



## Providence Prophet November 2017

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### Message from our Pastor

I recently read an article in the Washington Post that reminded me that one hundred years ago things in America were not so good. The United States was the richest nation in the world and yet most Americans were dirt poor by today's standards, even though the work week was 50 hours in less than desirable conditions. Less than a fifth of adults were high school graduates and less than a third of homes had electricity. One hundred years ago women did not have the right to vote, let alone equality, and African Americans could not drink from the same water fountain, eat in the same restaurants, worship in the same pews and suffered verbal and physical abuse with regularity. One hundred years ago our country entered the First World War.

I need these kind of reminders because at times I feel overwhelmed by the current state of things. My heart breaks whenever I learn of another act of violence or another overdose. I feel overwhelmed by the news from climate scientists about the effects of our warming planet. My spirit is troubled by the pain and suffering caused by the hurricanes, fires and superstorms of late. So it helps me to remember that pain and suffering are not new; what is new is instantaneous and constant news reporting.

And so I offer you an alternative – to unplug and fast from the news. We have choices! We can choose to take a period of time off. We can choose to read only the headlines. We can choose that certain days will be news days or certain days will be free of the news. Perhaps the time we spend watching or listening to the news can be spent instead reading or listening to Scripture or in prayer.

Being constantly inundated by news has a negative effect on our spirits. It distorts our view and can put us in a dark place. And we are Disciples of Christ, bearers of light and joy. We must remind each other who we are and whose we are. We will not succumb to fear or participate in divisiveness. We will live in hope and unity and be models for the world.

Honored and blessed to be your pastor!

*Carol*



### The Youth Group is cooking lunch!

Join us this Sunday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>** right after worship for a taco lunch.

Plan to stay for delicious tacos and sides. Donations go to raise money for our 2018 Youth Mission Trip.



**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

The Providence Holiday Marketplace is our biggest community event of the year. Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the Marketplace has evolved from a small church bazaar to that of a large hall full of holiday spirit, music, vendors, shoppers, the smell of homemade baked goods, and a warm lunch being prepared to sell to our shoppers and vendors featuring:

- 32 vendors of crafts and handmade gifts
- Granny's Attic and The Holiday Room for delightful second-hand items
- Delicious hot lunch and baked goods

#### Granny's Attic and The Holiday Room

The Providence Women's Service Group is collecting items for these delightful "booths" at the Providence Holiday Marketplace. It's a great way to donate used items for resale: **Granny's Attic** – Needs housewares, "white elephant" gifts, children's items such as games, books, toys, etc. **NO electronics, please.**

**The Holiday Room** – Accepts crafts and gently used holiday decorations of all kinds.

Drop off items at the church office between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM M-F, until November 7th. To bring items Nov. 8-10 call Eddie Cox at 272-3037 or 753-8915.



### Youth News

We cordially invite you to our Taco Lunch right after worship this Sunday, November 5, 2017. The proceeds go to support the 2018 youth mission trips to Guatemala and Eastern Kentucky.

Our youth will be selling poinsettias, cookie jars and advent calendars again this year at the Holiday Marketplace. These items will be available throughout the rest of November. See any youth group member. All of the proceeds from these items help with our 2018 summer mission trips.

The Youth Group meets on Sundays, after church from 12-2 pm. All young people in middle and high school are invited to join us. Adults who are interested in serving God while having a lot of fun are always welcome to join us. Please see Moe or any youth group member for more information.

We are always in need of people willing to provide a lunch for our youth group meetings. Please let the church office or Jennifer Sumeracki know if you are willing and able to help out with a meal.

Thank you to all the adult volunteers and a great bunch of kids who make this job fun and at times very interesting! I am thankful and blessed to be able to serve with you all.

*Moe*

## Happening at Providence in November

- **November 4** *Daylight Saving Time ends – “Fall Back” one hour to Standard Time*
- November 4 9:00 AM – Youth Group service day at AdventureServe Ministries in Wilmore
- November 5 All Saints Sunday – We invite you to bring photos for display of Saints you are remembering this year.
- November 5 12:00 – Youth Group Taco Lunch (*see also page 1*)
- November 6 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club Meeting at Bella Notte Restaurant
- November 8 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group Meeting
- November 11 9:00 AM – Holiday Marketplace (*see also page 1*)
- November 12 We will remember and honor our veterans this Sunday
- November 12 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- November 12 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- November 19 6:00 PM – Community Thanksgiving Service, Church of the Resurrection, 3220 Lexington Road, Nicholasville
- **November 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday – the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday**

**Each Sunday**

9:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages)  
 10:45 AM Worship Service  
 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith  
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children’s Fellowship

**Each Monday, Tuesday and Friday**

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith  
**Each Monday, Wednesday**  
 10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise Class  
**Each Wednesday**  
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Linda Schweitzer	1
Ashley Waits Hulsing	1
Kristen McDanald	3
Jennifer Sumeracki	3
Avery Whitt	3
Tegan Anderson	5
Karina Woodward	12
Triston Cox	15
Michael Doane	16
Sharon Gash	16
Terri Hazelwood	16
Maddie Conn	18
Michelle Roberts	18
Blake Roberts	19
Olivia Conn	23
Anaiah Bauta	29
Travis Ward	30

### The Providence Legacy Fund

#### How will you be remembered?

In celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Providence Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 2017, the Waits family established a permanent fund in memory of Harold and Callie Waits. The purpose of this fund is to provide a secure financial foundation from which interest income will be generated and used to sustain and benefit ministries of the church, and support our Youth Programs, Outreach Ministries and Capital projects – three programs that speak strongly to the heart of our mission, and to our future as a vibrant and effective congregation in our community.

The Providence Legacy Fund ensures a bright and strong future for Providence for 200 more years in our community. Everyone can participate, and no minimum donation is required to participate. The name of everyone who participates will be added to the Providence Legacy Fund Book and a memorial page will be added in your name at your passing. We invite you to be part of the future of Providence by participating through one of several options:

1. List Providence as a beneficiary in your Will for a specific amount or a percentage of your estate.
2. Add Providence as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy or an investment account.
3. Give a financial gift designated for the Providence Legacy Fund in honor or memory of a loved one.
4. Talk to a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee about other ways to participate.

Gifts become part of the principal of the Legacy Fund which will subsequently generate ongoing interest income. Only the interest will be used to financially support and expand the three ministries listed above; the principal will remain intact. As the principal grows over time, the interest income will likewise increase. The ultimate goal is to build a principal whose earnings will support not only these ministries, but will grow to a level that will allow us to support additional ministries, as well.

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a part of the Providence Legacy.

### Sunday School at Providence

**You are invited to Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30 AM**

Disciples used to be known as “The People of the Book,” but now we may be “the People of the Book we do not know.” We may say the Bible is the most important book, but we don’t spend enough time actually reading it, studying it, prayerfully discerning its meaning, and working to accurately implement its teachings into our lives.

Sunday school is a weekly opportunity to engage for an hour in the study of Holy Scripture. Each week we delve together into the texts with the aid of books written by Biblical scholars. The result is that we broaden our understanding of what scripture means for us. Together we help each other learn HOW to read the Bible, and better understand WHAT the Bible means for followers of Jesus in today’s world. We would love for you and your family to join us. We are currently studying *Galatians*, the oldest book of the New Testament.



### Youth Group Poinsettias for Sale

To decorate the sanctuary, in memory or in honor of loved ones; or for personal use (gifts, etc.) our Youth Group is offering a variety of poinsettias again this year. Order forms will be in the bulletin on Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> (deadline). Our Youth will also take orders for poinsettias at the Holiday Marketplace.



When doing your online Christmas shopping this year, remember that Providence is now a registered charity with AmazonSmile! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) purchases to Providence.

Use Providence’s unique link to sign up and donate to Providence each time you place any eligible order:  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1034769>

### 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**

Pauline Burger, Don Thornton, Sandra and David Cowan, Patti McCord (Hermanson), Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Linda Johnson (Bellman), Darlene Shelton (Thornton and Brown), Johnny Cannon (Cox), Justin Stewart, Janice Glenn (Wilson), Gay Herrin (Lanser), Lena Carter (Fern), Kevin Boschert (McDanald), Harold Conn, Lucy Carpenter, Anna Lear (Conn), Linda Fauz, Judy Pierce, Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Ivan Doane, Ellen Wilson, Margaret Barriger (Doane), Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Doris Stanley (Sumeracki), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Miller (Downs and Paynes), Elizabeth Hurst, Gene Shanks, Fran Charles (Hazelwood), Jennifer Miller, Cashman Hawkins, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow).

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