carter (Fern), Jerry Rutherford, Kevin Boschert, Harold Conn, Lucy Carpenter, Anna Lear (Conn), Angela Tate, Linda Fauz, Judy Pierce, Baby Gram Gauthier, Norman and Barbara Flynn, 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, Grover Rowe, Bill Hurt, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Allen Fielder, Mike Hanley (Draper), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow).

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