



Providence Prophet March 2019

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Message from our Pastor

Lent starts on March 6th, Ash Wednesday, and officially ends Holy Week on Maundy Thursday. It is my favorite liturgical season. The theme of death and resurrection is perfectly paired with the changing of our seasons from winter to spring. The first Sunday of March, we will end our worship service by removing all the shiny and colorful adornments from our sanctuary. This is to symbolize externally what we are to do internally for the six weeks of Lent. We try to strip away things that are unnecessary and false things about ourselves that keep us from being in a full and deep relationship with God.

One of the techniques we use to strip away from our lives is fasting. Fasting is when we give up something, chocolate or soda, golf or eating out. When my children were young, I asked them to choose a toy to give up for six weeks. The toys would go on the top of the refrigerator. One year when Elijah was about four years old he gave up his favorite Spiderman toy. A couple of weeks into Lent, he came to me and asked if he could change his mind and give up a different toy instead. I told him that this was between him and God. He waited a few minutes and then said he decided to swap his toys.

Lent is an opportunity to go deeper in your faith. You can take on something like reading the Bible each day or sending notes each week to friends, family or shut-ins. You can fast from something – shopping, alcohol, television, sweets, social media, meat, video games, fast food, etc. But in the end, it is between you and God – what you take on or what you give up.

I invite you to be in prayer about what God would have you do (or not do.) What I have experienced is that God has called me each year to challenge myself a little more and through it my spirit has been strengthened; my faith has been deepened.

Blessed and Honored to be your pastor,

Carol

Youth Group Chili Luncheon and Silent Auction



**SUNDAY, March 24,
12:00 Noon**

This is the Youth's largest fundraiser of the year. Please mark your calendar and join the youth and their parents as they serve up a delicious Chili luncheon.

Also...



We are accepting donations for the silent auction (gift cards, baked goods, kitchen and household items, gift baskets, etc.).

Bring your items any Sunday or to the Church Office M-F
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Welcome New Member



Jean McCarter (shown with Bob) joined Providence on February 24th.

Forgiveness

The Orthodox church begins every Lenten season with a worship service they call the Sunday of Forgiveness. During the service each person tells every other person, "I am sorry." They ask for forgiveness for any hurt or harm they may have caused in the past year. When I learned of their service, it prompted me to wonder if I may have offended or hurt any people at Providence in the past seven years.

In Matthew 5:24, Scripture calls us to go to our church brothers and sisters to reconcile. I would like to ask that if I have hurt or offended you, come and tell me and give me the chance to hear you and apologize. I encourage you to do that with all your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lastly, I would like to say I am sorry to you, dear friend, if I have caused you any pain or harm, but especially if I have in any way been an obstacle to God for you. I apologize and I ask for your forgiveness.

Carol

Lenten Season 2019 at Providence



- March 6th, 6:30 PM – We begin the season of Lent with the Community Ash Wednesday Service at Providence.
- Our Sermon Series during Lent will be on the Beatitudes.
- Lenten Adult Sunday School, 10 to 10:30 in the Sanctuary. During Lent, the Adult Sunday School class will be shortened to 30 minutes. We will meet in the Sanctuary and study the Beatitudes. The class will be led by Rev. Carol and Ministerial Intern, Jiaan Burford. Join us and make Sunday School a part of your Lenten practice.
- April 18th is Maundy Thursday. The Worship Ministry team is designing a self-guided worship experience for Maundy Thursday. The church will be open most of the day for you to come and pray and receive communion.

No matter what your schedule, you will be able to remember the Last Supper of our Lord. The day will end with a short worship service at 7:00 PM.

- We will continue our tradition of bringing food offerings each Sunday during Lent to bring forward during Worship Service.
- Again this year during Lent, we will collect our Special Easter Offering with a goal of one month's mortgage payment of \$5,103. Please note in the memo on your check or offering envelope "Special Easter Offering."

Happening at Providence

- March 6 6:30 PM – Community Ash Wednesday Worship Service. This will be a service of music, scripture and prayer followed by the Impositions of Ashes. It is always a powerful service that allows us to more fully enter the season of Lent. Plan to join us and invite your friends and neighbors.

• **March 10** **SPRING FORWARD! DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS – SET YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD**

- **March 10** 12:00 PM – Special Birthday Potluck

 Mark your calendar and be sure not to miss this fun time! Bring your usual potluck dish to share and enjoy the company of those born in your birth month! Birthday Cake will be dessert.

- March 10 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- March 10 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- March 24 Youth Group Lunch and Silent Auction Fundraiser – Bring your items to donate for this awesome fundraiser on Sundays or to the church office M-F, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Then, plan to attend and enjoy lunch, bid on items and support our Youth Group fundraising for their mission trip.
- March 25 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meets at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (*see also below*).
- March 27 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group

Sundays

10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship Service
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group (*as announced*)
 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Monday, Wednesday 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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Jacobs	2
Beth Waits	2
Randy Cox	3
Bethany Jacobs	6
Keith Wilson	15
Patsy Samples	17
Anneliese Jones	18
Bryson Anderson	21
Charlie Slack	22
Matt Anderson	24
Jennifer Robbins	24

Women’s Spring Conferences

I Am With You Always: Lessons on Discipleship

Women of all ages will be given opportunities for worship, fellowship and timely relevant workshop offerings.



April 13, 2019

First Christian Church, Mayfield, KY
 Keynote: Dr. Emily Askew
 Associate Professor of Theology
 Lexington Theological Seminary



April 27, 2019

Beargrass Christian Church, Louisville, KY
 Keynote: Rev. Terri Hord Owens
 General Minister and President

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada

To learn more and register go to www.ccinky.net

Christian Church Outdoor Ministries

The 2019 Camp Wakon’Da-Ho schedule and registration forms are posted in the church office.



Easter Lilies

A Youth Group Mission Trip Fundraiser

Again this year, the Youth Group is offering Easter Lilies for sale to decorate the sanctuary and narthex, or for your personal use. Each potted lily may be purchased for \$15.00 each.

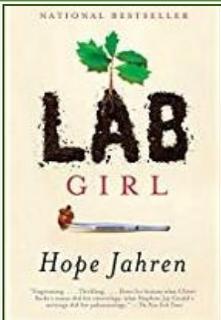


You can designate your purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one. A list of donations, memorials and honorariums is then included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Watch for the order form in the Sunday Bulletin beginning later this month.

Providence Book Club

We will meet on March 25th at Joseph-Beth Booksellers at 5:30 PM. Our book for discussion is *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.



Geobiologist Hope Jahren has spent her life studying trees, flowers, seeds and soil. *Lab Girl* is her revelatory treatise on plant life – and also a celebration of the lifelong curiosity, humility, and passion that drive every scientist. She tells about finding a sanctuary in science, learning to perform lab work “with both heart and hands.” She introduces us to Bill, her brilliant, eccentric lab manager, and she extends the mantle of scientist to each of her readers, inviting us to join her in observing and protecting our environment.

Empowering the Laity to Care for Pastors

Rev. Greg Alexander, General Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in KY
 March 23, 2019 1:30 – 3:30



Pastors and their families are human, too! They have the same realities to deal with in their lives as do the members of their congregations. This webinar will explore healthy and unique ways laity can help meet the needs of their pastors.

Register at www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series/
 Deena Ainslie 859-280-1212 dainslie@lextheo.edu

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: Michael Hagan, 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, Jerry Rutherford (Sidebotham), Ivan Doane, Ryan Rivard, Matt McGee, Barry Newcombe (Mattingly), Tracee Lyon (McCarter), Jayne Mattingly, David Cowan, Dakota Walker, Mary Marshall (McCord), Beverly McNeal (Roberts), J. T. Browning (Kinnard), Karen Durbin (Fielder), Jean Christian (Hufford), John Chamberlain (Toleman), Jamie Coomer (Draper), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Kim McNeal (Bellman), Peggy Van Hook, Lynge Moesgaard (Downs), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt).

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