



October 28, 2011

# The Catfishian

*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

**October 30**  
Blood Drive  
8 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**October 30**  
Trunk or Treat!!!  
5:00-7:00

**November 2**  
Church Council  
6 p.m.

**November 5**  
Craft Bazaar

**November 7**  
Charge Conference

**November 13**  
Deadline for turning in  
Operation Christmas  
Child shoeboxes

## Updated Financials

Through September 2011:

Needed to balance operating budget	\$318,474
(39 Sundays X \$8,166 weekly need)	
Received for operating budget	\$303,730

## MISSIONS THIS SUNDAY

It's blood drive Sunday. Those who have signed up, remember your time... if you'd like to give but haven't signed up we can still fit you in. Thanks!

## THIS SUNDAY AND NEXT

We'll be collecting blankets, coats, sweaters, jackets and other needed items for Waterfront Rescue Mission. November 6 will conclude this drive, just in time for...

## ADOPT A KID FOR CHRISTMAS

With the help of Family Service Center in Bay Minette, we are once again blessed to have the opportunity to give local children in need a better Christmas.

Look for the tree next Sunday!

Thanks for your giving...

Love and peace,

Clark



This Sunday, October 30, PUMC Children's Ministry will host our 1st Annual Trunk or Treat! Come join us from 5-7 and enjoy some spooktacular trunk or treating, horse rides, bobbing for apples, cotton candy, pumpkin painting, Go Fish, a cupcake walk & hamburgers/hotdogs.

This event is open to everyone, so spread the word to friends, family, & neighbors and join in on this great time of fun and fellowship!

- If you have signed up to decorate your trunk, please be ready for our trunk or treaters AT 5 p.m.
- If you have signed up to bring something, please bring it to the church Sunday morning (I've attached the sign up sheet as a reminder to what everyone signed up for).

## Upcoming Craft Bazaar

PUMC will be having a craft bazaar & bake sale on Sunday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For the sale to be a success we need your help! The Crafter's Group is organizing the sale but we can't make enough items for people to buy. So, if you can make something or bake something please do! We will also sell quality holiday & home décor, so here is a chance to donate décor you're tired of.

You can help set up tables on Thursday evening (11/3) or help arrange items on Friday (11/4). You can help with the lunch (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) by bringing soups/desserts. You can come shop on the 5<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend. There are many ways to help – so "GET EXCITED & MAKE THINGS [HAPPEN]!" All proceeds benefit our church.

Please see Lisa Kennedy if you can help or contact her at LME1977@hotmail.com or 573-529-1962.

## It's A B.Y.O.B. Event!

Bring Your Own *Blood*, that is! Please bring your pint *and your picture ID* to the LifeSouth trailer in our parking lot *this* Sunday!

If you haven't pre-registered but don't want to miss the fun, we can squeeze you in or stay till the last person leaves. Just check our schedule below for an open time slot.

If you cannot make it to church this Sunday to donate, remember you can drop by Daphne's LifeSouth office to give. *Be sure to tell them that you want your donation credited to Providence's numbers.*

LifeSouth is off of 98 at 6451 Merritt Boulevard near Daphne's Publix. Hours are:

Monday	Wednesday	9:00-5:00
Tuesday	Thursday	9:00-7:00
Friday	Saturday	9:00-3:00
Sunday		10:00-4:00

Thanks to all of you participating in this worthy cause!

Our current donation schedule:

8:00	Bruce Ratcliffe
	Darrell Green
	Clark Ratcliffe
	Maura Dismuke
8:15	Chester McConnell
	Harry Mitchell
	Charles Kettell
	Dennis Dismuke
8:30	Bill Stallworth
	Toni Clayton
	Jennifer Turnbow
	Ryan Kennedy
8:45	Diana Forrest
9:00	Peggy Gates
	Anne Quina
	Laine Wooden
9:15	Duke Coate
	Brenda Lake
	Diana Ros
9:30	Kelly Wilder
	Robert Fowler
10:00	Alicia Ratcliffe
10:15	
10:30	
10:45	
11:00	Suzanne Moreno
11:15	Susan Percy
	Phil Percy
	Rhoda Sweet
11:30	Joanne Wermuth
	Bob Wermuth
	Bob Sweet
11:45	Jane Dailey
	Holly Coleman

## Put a Lid on It

Remember that curt expression to “put a lid on it?” That’s what **Operation Christmas Child** is politely asking you to do after you’ve filled a plastic shoe box with small gifts for a hurting child somewhere on the globe. This outreach ministry is in progress right now, which gives us the next **three Sundays till November 13** to return a filled box to the Gathering Area.

Please stop by the red table to pick up a green brochure that describes the kinds of items that are and are not acceptable to pack. The brochure provides a mailing label for your choice of a needy boy or girl from age 2-14. The same information can be accessed from [http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack\\_A\\_Shoe\\_Box/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box/)

Thank you for participating in this worthy cause!

Holly Coleman

## Attention Sunday School Teachers:

Please consider involving each child or adult by inviting them to contribute an item or two to assemble a classroom Christmas box. Just follow Operation Christmas Child’s gift guidelines for acceptable items, and remember the \$7.00 postage check.

## Financial Overview

You are invited to attend a 10-15 minute financial status overview following Sunday's worship service. As we begin our Stewardship Campaign, we thought it would be worthwhile to share recent financial history and status of this year's operating budget. To help as you consider your pledge, we will offer information about sources and uses of church funds, how our operating budget works and a few things we hope to accomplish next year. We hope to see you there....

## Time to Organize

Closet cleaning time!! Our church family is no different from your family when it comes to cluttered closets! We need to organize our church closet with your help. We need storage containers with lids, sometimes better know as "storage tubs". The sizes that will fit the closet shelves are 64 or 66 quart storage tubs. If you are into dimensions the height is 22" and width 17". Please consider donating a clear storage container per family and our church closet will look fabulous!! If you have questions or comments please send them to [Cheryl.Pischek@gmail.com](mailto:Cheryl.Pischek@gmail.com).

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TRUNK OR TREAT  
October 30!!!

## 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.

## June 2010 Youth Mission Trip

We are planning a youth mission trip to Costa Rica in June 2012 for those active with ENCOUNTER Youth and their parents. Those going will be involved with packaging books that will be obtained from a grant from the Rotary Club and delivering them to Costa Rican schools. We'll also hold bible school for local churches. The cost is expected to be around \$1500 and should include accommodations, airfare, in country travel, food and recreation. Contact Thom for more information and to go ahead and sign up for the trip.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### ***Tuesday Mornings "Bible Buddies"***

The *Bible Buddies* are gathering back together on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to join. We meet for fellowship at 9:00 a.m. and the study begins at 9:30 a.m. We are looking forward to another wonderful year as we fellowship and study God's Word. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Chandler (626-9415) or Cheryl Pischek (945-5007).

### ***Monthly Sunday Evenings***

The Evening Women's Bible Study will be this Sunday night, October 16th at 6:00. The lesson will be on Zephaniah. All women are asked to bring in any resources they have for this study. Come join us.

## United Methodist Men's Group

The Men's group meets the first Sunday of each month at 7:30 am for breakfast. Please come and bring a friend and remind a friend!

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Young Adult Class continues their study The Book of Ephesians from the Life Change Series. A nursery and Sunday School for all children is provided. Join this class for young adults in their 20's and 30's in Room 1.

WOW!!! taught by Pat Davis is studying The Life You've Always Wanted by John Ortberg. In a marathon, the secret lies not in trying harder, but in training consistently. Followers of Jesus over the centuries proved that spiritual disciplines are exercises that strengthen your endurance race on the road of growth. Join WOW!!! in an exciting journey taking a fresh look at spiritual disciplines. WOW!!! meets in room 4.

The Adult Sunday School class taught by Clark Ratcliffe invites all adults in the church to attend. They continue their study "Lamp Unto My Feet – God's Word To Live By" This study is a practical application from the Bible for living everyday life. The class meets in Room 2.

The Prime Timers, taught by Roberto Pischek, are using The Adult Cokesbury Bible Study curriculum. The themes for the fall quarter are TRADITION and WISDOM. Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Matthew are the books of the Bible the class will examine. On Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>, they will begin Unit 2 of this series titled Jesus Teaches Wisdom. The lesson October 30<sup>th</sup> is Living As God's People and Forgiving As God's People is the lesson for November 6<sup>th</sup>. They meet in Room 3.

The Youth will begin a new Student Life Bible Study Reverb on October 30<sup>th</sup>. This study consists of eight six week courses. The first set of lessons is Drive – The Mission of God in the World. All Youth in the church grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend. 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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*Don't forget about the opportunity to give to the church electronically.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO...

### October

28 Amanda Pierce  
29 Jim Cotton  
31 Dana Fehr

### November

2 Kendra Boothe, Sparky Wilson  
6 Mickey & Brenda Lakes' Anniversary  
7 Anita Bowers  
8 Isabelle Mosley  
9 Matthew Brasher, Patsy Hall  
11 Catharine Hardyman

## WHOM TO CONTACT

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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.*