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A newsletter for Providence United Methodist Church

OUR MISSION

Providence Church is a community of faith whose purpose is to make committed disciples of Jesus Christ and to share God's love in the community.

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Upcoming Events

August 5

United Methodist Men
7:30

August 12

Cookie Bake – Cookies for Teachers
4:00

August 13

Church Council Meeting
6:30

August 14 & August 15

Cookies for Teachers delivery

August 19

Blessing of Educators & Backpacks
during the worship service

August 21

Bible Buddies
9:30

September 9

Dare to be a Daniel
study begins

COOKIES FOR TEACHERS

As part of our emphasis on showing God's love to those in our community, the Evangelism Committee will be preparing treats for all staff members in our local schools. We will deliver the cookies with a note of encouragement the week of August 13-17. This is a huge endeavor and we know that all of our church family will be eager to be a part of this ministry. There are 4 ways that you can join in the "fun!"

1. Bake cookies at home and bring them to the church on August 12
2. Bring cookie dough to the church on August 5 and 12 and place in the kitchen
3. Donate and we will buy the cookie dough for you.
4. Join us at the church on August 12 at 4:00 pm for fun and fellowship as we bake cookies and prepare treat bags.
- 5.

Please consider doing one or all of these activities!



We're asking kids to bring their school backpacks and teachers to bring their briefcases to the Worship Service. We'll have a special blessing of the backpacks & briefcases, praying for all the kids and educators as they prepare for the start of a new school year.

PUMC Mother's Day Out Program

We are excited to announce that we will be extending our community ministry by offering a Mother's Day Out program! The program will be for children ages 1-4 and will be two days a week from 9 am to 1 pm.

It will begin after Labor Day, but we are accepting applications now! Please contact Allison Woodson for further information at AllisonRc1977@aol.com or 510-1469.



ROCK 2012 Complete!

Thank you, PUMC, for lovingly picking up all eight ROCKS from our 2012-2013 collection. For those of you who missed out but would feel blessed by supporting our undergrads by participating in our college ministry next year, we will have more gems for adoption next July.

This year's college students are:

Freshmen:

- Catharine Hardyman - Nursing, Faulkner
- Megan Long – Criminal Justice, University of South Alabama
- Julia Pischek - Biology, University of South Alabama

Sophomores:

- Chelsea Long – Nursing, University of South Alabama
- Will Menas - Political Science/Pre-Law, University of Alabama

Juniors:

- Mary Kate Brasher – Leisure Studies, University of South Alabama
- Eric Coleman – Business, University of South Alabama
- Andrew Pischek – Junior, University of South Alabama

UPCOMING ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENTS

August 5-7: Chipley UMC in Chipley, FL
Revival with Rev. Charles Satterwhite as the guest speaker
August 5, 10:30 a.m. and August 6-7, 6:00 pm.

September 29: Habitat Build

October 2: USA Wesley Golf Tournament

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday evening activities for children begin at 5:00 p.m. with snack supper. Children then go to Bible Study with Ms. Tammy, choir with Ms. Mary Ann, and recreation with Ms. Mandie. Preschool Children meet with Ms. Vicky for Bible stories, music, and crafts.

Youth News

- ENCOUNTER Youth meets on Sunday nights @ 6pm for youth in grades 6-12.
- If you are interested in sponsoring any youth for a mission trip/retreat/event please contact Thom Dumas, Providence UMC Director of Youth Ministries, twdumasjr@gmail.com or 581.2482.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Tuesday Mornings "Bible Buddies"

The Bible Buddies will be back in action starting Tuesday, August 21, 2012. We will be studying I Peter, *Hope In Hurtful Times*, by Charles Swindoll. The Bible Buddies meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. All women are invited and encouraged to come seek a closer walk with the Lord. So come enjoy being part of the fellowship and develop new friendships along the way!

If you have questions please contact Cindy Chandler (626-9415) or Cheryl Pischek (945-5007).

Monthly Sunday Evenings

The Evening Women's Bible Study will meet at the church on Sunday, July 22, at 6:00. We will view Session 3 of the video series, "Wesley - A Heart Transformed Can Change the World". The study questions are attached. Please come even if you didn't make it to the previous sessions.

I hope you will join us for food, fellowship, and a time of discussion. If you have any questions or ideas on topics for future lessons please don't hesitate to contact me. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to call Mary Harris at 251-554-4170.

United Methodist Men's Group

United Methodist Men will meet Sunday, August 5th, at 7:30 for breakfast at the church. All men of the church are invited to attend. We will have a short presentation on the Habitat For Humanity Methodist Build scheduled for this fall and we will discuss other projects such as building a playground area for the Mom's Day Out program. The playground must be completed by early September. Please come and bring a friend.

Cookie bake for
Cookies for Teachers
on Aug 12 at 4:00



AUGUST CAMP MEETING SUNDAYS

Sundays in August will be even less formal than normal. Please come dressed comfortably. No Ties Allowed – but if you are comfortable in a coat and tie, then by all means wear them. Highlighted during these services will be singing favorite gospel songs. Let Bob know if you have some old favorites you would like to sing. Will be singing hymns you haven't sung in a long, long time.

Don't forget about the opportunity to give to the church electronically.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

John's Class, a class for adults of all ages: We are honoring John Dean who was one of the founders and a faithful member. John showed Jesus in him, living as a Christian, humble, gentle young man. John's Class is a class for adults of all ages who want to study the Bible and life's lessons. The class meets in Room 1 and currently finishing up the summer by looking at "What Methodists Believe."

This class has decided to take the Daniel study deeper and we will be using the Beth Moore Study on the book of Daniel starting the first of August. The first 6 sessions from Daniel 1 - 6 deal with Daniel's life as he faced the pressures and temptations Christians encounter today. The second 6 sessions Daniel 7 - 12 explores prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ.

The Prime Timers: meet in Room 3.

The Adult Sunday School Class: taught by Clark Ratcliffe invites all adults in the church to attend.

Youth: grades 6th through 12th are invited to attend the Youth Sunday School class, and friends of the Youth are always welcome. The Middle School class meets in Room 10 and the Senior High class in Room 9.

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Our Vision

Trusting in God's faithfulness, Providence Church is called to be a Christ-centered congregation committed to spiritual growth through traditional worship and Christian education. As disciples of Christ, we serve through missions, outreach and evangelism.