



# VOICE

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Our Vision: A growing body of Christ glorifying God and serving others

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## Serving the Church: Deacons and Elders

Have you ever wondered what the differences are between Deacons and Elders in the United Methodist Church? According to the 2008 Book of Discipline, "Deacons are persons called by God, authorized by the church, and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word and Service to both the community and the congregation in a ministry that connects the two." From the early church, Deacons were called and set apart for the ministry of love, justice, and service. This ministry grows out of the Wesleyan passion for social holiness and ministry among the poor. Deacons are given leadership in specialized areas of ministry to connect those in the church with the most needy, neglected, and marginalized. Additionally, Deacons proclaim the Word in various forms including preaching and teaching. The ministry of the Deacon is a faithful response of the mission of the Church to meet the emerging needs of the world. At Providence UMC, both Stephanie Hand and Teresa Dunn are ordained Deacons.

The Deacon represents the servant, human side while the United Methodist Elder represents the priestly, divine side of Jesus. At Providence, John Fitzgerald and Bill Jeffries are ordained Elders. When we witness a Deacon and Elder serving in Worship together, we see the fullness of Christ's ministry. A Deacon is ordained to Word and Service; and Elder is ordained to Word, Sacraments and Order.

Have you noticed that our pastors wear robes and stoles during worship? Deacons wear the stole over one shoulder. Elders wear the stole around the neck. The symbols towel, basin, and cross represent Deacon because they bear witness to the transformation of the Reign of God. The Deacon's stole goes from the left shoulder to the right hip to represent the towel that Christ used in washing his disciple's feet (John 13.3-16). At Providence we are blessed to have four gifted pastors who have dedicated their lives to serving God and God's people.

*Rev. Teresa Dunn, Minister with Youth & College Students*

### Radical Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, September 18—What a wonderful day of worship, Bible study and fellowship! The children invited and brought their playmates, the adults invited and brought their neighbors and colleagues; the Basketball Ministry invited and brought their fellow "Ballers." Some of our special guests did not have church homes, others were members of other churches, yet others stated they had been on a church sabbatical.

There was excitement in the air, smiles on people's faces, stories shared, but most important we all worshipped God, in a community of believers, seekers and people who are simply trying to understand their faith and gain a deeper relationship with Christ! Thank you, for inviting your friends to come and worship with Providence, where we are *Growing in our faith, Glorifying God and Serving others.*

*Rev. Stephanie Moore Hand,  
Minister of Evangelism and Discipleship*



### Children's Ministry Sunday, October 16

Sunday, October 16 you are invited to Providence UMC's annual Fall Festival from 3–5pm. The festival will include 'Trunk or Treat' sponsored by

our Youth (children are invited to come in costume), clowns, a fire truck, the fun bus, arts and crafts and games, fall photos, moon bounces, pizza for sale and much more. The Fall Festival is sponsored by the Children's Council, and it is a

great time to invite friends and neighbors to Providence. For more info, contact Mary Ashley or Cindy Smith at [csmith@providenceumc.org](mailto:csmith@providenceumc.org) or 704.714.9372.

### Youth Ministry Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkins are coming!

Wednesday October 5 at 4:00pm

Pitch in at the Patch!

Worker shifts are from 10:00am until 7:00pm

Sign up at the Welcome Desk

Contact

Jackie Logan at [jaclogan@bellsouth.net](mailto:jaclogan@bellsouth.net)

Teresa Dunn at [tdunn@providenceumc.org](mailto:tdunn@providenceumc.org)



### The Five Practices as a Daily Spiritual Discipline

This fall we are offering a thirty-day email devotional study to our entire congregation from Bishop Robert Schnase's book, *Practicing Extravagant Generosity*. This is a gift we would like to give the congregation, so we hope you will participate.

We hope that this experience will deepen your commitment to Christ and strengthen our church as a whole.

Contact Carol Grinham regarding email delivery questions at [cgrinham@providenceumc.org](mailto:cgrinham@providenceumc.org).

**from Pastor Fitzgerald . . . Think Orange**

Orange was not Reggie Joiner's favorite color. He attributed his dislike to a subconscious aversion to baby aspirin, or the fact that orange clothes made his skin look pale, or "the rowdy nature of Florida Gator fans" (his words- not mine). In recent years, however, Joiner has become an orange fanatic. Why the change of opinion? The reason is simple: "Orange is what red and yellow can do when they combine efforts."

Joiner claims that combining efforts can produce greater influence. For example: when Harvard University combined its influence with the power of television, the result was Sesame Street. Another example: when a father combined the influence of family with amusement parks, the result was Disneyland. Simply put, combining red and yellow always creates an Orange effect – two influences combined is always a greater influence. This is true in the church.

Years ago an upset mother came into my office. She said, "Your weekday school is teaching my child bible verses!" She said, "I'm concerned that this will influence my child and I want her to be free to choose religion for herself." I replied, "We want to be an influence in your child's life!"

Think of what could happen if we combined the influence of home with the influence of church. That is thinking orange! When we combine the efforts of home and church we can create a stronger influence in the lives of the next generation.

In Christ,  
John

P.S. Want to know more? Go to [www.therethinkstore.org](http://www.therethinkstore.org) and order Think Orange by Reggie Joiner.

**ATTENDANCE**

September 4		
8:30am—130	11:00 am— 403	Sunday School—359
September 11		
8:30am—220	11:00 am— 580	Sunday School—612
September 18		
8:30am—138	11:00 am— 507	Sunday School—617

**Care of Members**



**NEW MEMBERS**

(Angela) Ellen Lopez, 6742 Folger Drive, Charlotte, 28270, 704.367.9458, joined by transfer of membership August 28, 2011.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Virginia Westlake**  
December 27, 1918—September 13, 2011

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Sept 21	Matthew 18.1-5	Sept 30	Psalm 19
Sept 22	Exodus 17.1-7	Oct 1	Philippians 3.4b-14
Sept 23	Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16	Oct 2	Matthew 21.33-46
Sept 24	Philippians 2.1-3	Oct 3	1 Peter 2.4-10
Sept 25	Matthew 21.23-32	Oct 4	2 Corinthians 5.17-21
Sept 26	Exodus 18.1-2	Oct 5	Deuteronomy 6.10-25
Sept 27	Philippians 1-15.21	Oct 6	Exodus 32.1-14
Sept 28	Matthew 9.2-8	Oct 7	Psalm 106.1-6,19-23
Sept 29	Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20	Oct 8	Philippians 4.1-9

**WORSHIP at PROVIDENCE**

**Sunday, September 25**

**Preacher** Rev. Stephanie Moore Hand  
**Sermon** "An Encounter with Jesus"  
**Text** John 4.4-24  
**Hymns** No. 154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
 No. 193 "Jesus! The Name High Over All"  
 No. 538 "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

**Anthem** "Christus Factus Est" by Anton Bruckner  
 "Call to Remembrance" by Richard Farrant  
 Chamber II, 8:30; Chancel Choir, 11:00

**World Communion Sunday, October 2**

**Preacher** Rev. John Fitzgerald  
**Sermon** "The Meaning of This Meal"  
**Text** Luke 22.14-19  
**Hymns** No. 147 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"  
 No. 626 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"  
 No. 613 "O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread"  
**Anthem** "Who at My Door Is Standing?" by K. Lee Scott  
 "Communion Song" by Robert Lau  
 Encore Choir, 8:30  
 "Many Colors Paint the Rainbow" by Herman Steumpfle  
 "Jesus, Remember Me" Jacques Bertheir  
 "Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"  
 Traditional South African Song

**Care of Members**

**HOSPITAL**

Discharged: Connie Calcagni, Beckie Helms, Basil Williams

**SYMPATHY**

We offer the strength of our resurrection faith to the family and friends of **Dottie Johnson** who died September 7, 2011.

We offer the strength of our resurrection faith to the family and friends of **Ed Serrine**, 2629 Circa Drive, Matthews, 28105-5906, 704.443.7338, on the death of his sister Norma Louise Gay who died September 9, 2011 in Midland, TX.

We offer the strength of our resurrection faith to the family and friends of **Helen Rodenbeck** who died September 13, 2011.

We offer the strength of our resurrection faith to the family and friends of **Virginia Westlake** who died September 13, 2011.

We offer the strength of our resurrection faith to Linda Jones, 7026 Whitmarsh Court, Charlotte, 28210-4901, 704.552.2887, and her family and friends on the death of her husband, **Johnie Jones**, who died September 16, 2011.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Dorothy Cole (Dottie) Johnson**  
August 15, 1922—September 7, 2011

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Helen Hoffman Rodenbeck**  
May 12, 1921—September 13, 2011

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Johnie Hooper Jones**  
August 13, 1929—September 16, 2011

**POW Destination Station Needs 'Travel' Volunteers**

Each week as we 'travel' to different destinations for our Providence on Wednesday Destination Station meals, we would like to invite you to serve (literally!) as our volunteer 'travel agents.' Our volunteers would help serve the meal, help set up our beverage cart and dessert table, and help clean-up after the meal. If you have the gift of helping or hospitality, this is a great way to serve your church and all of our guests and friends who join us on Wednesday nights. Come and join in on the faith, food and fun on Wednesday nights at Providence UMC! Sign-up posters will be available at POW, and you can also sign up to be a 'travel agent server' on our website or email Cindy at [csmith@providenceumc.org](mailto:csmith@providenceumc.org).



**Providence On Wednesday**

**Destination Station**

**September 28—Destination Key West**  
 Fried Shrimp Baked Potato Cole Slaw  
 Hush Puppies Key Lime Pie  
 Tea Coffee Lemonade

**October 5—Destination Texas**

BBQ Baked Beans Cole Slaw  
 Fruit Rolls Chocolate Elcair Cake  
 Cake Tea Coffee Lemonade

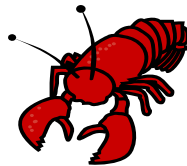
*Journey through the Bible* study with John Fitzgerald at 6:30pm in the Chapel

*Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30pm*

\$7 Adult Plate \$4 Children 10 years and younger  
 \$25 Family (one household living at the same address)

**CHANCEL CHOIR  
 LOBSTER SALE!!!!**

*Pick up lobster orders on  
 Friday, October 7*



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER LOBSTERS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$18.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TO BE PICKED UP BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

*All orders are prepaid and **must** be received on or before Wednesday, Oct 5. Checks made payable to "PUMCC-LOBSTERS" must accompany order.*

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 Tear off— to be submitted for pick-up

Lobsters will be **ready for pick-up on Friday, Oct. 7**, from 4:00—6:00pm outside the lower level near Lifespan on the Providence Road side of the church. Bring a container to carry lobsters home. Questions? Contact the Music Ministry office at 704.366.7442.

Thank you for supporting our choir.

NUMBER OF LOBSTERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ORDERED FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's Ministry**

**Junior Mints' October Activities**

Our Junior Mints, 4th & 5th grade pre-teen youth group, are invited to meet on Sunday, October 9 at the 'Blessing of the Animals,' 2:30–3:30pm, and then for refreshments for our group after the event. 'Donuts & Devotions' will be held on Sunday, October 23 from 9:15–9:45am, in the Discovery Center. And, we are planning a trip to a nearby Corn Maze on the afternoon of the 23rd. Plan to meet at 4:00pm at the church and return by 7:00pm. If you are interested in attending any of our Junior Mints' events, please contact Tara Hooper or Cindy Smith at 704.714.9372 or [csmith@providenceumc.org](mailto:csmith@providenceumc.org).

**Children's Sabbath**

Plan to join us for Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 9, as we celebrate our children's role in ministry here at Providence UMC. As a church family, we make a baptism promise to teach, lead and nurture our children in the faith, and Children's Sabbath is a wonderful way to celebrate this loving commitment to our children. Our children will assist in worship that day, and our first graders will graduate from 'Worship Readiness' class and receive Bibles during the 11:00 o'clock worship service. The bulletin cover on the 9th will feature special art designed by our children. A cookie reception for our 'Worship Readiness' first graders and their families will be held after the service.

**Children's 'Mini-CROP Walk'**

Our children will participate in a 'Mini-CROP Walk' this year on 'CROP Walk' Sunday, October 16, during Sunday School, 9:45am–10:45am. You are invited to sponsor our children as they walk in and around the church that morning on our very own 'CROP Walk' path complete with info tables, water stations, and a celebration gathering. Monies raised will help fight hunger in our community and throughout the world.

**Visitation Ministry**

<p><b>September 25</b>  <b>First Time Visitor</b>                  Karene &amp; Jim Bell                  Beth &amp; Terry Comer  <b>Bread Bakers</b>                  Jan Farley</p>	<p><b>October 2</b>  <b>First Time Visitor</b>                  Linda &amp; Dennis Hammack                  Kathy &amp; Denny Hammack  <b>Bread Bakers</b>                  Wendy Bohmfalk</p>
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**Youth News**

Secret Link is here! College students are looking for Secret Link volunteers to keep them connected to Providence. Our college ministries Secret Link program is like being a secret pal to one of our college students. Once you volunteer, you will be given pre-made greeting cards to use throughout the year and feel free to send them along with goodie boxes and anything else you can be creative with. Please come by the Secret Link table in the atrium on Sunday, September 25 to volunteer to take on the mission of being one of our college students' Secret Link. Questions? Contact Sherri Beaver at [sabeaver1@aol.com](mailto:sabeaver1@aol.com)

WK #	2011 CONTRIBUTIONS				2010		YTD
	Date	Weekly total	YTD	Date	Weekly total	YTD	Comparison
35	28-Aug	\$ 36,950.30	\$1,163,599.01	29-Aug	\$ 31,635.15	\$1,151,703.74	\$11,895.27
36	4-Sep	\$ 37,795.43	\$1,201,394.44	5-Sep	\$ 29,365.00	\$1,181,068.74	\$20,325.70
37	11-Sep	\$ 45,002.01	\$1,246,396.45	12-Sep	\$ 43,743.62	\$1,224,812.36	\$21,584.09

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### Cub Scouts Clean Up Sugar Creek Greenway

The Cub Scouts of PUMC's Pack 11 will be cleaning up their adopted portion of the Sugar Creek Greenway at 2 pm on Sunday, October 2 and invite all members of the PUMC family to join them in this fun outing. Please contact Assistant Cubmaster Matt Joyner at mjoyner@bdj-law.com for details.

The Cub Scouts of PUMC's Pack 11 adopted a portion of the Sugar Creek Greenway as part of the Adopt-A-Stream program administered by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services department. As participants in the program, the Cub Scouts are committed to cleaning up trash in and around Sugar Creek on the stretch of the Greenway from Charlottetowne Avenue (Wendy's) to Morehead Street at least twice a year.

In recognition of the Cubs' commitment to conserving this natural resource the Storm Water Services department recently erected a sign on Charlottetowne Avenue acknowledging this good deed for the community performed by Pack 11 and Providence. Way to go, Pack 11 Cubs!

### Save the Date

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



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**Submit VOICE articles Friday, Sept. 30 ,2011 for Oct. 2 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, 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.*

### Methodist Men's Fellowship

Sunday, September 25, 2011 A.D. 8:15 AM breakfast (coffee at 8)  
Ken Barun, Senior Vice President, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association  
For a reservation, please answer an MMF e-mail, sign up in Sunday School, or call 704.714.9381. Everyone is invited.

**UMW PECAN SALE** Beginning October 1, 2011  
All proceeds go to support THE SOUP KITCHEN

### United Methodist Women

Tuesday, October 4, 2011  
Board meeting 9:30 room A105-107 General meeting 10:30, room B219  
Program: Joy to the World: Mission in the age of Global Christianity  
Coordinator: Sandi McGarrah

**Baskets for Beginnings** to support Shelter for Battered Women  
bring items for start-up apartment  
Lunch: 12 noon, \$7.00 Lunch reservations or cancellations  
by Friday noon, September 30, 704.714.9382  
Nursery reservations by Sunday, October 2, 2011  
call Jennifer Sbarra 704.759.9318



### Music Ministry News

**Sunday, September 25** at 6:00pm Adam Ward, Charlotte Judge and members of our Chancel Choir, along with other area choirs, will lead the annual Metropolitan Music Ministries worship service centered round the meaning of music in the lives of the faithful. The service is presented at Providence Baptist Church, 4921 Randolph Road. All are welcome.

**World Communion, Sunday October 2** at 8:30 & 11:00am The Encore Choir will lead 8:30 worship with music by K. Lee Scott and Robert Lau. The Chancel Choir will lead at 11:00 with music from the Taizé tradition as well as music from South Africa.

**Children's Sabbath, Sunday, October 9 8:30 & 11:00am** Our children will lead all aspects of worship as we celebrate the joy of our young people in the life of our church. Music by Malcolm Archer and Helen Kemp.

**Sunday October 9 at 2:30pm** Our second annual Blessing of the Animals Service will take place in the field beside our Columbarium. Bring your beloved family pets for this service that calls us to remember the joy of God's creation and the companionship of our animal friends.

**Sunday, October 9 at 7:00pm** Our first Chamber Music Recital of the new season includes music for flute, oboe and clarinet by Phillips and Arnold; for brass trio by Poulenc; and for mandolins and guitar by Arnold. The recital is free and open to all.



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

BUSINESS OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER 704.714.9366

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.

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