

Providence Prophet April 2019



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Message from our Pastor

Think of a number between one and ten. Research has shown that most of the time, people think of the number seven. It is by far the most favored number in the world and has been prominent in cultures throughout time. It is a prime number. Most people can easily retain about seven items of information in their short-term memory. We have the seven wonders of the world, not six or ten.

Seven is significant in the Bible. The world was created in six days and God rested on the seventh, creating the basis of the seven-day-week. In the New Testament the number seven symbolizes the unity of the four corners of the earth with the Holy Trinity. The number seven is featured in the Book of Revelation (seven churches, seven angels, seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven stars.) Seven is also prominent in Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism (and maybe other religions as well.)

This month marks my seventh anniversary as the pastor of Providence Christian Church. It is the perfect time to reflect.

I remember being at a Peace Corps function and Jenifer Payne telling me that she was chairing the search committee for her church, Providence Christian. I then told her that my papers were already in for that position. I hoped this would not be a problem. I remember meeting with the search committee by phone and in person twice. I remember arriving on my first official day. Bob Bellman and Larry Kinnard were waiting to welcome me with keys to the church and a tour. Larry set me up with my first laptop (I am now on laptop 3!)

I remember Sandy Madison who went into the hospital that summer and was diagnosed with advanced cancer. I came to love her deeply. Her funeral was my first at Providence. I remember the sweet young girls who greeted me my first Sunday with pictures they had drawn, my first youth mission trip to Liberty, KY, to clean up after a tornado. We worked hard and then enjoyed delicious meals that Susan Kinnard and Marti Browning fixed for us. I have worked with three great youth directors: Carrie McDanald, Moe Morris and Velma Tim.

I have been blessed to work with dedicated church members on the worship committee, incredible choir directors, Caron Tandy, Patrick Callaghan and Josh Hamilton and one fabulous organist/pianist, Joyce McGee. Our board and elders and deacons are the best in the world, I am convinced. I am blessed to work alongside them all. We have had two bookkeepers in my tenure, Terri and Ben. And of course, the one who truly runs this church, Marie, keeps me in line and makes coming to the office a true blessing.

I have so many wonderful memories: VBS, Holiday Marketplaces, potlucks, youth fundraisers, cook outs and the 200th celebration. We have had baby dedications, baptisms, weddings and way too many funerals. Some have moved away, some passed on, some have left or just stopped coming. But I have been touched in one way or another by them all. You all have challenged and supported me. I am truly honored and blessed to be your pastor and look forward to what God has in store for us these next seven years. May God direct us and bless us in all that we do.

Carol

2019 Lenten Season at Providence



- We continue our sermon series on the Beatitudes and Adult Sunday at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary.
- Community Holy Week Services at

Nicholasville United Methodist Church 12:00 Noon each day followed by lunch. Jiaan Burford will preach on Tuesday.

- April 18<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday - The sanctuary will be set up for a personal walk-through worship experience. Take as much or as little time as you wish between 2:00 and 6:30 PM to pray, reflect, light a candle, pray with prayer beads, and receive the Lord's Supper. You can do all or some of the stations as you are moved.

At 7:00 PM we will conclude the day and the experience with a short communion service and music. If you would like to attend the service and experience the stations, please come at 6:00 or 6:30 PM.

- We continue our tradition of bringing food offerings each Sunday during Lent to bring forward during Worship Service.
- As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, we have collected \$2,310 in our Special Easter Offering with a goal of one month's mortgage payment of \$5,183. If you have not yet done so, please consider contributing to this special offering and note in the memo on your check or offering envelope "Special Easter Offering."



Providence Youth Group

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our Chili Lunch and Silent Auction a success! We raised over \$800 – a record! The Youth Mission Trip will be to North Carolina this year and we will be sharing more about it as the time draws closer. We appreciate the support of our wonderful Providence Church family and again, say **THANK YOU!** Here are some photos of recent Youth Group activities:



Youth Group outing to Friday night services at Temple Adath Israel



Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial Frankfort, KY



President's Day Youth Group trip to Frankfort, KY



Erin Roberts, Lawmaker Frankfort, KY

## Happening at Providence

- April 14 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- April 14 12:45 PM – Easter Egg Hunt – all children are invited
- April 14 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- April 14 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- April 15-19 Holy Week Services at Nicholasville United Methodist (*see page one*)
- April 18 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service (*see details on page one*)
- April 21 Easter Sunday
- April 24 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- April 29 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meets at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (*see also below*).

**Coming up on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – You are invited to attend the Retirement party for Rev. Greg Alexander 1:00 to 4:00 PM – South Elkhorn Christian Church - Please RSVP to Erin Cash at [ecash@lextheo.edu](mailto:ecash@lextheo.edu)**

### 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 Tuesday, 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

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sung Bauta	1
Carol Devine	3
Allene Fielder	4
Veda Hodges	7
Susan Kinnard	7
Toby Anderson	8
Courtney Draper	9
Betty Mattingly	14
Kade Jones	21
Judi Reed	21
Presli Neal	28

## Providence Birthday Potluck Fun

Our March 10<sup>th</sup> potluck was a special birthday potluck with tables decorated for each month of the year. We filled our plates from all the great potluck dishes and then shared the table of our birth month with those born in the same month.



## Christian Church Outdoor Ministries

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

Register before May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and save on registration fees.



## Providence Book Club

We will meet on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Joseph-Beth Booksellers at 5:30 PM. Our book for discussion is *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese.

Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon.

Orphaned by their mother’s death and their father’s disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.

Moving from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again, *Cutting for Stone* is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles – and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined.

## Taking the Mystery Out of Estate Planning

Dr. Gary Kidwell, President, Christian Church Foundation since 2003



Estate planning is typically shrouded in complex and onerous concepts. Through this webinar, you will learn, in easy to understand terms, how to build a plan that can protect and care for your family and witness to your faith and values.

Register at [www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series/](http://www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series/)  
Deena Ainslie 859-280-1212 [dainslie@lextheo.edu](mailto:dainslie@lextheo.edu)

## 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](http://www.ccinky.net)



## 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, Clara Hermanson, Wilma Batchelar, Carol Wheat, Jerry Rutherford (Sidebotham), Ivan Doane, Ryan Rivard, Matt McGee, Barry Newcombe (Mattingly), Tracee Lyon (McCarter), Bill Allen, Bruce and Marlene Gosney (Schweitzer), 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), Lyngge 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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