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## J.U.M.P. Into Promotion Sunday August 28

'J.U.M.P!' is our Promotion Sunday theme for August 28 as we jump into a new year of Children's Sunday School ministry. J.U.M.P. stands for 'Jesus, Use Me Please!', as we grow in faith, mission and service. During the Sunday School hour (9:45am – 10:45am) on August 28, our children will meet their new Sunday School teachers, have a class 'J.U.M.P' photo made on the front steps of the church (thank you, photographer, Hall Shinn), enjoy 'foot cookies' and 'toe jam' green punch in Charter Annex, sign a giant 'Footnote' banner pledging to be 'toe-happy to come to Sunday School,' and participate in a jump rope contest on the playground. And, during the 11:00 o'clock worship, we will dedicate all of our teachers. Our children's Promotion Sunday is sponsored by the Children's Council. It is going to be an exciting day, so make plans to kick off a new season of Christian education at Providence UMC!

*Cindy Smith, Director of Children and Family Ministries*

### Attic Sale, August 27

Over the next week Charter Hall, charter annex, stage, A100 Sunday School hallway, room A127, the hallway by the kitchen, the Atrium, the Elizabeth Lee Center and the catacombs will be overflowing with wonderful donations for the attic sale. These donations will be carefully staged by our talented teams of volunteers to attract buyers whose money will support the missions of the church. Take a peek at the new addition to our sale, an art gallery in the hallway by the kitchen.

The attic sale provides nourishment, education, medical attention and an opportunity for many of our Haitian neighbors to provide for their families. But the attic sale does more than that:

- The attic sale events give you an opportunity to meet and work with many church members you don't know.
- It provides our community a place to shop for their families when they cannot afford to pay retail.
- The items that don't sell are picked up by the Charlotte Rescue Mission, serving Charlotte and our surrounding communities.

You will also notice a lot of excitement in the Atrium as our Silent Auction is taking place Monday, August 22nd through Thursday, August 25th. Come and place your bids for wonderful treasures that were selected from our Attic sale contributions. You can check your bid every day until 7pm on Thursday evening. Please bid and then bid again. All proceeds support our ongoing Haiti mission. Plan to come by on the August 25 for refreshments, 5:30-7pm, and place your final bids for the auction items.

If you haven't had the chance to sign up and volunteer please call Michele Seagraves at 704.817.8273 or Jim Wollin at 704.553.1230 and help out on the day of sale. Jim needs volunteers to help load furniture after it is purchased. There are opportunities to suit everyone. We are really excited about this church event and thank you all for your enthusiasm and gifts of time, talent and donations.

*With gratitude, Ginger Marr and Cathy Smith*

#### Bake Sale

To bake or volunteer, contact  
Jenny Bolt, Chairperson  
at [jenbo84396@aol.com](mailto:jenbo84396@aol.com) or  
704.366.4463

Bring baked goods to the Welcome Desk, Friday, August 26 by 2:00pm

#### "The Best of Attic Sale"

##### Silent Auction

Monday, August 22, 9:00am  
Thursday, August 25, 7:00pm

**Attic Sale Saturday,  
August 27, 7:00-2:00 pm**

### Music Ministry

#### Chancel Choir Retreat



The thirty-first annual Chancel Choir Retreat was held at Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC August 19-21, 2011. Seventy-five participants came together for a weekend of work, play, laughter and the sharing of musical talents. Chancel Choir rehearsed music for the fall and advent season. The weekend included singing, laughter, fellowship, fun, food, singing, worship and more singing! Who could forget the debut of Pastor John Fitzgerald's fiddle playing and mandolin strumming along with Chancel Choir members, Tom Hill, Dan Helveston and John Sullivan, on banjo, guitar and bass! A fine show after a hard day's work! The retreat was brought to a close through Sunday morning worship led by Pastor John Fitzgerald. Worship included the Sacrament of the Holy Communion, beautiful hymn singing, a scripture (Philippians) solo by Charlotte Judge and organ selections played by Robert Ivey.

God is thanked and praised, lives are enhanced, music is made and relationships are developed as we, His people, come together each year at Bonclarken.



**Infectious**

Have you ever heard of Ignaz Semmelweis? I didn't think so. Semmelweis was a doctor who worked in Vienna during the mid-1800's. His patients kept getting sicker. Then, after returning from a long trip, he discovered that his patients had gotten better. It appeared that he was making his patients sick. Specifically, Semmelweis discovered his research with cadavers was transmitting "particles" that were making people sick. This was the precursor to germ theory and a major step in understanding the connection between cleanliness and health.

I ran across this tid-bit of trivia in a book by the Arbing Institute called, *Leadership and Self-Deception*. The point of the story is that sometimes we deceive ourselves into believing that everyone and everything else is the problem, when in fact we are the problem. Perhaps my negativity, or my indifference, or my insistence on doing things my way is infecting the people around me. Perhaps my impatience or my lack of understanding, or my anger is making people sick. There are all kinds of germs that we can unwittingly carry to others.

The good news is that we can also carry healing attributes. The fruits of the Spirit are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). As we grow in the Spirit, these are the virtues that grow in us. The great thing about the Holy Spirit is that it is infectious. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will grow in us and be passed on to others.

*In Christ, John*

**Providence on Wednesday: Destination Station!**

Join us for faith, food, fellowship and fun at Providence UMC on Wednesday nights, September 14—December 14, 2011. Pack up the kids, yourself and invite a friend—really, just come as you are—and make church your mid-week spiritual nourishment destination. Get your 'passport' (when you check in for dinner) and bring it each week to be stamped as we travel on a faith journey together. We will award prizes in December at our closing celebration for fall and winter.

Each Wednesday enjoy a delicious meal featuring a different locale ... perhaps a taste of Italy, Mexico, Americana and more. Check the website, the *Voice* newsletter, and the POW information board for menus. Dinner is served from 5:30pm — 6:30pm Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under (max cost per family is \$25). Please make reservations by 12:00 noon on Monday the week of POW. You can sign up now at [www.providenceumc.org](http://www.providenceumc.org).

At 6:30pm enjoy a 'Journey through the Bible' study with Rev. John Fitzgerald in the Chapel. It is a conversational, question and answer time as we explore the Bible together. No preparation necessary. Childcare is available from 5:30 — 7:30pm for children through kindergarten age. You may also supervise your older elementary age children on the playground from 6:30—7:30pm.

**September 14 — Destination:** Kick Off Cookout/Tailgating Celebration: hamburgers, hotdogs and a bluegrass band

**September 21 — Destination:** Americana: fried chicken dinner

**September 28 — Destination:** Key West: shrimp & Key lime pie

**October 5 — Destination:** Texas: Pork BBQ. Cowboy hats welcome

**October 12 — Destination:** France: quiche. 'Create a Masterpiece'

**October 19 — Destination:** Mexico: enchiladas. 'Travel Photography'

**October 26 — Destination:** China: Stir-fry & eggrolls and Fall Parade

*(POW schedule continues on page 3)*

**Day of Prayer**

August 25, 7:00am-7:00pm our Chapel is open for prayer. We will lift up our children, their teachers and administrators, as well as the children and teachers at the School of Mercy in Haiti in prayer.

**WORSHIP at PROVIDENCE**

**Sunday, August 28**

**Preacher** Rev. John Fitzgerald  
**Sermon** "From Suffering to Hope"  
**Text** Romans 5  
**Hymns** No. 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
 No. 377 "It Is Well with My Soul"  
 No. 451 "Be Thou My Vision"  
**Anthem** "Lord, Here I Am" by Stephen Paulus  
 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" arr by Tom Shelton  
 Youth Choir, 8:30  
 "What Does the Lord Require?" arr by Todd Wilson  
 "The Glory of Christ" by K. Lee Scott  
 Chancel Choir, 11:00

**Sunday, September 4**

**Preacher** Rev. John Fitzgerald  
**Sermon** "Conflict Resolved"  
**Text** Matthew 18.15-20  
**Hymns** No. 62 "All Creatures of Our God and King"  
 No. 390 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"  
 No. 547 "O Church of God, United"  
**Anthem** "Turn Back, O Man" by Gustav Holst  
 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" by Harold Friedell  
 Chamber I, 8:30; Chancel Choir, 11:00

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

<b>Aug 24</b>	Matthew 26.6-13	<b>Sept 2</b>	Psalms 149
<b>Aug 25</b>	Exodus 3.1-15	<b>Sept 3</b>	Romans 13.8-14
<b>Aug 26</b>	Psalms 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c	<b>Sept 4</b>	Matthew 18.15-20
<b>Aug 27</b>	Romans 12.9-21	<b>Sept 5</b>	1 Peter 2.11-17
<b>Aug 28</b>	Matthew 16.21-28	<b>Sept 6</b>	Romans 13.1-7
<b>Aug 29</b>	Exodus 4.01-31	<b>Sept 7</b>	Matthew 21.18-22
<b>Aug 30</b>	Exodus 5.1-6.13	<b>Sept 8</b>	Exodus 14.19-31
<b>Aug 31</b>	Exodus 7.14-25	<b>Sept 9</b>	Psalms 114
<b>Sept 1</b>	Exodus 12.1-14	<b>Sept 10</b>	Romans 14.1-12

Flu shots October 5, from 12:00 noon-3pm, Conference Room  
 Cost is \$27 or NC BCBS, Tricare (Military Healthcare) or Medicare

### Join Global Missions Team!

Have you ever wanted to be a leader of God's mission to serve others? Would you like to better understand critical Providence missions such as *Stop Hunger Now* and Disaster Relief/Recovery? Do you have a passion for our international missions in Cambodia, Kenya, and Haiti? We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming an active member of our Global Missions team beginning in 2012. We serve children, youth, and adults in all regions excluding Mecklenburg County. Join us and make a positive difference in the world! If interested contact Jim Wollin or Carol Shinn, Director of Missions, at [cshinn@providenceumc.org](mailto:cshinn@providenceumc.org).

### STEPHEN MINISTRY



### Golden Parachutes

We all encounter difficult times in our lives—the death of a loved one, a divorce, unemployment, or a health crisis. We experience stress from being a caregiver, or from struggling financially. The current economy has us all feeling uncertain, wondering how we will survive the next few years. We see golden parachutes for others, but what about you and me? Who is going to help us through the challenges we face?

We know we are not alone. God loves us and listens to our thoughts and prayers, but sometimes that is not enough support because we cannot see or hear Him. When we are in serious need of tangible comfort and support, we want someone here on earth to listen.

God provides Stephen Ministers to be our golden parachutes. So, when you feel pushed out of an airplane, a Stephen Minister can help you glide to a safe landing. Stephen Ministers cannot fix your problems. Instead, they listen to you, pray for and with you, and walk with you for as long as you need them to. If you would like a golden parachute, please contact Roy or Mary Freeman at 704.366.9705 or Nat or Patti Beasley at 704.847.8609, or Dr. Bill Jeffries at 704.714.9364.

### Men's Faith & Fellowship Study—"ENOUGH"

*Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity* by Adam Hamilton  
 October 4 When Dreams Become Nightmares  
 October 11 Wisdom and Finance  
 October 18 Providing Dinner for Journey Place Staff and Residents (aging-out of foster care facility funded by Providence UMC)  
 October 25 Cultivating Contentment  
 November 1 Defined by Generosity  
 Joe Hamby leads our four chapel sessions 7:00 to 8:15pm  
 Cost for book and materials—\$25  
 Contact the church 704.366.2823

### (POW— schedule continued from page 3)

November 2 — Destination: Caribbean: Jerk Chicken.  
 November 9 — Destination: New Orleans: Jambalaya  
 November 16 — Destination: Greece: Greek salad  
 November 23 — Destination: Traditional Thanksgiving meal  
 November 30 — Destination: Italy: Spaghetti  
 December 7 — Destination: Americana: Chicken tenders  
 December 14 — Destination: Mom's Kitchen: Traditional Christmas meal. Christmas carol sing-a-long.

### Children's Ministry

#### Teachers & Helpers Needed for Our Little Ones

We have openings for teachers and helpers with our one-year old class and our three-year old class, and our 11:00 o'clock nursery schedule, if you would like to be a part of our Children's Sunday School volunteer team. Come and enjoy these excited smiling faces on Sunday mornings. Our 3's class has an easy to use curriculum that teaches the children to live 'B.I.G.' (live our belief in God). If you have questions or need more information contact Cindy Smith at [csmith@providenceumc.org](mailto:csmith@providenceumc.org) or 704.714.9372 and for 'Safe Sanctuary' registration forms. A sign-up schedule is located at the Welcome Center.

#### Junior Mints Are Building Their Faith!

Our Junior M.I.N.T.s, Junior 'Methodists in Training,' pre-teen youth group for 4th and 5th graders, will kick-off Sunday, September 11 at 5:30pm with a 'Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae' party. Please bring your favorite ice cream topping to share. Our building theme will continue with a focus on 'Rock Solid Faith' this fall. Each month, the Jr. Mints will meet on the second Sunday at 5:30pm and on the fourth Sunday at 9:30am for 'Donuts & Devotions.' For more information, contact the Junior Mints' leader team: Charla Muller, Tara Hooper and Cindy Smith, Director of Children and Families Ministry at [csmith@providenceumc.org](mailto:csmith@providenceumc.org).

#### Visitation Ministry

**August 28 First Time Visitor**  
 Peggy Adams & Laura Flowe, Marci Simmons & Ed Wells  
**Bread Bakers** Lea Morrison  
**September 4 No Visitation Scheduled**



#### Youth News—Garden City

The theme was Dine in - Carry Out. It was an awesome week and we would like to thank our awesome team of leaders. Denny Hammack, Guy Varn, David Dunn, Fallon Boland, Tim Boland, Tyler Morrison, Abby Carter, Derek Arnold, Guy Gordon, Beth Gordon, Julie Peach, Jeff Volpp, TJ Hooper, Ron Rick, John Stephens, Karen Perry, and Laura Flowe. We could not do it without these people - so when you see them, please give them a hug, pat on the back or a high five for a job well done.



#### WDS News

Happy News! After a wonderful summer including two sessions of Summer Fun Days, the time has come once again for the precious children to be back in the halls of the Weekday School. Currently, we have over 200 children enrolled in our program and are very close to capacity. That is a true testimony to the fantastic things happening each year here in the Weekday School. The staff has returned to work and is busy preparing their minds and their classrooms to welcome their new friends. We all look forward to another exciting year. I hope that you will find a time to stop by to experience the positive energy flowing through our halls. It is contagious and you are always welcome!

#	2011		CONTRIBUTIONS			2010	YTD	ATTENDANCE
	Date	Weekly total	YTD	Date	Weekly total	YTD	Comparison	
33	14-Aug	\$34,669.33	\$1,114,970.95	15-Aug	\$29,007.50	\$1,102,380.30		8:30am—28,11:0 0am 435
34	21-Aug	\$20,376.75	\$1,125,347.70	22-Aug	\$17,688.29	\$1,120,068.59	\$5,279.11	Sunday School—499 August 28 Attendance Not Available

**LiveWires** – Join us for lunch on September 25— program TBA



**Boy Scout Recruitment**

Wow! Where did the summer go? It is hard to believe it is time for school to begin. With the coming of school, comes the start of another year of Cub Scouts. The Cub Scout program is a fun and educational experience tied to core values. Besides providing a positive place where boys can enjoy safe, wholesome activities, Cub Scouting focuses on building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical skills, and developing a spirit of community service.

We are excited about what this year brings for Pack 11. We have new friends joining and new leaders ready to take the reins. This past year Pack 11 was proud to have a large "graduating class" of Webeles who joined Troop 11. We welcome new Cubs to the Pack. For anyone interested in Cub Scouting, join us for an open house recruiting event at the church in room A103 Thursday, September 1 at 5:30pm. Invite friends with boys of Cub Scout age (grades 1 - 5).

We look forward to the fun at the annual Fall Cuboree at Belk Scout Camp the weekend of October 7-9, as well as our annual Supertrip on President's Day Weekend, February, 2012. Service opportunities will include our Adopt-a-Stream cleanup on the Sugar Creek Greenway in October and March 2012, as well as the annual canned food drive *Scouting For Food* with Troop 11 on February 4, 2012.

If you have questions about Pack 11 or what is planned for the year, contact Cubmaster, Don Denton at donhdenton@carolina.rr.com or 704.650.7149 or Assistant Cubmaster, Matt Joyner at 704.442.8875.

**Divorce Support**

DivorceCare, a divorce support group, will begin Wednesday, September 14 at Providence. Register online at [www.providenceumc.org](http://www.providenceumc.org) or to view the DivorceCare brochure. Providence member Ed Wells will facilitate this thirteen week long (excluding November 23) support group. Each participant will have a work book and each week will feature experts in the fields of Divorce and Recovery from a Christian perspective. By meeting on Wednesday evenings participants can choose to eat together at POW. The classes will start at 6:30 and end no later than 8:30. Child care will be offered. Sign-up now to participate as class size is limited. Twenty dollars covers the cost of materials. If you have any questions, call the church 704.366.2823..

**Methodist Men's Fellowship**

Sunday, August 28, 2011 A.D. 8:15 AM breakfast (coffee at 8)  
Don't miss our (Also) Up Close and Personal breakfast with new pastor of evangelism Stephanie Hand. For a reservation, please answer an MMF e-mail, sign up in Sunday School or call 704-714-9381.  
Everyone is invited.

**United Methodist Women**

Tuesday, September 6, 2011  
Board meeting 9:30am room A105-107  
General meeting 10:30am, room B219  
Speaker: Suly Chenkin Holocaust Survivor, shares her experience with us  
Coordinator: Cackie Baldwin  
Lunch: 12 noon, \$7.00/School supplies collected at luncheon  
Lunch reservations or cancellations by Friday noon, September 2, call 704.714.9382  
Nursery reservations by Sunday, September 3, 2011 call the church 704.366.2823



**MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**

Our Music Ministry is busily preparing for another year of wonderful musical offerings! Both children and youth choir letters have been mailed. You may register for children's choirs and Youth Choir on-line at [www.providenceumc.org/worship](http://www.providenceumc.org/worship), in the Atrium on Sunday, August 28 or by calling the Music Ministry office at 704.366.7442.

Children's Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 14.  
Youth Choir will rehearse at their Kick-off Retreat, August 26, 7:00pm-August 27 noon, and will lead in the 8:30 worship Sunday, August 28. Then weekly rehearsals begin Sunday, September 11 at 4:30pm. (No Youth Choir rehearsal on Sept. 4.)

**Submit VOICE articles by Friday, September 2, 2011 for September 7 VOICE to [cgrinham@providenceumc.org](mailto:cgrinham@providenceumc.org)**

**Prayers for Peace and Safety**

We pray for all persons serving in the military, for their safety and protection, and for their families, that they would be encouraged, **Dan Adair, Sean Barrow, Greg Fisher, George Gouge, Jonathan Hendrick, James Baxter Hunt, III, Tom Jewell, Bill Keever, and Troy Ledford.** *If you are aware of PUMC members serving in the military, please call 704.714.9368.*

PROGRAM STAFF  
 Rev. John Fitzgerald, Senior Pastor; Dr. Bill Jeffries, Senior Associate Pastor; Teresa Dunn, Minister with Youth and College Students; Cindy Smith, Director of Children and Family Ministries; Stephanie Moore Hand, Minister of Evangelism & Discipleship; Carol Shinn, Director of Missions; Anna Smith, Weekday School Director; Dr. Adam Ward, Director of Music Ministries; Charlotte Judge, Associate Director of Music Ministries; Robert Ivey, Organist/Music Associate; Marcia Conston, Student Assistant Pastor; BUSINESS OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER 704.714.9366  
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