



Providence Prophet October 2019

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From our Pastor

I grew up in a congregation led by a minister who was very involved and well respected in the Lexington Community. When I was a child, I remember being so proud of Rev. Glenn Burke when he appeared on a Lexington News show to debate a prominent atheist. Throughout my life, local issues were regularly brought before the congregation in a symposium platform where all sides of the issues were presented and discussed. As far as I knew, this was how all churches operated. I have come to know that is not the case.

This summer Lexington Theological Seminary invited Providence along with nine other congregations to take part in a Civil Dialogue program. Over 400 people from these ten churches filled out a survey on how much various current issues are discussed in their church and/or by their pastors. (Thanks to those of you who filled out that survey.) Each of the ten congregations sent their pastor and one lay leader to a two-day training on how to lead civil dialogue discussions. Beth Waits and I represented Providence at that training in September. As part of the program we agreed to host two civil dialogues in the fall and spring. A follow up survey will then follow.

The format for these two dialogues will be an introductory sermon, a two-hour dialogue on a chosen topic, and a follow-up sermon that looks at the topic through the lens of the Gospel. Beth and I are excited to lead our first Civil Dialogue on October 27th on the topic of the opioid crisis. The sermon on that day will introduce civil dialogue, and then from 12:30-2:30, Beth and I will lead participants through the process which will end in potential actions for our congregation. On November 3rd there will be a follow-up sermon on what was shared in the discussion.

We would like everyone who is able to take part in the Civil Dialogue on October 27th. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. You will have the opportunity to RSVP when we get closer to the date, as we will serve a simple lunch. If we can't discuss tough current issues with our church family, where can we?

Honored and Blessed to be your Pastor,

Carol

Commitment Sunday October 27, 2019

Yes, Fall is here. The temperature is cooling ever so slightly, days are shortening, and leaves are dropping from the trees. We know by the calendar that we have entered a new season. For Providence, it signals a time of renewal when we vow to physically, spiritually and financially support the work and mission of this church.

On Sunday, October 27th, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday with a special service. In preparation, you will soon receive a pledge card in the mail, and you will be asked to join with your fellow church members in entering this new season with dedication, hope, and eyes to the future.

Please take the time to discuss this with your family, and prayerfully consider how you will commit your time, talents and tithes to the church. Your response is a message of faith and an act of true discipleship. Make plans now to be here and share in this joyful day of worship.

Jan Downs, Treasurer



World Communion Sunday, October 6th

We are in need of volunteers willing to take Communion to Shut-Ins. Teams of church members go to visit our brothers and sisters who are in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes. We offer communion and prayer, and it means so much. Please prayerfully consider joining our team.

From the Woodward Family

The Woodward family (members Nick, Karina, Emma and Alia) last worshiped with us on September 8th before moving to Florida. We recently heard from Karina:

"The girls both had their first day of school on Friday! Emma was a little sad because she wanted to be back in [Prodigy], but her school here is very good so I know she will be ok!

I start my new job at the University of Florida on Monday, and I'm nervous and excited!! Nick has been working at his job and here in our apartment unpacking. My family has been great by giving us a helping hand with the girls!! We miss everyone at the church, and really hope our new church here is as great Providence."

50th Annual CROP Walk to End Hunger September 29, 2019

Thank you to all those who donated to the 50th Annual CROP Walk to End Hunger.

So far, Providence has collected \$225.00 for this good cause!



Happening at Providence

- October 6 World Communion Sunday
- October 13 12:00 – All-Church Potluck
- October 13 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- October 13 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- October 23 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- October 27 Commitment Sunday (*see also page one*)
- October 27 Civil Dialogue Sunday –
12:00 PM Lunch following worship
12:30 – 2:30 PM – Civil Dialogue Discussion
- October 28 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meets at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (*see also below*)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sydney Robbins	4
Stacey Rogers	8
Pauline Burger	12
Debbie Lynch	14
Triston Cox	15
Jenifer Payne	15
Gabriel Jacobs	18
Josh Sumeracki	23
Brad Sumeracki	30
Nick Woodward	30
Evan Hamilton Bullock	31

Coming on November 9th – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Make plans now to bring friends and neighbors and get into the Holiday spirit with: 32 vendors of handmade gifts, Granny’s Attic, the Holiday Room, a hot lunch provided by the women’s groups and delicious baked goods!



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 Monday, Wednesday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise

Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal



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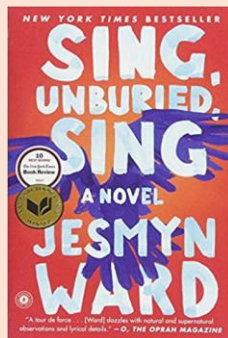
Are you signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards with a Kroger card designating Providence to receive the community rewards? Kroger donates 4% of every dollar you load to your card. It can really add up.

Providence Book Club

At our October 28th meeting we will discuss “Sing, Unburied, Sing” by Jesmyn Ward.

Jojo is thirteen years old and trying to understand what it means to be a man. He doesn’t lack fathers to study, chief among them his black grandfather, Pop, and other men who complicate his understanding: his absent white father, Michael, who is being released from prison, his absent white grandfather, Big Joseph, who won’t acknowledge his existence; and the memories of his dead uncle, Given, who died as a teenager.

His mother, Leonie, is an inconsistent presence in his and his toddler sister’s lives. She is black and her children’s father is white. She wants to be a better mother but can’t put her children above her own needs, especially her drug use. When Michael is released from prison, Leonie packs her kids and a friend into her car and drives north to the heart of Mississippi and Parchman Farm, the State Penitentiary. At Parchman, there is another thirteen-year-old boy, the ghost of a dead inmate who carries all of the ugly history of the South with him in his wandering. He too has something to teach Jojo about fathers and sons, about legacies, about violence, about love.



Your Money or Your Life: Stories of Stewardship

Rev. Cindy Maybeck
Founder of Spirit Story Ministry
October 19, 2019



Do you dread the liturgical season of stewardship in your church? What if our approach to money was as fun, humorous and loving as the telling of a favorite Bible story? As we share biblical and personal stories about money, we move from dread to joy, from fear to trust, from a view of scarcity to one of abundance. Learn how to bring this spirit of creativity and joy into your church, creating community on the way.

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

Fall 2019 Women’s Silent Retreat

November 8-10 – at Knobs Haven Retreat House, Loretto, KY
Facilitator – Bonnie Fouts, Educator and KDWM Cabinet Member and Secretary.

This event is limited to 17 women. Lodging, meals and registration are included in the \$120/person registration fee. Make checks payable to CCK. Registration forms are available in the church office and the deadline is October 25, 2019 to be received at CCK, 1125 Red Mile Road, Lexington.

Scholarships may be available through CCK regional office. If you are interested in a scholarship, call Linda Jones 859-233-1391, or email linda@ccinky.net for a copy of the scholarship application form.

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: Alex Pope, Michael Hagan, Shawn Davenport, 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, Jackie B. Miller (Waits), Molly Reynolds (Roberts), Tammy Durham, Debbie LaBoone (Anderson), Jerry Rutherford (Sidebotham), Ivan Doane, Barry Newcombe (Mattingly), Bobbie Scrimshaw, Tracee Lyon (McCarter), Bruce and Marlene Gosney (Schweitzer), Jayne Mattingly, David Cowan, Mary Marshall (McCord), Beverly McNeal (Roberts), J. T. Browning (Kinnard), Jean Christian (Hufford), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Kim McNeal (Bellman), Lynge Moesgaard (Downs), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt), our Hospice families.

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