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

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Western North Carolina Annual Conference

United Methodists from across Western North Carolina will gather at the Lake Junaluska Assembly, near Asheville, for Annual Conference on June 11-13. Larry Goodpaster, Resident Bishop of the Charlotte Area, will preside. Approximately 3500 delegates will represent 285,000 United Methodists who participate in 1100 congregations in areas inclusive of Charlotte, the Piedmont Triad and the western region of our state. Providence UMC will be represented by the clergy and by a number of laity delegates. The three days will include Bible Studies, celebration of mission, business sessions, the ordination service (in which Robb Webb will be ordained as a Deacon), and the assignment of clergy to churches by Bishop Goodpaster. You can follow the proceedings of the Annual Conference at www.wnccumc.org.



Dr. John Arey to Preach June 13

Sunday, June 13 we welcome Dr. John Arey to Providence UMC as preacher for the morning services. Dr. John Arey is an ordained elder in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has been with the Methodist Counseling and Consultation Services since 2002 and is Executive Director of the center. John is married to Sandy and they have two sons, Jordan and Jackson.

Sam Wyche Speaks at Providence

Don't miss hearing former NFL quarterback, Super Bowl coach and broadcaster Sam Wyche speak about a long career in professional football and share his faith at the June 27 Annual Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast at 8:00am.

Sam is a former NFL Coach of the Year, the winningest coach in Cincinnati Bengals history and the inventor of the "no huddle" offense. He is one of four men in history to have played and served as an assistant coach and a head coach in different Super Bowl games. Some of you may remember Sam coaching in Super Bowl XXIII, the year Joe Montana brought the San Francisco 49er's from behind to win in the closing minutes.

Sam is a popular national speaker and we are pleased to welcome him to Providence for our June breakfast. The breakfast is \$7 and advance reservations are encouraged. Friends and family are welcome. Sam has spent quite a bit of his life as a mentor to younger athletes so fathers are welcome to bring their sons to meet and hear from an NFL legend.

Please reserve your spot. Answer a UMM email, sign up in Sunday School, call 704.714.9381 or at samwyche@hotmail.com.

In support of *Friendship Trays* (Meals on Wheels) a special offering will be taken.

The Tale of the Three Trees

Music Art Drama Camp, June 14-18

A camp for rising 2nd through 6th graders

On Monday, June 14, children from our church and community will begin an odyssey that will focus on the lives of three trees which desire to become something great when they are grown. Each finds its own way to greatness, and many lessons are learned along the way. The children's musical *The Tale of the Three Trees* by Allen Pote will tell this story at our camp this year.

Our children's Music Camp affords children the opportunity to learn about music and the stories of our faith, to play instruments, and to be leaders through their musical experience. Led by our Associate Director of Music, Charlotte Judge and talented musicians from our area, this is an excellent opportunity for our children to be immersed in music for an extraordinarily affordable price! Even if you do not have someone involved in the camp, plan now to be at church on Sunday, June 20 at the 11:00 service of worship as we see *The Tale of the Three Trees* presented in worship.

Camp registrations forms have been mailed. If you did not receive one, or would like to give one to a friend, please contact the Music Ministries office at 704.366.7442. Come and join us for an exciting week of rhythm, music, drama and art. And don't forget to bring a friend!

Summer Bible Studies Continue...

The Book of Acts

Mondays, 7:00am and 11:00am

11:00am child care available

Lunch follows

Sign up the day before at the

Welcome Center

June through August 23

A Way of Life

United Methodists are a connectional church. We are guided by a common scripture in our faith and practice, a Hymnal in our worship, and a Book of Discipline in our governance. From our inception, Methodists gathered yearly to reflect on what we were teaching and how we were living as disciples of Jesus Christ. This practice continues until this day, and we will gather at Lake Junaluska Assembly this week for our Annual Conference (see page one of the *Voice*). Bill Jeffries, Tara Bain, Teresa Dunn and I will be in attendance, along with our laity delegates. In addition, a number of others associated with Providence will be in leadership roles. A highlight of the gathering will be the ordination service; Robb Webb, a member of Providence United Methodist Church, will be ordained as a Deacon on Saturday evening, June 12. All of our clergy expect to be reassigned by Bishop Larry Goodpaster to Providence, and for this we are grateful.



Our connection is rooted deeply in the meaning of the Christian life itself: we are not isolated individuals but members of a fellowship; we are not self-contained churches, but congregations related to others. In this way we are the body of Christ. Our connection not only sustains local churches; historically we have established children's homes and retirement communities, agencies for disabled adults and campus ministries, colleges and seminaries. The connection has also been the foundation for missionary work around the world (and thus Wesley's insistence that "the world is my parish"). In the same way, we discover that Methodist Christians are immigrating to the United States from every corner of the world: I can name friends in Mecklenburg County who are Methodists and also natives of Ghana, Liberia, Cambodia, Nicaragua, and Korea. It is an amazingly diverse connection.

While we are at Lake Junaluska attending the annual conference, Providence will be blessed by the preaching of Dr. John Arey. John is an elder in the United Methodist Church, a therapist, and is Director of Clinical Services with the Methodist Counseling Center. He and his family are active participants in our congregation and I hope you will be present as we continue our summer focus on the Book of Acts.

Blessings and Peace,

Ken

If You Are Hospitalized

If you are hospitalized, one of the pastors would love to visit with you and offer a prayer.

Privacy laws prevent our knowing of admissions to hospitalizations, so we encourage you to contact the church office (704.366.2823) or contact one of the pastors.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS			
June 9	Hebrews 11.3-6	June 18	Psalms 42 and 43
June 10	1Kings 21.1-10(11-14)	June 19	Galatians 3.23-29
June 11	Psalms 5.1-8	June 20	Luke 8.26-39
June 12	Galatians 2.15-21	June 21	1 Corinthians 2.1-5
June 13	Luke 7.36-8.3	June 22	1 Kings 19.15-21
June 14	Psalms 22.27-31	June 23	Psalms 16
June 15	Isaiah 65.1-9	June 24	2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14
June 16	Psalms 22.19-28	June 25	Psalms 77.1-2, 11-20
June 17	1 Kings 19.1-4, (5-7) 8-15a	June 26	Galatians 5.1,13-25

WORSHIP at PROVIDENCE

Sunday, June 13

Preacher Dr. John Arey
Sermon "A Handout or Healing and Hope"
Text Acts 3:1-10
Hymns No. 158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
 No. 273 "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"
 No. 375 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"
Anthems "Give Me Jesus" arr. by Edward Boatner
 "So Art Thou to Me" by K. Lee Scott
 Soloist, Debbie Inman, soprano, 8:30
 "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep" by Philip Ledger
 "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Gabriel Faure'
 Chancel Choir, 11:00

Sunday, June 20

Preacher Rev. Tara Bain
Sermon "When Dreams Die"
Text Acts 5:27-42
Hymns No. 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
 No. 468 "Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See"
 No. 159 "Lift High the Cross"
Anthems "The Tales of the Three Trees" misc by Allen Pote,
 words by Tom S. Long
 Participants of Music Ministry's Music Art Drama Camp

Care of Members

HOSPITAL

CMC Levine Children's Hospital: Emma Caddell

SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers and the strength of our resurrection faith to the family of **Lula Pickens**, who died June 1, 2010 in Charlotte.

We offer our prayers and the strength of our resurrection faith to **Bob James and Philip and Caroline**, 2523 Monet Terrace, 28226, 704.442.5434, on the death of Bob's mother, and Philip and Caroline's grandmother; Marie James, who died June 2 in Murfreesboro, NC.

We offer our prayers and the strength of our resurrection faith to **Richard Dukes**, 334 Third Baxter Street, Fort Mill, SC 29708, 803.547.2392, and his family and friends on the death of his brother **Bill Dukes** who died June 7 in Branchville, SC.

IN MEMORIAM
CHARTER MEMBER
Lula Stanback Pickens
January 17, 1928–June 1, 2010

Youth H.O.P.E. (Helping Out People Everywhere) departs on June 14. Our youth will work with Habitat for Humanity on John's Island, SC. Please remember our Youth in your prayers.

Article submissions due Friday, June 18 for June 23, 2010 VOICE to cgrinham@providenceumc.org. **Please NOTE a change for the July VOICE schedule; the VOICE will be published July 14 and July 25. Submit articles the previous Fridays, July 9 and July 20.**

Local Missions

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH: CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION
 www.charlotterescuemission.org

Charlotte Rescue Mission (CRM) provides residential programs for homeless, jobless men and women with alcohol and drug addiction issues. This month marks Father's Day so we will support the men of our community with **TIES AND TEES**. Desperately needed are men's dress ties and men's XL or XXL white t-shirts. Please drop off your donations in the Local Missions armoire located in the breezeway throughout June. Contact Carol Shinn with questions at cshinn@providenceumc.org.

IMPACT Charlotte

Our District-wide Day of Service was a tremendous success, with over 700 people working in the community Saturday, June 5th. The Celebration Event in Independence Park allowed volunteers to enjoy fellowship after filling some needs in our world. A special thanks goes to Tammy Medlock and Leslie House for serving as team captains for projects at Providence that served Family Promise and The Linus Project, respectively. Thanks also goes to all the members of Providence who generously donated their time and talents to serve others. Together we landscaped, sorted and boxed clothes, fed the homeless, worked on a Habitat project, and did small tasks for the elderly, among other things. It was a great day!

Update on Haiti Food Drive

Several months ago Providence collected 44,205 pounds of canned goods, peanut butter and water for the earthquake relief. We worked with *Stop Hunger Now* to get the supplies to Haiti and we have recently learned about the destination of our goods. The food products went to Haiti Outreach Ministries which assisted the most needy families in tent settlements in City Soliel and provided meals to 14,000 children in three schools. The water went to patients being seen at the Mission of Hope Clinic which was providing care for many people with amputations. Our donations helped make a difference at a time when it was most needed. Thanks to all who donated, sorted and wrapped food and water for this effort.

Michele Seagraves

Community Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is Sunday, June 13
 8:00am—12 noon, Charter Hall

For an appointment contact Kenny Fuqua at 704.408.7376.

ATTENDANCE

May 30
 8:30 am—120 11:00 am—390 Sunday School—410
 June 6
 8:30 am—140 11:00 am—521 Sunday School—550

CONTRIBUTIONS

May 30, 2010—\$40,638
 5th Sunday—Loaves & Fishes—\$296
 June 6, 2010—\$30,646

ANNUAL BUDGET 2010 \$ 1,860,685
 Budgeted/Needed Through Week #23 \$ 822,995
 Contributions Received Through Week # 23 \$ 815,044
 Over/(Under) Current Budget Needs \$ (7,951)

Children's Ministry

Assisting parents June 13
8:30 Lori & Kenny Fuqua
9:45
Infants Lara & Rusty Pendleton
1 yr olds Wendy & Christian Bohmfalk
2 yr olds Claire & Kevin Rose
3 yr olds Cindy & Chuck Lockwood
4 yr olds Mary & Nathan Rantala
K/TK A & B Robin & Kyle Caddell

Assisting parents June 20
8:30 Shelli & Jeff Volpp
9:45
Infants Kristen & Brad Crossley
1 yr olds Missy & Whit Goodrich
2 yr olds Jenny & David Hitt
3 yr olds Jacquie & Kiv Slack
4 yr olds Liz & Thomas Murphy
K/TK A & B Jennifer & Bryan

Visitation Ministry

<p>June 13 First Time Visitor Karene & Jim Bell Beth & Terry Comer Bread Bakers Catherine Bauer</p>	<p>June 20 First Time Visitor Edie Butler & Laura Flowe Anita Doran & Andrew Straw Bread Bakers Wanda Entwistle</p>
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College Haiti Mission Trip
A Success

This year's mission team was tasked with getting a water line from the one at the School of Mercy to a nearby village. That task was completed by Friday, so we were able to dig out the footers to build a kitchen at the school with plans to establish a feeding program there. It was a great group of friends, colleagues, and students. There were certainly highs and lows, but in the end we all left with a deeper appreciation for where we live and a deeper understanding of having hope in the Lord.

Your prayers were definitely felt and are very much appreciated.



College Group



School of Mercy Pam Carter Teaching English

LiveWires

UPCOMING SENIOR EVENTS AT PROVIDENCE

JUNE LIVE WIRES LUNCHEON

Tom Smutzler - "AS TIME GOES BY - A Lunch-time Cabaret"
 Thursday, June 17, noon in the Atrium
 Register by: Tuesday, June 15 at noon

JUNE SENIOR TRIP TO MATTHEWS PLAYHOUSE

Saturday, June 19, 8:00pm performance of "The King & I" Cost: \$12
 Departure Info: Meet at the Welcome Desk at 6:45pm
 To register for any senior event please sign up in the LiveWires book at the Welcome Desk or call the reservation phone line 704.714.9383.

Silpada Designs Jewelry for the School of Mercy

You are invited to attend one of two events, held on June 10 from 10:00 am-12:00 noon at the home of Michele Seagraves or June 13, at the home of Suzi Stephens, to view Silpada Sterling Silver Jewelry. 100% of proceeds will benefit the Haiti School of Mercy. For more information contact Anje Seufert at aseufert@carolina.rr.com. The Haiti School of Mercy, founded by Providence UMC in the summer of 2008, educates 210 students, grades kindergarten through fourth grade, in Milot, Haiti.

Claire Asbury

In the last Voice we introduced Emily Lupsor, who is serving this summer as an intern in music ministries. We are also pleased that Claire Asbury will be with us this summer in the areas of children and youth ministry and communication. Claire graduated from Davidson College in May, where she held a Lilly Foundation Ministry Fellowship, with a B.A. in English. She is a member of Glenn Memorial UMC in Atlanta, located on the campus of Emory University. Claire will serve as the spiritual director at the Youth HOPE Retreat, and will be involved in other ministries throughout the summer, including Vacation Bible School.

Church Office Summer Hours

From Memorial Day through Labor Day (May 31-Sept. 6) the church offices will close at 3:00 pm on Fridays.



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

June 20-Father's Day Roses -Help us fill our sanctuary with roses to honor and remember our loved ones on Father's Day, June 20. To order, send a check for \$5/rose to Providence UMC, 2810 Providence Rd., 28211. Order by June 13. Contributors may pick up their roses following the 11:00am worship on June 20.

Stephen Ministry Congregational Event
Caring for Spouses of Persons Out of Work

Jim Wollin, one of the facilitators in the Career Transition Support Ministry on Mondays at Providence, will lead an educational session focused on spouses of persons out of work on Sunday June 13.

So often we reach out to the unemployed person and often forget the difficulties for and concerns of the spouse who may be struggling as well. This session will deal with chronic painful job loss situations and focus primarily on care for the spouse in these situations.

If you are a job seeker or spouse of a job seeker and want to attend, you are invited to join the Stephen Ministry Group in Room 106 at 6:20pm and the session will run from 6:30 until 7:15. If you have any questions about the session, call Jim at 704.724.7942.


Providence 3rd Annual Attic Sale Saturday, August 28

Benefitting Haiti School of Mercy Feeding Program

Located in the Elizabeth Lee Center, there is a large area partitioned off for attic sale donations. If you do not have room to store donations, you may now bring items to the church. Please note—we are unable to sell used mattresses and bed pillows. If you have large items, call Ginger Marr 704.553.0362 or Cathy Smith 704.442.0450 and we will make arrangements to pick these items up.

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, Tom Jewell, Bill Keever, Troy Ledford and John Wesley Montgomery, IV.** *If aware of PUMC members serving in the military, please call 704.714.9368.*


 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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 Associate:
 Dr. Ken Carter, Senior Pastor; Dr. Bill Jeffries, Senior Associate Pastor; Tara Ebner Bain, Minister with Children and Families; Teresa Dunn, Director of Youth and College Ministries; Pam Carter, Director of Senior Adult Ministries; Suzi Stephens, Coordinator of Welcoming Ministries; Carol Shin, Coordinator of Servant Ministries; Anna Smith, Weekday School Director; Dr. Adam Ward, Director of Music Ministries; Charlotte Judge, Associate Director of Music Ministries; Robert Ivey, Organist/Music Associate.

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