



Providence Prophet April 2018

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Message from our Pastor

We all agree that “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24), but sometimes we forget that we are called to “till and keep” the garden and have “dominion over every living creature.” We are called by Christ to love our neighbor (all people) and care for them by visiting, feeding, clothing, and praying. We are to care for all the world.

Stewardship is the job of taking care of something. We have stewardship responsibilities – for our homes and cars, our children and aging parents, our gardens and pets and so much more. We even have the job of providing good care for our finances. While it is in our possession, we are called to be good stewards of it. We should place a high value on it, spending it thoughtfully and carefully. How we use our money should reflect who we are, children of God.

Everyone at Providence also has the job to care for (steward) our church, which includes the people and the building. Every person who regularly attends Providence has an Elder Shepherd who prays and cares for you. We care for and pray for each other for we are “our brother’s keeper.” We are good stewards by hosting Prodigy preschool, The Slavic Evangelical Church, Boy Scouts, Voting on Election Day, Upward Basketball and other ministry groups in addition to our own church activities in our building. Our building is now 10 years old and in need of more maintenance and repair which we do as good stewards of our building.

Beginning April 8th I will begin a 6-week Sermon Series on Stewardship that is not all about money but about providing care to ourselves and to the world. I hope you will join us.

April 8th – Generosity Autobiography - we will look at our past and celebrate the generosity of God and God’s people to us.

April 15th – Honoring our Community – we will contemplate our gifts and how we might share and care in preparation for a week of Acts of Compassion.

April 22nd – Honoring God’s Creation in celebration of Earth Day.

April 29th – Honoring the Body of Christ – The Youth will lead us in worship as we think about ways we are called to care by sharing the Good News.

May 6th – Honoring Ourselves – We cannot give away what we don’t have. Self-compassion and care is so important Jesus included it in his commandment to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

May 13th – Honoring the Future – As we celebrate our mothers who gave us life, we will imagine our role of care for the life of the church moving into the future.

Blessed and Honored to be your Pastor!

Carol



Basketball 5-on-5 Tournament

Saturday, April 21, 2018
9:00 AM

Hosted by PCC Youth

TEAMS OF 5-8 PLAYERS
AGES 16+
MAXIMUM OF 7 TEAMS
REGISTRATION \$100/TEAM

1st 2nd and 3rd PLACE
CASH PRIZES

How you can help:

- Get a team together
- Referee a game
- Be a monetary sponsor

Call or text:

Jennifer Sumeracki
859-983-3662

Moe Morris
859-552-4682

or go to Eventbrite.com

All proceeds will support
the PCC Youth Group
2018 Mission Trip to
Guatemala

Repairs to Pipe and Wall in the Gym Cost \$2300

You may have noticed last month a section of wall in the gym that was torn out. A slow leaking pipe caused damage to several square feet of the wall. Plumbing and drywall repairs totaled \$2300.



Youth Group News

We have a lot going on with the Youth right now – we are busy raising support for our mission trips this summer. We are currently \$8,000 short of our goal for Guatemala. So, we are hosting a basketball tournament on April 21st! Do you know a business that might sponsor this event with a cash donation? Can you help out on the day of the event? Please let me or Jennifer Sumeracki know if you can help in any way. Moe: 859-552-4682; Jennifer: 859-983-3662.

We have two open spots for Youth leaders for our Middle School Mission Trip to Eastern Kentucky, June 17-24, 2018. This will be an awesome and fulfilling way to connect with the Providence Youth while helping some folks in need right here in our home state.

As always, thank you for all you do to help our Youth. We truly could not do it without your help and support.

Moe

Happening at Providence in April

- April 8 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- April 8 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- April 8 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- April 21 Youth Group hosts 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament (*see also Page 1*)
- April 25 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group Meeting
- April 30 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club Meeting at Bella Notte (*see also below*)

Each Sunday

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

Each Monday, Tuesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Monday, Wednesday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Isiaiah Hagy	1
Sung Bauta	1
Carol Devine	3
Allene Fielder	4
Veda Hodges	7
Susan Kinnard	7
Toby Anderson	8
Courtney Draper	9
Kade Jones	21
Judi Reed	21
Carson Davis	23
Presli Neal	28

One Act of Compassion

“A compassionate city is an uncomfortable city! A city that is uncomfortable when anyone is homeless or hungry. Uncomfortable if every child isn’t loved and given rich opportunities to grow and thrive. Uncomfortable when as a community we don’t treat our neighbors as we would wish to be treated.” – Karen Armstrong, Founder of the global movement, The Charter for Compassion

Lexington is working to become a Compassionate City (<https://charterforcompassion.org/>). During the week of April 22-28, citizens in and around Lexington are being asked to do One Act of Compassion. Providence is a community of compassion; compassionate acts are what we do. And for this one week, we are going to record all the compassionate actions that take place at Providence. There will be posters in place to record your compassionate acts which we will compile and report for the Lexington project.



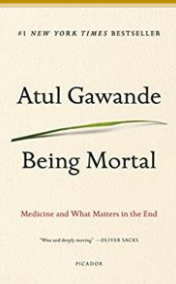
Providence Book Club

We will meet April 30th at 5:30 PM at Bella Notte Restaurant (Fayette Mall) Our book for discussion is *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande.

Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of child-birth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should.

Through eye-opening research and gripping stories of his own patients and family, Gawande reveals the suffering this dynamic has produced. Nursing homes, devoted above all to safety, battle with residents over the food they are allowed to eat and the choices they are allowed to make.

Doctors, uncomfortable discussing patients' anxieties about death, fall back on false hopes and treatments that are actually shortening lives instead of improving them.



2018 Habitat Build

“It means a safe place to stay for my family.”

Zidane, Jolie, Christian and Jemimah came to Lexington from Lubumbashi, the mining capital and largest city in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with a population of close to 1.5 million. After two years they have adjusted to life in their new hometown. They say their goal is to simply “have a good life” and thanks to their hard work and dedication they are well on their way.



Zidane works in Environmental Services at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Jolie is employed by Lexington Country Place. Christian goes to Beaumont Middle and loves soccer. Little sister, Jemimah, loves music.

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

Receiving Prayers

Beginning Easter Sunday (April 1st), as part of the invitation, if you feel in need of prayer, you are invited and welcomed to come down front to receive a personal prayer from an elder or with Rev. Carol. We have prayers for the community during worship but sometimes we have something we do not want to voice. Some days we just need a little extra praying, and sometimes worship stirs something in us that deserves attention and prayers. So, when the invitation hymn is announced, come down front and allow an elder to pray for you as the congregation sings.

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, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlings and First Responders.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jackie Bellman, Frances Conn Lear, Anna Lear, Lucy Conn Carpenter, Harold Conn, Peggy Van Hook, Eric Ruff, Olivier Thibault (Payne), Sandra and David Cowan, Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Linda Johnson (Bellman), Johnny Cannon (Cox), Kevin Boschert (McDanald), Linda Fauz, Judy Pierce, Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Ivan Doane, Ellen Wilson, Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Doris Stanley (Sumeracki), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Miller (Downs and Paynes), Mattie Justice (Whitt)

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