



*the* **INVITATION**

# A Very Blessed Summer

*- Wednesday Evening Gatherings for All Generations -*

Join us for a "A Very Blessed Summer" experience Wednesday nights, 6-8pm, starting July 19. This 5-week gathering focuses on the ways we live together as children of God and includes outreach and mission opportunities. Each week we share a meal, study the Word, engage in learning activities, and worship together as a family. This program is for God's children of all ages, 1-100, to eat, play, learn, and worship together!

Register online ([provpres.org](http://provpres.org)) or on the bulletin board in the hallway near the rear entrance of the church. Invite friends and neighbors to share a "A Very Blessed Summer" with you at Providence Presbyterian Church!

**Gathering 1, July 19**

Walking and Growing with Jesus  
Luke 24:13-48

**Gathering 2, July 26**

Trusting the Good Shepherd  
Psalm 23 and John 10:11-18

**Gathering 3, Aug 2**

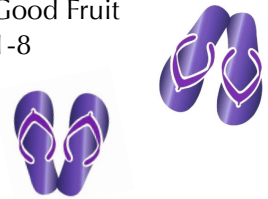
Bearing Good Fruit  
John 15:1-8

**Gathering 4, Aug 9**

Love Each Other  
Psalm 98 and John 15:9-17

**Gathering 5, Aug 16**

Green & Growing in the Kingdom of God  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 and Mark 4:26-34



## Family Outing

### First Landing State Park

July 29, 2017

A fun day of exploration and discovery for the whole family! Let's meet at Providence on Saturday, July 29, at 9:30am, then travel by church bus or carpool to First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach. Our day together in God's beautiful creation includes a hike, a scavenger hunt, and BYOBB (Bring Your Own Brown Bag) lunch. Treasures for everyone at trail's end and there's no parking fee to pay. The bus returns to the church around 1:30pm.

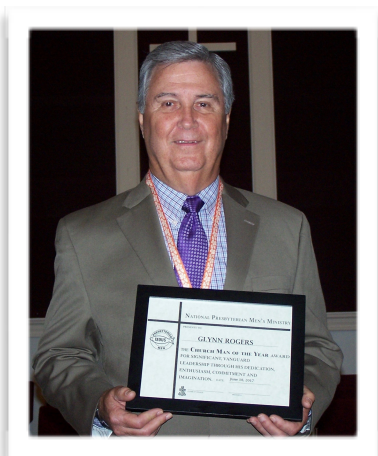
Register online or on the Sign Up bulletin board near the church library. (Space on the church bus is limited; register early!) Questions? Contact Donna Rae Barrow, 687-8880, or Connie Salter, 288-2072.



## PROVIDENCE Summer Schedule

### Sunday Worship @ 10 AM

# Congratulations!



Congratulations to Glynn Rogers for being named 2017 Providence Presbyterian "Man of the Year"! This National Presbyterian Men's Ministry award is given to Glynn for significant, vanguard leadership through his dedication, enthusiasm, commitment and imagination. Glynn has actively been involved at Providence and served diligently in so many different ways since becoming a member several years ago.

Thank you Glynn!!  
You lead by example.

## Upcoming Men's Events

**Men's Conference at Masenatta Springs** – July 14-16. Registration information is posted on Men's Bulletin Board.

**Men's Afternoon of Golf** – July/August Date TBD. Marvin Brangan Coordinating.

**Annual Fish Fry** – August 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 -7 pm. Tickets available now.

**Men's Retreat** - Our next Men's Retreat is scheduled for October 20-22<sup>nd</sup> in Corolla, NC. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board. A great time was had by all that attended the first retreat. If you need assistance in attending please contact Kevin Daley.



# MEN'S FALL OBX RETREAT

October 20 – October 22  
See Pastor Ricketts for Details

# Annual Fish & Fry

To benefit Providence Men's Mission Outreach.



## Get Your Tickets Early!

On sale each Sunday  
through August 20th

## THIS MONTH AT PROVIDENCE

### SUNDAY, July 2

10:00am Worship & Communion

### MONDAY, July 3

Office Closed

7:00pm Boy Scouts

### TUESDAY, July 4

Office Closed

### SUNDAY, July 9

10:00am Worship

### MONDAY, July 10

7:00pm Boy Scouts

### SATURDAY, July 15

- Newsletter Deadline -

8:30am Courtyard Graces

### SUNDAY, July 16

10:00am Worship

### MONDAY, July 17

7:00pm Boy Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, July 19

6:00pm Family Night

### THURSDAY, July 20

7:00pm Care Team

### SUNDAY, July 23

10:00am Worship

11:30pm The "Why?" Group

### MONDAY, July 24

7:00pm Boy Scouts

### TUESDAY, July 25

7:00pm Tides Faith & Family Night

### WEDNESDAY, July 26

6:00pm Family Night

### SATURDAY, July 29

9:30am Family Outing

### SUNDAY, July 30

10:00am Worship

### MONDAY, July 31

7:00pm Boy Scouts

A WARM WELCOME TO  
PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN'S  
NEWEST MEMBERS



Dan and Joyce  
**Ortman**

## BIRTHDAYS

07/01 Peggy Main	07/11 Susan Wagoner	07/20 Debbi Beschert
07/02 Andrea Owensby	07/11 Debbie Pierson	07/22 Mike Sawyer
07/02 Iona Sawyer	07/12 Sarah Hyslop	07/23 Hayley Parson
07/03 Emily Pursel	07/15 Debi Boettiger	07/23 Joey Pennypacker
07/03 Tyler Cole	07/15 Janice Singletary	07/28 Rick Moore
07/04 Annika Ashcraft	07/16 David Stockmeier	07/28 Bill Lehm
07/06 Karen Moore	07/18 Cheri Bank	07/28 Melinda Cullipher-Toone
07/06 Mark Dorsch	07/18 Dot Soule	07/29 Rob Harnly Jr
07/09 Donna Rae Barrow	07/18 Daniel Burford	07/29 Stephanie Webster
07/11 Marietta Madden	07/19 Will Ricketts	07/30 Michelle Wofford

## Norfolk Tides Faith & Family Night

July 25, 2017 @ 7:00pm

**Providence Group Ticket Sales**  
**Sundays through July 9**



## Providence Women's POOL PARTY

Join us for a refreshing afternoon of fun, food and fellowship.



July 29, 2017

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Hosted by Ashley Schroeder

**Come join the fun!**

Register online or on the bulletin board.





The last week of July every year brings the Virginian Wesleyan Sacred Music Conference which has a huge assortment of valuable sessions for pastoral musicians and clergy. The Conference has four evening sessions

which are open to the public. There is no admission fee for any of them, but donations are welcome....and you are welcome to attend!

During our summer worship for the Sundays of July and most of August, the choir will take a break from preparing weekly anthems. Instead, we will have solos and small ensembles sing during the anthem time, and we will have a "pick-up" choir which will meet at 9:40, right before 10:00 worship, to go over the hymns and prepare a simple introit. This is open to youth and adults, anyone who would like to participate in worship from a different perspective! Come join us!

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

# Sacred Music

## 2017 SUMMER CONFERENCE

*A Worship & Arts Event*

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CONFERENCE EVENING EVENTS

<p><b>Monday, JULY 24</b> 6:00 PM <b>Opening Buffet</b> <i>(included in the full conference fee)</i></p> <p>7:30 PM <b>Over My Head, I Hear Music</b> A service of worship filled with scripture, readings, and African-American Spirituals, led by <b>Dr. Eileen Guenther</b>.</p>  <p><b>Monumental Chapel, VWC.</b> Open to the public; free.</p>	<p><b>Thursday, JULY 27   7:30 PM</b> <b>Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place</b> A hymn festival led by <b>Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch</b>, organist. Co-sponsored by The American Organists Guild-Tidewater Chapter.</p>  <p><b>First Presbyterian Church, 300 36th Street, Virginia Beach.</b> Open to the public; donations accepted.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, JULY 26   7:30 PM</b> <b>Light of the World, Shine on Us</b> Festival worship with the 110-voice <b>Wesleyan Worship Choir</b> under the direction of <b>David Schwoebel</b>, with <b>Rev. Brandon Nichols VWC '12</b>, worship leader; <b>Jason Evans-VWC '02</b>, pianist; <b>Dr. Matthew Russell</b>, organist.</p>  <p><b>Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, 333 Cedar Road, Chesapeake.</b> Open to the public; donations accepted.</p>	<p><b>Saturday, JULY 29   7:30 PM</b> <b>FINALE</b> <b>Sing to the Lord with Cheerful Voice</b> A concert of sacred choral works featuring the 90-voice <b>Wesleyan Festival Chorus</b> under the direction of <b>Constantina Tsolainou</b> with <b>Kevin Kwan</b>, organist, and the <b>Wesleyan Festival Brass</b>.</p>  <p><b>Christ &amp; St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 560 W. Olney Road, Norfolk.</b> Open to the public; suggested donation \$10.</p>



participated in the Reading Café and Lunch Buddy programs during this past school year. One volunteer took it a step further and began to tutor a student who she felt could benefit from additional reading guidance. It made quite a difference! Opportunities for becoming part of these programs will continue next year. As you relax and enjoy the summer, please consider spending two hours one day a month (or more) making a difference in a student's life beginning in the fall.

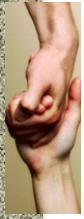
As Partners in Education our church has provided valuable support to the students and staff at Fairfield Elementary School. They truly appreciate all that we do for them. Thank you to all those who



Box Tops will continue to be collected. We donated over 650 during this past year. Everyone can support this effort to help the school "purchase" much needed supplies. Just look for the Box Tops on grocery items, clip, and drop off into the marked bin in the information hallway. Thank you all for your contributions.



# Discipleship Sunday: September 10



Discipleship Sunday (the day formerly known as “Rally Day”) in 2017 will be held on Sunday, September 10. This is the day that we’ll officially begin our study of *The Disciple Making Church*. This will obviously be a very special day in the life of the church. Please put this date on your calendar and remember to invite your friends, neighbors, family and colleagues to join you on September 10th at the church!

Let’s face it... Most of us are so busy living our lives that we think that we’re doing pretty well if we can get to church once a week! Unfortunately, there’s this reality that God calls us to much more: We’re not only called to be disciples but we’re also called to be disciples who help others become disciples. Life can get pretty overwhelming when you add those two tasks in with your existing responsibilities!

Many of us would stand a much better chance of achieving these goals if there was an easy-to-understand explanation of what being a disciple even means. Enter Glenn McDonald’s wonderful book *The Disciple Making Church: From Dry Bones to Spiritual Vitality*.

The next-to-the-last paragraph of the book’s introduction asks “*For whom are these pages intended?* If you are a leader of a Christian body that is in transition to a disciple-making focus; if you are part of a small group that is looking for a more holistic way of being together; if you want to ponder the ramifications of a life of fuller obedience to Christ; if you are seeking to better frame the questions and issues for a strategic-planning process for your church or yourself; or if you simply want to know how God might bring greater spiritual vitality *to a dry and weary land*, then by God’s grace may these pages encourage you as you go forward.”

If you’d like to be a part of a group study or would prefer to study on your own, you’ll be able to register to take part in the study and pick up your books on any Sunday in August at the church.

Discipleship

## BE ONE - LEAD ONE

Through our weekly study of McDonald’s book in Sunday morning discipleship groups and our focus on the same topic during worship, we’ll initially answer the following questions, from the perspective of the apostle Paul:

- Who is your Lord?
- Who are you?
- Who is your Barnabas?
- Who is your Timothy?
- Where is your Antioch?
- Where is your Macedonia?

After a break from the study for a season of stewardship and Advent, we will return to Glenn’s book for a detailed look at the six marks of a disciple:

- A Heart for Christ Alone
- A Mind Transformed by the Word
- Arms of Love
- Knees for Prayer
- A Voice to Speak the Good News
- A Spirit of Servanthood and Stewardship

## Couples Beach Retreat 2018



March 9 - March 11

See Pastor Ricketts for more details.

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### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please e-mail newsletter items  
no later than the 15th of each month  
for the following month's edition to:  
[office@provpres.org](mailto:office@provpres.org)

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