



Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

Sometimes we do not go to worship because we do not feel like it or because the last time we went, we did not get anything out of it or did not like some part of it (sermon, hymn, etc.) In the adult Sunday school class we just finished studying the Gospel of John where there is a lot of focus on discipleship and how to be the community of Christ. In one of our discussions, we talked about the attitudes and expectations people have for their church experiences.

Our culture teaches us that going to worship should be like going to the store. We should be able to arrive with our list in hand and everything prepared and ready for us. We expect that an employee has done the work so that we can get our needs met. We expect to be physically comfortable and for employees to serve us and help us find what we need. We will speak with people we run into, but it is not why we went to the store. We expect to complete our shopping with ease and in a timely fashion so that we can get on with the other things we want to do.

But church is not like a business and worship should not be like a shopping. We don't show up to worship just for ourselves; we attend in order to create the church for others. We go so that the stranger coming through the door for the first time in search of a relationship with God is welcomed and encouraged. We go to keep the promise that we made to the community; to be present with them, to journey in faith with them, to pray for them and with them in love. We go to witness to our young people and to the unconvinced that something is happening here that is critically important.

"Church attendance," one Sunday school member said, "is more like being a member of a sports team where everyone has a role, and you show up even when you do not feel like it, for the good of the team." Jesus is our model for this. He was patient with the disciples and their struggles. He loved them and served them even, washing their feet. And he promised to always be with them through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are the church, part of the greater body of our Lord. Christ calls us to love each other and to encourage each other in community.

I am so blessed to be your pastor!

Carol

New Groups Forming at Providence

Providence Book Group

We are starting a Providence book group in 2016. We will meet one evening a month and everyone is invited to join. Our first book will be *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. To learn more or to get on the email list, contact Rev. Carol.

Grief Support Group

Providence has lost a lot of loved ones in the past three years. As we approach the holiday season, Rev. Carol will be starting a Grief Support Group to share our strength and hope together and gain some tools for living.

We will have copies available of the book *Understanding Your Grief* by Alan D. Wolfelt. Please email Rev. Carol if you are interested so we can pick a time that works for everyone.

Veterans Day 2015

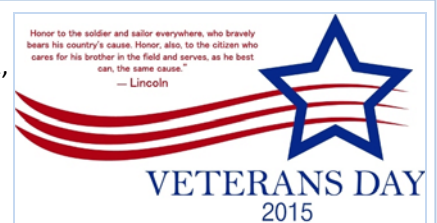
Veterans Day is November 11, 2015. We will honor our Providence family Veterans on Sunday, Nov. 8th.

You are invited to a one-hour ceremony at Camp Nelson National Cemetery on Wednesday, Nov. 11th, at 11:00 AM, to honor those who served and are serving our country.

Two members of Providence Christian Church will take part in the program. Veteran **Bob Bellman** will give the invocation and **Pat Stephenson** will provide a musical performance.

The program is open to all. Parking is available on cemetery property and people with disabilities can ride golf carts to and from their vehicles and the program.

Please call Don Thornton at (885-4648) or email (dathor1@email.uky.edu) with any questions.



Happening at Providence in November

- November 1 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – STANDARD TIME BEGINS**
- November 1 9:00 AM – Rev. Carol’s radio address can be heard the first Sunday of each month. Tune your radio to FM 105.9 or go to <http://www.wnjkfm.com/listen/live>
- November 1 All Saints Sunday AND Commitment Sunday – Bring your completed commitment card with you to bring forward during worship service
- November 8 Veterans Sunday – We will honor our Veterans today
- November 8 12:15 PM – All Church Potluck
- November 8 1:00 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- November 10 6:00 PM – Two by Tuesday Visitation Ministry
- November 14 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Holiday Marketplace at Providence (See also 1st page)
- November 19 **NO J.O.Y. Group meeting this month – Christmas Party next month**
- November 22 4th Sunday – Bring 4 Cans for Christ
- **SEE ALSO THANKSGIVING WEEK BOX BELOW**
- November 29 First Sunday of Advent and Youth-led Worship

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Linda Schweitzer	1
Ashley Waits	1
Kristen McDonald	3
Jennifer Sumeracki	3
Avery Whitt	3
Triston Cox	15
Michael Doane	16
Sharon Gash	16
Michelle Roberts	18
Blake Roberts	19
Travis Ward	30

Thanksgiving Week Calendar

- Sunday, 11/22 – 4th Sunday
As part of our Thanksgiving Celebration and 4th Sunday, please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. We especially need saltines and cereal.
6:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service
Quinn Chapel AME Church
744 Charles Street, Lexington, KY
- Wednesday, 11/25
9:30 AM Women’s Service Group will NOT meet this month
10:00 AM NO “Bodies in Motion” class today
7:00 PM NO Choir Practice tonight
- Thursday, 11/26 – THANKSGIVING DAY
Happy Thanksgiving! – The church office will be closed
- Friday, 11/27
10:00 AM NO “Bodies in Motion” class today
The church office will be closed

... and looking ahead to December –

- December 6 We will hold our annual congregational meeting. Nominations for Elders and Deacons should be submitted in writing to Rev. Carol or Charlie Slack.
- December 10 J.O.Y. Group Christmas Party
- December 11 “Bodies in Motion” exercise class (10 AM) will host “The Energizers” a dance group made up of “senior” ladies. Everyone is invited to enjoy this delightful group of energetic ladies!
- December 13 “Bring a Friend to Church” Sunday.

Each Sunday

- 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Program

Each 2nd Sunday

- 2:00 PM Worship Service at Bridgepointe

Each Monday, Wednesday, Friday

- 10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class

Each Tuesday

- 7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Wednesday

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith



Advent 2015
First Sunday of Advent is November 29th
with our Youth leading
Worship Service

DEAD MAN WALKING THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Life, human life above all, belongs to God alone. Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this. As St Ambrose taught, God did not want to punish Cain with homicide, for He wants the sinner to repent more than to die.



Pope Francis

Since 1984, Sister Helen has divided her time between educating citizens about the death penalty and counseling individual death row prisoners. She has accompanied six men to their deaths. In doing so, she began to suspect that some of those executed were not guilty. This realization inspired her second book, *The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions*, which was released by Random House in December of 2004.

Sr. Helen is presently at work on another book - *RIVER OF FIRE: MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY*.

Sister Helen Prejean

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Pax Christi Catholic Church ♦ 4001 Victoria Way ♦ Lexington
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Public Welcome ♦ Free Admission ♦ Free Will Offerings Are Accepted

Both *Dead Man Walking* and *Death of Innocents* will be available for purchase

Presented by: Pax Christi Catholic Church & Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

Opportunities to serve

Find a place to use your gifts and abilities

It’s a well-established truth: people who serve get so much more out of the experience than those who sit on the sidelines. Serving in various roles at Providence Christian Church is another way to share your Christian faith with others.

We have many ways your helping hands can serve – from deacon or elder, Sunday morning greeter, sing in the choir, concession worker at Rupp Arena, Providence garden, visitation ministries, children and youth ministries, the backpack program, Food Pantry delivery to Hospice patients, Bridgepointe worship service, Habitat for Humanity, to name a few. A good place to start is one of our committees:

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| Membership and Evangelism | Outreach Committee |
| Worship Committee | Christian Education |
| Property Committee | Stewardship and Finance |
| Personnel Ministry | Pastoral Relations |
| Facilities Use Committee | |

Additionally, we have two women’s groups – The J.O.Y Group and Providence Women’s Service Group. These ladies support service projects such as providing school and hygiene kits, and collect personal items for women’s shelter, and have organized and presented (with help from the men folk) the Holiday Marketplace each year for eight years now.

Prayer Concerns

PRAYERS FOR OUR PEACE OFFICERS: The families and loved ones of our peace officers who have lost their lives.

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: Eric Heathman, Ricky Highnote, Jacob Durbin, Donnie Thornton, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Matthew Hufford (Peace Corps.)

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jayne Mattingly, Tammy Vanover, Morgan Walker (Bellman), Joyce Hack, Rodney Napier (Payne), Becky Herrell (Sidebotham), David Potter (Eddie Cox), Cindy Clifton Watts (Fielder), John Breeding, Margaret Barriger (Doane), Mike Hanley, Leon Cissell (Hack), Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Evan Wayne (Coy), Apryl Tandy, Margaret Waits and her brother, Stanley Hicks, Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Allen Fielder, Mike Flynn, Laura Crawford, Mary Betts Hodson (Flynn), Lloyd Crockett (Sarah Walker), Cindy McKinney, Bill Turner (Anderson), John Fitzhugh and Sarah Fitzhugh, Baby Anna Grace Yanantuono (Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman’s mother), Linda David.