



Providence Prophet September 2017

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<http://providenceccdoc.org> | Rev. Carol L. Devine, Pastor

Farewell Jerry. . .

The first Sunday I preached at Providence, I noticed the clock on the wall at the back of the sanctuary. Many churches have clocks positioned in the back so the minister notes the time during the service and doesn't run over. (Everyone wants to beat the Baptists to the restaurants.) I quickly realized that the time on the clock was wrong and the hands of the clock never moved. I presumed that the batteries needed changing. "If the service is too long today, I bet the batteries will be changed next Sunday," I told myself. The next Sunday came and the hands of the clock had not moved. "Either the service wasn't too long last week or time has stopped at Providence Christian," I joked to myself. Eventually, I did get a friendly jab about the length of the services, but the clock never did change time.

I never examined that clock until today and I saw that it is an antique clock that doesn't even use batteries. I shouldn't have been surprised because the church building has many antiques from the old sanctuary. There are the stained glass windows, the chandeliers, the elders' chairs, and the old pulpit in the narthex. Some of the old has been integrated with the new when you moved to this new location.

That is of course, what has been done in the church for centuries. The church holds onto the old gospel of God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ, while it adapts itself to the new challenges of the world. In this ever changing world, the church must be ready to step out of the box (as Jan told us last Sunday), so the message of Christ can be recognized as beneficial (and essential) by the new generation. I have witnessed your concern for the next generation in the grandchildren that you bring to church. The question is, how can we keep our grandchildren and other people's grandchildren, engaged in the Christian faith? Faithful churches ask those kinds of questions.

Though the hands on that old clock in the sanctuary have not moved since I have been here, "time has not stopped at Providence Christian." It is time for me to conclude this summer interim. As of today, I am retired again and your wonderful pastor, Carol Devine, is back with you. It has been a pleasure and an honor being with you this summer. Thank you for your kindness shown to Candy and me. We value the new friendships we have made at Providence. Hopefully we will see you all again in the not too distant future.

Blessings in Christ,

Jerry

. . . and Welcome Back Carol

As they say in the movies, "I'm baaack!" While today, September 1st, is my first official day back, I have been transitioning back since Sunday in the hopes that I could ease into the shallow end of the pool. As I write this, my "to-do" list is already longer than the week, but I am so ready and excited to be back with my church family.

Thank you for the lovely welcome last Sunday. John-Mark and I received many hugs and kind words, notes and cards, a beautiful mum and (of course) delicious foods. Thank you for not only allowing us to take 12 weeks off but blessing us to do it. Please know that we sang your praises everywhere we visited. Thanks to Rev. Jerry Shepard for being a great pastor to you and blessing me with a worry-free sabbatical.

The trip to Italy was a dream come true— the sights, the sounds, the smells and, oh my goodness, the food! I spent the conclusion of my sabbatical time trying to lose the eight pounds I gained eating my way through our vacation. In addition to eating and sight-seeing, we worshipped all over Italy and in many of the Disciple's churches in our area. Our spirits were thirsty and we drank deeply.

I spent my last week in Italy alone in Assisi at a meditation retreat. I left more devoted to Saint Francis than when I arrived. I will be sharing my love for him with you in a five week sermon series, "Lessons from Saint Francis." I hope that by exploring his favorite scripture passages, we will all get to know him better and that as a result our own faith will be deepened.

Honored and Blessed to still be your pastor,

Carol

"The Sultan and the Saint" *

The Christian Church In Kentucky, the Catholic Diocese of Lexington and Lexington United Interfaith Encounters are working together to build on the cooperative inter-faith foundations that already exist in the greater Lexington area. We are asking you to join us in these efforts.

On September 19th, 7:00 PM, at the Kentucky Theater in downtown Lexington, this partnership will sponsor the showing of the docudrama "*The Sultan and the Saint.*" It is the true story of the risks for peace St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt took during the Crusades. We pray that this film will further our efforts to manifest peace and harmony among all persons of faith in the greater Lexington area and beyond.

The tickets are free! However, you do need to go to this website, sultansaintlexington.eventbrite.com to order them. Bring your friends, Sunday school class, CWF circle or just you and your family to this important event when people from many faith traditions will intentionally gather to promote love and peace and to make a bold witness to the power of God to unite us all in God's shalom.

Greg Alexander, General Minister CCINKY

(*see also poster on church bulletin board.)

Happening at Providence in September

- September 4 Labor Day Holiday – The Church Office will be closed.
- September 10 12:00 PM – All Church Potluck
- September 10 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- September 10 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- September 19 7:00 PM *The Sultan and the Saint* Docudrama at Kentucky Theater (see also 1st page)
- September 21 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group meeting – Location TBD
- September 24 CROP Walk – (see also Youth Calendar below)
- September 25 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meeting at Bella Notte at Fayette Mall (see also below)
- September 27 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group Meeting

Youth Group September Calendar

- September 3 Youth Group will not meet
- September 10 Turn in your application for Guatemala Mission Trip
- September 17 Meet at Crestwood 4:00-6:00 PM – Make signs for CROP Walk and Pizza Party
- September 24 CROP Walk (see details below)

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

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Bellman	4
Sarah Hack	4
Barry Brown	6
Creighton Jones	11
Mary Lanser	12
Charthorn Renfro	19
Judi Jones-Toleman	20
Norman Flynn	21
Mia Anderson	23
Aiden Downs	29
Janice Morton	29
Don Thornton	30



Youth Group

The Youth Group is looking forward to another busy, fulfilling year! We began with a “back-to-school” cookout at Jenifer and Glen Payne’s and surprised Moe and Angela with a baby shower for the newest member of their family expected to arrive any day now.



From the Providence Garden

We are all used to Gary Anderson doing things in a big way and he’s done it again! This 24” 41-pound watermelon is from Gary and Ann Rea’s Providence garden plot.



30th Lexington CROP Walk to End Hunger

Sunday, September 24 – 3:00 PM
 Walk – Give – Change the World

The Ecumenical Youth Poster-making and Pizza Party will be Sunday, September 17, at 4:00 PM Crestwood Christian Church, Bellefonte Dr., Lex.



Let Forgiveness Flow Research Study

Free Christian-Based Yoga Sessions to help you find healing

For participants 18 years and older who want to experience the healing power of forgiveness through Christian-based yoga. Four free yoga sessions will be held at the Fitness Studio in Sherman Thomas Student Center at Asbury Seminary, 204 N. Lexington Ave. Wilmore, KY:

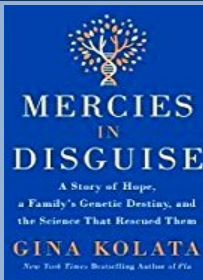
Monday nights, **8:00-9:30pm.**
 Series 1: Sept 25, Oct 2, 9, and 16
 Series 2: Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, and 13

Toddy Holeman, Director
<https://forgivenessyoga.wordpress.com>
forgivenessflow@gmail.com
 Questions -- 859-858-2212

Providence Book Club

We will meet September 25th at 5:30 PM at Bella Notte Restaurant at Fayette Mall. Our book for discussion is *Mercies in Disguise* by Gina Kolata.

New York Times science reporter Gina Kolata follows a family through genetic illness and one courageous daughter who decides her fate will no longer be decided by a genetic flaw. If your family carried a mutated gene that foretold a brutal illness and you were offered the chance to find out if you’d inherited it, would you do it? Would you walk bravely toward the problem or would you avoid the potential bad news as long as possible?



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

Tammy Durham, Kinlee Kidwell (Bokros), Linda Johnson (Bellman), Justin Stewart, Janice Glenn (Wilson), Darlene Shelton (Thornton and Brown), Gay Herrin (Lanser), Johnny Cannon (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).