



Providence Prophet February 2020

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All Hands On Deck!

The Sunday evening worship service at Pax Christi for the Week of Christian Unity was indeed a wonderful service. The Unity Choir brought us beautiful music, we heard sermons from a Catholic Bishop and a Lutheran Bishop, and many clergy and youth from the area helped to lead the service. I was thrilled to see Providence Christian Church represented by EIGHT of our church members! The theme of the service was “they showed us unusual kindness.” The scripture referenced when a ship that the Apostle Paul was on wrecked on a reef off the Island of Malta. After the ship was repaired, the natives of the island provided all the provisions that the ship needed to continue its journey to Italy. The scripture said of the natives, “they showed unusual kindness.” I must say, Pax Christi showed “unusual kindness,” to us on Sunday night. They were AWESOME!

A week from this Sunday, February 9th, is Scout Sunday. The usual date of the first Sunday on February was moved to the second Sunday because of a scheduling conflict, which happens to be the day of our church potluck. When this came up in our January Board Meeting, Charlie asked if we are going to feed the scouts and the consensus was that we should feed our guests that Sunday. When I spoke at the Scout Pack Meeting Monday night, I learned that there are a LOT of kids in the Pack (around 60)! When you add parents and siblings, well, you do the math! Everyone won't come and everyone who comes won't stay to eat. Nevertheless, we could double or even triple the number of people in worship and at the potluck. We will have a count of how many from the Scouts next week.

Now we can view this in a negative way. We can ask frantically, “How can we accommodate and feed all those people?” But I believe Providence Christian Church will view this as a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to provide “unusual kindness” to the Scouts and their families. Ironically, people in the church have been talking about how we can reach out to new people moving into our community, and lo, and behold, God will be sending Scouts and their families to fill our sanctuary and fellowship hall on February 9th!

So we need to pull out all the stops and provide “unusual kindness” and show the love of Jesus that we have experienced, to our neighbors who will be visiting us on Scout Sunday. We will need everyone to make a commitment to be here on the 9th with a smile and a warm handshake and extra dishes of food to feed our cherished guests. Wouldn't it be wonderful, if when our guests go home that day, they will reflect on the love and kindness of Providence Christian Church! And who knows, a few might even come back to worship with us because on Scout Sunday they got a glimpse of what an extraordinary family of faith we have here at Providence.

I am trying to visit all of our church members, but I find that some of you aren't answering my calls. I am not accusing anyone of avoiding me, but I think people don't have my phone number in their phones so they assume the “unknown caller” is a pesky solicitor. Please grab your cell phone and add my number to your contacts: 859 619-9191. Now you don't have any excuse to not answer my calls, unless you really do want to avoid me. I hope that is not the case!

Blessed to be your Pastor,

Jerry

Welcome Frances Cadle Providence Ministerial Intern



I grew up in Corbin KY and graduated from UK, with a degree first in economics and then in law. I was blessed to retire early and am now in my third year of seminary at Asbury Theological Seminary, working on my Masters in Ministry.

My husband, Ron, and I have three adult children and five grandchildren. They all live close and we treasure our time with them. Ron is a golfer and I try to play with him. The beach in South Carolina is one of our favorite places.

Our home church is First Christian Church (DOC) in Frankfort. A ministry focus near to my heart is in the pastoral care of those struggling with caregiving for a family member or dealing with serious health issues. I was my mother's caregiver prior to her death from ALS.

I am so thankful to be here at Providence and look forward to learning from such a welcoming and vibrant congregation.

Frances

Happening at Providence

- February 1 12:30 PM – Cub Scout Pack 221 Pinewood Derby
- February 2 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- February 9 Scout Sunday at Providence – Cub Scouts and their families will worship with us.
- February 9 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck – Cub Scouts and their families will join us. Please bring an extra dish.
- February 9 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- February 23 4th Sunday – Bring 4 Cans 4 Christ
- February 24 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club at Bronte Bistro, at Joseph-Beth Booksellers.
- February 26 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 (TBA)
 1:30 PM Slavic Church

Each Monday, Wednesday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise

Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Melody Ward	8
Gilbert “Buddy” Littrell	9
Jennie Doane	14
Frances Cadle	16
Erin Roberts	16
George Dean	21
Martha Morrow	23
Bobby Payne	28

Providence Search Committee

Our Search Committee will be updating the church profile during the month of February. We continue to work under the direction of Disciples Regional Minister, Dean Phelps. Members of the committee are: Charlie Slack, Chairman, Bob Bellman, Eddie Cox, Jennifer Sumeracki, Caron Tandy, Beth Waits, Sarah Walker

Women’s Group Sock Drive



During the month of February, the Providence Women’s Service Group is collecting socks for residents of the Jessamine County Homeless Shelter.

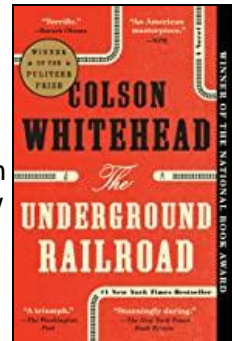
The biggest need is for men’s socks, some women’s, but no children’s. Please bring socks on Sundays, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, and 2/23. We will provide a container in the narthex

Providence Book Club

At our February 24th meeting we will discuss “*The Underground Railroad*” by Colson Whitehead.

Cora is a young slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. An outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is on the cusp of womanhood—where greater pain awaits. And so when Caesar, a slave who has recently arrived from Virginia, urges her to join him on the Underground Railroad, she seizes the opportunity and escapes with him.

The Underground Railroad is both the gripping tale of one woman's will to escape the horrors of bondage—and a powerful meditation on the history we all share.



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 Rawlins and First Responders.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jackie Bellman, Barry Brown, Tammy Durham, Gayle Harney (Bellman), Eddie Payne, Norman Flynn, Jackie B. Miller (Waits), Molly Reynolds (Roberts), Debbie LaBoone (Anderson), Ivan Doane, Tim Lam (Kinnard), Barry Newcombe, Margaret Ann Milburn (Mattingly), Ben and Tracee Lyon, Bobbie Scrimshaw (McCarter), Bruce and Marlene Gosney (Schweitzer), Jayne Mattingly, David Cowan, Mary Marshall (McCord), Beverly McNeal (Roberts), Jean Christian (Hufford), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Kim McNeal (Bellman), Lynge Moesgaard (Downs), Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt), our Hospice families.

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