



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 June 2023

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From Our Pastor

The church garden is up and running full steam ahead. It's always so amazing to watch this relatively small bit of ground turn into a smorgasbord of food! But the one thing that I always think is the absolute coolest to witness are the volunteer plants. Those plants that grow up from some seed that fell last year.

And then I get to thinking about all that little seed has endured and my awe only increases. At the end of the season each fall the garden gets mowed over. In the winter we have freezes, snow and ice storms that blanket the garden. Then in early spring the entire garden is turned over with a tractor pulling the big discs. After our individual spots are marked off, we go in with a rototiller and churn everything up.



Volunteer plant in our garden

And still, after all that, little mystery plants will pop up in random spots! Some will be sunflowers from seeds dropped by feeding birds. There will be clumps of sprouts where a squash or cucumber, tomato or melon was missed. But against all those odds they rise up from the soil.

In a number of places Jesus uses seeds and sowing as a metaphor for faith. There is of course the Parable of Sower that we all love so much. We like to ask ourselves which type of soil we are, and how the seed of our faith will grow within us. We also like to envision ourselves as the Sower casting the seeds of faith to others in our lives and trusting some of those seeds will find good soil. While Jesus never mentions it himself, I think we should also consider the volunteer plants.

As we live and mature in our lives of faith, we begin to produce more and more of those fruits of the spirit. And those fruits bear the seeds of faith. Unlike the seeds intentionally planted in neat, curated rows, the fruits of the spirit our lives produce fall wherever we happen to be. The seeds within may get beat up, froze over, and not germinate for a season but they are in the soil waiting for their own time to sprout.

Blessings,

Peter



Getting dirty in heels. (Emily's Daughter)

Happening At Providence in June

- June 1 NO Bodies in Motion Exercise Class
- June 11 Potluck at 11:45 AM
- June 11 Providence **Board Meeting** at 12:45 PM
- June 18 FATHER'S DAY

Each Sunday

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

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM **NO Choir Rehearsal until August**
6:30 PM *Simply the Solution AA Group*

Each Monday and Thursday

10:00 AM Bodies in Motion Exercise Class

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jeanne Widener	6
Charles Samples	9
Carl Waits	21
Martin Moesgaard	27
Eddie Payne	28
Ertel Whitt	30

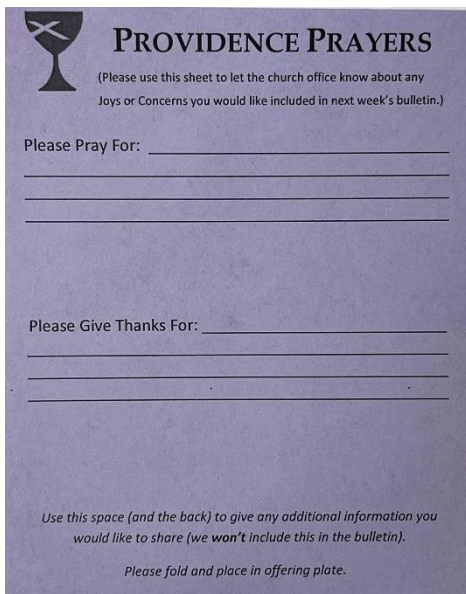
KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville

The 2023 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will take place in Louisville. GA is an important (and fun) gathering of Disciples from across the US and Canada. If you are interested in going or would like more information contact Peter or head over to ga.disciples.org.

New Prayer Cards



We have new prayer cards in the backs of the seats. Please use them to write down prayer requests or praises. This is in addition to saying them out loud in church and helps with having correct information in the next bulletin. It can also be more confidential if you'd prefer that.

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho 2023

Registration forms and detailed information is available in the church office.



Camp Wakon'Da-Ho Events

	Date	Grade
Mini Camp	June 2-4	2-3
CYF I Camp	June 5-10	9-12
Eighter's Camp	June 11-17	8-9
Junior I Camp	June 19-23	4-5
Camp 101A	June 23-25	K-2
CYF II Camp	June 26-July 1	9-12
Chi-Rho I Camp	July 3-8	6-8
Chi-Rho II Camp	July 10-15	6-8
Camp 101 B	July 22	K-2

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

Contact the church office to add your friends and loved ones to our prayer list. And, we love to hear when people on our prayer list are improving! Please review the list and give us updates.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

JOYS FOR MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Kathryn (Draper) and Jason Moore, Bryson Anderson, Avery Halm

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS: The Family of Tim McNealy, Larry Kinnard, Charles Teeter, Nan Brown, Aubrey Budzenski (Waits), Donald Scott (Bratton), Shirley Harmon, Jesse Downs, Mackey family (Kinnard), Draper Family, Anna Marie Moesgaard, Jerry Roberts, Jean Haney (Downs, Payne), Rose Hall, Dee Robins (Bellman), Judson Browning, Raetta (Hall), Susan Bourdain, Bobby Potts, Matt, Pamela Morel, Laura Bragg, Brenda Maynard, J.T. Smith, Boyd Wyatt, Charlotte Reid, Jim G, Jack Morris, Crosby (Lanser), Sandy Henson (Roberts), Dora Sweaney (Doane), Bruce, Hadley Gayheart, (Waits), Gayle Harney, Neva Jean Allison, We pray for our Food Pantry, hospice families and for all those serving our nation and community.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION:

We pray for peace, guidance for our country's leaders, our military and all who serve our nation: Oliver Jackson, Jake Mackey, Jonathan Haney, Dawson Simpson, Audrey Walden, Alex Pope, Michael Hagan, Jason Rutherford, Bobby McNeil, Steven Russell, Noah Davenport, Stephen Rawlings, Takoda Hacker and First Responders.