



Providence Prophet May 2019

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Message from our Pastor

Scripture is full of references to living spaces. Psalm 104 suggests that the earth is God’s “lofty house” (v. 3 CEB). In John 14, Jesus says, “in my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” In John 15, Jesus calls us to dwell in him, to abide in him allowing him to be our home or abode. Psalm 24 says, “The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too.” Scripture reminds us of God’s deep connection with all creatures, including humans and ecosystems.

The word “ecology” is formed from the Greek words for “house” (oikos) and “word or purpose” (logos). Nature, or creation as I like to call it, is the home of God and God’s beloved. Ecology calls us to our purpose in this joint household. Our purpose is to live in Christ and to allow Christ to live in us. Our purpose is to live a full and abundant life praising God. Our purpose is to live in peace and harmony in this beautiful home that we call earth.

It is springtime in Kentucky, and I cannot go outside without praising God. I am overwhelmed by the beauty of the earth. And, as you know, I am very concerned with the state of our home; plants, animals and humans are suffering greatly due to the climate crisis. And so I invite all of us to consider small and large ways that we might, like a single raindrop on a pond, make an impact that spreads and grows. One important way is through tree planting, here in Kentucky, and for a greater impact, in rainforests. As followers of Christ Jesus we are called to live differently, to love our neighbors, all of them.

Let us praise God by being who God created us to be, to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God, to love one another, care for the least of these among us, and to protect and care for our common home. Let us praise God by abiding in Christ and caring for God’s good earth.

Honored and Blessed to be your pastor,

Carol

You Are Invited

to a celebration
honoring the ministry
of

J. Gregory Alexander

Saturday, May 18th
1:00 to 4:00 PM

South Elkhorn Christian Church
4343 Harrodsburg Road
Lexington, KY

Please RSVP to Erin Cash
ecash@lextheo.edu

Welcome New Members



Jiaan Burford joined Providence on
March 29, 2019



Don Cutter joined Providence on
April 21, 2019

Disciples Habitat Builds 36th House in 2019

Work begins on May 8th at 697 Georgetown Street, as we build a home for the family of Isaac and Estella. A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the church narthex. Providence will provide a meal for a workday. More details to follow.

“We don’t have enough words to describe how much we appreciate this program.” Isaac and Estella pictured here with their family.



Happening at Providence

- May 12 *Mother's Day*
- May 12 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- May 12 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- May 18 1:00 – 4:00 PM – Retirement Party for Rev. Greg Alexander (*see also* page one)
- May 28 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meets at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (*see also below*).
- May 29 9:30 AM – Providence Women's Service Group

Sundays

9:30 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

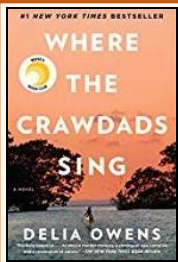
10:00 AM "Bodies in Motion" Exercise

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Brennon Sidebotham	2
Lee Walker	2
Chelsea Sidebotham Turner	3
Nathan Sumeracki	3
Cailynn Coy	6
Eddie Cox	9
Sheree Anderson	11
James Morrow	11
Clarke Toleman	11
Dee Sidebotham	12
Sarah Walker	12
Sarah Moesgaard	16
Christine Coy	17
Deborah Montgomery	17
Jesse Downs	19
Emma Whitt	19
Andrew Ward	20
Jan Downs	31
Nicole Hagy	31
Larry Kinnard	31



Providence Book Club

We will meet on May 28th at Joseph-Beth Booksellers at 5:30 PM. Our book for discussion is *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens.

Rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. In late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life – until the unthinkable happens.

Peacemaking in a Globalized World

Dr. Paul Alexander, Founder of Love for All,
 Co-founder of Pentecostals and Charismatics
 for Peace (PCPJ) and Justice –
 May 14, 2019 – 1:30-3:30 PM EDT



What is peace? What is making it? What is globalized and why does it matter? What, and who, and where is/are your world(s)? In this webinar you will discuss conflict, injustice, justice, and peacemaking with close attention to the intersectional realities of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion, class and nationality.

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

AdventureServe Ministries

AdventureServe Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational missions organization located in Wilmore, KY, serving communities in Central Kentucky and Northern Tennessee by equipping groups nationwide with programs that combine adventure and service.



They offer **free home repair** to seniors and families in need. If you know of anyone that could benefit from this service, there are flyers in the church narthex and on the bulletin board. They are now accepting applications for assistance this summer.

Applications are available in the church office or go to their website at www.adventureserve.org/home-repair-application.

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, George Dean, Pauline Burger, Dakota Walker, Emilio Arcila, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Gemma Warner (Bullock), Halie Gray (Draper), Ryan Rivard, Jerry Rutherford (Sidebotham), Carol Wheat, Ivan Doane, Matt McGee, Barry Newcombe (Mattingly), Tracee Lyon (McCarter), Bruce and Marlene Gosney (Schweitzer), Jayne Mattingly, David Cowan, 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), Lynges Moesgaard (Downs), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt).

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