



## Providence Prophet August 2017

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### A Place at the Table

*I saw on Facebook a couple weeks ago an article from the Danville paper about Christian hospitality that was extended by a church member of First Christian Church. When First Christian decided to join in sponsoring a Syrian refugee family, Bob Ziesmer wondered how he could help the family. He decided that he could grow some vegetables that were native to Syria in order to provide a “taste of home,” to the refugee family. Bob did considerable research to know what to grow and in the process, a seed company got inspired by his idea and provided all the seeds he needed for free. Other church members came to Bob’s large garden to harvest the Syrian vegetables for the refugee family. I was inspired by Bob’s thoughtfulness and kindness. “That’s the kind of thing that real Christians do,” I said to myself.*

*Christians are welcoming people. We are inspired by our Lord who set a place at His table for disciples who would later betray and desert him. Jesus sat at table with sinners and the hated tax collectors like Zacchaeus. Jesus treated the blind, the lepers and the crippled with respect and dignity, while the rest of society treated them as accursed by God for “their sin”. (Did healthy people really think God hadn’t noticed their own sin?) And most importantly for each of us, Jesus sets a place at his table for us, though we are sinners too.*

*This message, that “you are accepted, you are valued, and you belong with us,” which is at the heart of Jesus’ ministry, is a powerful message that every human being longs to hear. But I am often saddened by hateful, holier-than-thou speech that comes out of the mouths of some Christians, excluding others who are different from them from a place at the table. Ironically, many hear such rhetoric and see such exclusions from Christians and they decide that if that is what Christians are like, they don’t want to be a part of Christianity. But when the same people see the actions of Bob from Danville, they say, “Count me in.” From outside of the church, people recognize when God is at work in acts of kindness, compassion and generosity and it draws people to God.*

*Jesus set a place at His table for sinners like you and me, so shouldn’t we set a place at the table for other imperfect human beings? If we are called to set a place at the table in our church, doesn’t it also follow that we should set a place at the table in our community and in our nation?*

**Jerry**

### New Providence Directory

We are producing a new, updated directory! As you know, our old one is quite out of date. We have joyfully, added many new members and sadly, lost some dear ones.

Please look at your directory and see if you want to update your photo, and change/add information to your listing. We will have copies of the current directory in the narthex for the next couple of Sundays for you to review. Also watch for a bulletin insert to fill out with changes/additions to your listing.

We welcome and include Providence friends in our directory, so please let us include your photo and contact information whether or not you are considering becoming a member.

We have a **firm deadline of August 31** to submit all changes. So get your contact information and updated photo to Marie in the church office. You can email a good quality digital photo to us, [marie@providenceccdoc.org](mailto:marie@providenceccdoc.org) or we can scan a photo.

### Kroger Community Rewards Program

The Community Rewards Program at Kroger gives Providence a percentage of your purchases if your Kroger card is enrolled for us. Good news – your membership now rolls over so you no longer have to re-enroll each year!

If you are not yet a participant, or if you want to change your organization, go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) or call 1-800-KROGERS option 3, and sign up for Providence.



## Happening at Providence in August

- August 13 12:00 PM – All Church Potluck
- August 13 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- August 13 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- August 17 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group meeting – Location TBD
- August 23 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group Meeting
- August 23 6:30 PM – Choir Rehearsal resumes weekly schedule
- August 28 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meeting at Bella Notte at Fayette Mall  
(see also below)
- August 31 Day of Prayer for Creation (details later)

### Each Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages)  
 10:45 AM Worship Service  
 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith  
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Fellowship

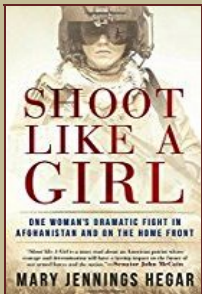
### Each Monday, Tuesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith  
**Each Monday, Wednesday** (Summer Schedule)  
 10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class  
**Each Wednesday** (beginning August 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Candy Shepard	2
Bob Bellman	9
Miriam Brown	10
Joy Mattingly	10
John-Mark Hack	12
Johnetta Porter	12
Katherine Hagy	18
Carol Wheat	18
John Downs	20
Kathryn Deann Draper	20
Linda Grubbs	21
Elijah Hack	22
Terry Bullock	24
Theresa Draper	26
Don Gash	27
Matthew Todd Wells	27
Brenda Coots	28
Sharon Heathman	28
Liam and Zoey Downs	29
Josh Hamilton	30
Brittany Jones	30
Ali Anderson	31

## Providence Book Club



We will meet August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at Bella Notte Restaurant at Fayette Mall. Our book for discussion is *Shoot Like a Girl* by Mary Jennings Hegar.

After being commissioned into the U.S. Air Force, MJ Hegar was selected for pilot training by the Air National Guard, finished at the top of her class, then served three tours in Afghanistan. Shot down while on a Medevac mission, and despite being wounded, she fought the enemy and saved the lives of her crew and their patients. Back at home, she would face a new battle: to give women who serve on the front lines the credit they deserve.

## Providence Women’s Service Group News

We have two collection projects going on through the month of August:



We are collecting individual size personal care items such as lotion, shampoo, soaps, etc. for Hope Center and other shelters.

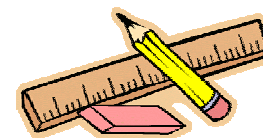
Personal-size items are available at many stores such as WalMart, Kroger, etc. Or, when you stay at a hotel, save those unused toiletry

items – soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc. – and bring them to place in the donation box in the church narthex.

We are collecting school supplies for our Church World Services School Supply Kits.



Now is a good time to find these items on sale. A list of supplies needed is available on the welcome table in the narthex. Take the list with you when you shop.



## 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

Jim Burger, Paul Hill (Pam Gardner), Charlie Slack, Linda Johnson (Bellman), Justin Stewart, Darlene Shelton (Thornton and Brown), Gay Herrin (Lanser), Barbara Osten and Missy Cook (Cox), Zoey Downs, Lena Carter (Fern), Jerry Rutherford, Kevin Boschert, Harold Conn, Lucy Carpenter, Anna Lear (Conn), 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), Jennifer Miller, Cashman Hawkins, Grover Rowe, Bill Hurt, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Allen Fielder, Mike Hanley (Draper), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow).