



Providence Prophet June 2018

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Message from our Pastor

I recently read a book titled Weird Church. I don't particularly like the title, but I also understand why the author chose it. We church people have very particular ideas about what defines church, or at least "normal" church. "Normal" church looks like Sunday School followed by worship in a sanctuary on Sunday mornings. "Normal" churches have pews or rows of seats all facing the chancel or stage area, crosses and stained glass, a piano and hopefully an organ. The worship includes hymns and scripture, communion and offering, a sermon and prayers. "Normal" church is a community of people who know each other and who welcome guests into their midst. I could go on and on listing the attributes of "normal" churches but you know what I mean. The thing is, there was not much about Jesus that was normal for his time. Jesus was counter cultural and stood against the status quo in the religious community, the government and society. Jesus was way more weird than normal and would probably be more drawn to weird churches than normal churches. Jesus wants us to be uncomfortable and challenged.

So, I asked the worship committee if we could mix things up a bit this summer, try a new thing, be a little weird. They accepted the challenge and came up with a fabulous plan that I cannot take any credit for but am so excited to try. On the second Sunday of June, July and August (Potluck Sunday), worship is going to be a little different, a little weird. The chairs will be arranged differently, the sermon will be shorter (don't get too excited), and Communion will be by intinction. We will be inviting some reflection and sharing on the sermon topic with those sitting near us. Together we will stretch our definitions of church and worship. In June, we will focus on prayer and our personal relationship with God. In July, we will focus on our corporate worship and in August, we will focus on how we worship out in the community, in our Monday – Saturday lives.

My life is grounded in and flows out of Sunday morning worship at Providence. I personally like "normal" and traditional. It is comforting and supportive. But we do not grow when we are comfortable; our faith does not deepen when things are going just fine.

As a favor to me, your pastor, I ask that you come on the second Sundays this summer with an open heart. Be open to a new worship experience. Be open to how the Holy Spirit is moving at Providence. Be open to the fact that being a little uncomfortable is okay. Thanks in advance for being who you are, an awesome and sometimes weird church.

Blessed and Honored to be your pastor!

Carol



Youth Group News

I want to personally thank everyone who helped support fundraising events we had throughout the year! Our mission trip is a little over a month away and we are getting closer to our goal. This trip will be an amazing experience for our Youth and all of us adult leaders. Please continue to pray for us as we press forward with our fundraising efforts and finalize the details of our trip.

The Youth Group will continue to meet each week during the summer after worship on Sunday as usual. We will also be planning and incorporating several fun outings.

Please contact me if you wish to join in any of the Youth activities at any time. It is an enjoyable and rewarding experience to spend time with our Youth. Thank you again for all your support!

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Providence Prayer Families

Whether our lives are going great or not so great, our spirits always benefit when our brothers and sisters in Christ lift us up in prayer. And, our faith is made stronger when we lift up one another.

In every newsletter and bulletin, we share the names of members, their family and friends who need or have asked to be remembered in prayer. These may be for health-related concerns, personal situations, or ongoing problems at home or work. It is always a gift to share a prayer for those who are weighing on our hearts and minds.

Beginning in May, you may have noticed that we began listing the name of a Providence member or family in the Sunday bulletin as our "Weekly Prayer Family." We are now randomly choosing a family or member who may not have requested prayer for any specific need. We simply want to draw on the power of our collective prayers to lay a special blessing on our Providence members and friends. Over the course of time, together we will pray for everyone at Providence.

It has been said that prayer is not the only thing you can do for someone, but it is the best thing you can do for them. And all the people said "Amen."

Worship Committee

Happening at Providence in June

- June 4 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club Meeting at Bella Notte. This is our rescheduled May meeting / planning meeting for July – November.
- June 6 12:00 PM – Service commemorating the 74th anniversary of D-Day at Central Christian Church, 205 E. Short Street, Lexington
- June 10 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- June 10 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- June 10 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- June 23 9:30 AM – Cane Ridge Day at Cane Ridge Meeting House with speakers Dr. Rick Lowery, President, Disciples of Christ Historical Society; and Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, National Council of Churches, Director of truth and racial justice initiative.
- June 27 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group Meeting

The perfect end to summer: Disciples at Moondance, Saturday, August 25th 5:00 to 8:00 PM, at Moondance Amphitheater, 1152 Monarch St., Lexington 40513 A night of live music, good food, and fun with fellow Disciples of Christ.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Hack	2
Carrie McDonald	3
Bill Watson	5
Charles Samples	9
Gideon Morris	13
Wilma Batchelar	17
Ryan Rivard	19
Carl Waits	21
Mary Frances Conn	22
Eddie Payne	28
Jayne Mattingly	30
Ertel Whitt	30

Each Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages)
 10:45 AM Worship Service
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group
 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 - Choir rehearsals suspended for the summer.

Providence Women’s Service Group News



Last year we collected over 300 toiletry items for the Jessamine Co. Homeless Center and they were delighted and grateful. We are again collecting individual size personal care items such as lotion, shampoo, soaps, etc. 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 basket in the church narthex.

A Great Big THANK YOU!

To Gary Anderson, John and Jan Downs, Eddie Cox, Charlie and Cathie Slack, Larry Kinnard, for ALL your dedicated hard work mowing, weeding, mulching, planting and maintaining the church grounds!

Postcast Sunday at Providence, May 20, 2018



What do you know about Providence?

One of the great things about Providence is that it is a church run and operated by its people. If there is a problem, we do not automatically call some “expert,” we call **Charlie** or **Larry** or **Gary** or **Carl** or **Glen** or **Jackie** or **Bob** or **Jan** or **Michelle** or **Eddie** or . . . *(insert your own name.)*

We all work together to maintain the building and keep up with the programming. It is only when someone is gone that things might fall apart. If **Linda** is on vacation, for example, the candles might not get lit on the communion table.

Many of us carry important information and knowledge about the running of this church that no one else knows. This summer we want to collect all that knowledge and compile it into an operations binder so that if you are not available someone else can figure out how to turn off the water, order candle oil, feed our Hospice families, run CWW, etc.

What knowledge do you have about the running of this church? Please email your knowledge to the office at providence@providenceccdoc.org. Thank you!

Providence Vacation Bible School July 9-12, 2018 – 6:30 to 8:00 PM



Mark your calendar! VBS is open to all children K-5th Grades. Volunteers are needed to provide snacks, lead crafts, lead games, or assist in other areas.

Who Is My Neighbor? If you can help even one night, contact Rev. Carol or Michelle Roberts, michelle.roberts@jessamine.kyschools.us

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

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Patsy Samples, Jackie Bellman, Keith Sargent (Devine), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Brad Delacey, Steve Bokros, Melissa Clark Buck, Aubrey Budzenski and Family, 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), Johnny Cannon (Cox), Kevin Boschert (McDonald), 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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