



Providence Prophet September 2018

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Message from our Pastor

It's September which means summer is coming to a close. Even if the weather does not feel much like fall, things have shifted. The kids and teachers are back in school, rehearsal and meetings have started back up, the days are shorter, vacations are memories, and mums are for sale in garden stores.

Summer schedules impact church attendance and involvement. People have missed due to travel and summer activities but now it is time to get back to church. The world may tell us that the church is not relevant or important, but I have a different perspective. Please reflect on and share with others the reasons I think worship attendance and church involvement is important.

When we come around the Lord's Table each week, we are reminded who we are and whose we are. We were created by God to love and to be loved. We are forgiven and called to forgive others. Providence is a lighthouse in the ethical fog that hangs over society and the compass that points us to God. When chaos washes over us, it is our spiritual anchor. At church we wrestle with and help each other make sense of life's big questions.

We get to spend time with our faith family. We learn about our family tree and history. We receive Bible education and understanding. We participate in rituals that connect us to the church eternal, our ancestors, saints we have known and loved, and family members yet to be born. Our presence is needed. The Apostle Paul said, "the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.... If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it....you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Cor 12).

The church encourages us to be our best selves. We are challenged and encouraged and our participation challenges and encourages others. When we show up, we grow spiritually. We are given avenues to serve and pushed out of our comfort zones. Children who attend church are more confident, marriages are stronger, and families are healthier. Church goers have higher self-esteem, a better outlook on life, and are happier. Providence provides us with tools and support for dealing with the trials of life. Church involvement is taking a stand for what we believe in and sometimes showing up is the most important thing we can do.

We are commanded to come together to worship and praise God (Psalms 5, 66, 95, Malachi 1, Matthew 11, Hebrews 10.25.) It is a gift we give to God and to ourselves. When we gather, we pray for each other, for our community, for the needs of the world and we receive the church's prayers. At church, you just might witness a miracle, you might be changed in large or small ways. I am better when we are all together. See you in church!

Blessed and honored to be your pastor,

Carol



Youth News

The Providence middle school youth helped rebuild a bridge at Rock Creek, Sheltolee Trace, Livingston, KY.



Before

In an extremely tough workday, the old, broken bridge was removed



New Bridge

and new materials brought in to build the new bridge.



Nurture, Support and Accountability Training Hosted by Providence – November 3, 2018

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Mark Johnson, Trainer

Providence members and Jessamine County friends and residents are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this training.

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"God has placed on my heart the need to do something more to fight the drug epidemic and this is how I am answering that call." Rev. Carol Devine

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\$15 per person includes lunch and materials

Happening at Providence in September

- September 2 10:45 AM – Sermon Series on the book of James begins. Join us as we explore this beloved letter that provides over 100 imperatives like, *"be quick to listen and slow to speak,"* and *"be doers of the word and not hearers only."* James calls us to a moral life lived out as care for the most vulnerable among us.
- September 3 *Labor Day Holiday – the church office will be closed.*
- September 9 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- September 9 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- September 9 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- September 24 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club Meeting, Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (*see also below.*)
- September 26 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group Meeting

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

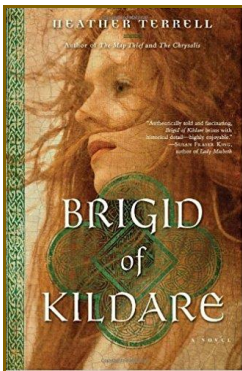
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lincoln Morris	1
Jackie Bellman	4
Sarah Hack	4
Barry Brown	6
Arline Wilson	6
Ben Davis	11
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

Providence Book Club

September 24, 5:30 PM, Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers



Our book for discussion is *Brigid of Kildare*. Rich in historical detail, Heather Terrell’s mesmerizing novel is the story of the revolutionary Saint Brigid and discovery of the oldest illuminated manuscript in the annals of the Church, a manuscript that contains an astonishing secret history.

In fifth-century Ireland, Brigid is Ireland’s first and only female priest and bishop. Followers flock to her Kildare abbey and scriptorium. Hearing accounts of Brigid’s power, the church deems her a threat and sends Decius, a Roman priest and scribe, on a secret mission to collect proof of Brigid’s heresy.

As Decius records the unorthodox practices of Brigid and her abbey, he becomes intrigued by her. When Brigid assigns Decius a holy task—to create the most important and sacred manuscript ever made—he finds himself at odds with his original mission and faces the most difficult decision of his life.

Providence Women’s Service Group News

We are collecting items for personal hygiene kits through the month of September.

Flyers with a list of items needed are available in the Sunday bulletin and on the welcome table in the narthex.



Jessamine County Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

- Unloading truck and stocking pantry – M-T-Th 8:30 – 11:30 AM (*no clients present*)
 - Operating pantry when clients visit – T – 12:00–3:00 PM; Th – 4:00–7:00 PM; F – 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
- Arrival 30 minutes early is helpful.

Contact: Paul Huber 859-312-4003.



Thank You for Being Such a Pain: Spiritual Guidance for Dealing with Difficult People

September 29, 2018 – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Blue Heron Retreat Center • 270 E. Prong Road, Richmond, KY

Lisa Maas, Certified Spiritual Director, leads participants through an exploration of Mark Rosen’s book. Both challenging and humorous, it offers excellent suggestions for changing your perspective on difficult people in your life.

“Perhaps God sends us difficult people to teach us important lessons.”

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: Shawn Davenport, 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, Whitney Downs, Frank Coots, J. T. Browning (Kinnard), Barry Newcombe (Mattingly), Tracy Lyon (McCarter), Karen Durbin (Fielder), Jean Christian (Hufford), John Chamberlain (Toleman), Jamie Coomer (Draper), Keith Sargent (Devine), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Steve Bokros, Kim McNeal (Bellman), Melissa Clark Buck, Aubrey Budzenski and Family, Peggy Van Hook, Eric Ruff, Sandra and David Cowan, Richard Lansaw (Lynch), 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), Richard Rogers, Susie Branham, Mattie Justice (Whitt)

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