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Message from our Pastor

This has been the strangest winter in my memory. The temperatures have been much warmer and overall wetter than usual. While I can't say that I love the cold, I do really enjoy having four seasons. It takes a cold, dry, gray winter to fully appreciate the warm, rain of a colorful spring. Easter is the most important day for Christians. It is wonderful to come and worship resurrection in a sanctuary full of blooming lilies, beautiful music and everyone in their finest. But coming on Easter Sunday after you have journeyed intentionally through six weeks of Lent is a much fuller and deeper experience.

Lent provides an opportunity to be a little more reverent, to slow down, strip away and refocus. Our sanctuary mirrors that simplicity during Lent. Lent calls us to concentrate on prayer, charity and repentance and our worship will reflect that focus. We will have calls to confession each week. We will bring non-perishable food for the pantry. The Prelude will begin worship with a Lenten prayer hymn. Our elders have challenged us to give up something during lent (expensive coffee, dining out, movies) and to donate the money we would have spent on those items to the church to pay down the mortgage.

The church liturgical calendar gives us the gift of Lent and God invites us to live a little differently for six weeks and to move closer to God. When we give up sweets (or television or fast food, etc.), every time we think of that thing, we are reminded of the season and of the sacrifice of Jesus. When we take up daily prayer (or reading Scripture, or volunteering, etc.) we call ourselves to a deeper faith.

If you desire a deeper faith, a stronger connection with Jesus, and a more Godly spirit, do something about it. Attend the Ash Wednesday service and worship every Sunday. Come to Sunday School. Attend the Wednesday night dinner and program. Attend worship during Holy Week, especially our Maundy Thursday Service. Accept the gift of Lent and then see how powerfully Resurrection affects you on Easter Sunday.

I am honored and humbled to be your pastor!

Carol

Youth Group Chili Dinner and Silent Auction



**SUNDAY, March 19,
12:00 Noon**

This is the Youth's largest fundraiser of the year. Please mark your calendar and join the youth and their parents as they serve up a delicious Chili dinner.

We are accepting donations for the silent auction (gift cards, baked goods, kitchen and household items, gift baskets, etc.). Contact Moe or bring your items to the Church Office.

Ash Wednesday Service March 1st 7:00 PM
Lafayette Christian Church, 1836 Clays Mill Road, Lexington

Jesus is the Question – Lenten Sermon Series

March 5 – What Do You Want Me to Do for You? *Luke 18.35-43*
March 12 – What is Your Name? *Mark 5.1-20*
March 19 – Do You See this Woman? *Luke 7.36-50*
March 26 – How Much Do You Have? *Mark 6.31-44*
April 2 – Who Do You Say that I Am? *Mark 8.27-38*
April 9, Palm Sunday – My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me? *Mark 15.33-34*
April 16, Easter Sunday – Who Are You Looking For? *John 20.15*

Lenten Services on Wednesdays

You are invited to a Wednesday evening Lenten worship on **March 8, 15, 22, and 29**. Rev. Carol will present a short lesson from the book, *The God We Can Know*, by Rob Fuquay, followed by a simple meal. Please RSVP to the office or Rev. Carol if you will attend and if you will require child care.

Holy Week Services, April 10-14, 2017

12:00 noon at Edgewood Baptist Church, 717 South Main St., Nicholasville, followed by lunch

Rev. Carol will preach on Monday, April 10th. All are invited to stay for lunch following worship each day.

Maundy Thursday Service at Providence
April 13th, 7:00 PM

Bicentennial Celebrations Planned

Community leaders, churches and members of the community are invited to a cookout / barbecue on Saturday, May 20th. Sunday Worship service on May 21, 2017, will be a special celebratory service.

We are collecting photos (especially weddings) and other Providence memorabilia to celebrate our 200th.



Wedding of Carl and Beth Waits, December 31, 1990, at Providence.

If you have items to share, please bring them to the church office. We will scan them or make copies and return them promptly to you.

We are also collecting names of individuals or families that should receive an invitation to the Bicentennial celebration on May 20th. Please email that information to Marie or drop them by the church office.

Happening at Providence in March

- March 5 First Sunday of Lent – Please bring food offerings for the Food Pantry throughout the Season of Lent to bring forward during worship service. During Lent we will also collect our Special Easter Offering with our goal being one month’s mortgage payment of \$5,103.
- March 8, 15, 22, 29 – 6:00 PM Lenten Worship with Rev. Carol (*see also 1st page*)
- March 11 11:00 AM – Tune to Jess FM 105.9 – and hear Rev. Carol on “All Things Jessamine” discussing Providence’s 200th Anniversary
- **March 12** **Daylight Saving Time begins – Spring Forward by setting clocks one hour ahead**
- March 12 12:00 PM – All-Church potluck
12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- March 16 6:00 PM – J.O.Y. Group meeting – Location TBD
- March 19 12:00 PM – Youth Group Chili Dinner and Silent Auction (*see also 1st page*)
- March 19 12:00 PM – Worship Committee Meeting
- March 26 4:00 PM – Baptism Class (also April 2nd, and Baptism will take place on Easter Sunday, April 16th)
- March 27 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’s Fellowship

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class

Each Monday and Tuesday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Wednesday

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Each Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Jacobs	2
Beth Waits	2
Randy Cox	3
Bethany Jacobs	6
Patsy Samples	17
Anneliese Jones	18
Bryson Anderson	21
Anna Tackett	21
Charlie Slack	22
Matt Anderson	24
Jennifer Robbins	24
Matt Anderson	24
Mallory McDonald	31

Women’s Service Group Project – Hygiene Kits

During the month of March, we are collecting items listed below. A box is provided in the narthex. Hygiene items often mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- ✓ One hand towel measuring approximately 15” x 28” to 16” x 32” (no fingertip, bath, dish or microfiber towels)
- ✓ One washcloth
- ✓ One wide-tooth comb removed from package
- ✓ One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from package (either is acceptable)
- ✓ One bath size bar of soap in original wrapper
- ✓ One toothbrush in original package
- ✓ Six standard size Band-Aids®

Deadline is March 30th



Affordable wide tooth combs can be found at discount suppliers such as sallybeauty.com. Search for wide-tooth pastel combs to see an example of combs that meet the kit requirements. Please do not add any extra items or toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment.

Hygiene Kit value: \$15 • Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per kit

Providence Youth Group Offers Easter Lilies

Our hardworking Youth Group is offering Easter Lilies for sale again this year to raise funds for our 2017 Mission Trip.

Easter Lilies will decorate the sanctuary and narthex on Easter Sunday and then you can take them home. They may be purchased for \$15.00 each.

You can designate your purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one and will be able to provide their name(s) on the order form. A complete list of donations, memorials and honorariums will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 16th.



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.

Kentucky Disciples Women’s Ministries

- Women’s Chorus Retreat March 3-5, 2017 Jeffersontown Christian Louisville, KY

Spring Conferences

- April 22, 2017 – Sinking Fork Christian Church Hopkinsville, KY
- April 29, 2017 – South Elkhorn Christian Church Lexington, KY

Contact regional office at 859-233-1391 or linda@ccinky.net or visit www.ccinky.org.



Providence Book Club

The March 27th book club meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at Ramsey’s Diner on Harrodsburg Road. Our book for discussion is *Miss Jane* by Brad Watson.



Drawing on the story of his own great-aunt, Watson explores the life of Miss Jane Chisolm. Born in rural, early-twentieth-century Mississippi with a birth defect that would stand in the way of the central “uses” for a woman in that time and place – sex and marriage – Jane Chisolm and her world are anything but barren. With irrepressible vitality and generous spirit Jane finds strength to live her life as she pleases in spite of the limitations that others and her own body would place on her.

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

Jerry Rutherford, Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Beth Waits, Gary Anderson, Kevin Boschert, Larry Kinnard, Rose Hall, Norman and Barbara Flynn, Vicky Clark (Burger), Dee Sidebotham, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Ivan Doane, Ellen Wilson, Margaret Barriger (Doane), Norman Wasson, Dr. Sam Gehring (Fern), Bill Turner (Carol), Doris Stanley (Sumeracki), Janie Feaster, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Mike Blanton, Graham Blodgett (Hagy), Rhonda Payne, Rhonda Bland, Elizabeth Miller (Edwards and Paynes), Megan Mattingly-Arthur, Elizabeth Hurst, Fran Charles (Hazelwood), Paul Hill (Pam Gardner), Peggy Bobbies (Eddie Cox), Grover Rowe, Bill Hurt, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Fay Young, Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Allen Fielder, Mike Hanley (Draper), Evan Wayne (Coy), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow), Jerry Jett, John Fitzhugh (Krupski).