



Providence Prophet

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Message from our Pastor

Each New Year, we have the opportunity to make a fresh start and do some things differently. People often commit to more exercise and less sweets or junk food. And being physically healthy is important. Our body is a gift to us and we are to care for it as a temple.

Some people commit to getting out of debt or saving more money. This is also a very important goal. When we spend a lot of time and energy worrying about not having enough money, our debt, or wanting to have more money, money becomes too important. We have to be very careful that money does not come between us and God.

Some people commit to being kinder, more patient. Some commit to spending more time with family. Some commit to reading the Bible daily or to praying regularly, attending church more. All of these are good ideas. We Disciples are seeking wholeness in a fragmented world. In the midst of suffering and violence, pain and hate, we are called to be light, to reflect the light of Christ onto the world.

The Word became flesh and lived among us. We have received life and light, grace and truth. Gandhi said, "Be the change you hope to see in the world." It is a New Year, an opportunity to turn over a new leaf, to reflect the light of the world that we carry in our hearts. "Today is where the book begins, the rest is still unwritten."

Blessed to be your Pastor!

Carol

Providence Christian Church Legacy Fund

We are excited to announce that the Providence Legacy Fund has been established with The Christian Church Foundation in Indianapolis, IN. This was made possible by a generous bequest to the church by the estates of **Harold and Callie Waits**.

Proceeds from this fund will go to Outreach, the Youth of the church and our mortgage, as directed by the Legacy Fund Committee.

Please remember Providence Christian Church as you consider your estate planning and your own personal legacy.

2017 Providence Board

Many, many thanks **Bob and Jackie Bellman** for all your years of dedicated service as officers of the Providence Board of Directors. Bob has served as Board Chair a total of approximately 12-14 years in the past, and six years as Treasurer. Jackie has served as Board Secretary for the past six years. Bob and Jackie continue to serve Providence in many ways.

We welcome new officers, **Jan Downs** as Treasurer and **Jennifer Sumeracki** as Secretary.

We welcome also:

- Cathie Slack**, Deacons - Board
- Caron Tandy**, Member at Large
- Beth Hufford**, Deacon
- Jennifer Sumeracki**, Deacon
- Ertel Whitt**, Deacon

Providence is 200 Years Old!

"Two hundred years ago this month members of South Elkhorn Baptist Church of Christ met at Waveland, the home of Daniel Bryan, to discuss forming a new congregation. On February 22, 1817, 70 members were dismissed from South Elkhorn to start the fifth daughter, Providence Baptist Church, on Hickman (Nicholasville) Road. George Farra was the first baptized member three days later, and Bother Jeremiah Vardman was called as the first pastor in March." ~ From a history of Providence Christian Church

Bicentennial Celebration Planned

On January 29th, at 4:00 PM you are invited to attend and participate in a bicentennial organizational meeting as we make plans to celebrate our bicentennial the weekend of May 20 – 21, 2017. We are planning to invite other churches and members of the community to a cookout / barbecue on Saturday, May 20.

At the Sunday Worship service on May 21, 2017, we will have a special celebratory service.

Carl and Beth Waits are finalizing the Providence 200th Anniversary Cookbook. Additional details available soon.

Youth Group News

We are off to a good start to the new year with a full month of January. Our regular youth group meetings are back on schedule on Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. At 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 15th, we have a planned outing to The W.T. Young Campus Center at Transylvania. We will enjoy free pizza, and walk over to attend the MLK service at Central Christian Church.

Our Winter Retreat is scheduled for January 20-22 in Wilmore at AdventureServe Ministries. We are planning a relaxing, laid back time of fellowship and ministry. By now everyone should have confirmed with Moe know that you plan to attend. If you have not done so, please do ASAP.

We will be leading Worship on Sunday, January 29th.

Angel Tree Christmas Party at Providence

Thanks to the generosity and support of so many of you, our Youth, led by Moe and Angela Morris, were able to provide gifts and a night of fun, food and games for 13 children referred to Providence by the Angel Tree Project.



MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED Fourth Quarter 2016

Thank you to families, loved ones and all who donated memorial gifts during the 4th quarter of 2016. Gifts totaled **\$1,475** in memory of the following:

- Charles L. Devine
- Marthalyn L. Huckleberry

Happening at Providence in January

- January 8 12:00 PM – All-Church potluck
12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- January 12 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group “Holiday Marketplace Wrap-Up” meeting – Location TBD
- January 15 6:00 PM – *Martin Luther King, Jr. Service at Central Christian Church, 205 Short St., Lexington – Rev. Carol and Jesse Coy will participate. All are encouraged to attend.*
- January 18-25 *International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (see also below)*
- January 22 7:00 PM *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Pax Christi (see also below)*
- January 25 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- January 29 10:45 AM – Youth-Led Worship Service
4:00 PM – Bicentennial Organizational Meeting – open to all
5:30 PM – Elders Meeting
- January 30 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meeting at Ramsey’s Diner on Harrodsburg Road (see also below)

Each Sunday

1:30 PM *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*
5:00 – 7:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children
Children’s Fellowship

Each 2nd Sunday

2:00 PM Worship Service at Bridgepointe

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class

Each Tuesday

7:00 PM *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (resumes August 10th)

7:00 PM *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*

Each Friday

7:00 PM *Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Reed Thomas	1
Tammy Durham	3
Keaton Montgomery	5
Jonathan Hagy	8
Charlie Payne	9
Joyce McGee	12
Cathie Slack	12
Eric Michael Heathman	13
Ed Sidebotham	14
Gary Anderson	17
John Krupski	18
Deanna Oliver	18
Glen Payne	20
Tyler Flynn Ward	21
Whitney Davis	22
Whitney Downs	23
Bryan Roberts	23
Clara Hermanson	26
Patricia Stephenson	26
Jim Burger	27

World Council of Churches International Week of Prayer January 18-25, 2017

**“Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us”
(2 Corinthians 5:14-20)**

The Annual International Week of Prayer Service will be held at Pax Christi on January 22, 2017, at 7:00 PM. Rev. Carol will participate with other area churches and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

Providence Book Club

The January 30th meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at Ramsey’s Diner on Harrodsburg Road. At our December meeting, we selected the following books for January through May:

January – Tattoos on the Heart by Gregory Boyle
February – Near Death in the ICU by Laurin Bellg, M.D.
March – Miss Jane by Brad Watson
April – Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
May – A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

Our June 2017 meeting will be a planning meeting for the rest of the year.

Consider This . . .

Auto – Pay

It is a New Year! One thing that could make your life easier and benefit the church at the same time, is auto-pay. Through your financial institution or through the church’s bank, your contribution to the church can come out of your bank account the same day (or days) each month. You would no longer have to remember your check book or cash or to pay extra when you are out of town. Rev. Carol has her contribution taken out twice a month. Several members do a monthly deduction.

Nursery Care

We are blessed to have Presli Neal take care of our nursery every week. However, there are times when she has a conflict or gets sick when we need a substitute. Please consider becoming a church volunteer, filling out the paperwork and getting your name on the substitute nursery caregiver list. Please contact Michelle Roberts or Rev. Carol for more information.

Providence Garden

Yes, it’s only January and we have yet to get through the cold winter months. . . but spring will not be far behind.

We are planning to have our Providence Garden again this year, so be thinking about reserving your space and all those healthy, fresh vegetables.

Carl Waits will be till the ground in February and mark off the plots. Contact Carl or the church office to reserve your plot.

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: Jacob Durbin, Ricky Highnote, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlings and First Responders.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ellen Wilson (Doane), Rhonda Bland (Downs and Paynes), Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Hurst, Elizabeth Miller (Paynes), Rose Hall, Vicky Clark (Burger), Fran Charles (Hazelwood), Paul Hill (Pam Gardner), Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Dee Sidebotham, Megan Mattingly-Arthur, Peggy Bobbies (Eddie Cox), Dr. Sam Gehring (Fern), Grover Rowe, Bill Hurt, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Fay Young, Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Jean Christian (Hufford), Graham Blodgett (Hagy), Margaret Barriger (Doane), Allen Fielder, Mike Hanley (Draper), Evan Wayne (Coy), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Laura Crawford, Mary Betts Hodson (Flynn), Bill Turner, John Fitzhugh and Sarah Fitzhugh (Krupski), Roberta DeHaven (Sharon Heathman.)