



OUR MISSION:

*TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE BY LOVING ONE ANOTHER AND BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES.
NURTURING FAITH • SUPPORTING CHURCH • SERVING NEIGHBORS*

Providence Prophet October 2020

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Message from Our Pastor

One of the things I love most about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is our diversity. We are a group of people who come from all walks of life with various passions. We vote differently and we have different ideas about how to improve our community, country, and world. But I hope that we never forget the foundational structure that brings us all together: we are all created in the image of God, loved by God beyond measure, and called to serve in a way that brings about the kingdom of God here on earth. If we keep these things in mind, we are able to work through the divisions of the world.

It gets harder and harder though doesn't it? It's an election year, and it's felt like it's been an election year for the past few years. There was a presidential debate Tuesday night. I watched two grown men yell over each other, call each other names, and insult one another for an hour and a half. Frankly both men should have been put in time-out within the first 10 minutes. On full display was behavior that none of us would tolerate from our children.

Given my belief that God created each and every one of us in his image, it is not hard for me to articulate that groups who proclaim they are superior to others are unequivocally wrong. Given my belief that God loves each and every one of us so thoroughly, it is not hard for me to denounce violence against other humans in any form no matter the affiliation of the perpetrators. These beliefs are so strong that it is hard for me to comprehend anyone disagreeing.

But what I also believe deeper than anything is that we are called to be in community with one another. If Jesus could eat with the man who would betray him, we can worship, serve, study with someone who thinks differently from us.

I want to leave you with a scripture, but finding just one passage is difficult. If you can, make time to read 1 John. It's not a long letter, but it's filled with a message of love like this short passage: "God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another."

Peter

Providence Annual Congregational Business Meeting

Below is the timeline for formation of the 2020 Nominating Committee and recommendations for new Elders, Deacons and Board members in preparation for the Annual Congregational Business meeting on December 6, 2020.

- September 27 – Recommendations for the Nominating committee will be taken Sept 27th through Oct 11th. Email suggestions to carl.waits@twc.com or call 859-948-5527.
- October 12 – Church Board meeting will approve Nominating Committee.
- October 18 – Names of the Nominating Committee will be posted.
- October 18 – Announce to congregation a request for new Elders, Deacons, and new Church Board members. No nominations will be taken at the annual meeting.
- Nominations will be taken up to Nov 8th
- November 9 – Nominations will be approved at the Church Board meeting and the ballot will be set.
- November 15 - 29 – Announce the ballot has been posted and the Church annual business meeting will be held December 6th. The Church Board approved budget will also be posted.
- December 6 – Providence Christian Church's Annual Business Meeting will be immediately after Sunday Service.

Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in KY Goes Virtual for 2020!

Workshops are scheduled the evenings of Oct 12-16 at 6:00 and 7:00 PM.

The Assembly, including Worship, will be Oct 17th. Worship will feature preaching by General Minister and President, Terri Hord Owens, and Special music by Sister Deborah Garr and Andra Moran.

Welcome New Member



Lena Rae Fern (shown with husband, Tom) joined Providence on September 6th.

Happening at Providence in October

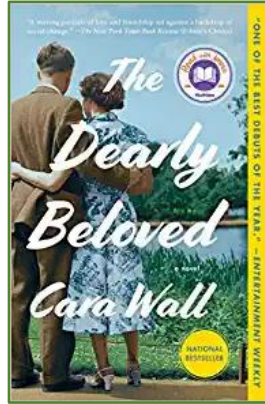
- See Page one for Annual Congregational Meeting schedule and information
- October 12 7:30 PM – Providence Board Meeting via ZOOM
- **October 12-17 The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky Regional Assembly (see page one)**
- **October 25 DEADLINE FOR NEW DIRECTORY UPDATES (form attached)**
- October 26 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club Meeting at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (see also below)
- October 28 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sydney Robbins	4
Stacey Rogers	8
Pauline Burger	12
Debbie Lynch	14
Triston Cox	15
Jenifer Payne	15
Gabriel Jacobs	18
Josh Sumeracki	23
Brad Sumeracki	30
Evan Hamilton Bullock	31

Providence Book Club

We will meet on Monday, October 26th at 5:30 PM at Joseph-Beth Booksellers. Our book for discussion is “The Dearly Beloved” by Cara Wall.



Charles and Lilly, James and Nan meet in Greenwich Village in 1963 when Charles and James are jointly hired to steward the historic Third Presbyterian Church through turbulent times. Personal differences, however, threaten to tear them apart.

Charles is destined to succeed his father as an esteemed professor of history at Harvard, until an unorthodox lecture about faith leads him to ministry. How then, can he fall in love with Lily—fiercely intellectual, elegantly stern – after she tells him with certainty that she will never believe in God? And yet, how can he not?

James, the youngest son in a hardscrabble Chicago family, spent much of his youth angry at his alcoholic father and avoiding his anxious mother. Nan grew up in Mississippi, the devout and beloved daughter of a minister and a debutante. James’s escape from his desperate circumstances leads him to Nan and, despite his skepticism of hope in all its forms, her gentle, constant faith changes the course of his life.

Feeding Our Neighbors

Thanks to everyone for supporting this important ministry with your many donations.

We have five hospice patients and 12 Ashgrove neighbors who receive bags of food delivered by church members. We can also use more books if you have any to donate.

Thank you also, to our new volunteers for answering our call for help with packing and delivering the bags of food.

Theresa

New Providence Directory – Who’s Who at Providence

We’ve seen many changes this year and it’s time for a new directory. All members and friends are encouraged to share who you are and be seen in the Providence directory. Now is the time to make any needed updates such as new photo, contact information, new family members, etc.

We have attached a form to the email sending the newsletter and have printed hard copies available on the welcome table at the church. Deadline for returning updates to Marie is October 25th.



Prayer Concerns

We continue our prayers for all those on our prayer list, as well as all those on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic – our courageous health care workers, first responders and military personnel called in to assist, and our leaders: Ben Hack, Sarah Walker’s girls Hannah and Carol, Darlene Shepherd (Marie’s niece), Jenifer Payne, Amanda Rawlings and Whitney Heet (sister and cousin of Josh Hamilton), Michael Wade and Cole Wade (Pam Gardner’s sons.) Larry and Susan Kinnard have children, a grandchild and in-laws in healthcare and police enforcement: Chrystal and Jeff Mackey, Larry and Tria Kinnard, Trisha and Lee Garrett, Presha and Scott Hall and Courtney Hall.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Clara Hermanson, Jackie Bellman, Sarah Walker, The Waits Family, Amanda Sikora (Harper), Utz Family, Brenda Holbrook (Kinnard), Frank (Frances’s father), Bobby and Linda Casey (Brown), Wally, (Whitt), Jong Family, Janet (Draper), Bess Wilson, Barbara Travis (Schweitzer), Barry Brown, Gayle Harney (Bellman), Roy and Dollie Payne, Jackie B. Miller (Waits), Sandy Hanson, Molly Reynolds, Beverly McNeal (Roberts), Tim Lam (Kinnard), Ben Lyons, Bobbie Scrimshaw (McCarter), Jayne Mattingly, David Cowan, Mary Marshall (McCord), Jean Christian (Hufford), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Kim McNeal (Bellman), Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt), our Hospice families.

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, Noah Davenport, Stephen Rawlings, Takoda Hacker and First Responders.

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 percentage of your estate or specific amount to go to the church upon your death. Everyone can participate and there is no minimum participation level.