



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 May 2021

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From our Pastor

There are certain times during the year that just make me think and focus on particular things. For example, I want very much to play golf during Master's weekend. During the Winter Olympics I become a downhill skiing expert (remember, I grew up in Florida; we had neither hills, nor snow skiing.) When was the last time I thought about horse racing? Derby week last year of course. And during this time of year, Spring, I can't help but think about growth.

I love watching the daffodils grow out of the cold ground, then the tulips, even the terrible Bradford Pears put a smile on my face (when the windows are closed.) I love getting to cut the grass again. We're planting seeds and plants in the garden and watching them grow already. There are baby ducks and robins growing in our backyards. I can't help but think about growth.

See, I don't want to "get out" of this pandemic, I want to GROW out of it. I've called and Facetimed my family more in 2020 than I did before. I've found a lot more patience and focus helping Madeline with online school every day this past year. I've learned more recipes and different ways to cook old favorites in the kitchen. We've all become more knowledgeable about preventative measures regarding airborne and other diseases. (The flu practically disappeared last winter because we were all so health conscious.) There's been so much growth, "returning to normal" would be a travesty!

The same goes for the church! Sure, there are programs and activities that we can't wait to get back to such as fellowship dinners and the choir in worship. But we've learned and grown in amazing ways! I've joked about how I've become a televangelist, but we've seriously grown and improved our technology in leaps and bounds. Our Food Pantry Ministry has grown and morphed. The Garden has literally doubled in size. I don't know when we'll pass communion trays again, but I do know that if we "get out" of this pandemic and "go back" to normal then we'd be making a huge mistake.

Blessings,

Peter

Congratulations, Frances!

Frances Cadle, our ministerial intern, will graduate from Asbury Theological Seminary this month with an M.A. in Ministry with a concentration in pastoral care. Frances will continue her seminary education, however, toward an M.Div. (Master of Divinity) degree. Though her primary interest continues to be working with the elderly and particularly with those facing end of life issues and their family caregivers, Frances has found that, "Congregational ministry has been an unexpected joy."

On May 11th, Frances will speak as one of several ministers at a memorial service for members of the Kentucky Bar Association. The Bar hosts a memorial service at a church every year during its annual convention to honor and remember those Kentucky attorneys who died the previous year. We are honored that Frances will be listed in the worship bulletin as representing Providence Christian Church, Nicholasville.

Ron and Frances plan to take some time off this summer to travel and to see family, so their Sunday attendance may be hit or miss just for the summer. But, as Frances says, "At this point in time, Ron and I plan to be with Providence for the indefinite future. We love the people and feel warmly embraced." Frances adds, "I would ask for prayer from the congregation for discernment and wisdom as I move forward into whatever God has in store for Ron and me!"

Happening at Providence in May

- May 9 Mother's Day
- May 16 12:00 PM (following worship) Providence Board Meeting
- May 24 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meeting at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (*details below.*)
- May 26 9:30 AM – Providence Women's Service Group

Each Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship Service

Each Monday, and Thursday

10:00 AM Bodies in Motion Exercise Class

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM *Simply the Solution* AA Group

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Sumeracki	3
Cailynn Coy	6
Eddie Cox	9
James Morrow	11
Clarke Toleman	11
Sarah Walker	12
Sarah Moesgaard	16
Christine Coy	17
Jesse Downs	19
Emma Whitt	19
Jan Downs	31
Larry Kinnard	31

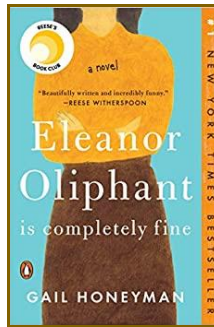
WE CELEBRATE WITH JOY

The birth of **Baby Moesgaard** to proud parents, **Sarah and Martin**, big brother **Jonathan**, and proud grandparents **John and Jan Downs!**



It's a Boy!
Born April 29,
2021;
7.9 lbs.
20.5"

Providence Book Club



We will meet on May 24th, at 5:30 PM at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers. Our discussion book is "*Eleanor Oliphant is Perfectly Fine*" by Gail Honeyman.

Eleanor struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats

with Mummy.

Everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kind of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.

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.

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 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

Jackie Bellman, Martha Morrow, Mary Lanser, Barry Newcombe, Barry and Nora Brown, The Waits Family, Breann Grissom (Lynch), Evan Whitaker (Walker), Chelsea (Lanser), Kim Cowherd, Tim Lam, Jim Rop, Lewis Utz (Kinnard), Jong Family, Janet Gillespie (Draper), Barbara Travis (Schweitzer), Gayle Harney, Kim McNeal (Bellman), Roy and Dollie Payne, Sandy Hanson, Molly Reynolds, Beverly McNeal (Roberts), Brenda Holbrook, Jayne Mattingly, Mary Marshall (McCord), Jean Christian (Hufford), Jackie B. Miller, Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham, Wally Temple (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, Noah Davenport, Stephen Rawlings, Takoda Hacker and First Responders.