



PROVISIONS FOR PROVIDENCE

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Kempton Providence United Methodist Church

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Greetings brothers and sisters in the Lord!

Happy Easter to all reading this April newsletter! Praying you all had a spiritual and meaningful Season of Lent. It's a time we take inventory of ourselves and remember who we are and where we want to go in the coming year. We clean our inner house and acknowledge, we can't change our hearts and lives on our own!

Change of any kind is difficult, but I know that if one allows Christ into their heart and life and engage with the spirit attentively and diligently, the result is rising above those things in our lives that weigh us down—it's called baggage. If Christ is risen, I know the church will also rise! The people who once were broken and wondered if there was a way have now been lifted with Christ. We are Easter people!

As the U.M. hymn *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* says, "Christ has brought us heavenly choices." We press on, as the apostle Paul, because Christ has made us his own! We forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, [we] press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:12-14).

Our human nature is really quite unnegotiable, but because Christ has made us his own, we can make those heavenly choices. We all have a unique destiny before us. We're risen with Christ, but this also imposes a serious challenge

to us. First, we must to rise above the inhumanness of oppression and violence in our world. It starts one person at a time. We will make mistakes, but we're also a forgiven people. Our God is the God of 1st and 2nd opportunities to continue to do our best. Romans 12 in a nutshell!

The Bible offers so many examples of human nature and the difficulty in embracing transformation. It's everyone's call to rise above a level that simply cruises and coasts in life. We're called to do our best and to keep on trying.

God's people having a strong spirit within them to rise above situations of cruelty and marginalization, but it starts with us. Not putting ourselves above others, but allowing God to do as God would please as we all grow spiritually together.

Let's bind ourselves lovingly together since we are Easter people and encourage one another. With each other and with God we shall do valiantly! Surely if the resurrection is central to our beliefs, we must believe that there is nothing that cannot change in this world with the risen Christ in control. Be blessed.

Peace and grace to you,

Pastor DD

CHILDREN'S TIME
Mission of the Month

1st SUNDAY of every month

April 1st — Pennies for Potatoes

Teacher, Lynwood Browning on April 8th

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Providence Prayer Group



Meets Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm.

All are welcome!

We meet in the UMYF room in the basement.

Please join our prayer group!

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**2018 PRAYER INITIATIVE – **Please pray congregation.****

**3 THINGS TO BELIEVE—PRAY—and THANK GOD**

**Prayer Objective for PROVIDENCE UMC**

**→To pray, believe, and thank God for Providence to attract and keep younger families. That their leadership AND participation within the church would begin to allow present leaders the opportunity to step down and allow younger folks to step-up.**

**Please pray as God would lead.**

**1. See that God is, once again, making all things new.**

*“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.*

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you*

*not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:18-19).*

I believe God wants to motivate our present leadership to seek PUMC’s vision statement (“To continue to renew and grow an intergenerational and diverse congregation.”) in a more determined way through prayer. I want our church to pray specifically and hold

God accountable to his word to provide and care for the future leadership of Providence.

## 2. Believe and trust God.

*Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.*  
(Psalm 37:5).

*“Commit your way. . . .* This is the idea of rolling our cares and suggests to visually picture a heavy burden that moves away from ourselves and onto someone else—GOD. We lay the burden on Christ to provide for our church. Christ alone has the resources. The burden we give to God in prayer we don’t have the strength or the resources to accomplish. So we lay it on Jesus—our burden bearer.



## 3. Thank God for the answer to our prayer in advance and be open to God’s leading.

*“And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God”* (Romans 8:27).

As the Spirit of God intercedes for us we know our prayer request is being presented, perfected, and performed by God. We can pray amiss, but let’s believe God will act according to God’s perfect will; doing so changes our perspective to one of trust and adds patience. We believe God is doing a new thing, we roll the burden onto God, and we pray expecting to receive according to the will of God. What I am asking you to do is to commit to pray, believe, and trust God for this transition to take place. We cannot do this alone. We need to be unified and take initiative.



## APRIL MISSION PROJECT – Pennies for Potatoes

During the month of April, the Children’s Time project is Pennies for Potatoes. This project started in 1983, when two United Methodist pastors saw truckloads of potatoes being taken to a landfill in the state of Virginia. They inquired and were told this was being done to get rid of surplus potatoes in order to prevent a major drop in the price of potatoes. The pastors were able to negotiate to have the potatoes given to the hungry. The potatoes are free and the pennies really pay for the transportation of the potatoes. The headquarters for the Pennies for Potatoes Project is: The Society of St. Andrew in Big Island, Virginia. Our Church got involved in this project in the early 1990’s. There are two glass jars on the shelf at the back of the Sanctuary for collection of pennies, other coins and bills. The jars are there year round. Over the years, this Church has collected and sent thousands of dollars to The Society of St. Andrew. Please continue to support this very worthwhile project.

## COLLECTION OF SUMMER CLOTHING AND SHOES



During the month of May, we will be collecting summer clothing and shoes for all ages. The items do not need to be new, but in good condition. In addition to collecting for the residents of the Frederick Rescue Mission, including Faith House (for homeless women and children), the items are provided to everyone in need. There will be two large boxes at the front of the Church Sanctuary during the month of May to collect summer clothing and shoes.



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You can also donate money which the Frederick Rescue Mission can use to purchase summer clothing and shoes. Use an envelope on the back of the church pew, mark it: “Frederick Rescue Mission” and place your donation in the offering plate. Checks should be made payable to: Providence U. M. Church. You can mail your donation to our Financial Secretary, Julie Thompson, 3716 Kempton Church Road, Monrovia, MD. 21770. With God’s Blessings.

Save the date for  
Meal Packaging Event  
Saturday, June 18



## Church-wide Clean-up

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>**

Please, come and help PUMC clean-up its grounds on Saturday, April 14 from **8am to 12pm**. Come one come all to show our community how much our congregation loves our church. Let’s make it look like a million dollars! Questions, please call or talk to Bob Drury at 240.446.7446.

Raindate is Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**LUNCH  
IS  
FREE!**



**March 3, 2018 Turkey/Oyster Dinner Results**



|                       |            |
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| Adult dinners sold    | 249        |
| Child dinners sold    | 6          |
| Carry-outs sold       | 90         |
| Home-bound deliveries | <u>6</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>351</b> |

**Bake Table: \$888.75**  
(designated for PUMC Scholarships)

**Tip Boxes: \$153.15**  
(designated for PUMC Scholarships)

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| Income     | \$7,132.00        |
| Expenses   | <u>4,356.07</u>   |
| <b>NET</b> | <b>\$2,775.93</b> |

(Note: 2017 dinner net \$3,238.53 with 377 total dinners.)

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way for any part of the dinner.  
**Couldn't have done it without YOU.**



# SENIOR SOCIAL NEWS

**Wednesday, April 11, 12:00 p.m. - Lunch @**

**Winfield Inn**

We'll be dining at Winfield Inn, located just outside of Taylorsville off Rt. 26. Their menu has something for everyone. We will carpool from the church, leaving at 11:20 am. Please sign-up on the clip board in the back of the church or call Julie (301-798-3617). You can view their menu at <https://www.zmenu.com/winfield-inn-sykesville-online-menu/> Cut-off for sign-up is April 8.



**Future Dates**

- May 9
- June 13

**Words to Remember**

*Each day is a gift from God...  
so it's only polite to send Him a thank-you prayer.*



# MONTHLY EVENTS

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am followed by breakfast  
Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – UMW 7:00pm  
Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Group 6:00pm  
Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Choir 7:00pm  
Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Browningsville Band 6:30-10:00pm  
Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30pm  
Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Church Council 7:00pm  
Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Senior Social 12:00pm  
Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Group 6:00pm  
Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Choir 7:00pm  
Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Browningsville Band 6:30-10:00pm  
Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Church Clean-Up 8:00am -12:00 noon  
Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Girl Scouts 5:00-7:00pm  
Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30pm  
Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Group 6:00pm  
Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Choir 7:00pm  
Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Browningsville Band 6:30-10:00pm  
Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Church Clean-Up Rain date  
Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30pm  
Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Group 6:00pm  
Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Choir 7:00pm  
Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Browningsville Band 6:30-10:00pm  
Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Girl Scouts 5:00-7:00pm  
Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30pm

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Jerry Ward  
April 6<sup>th</sup> – Skip Isaacs  
April 8<sup>th</sup> – Lee Smith, Frank Runkles  
April 10<sup>th</sup> – Patty Spittler  
April 12<sup>th</sup> – Mike Yudt  
April 13<sup>th</sup> – Donna Isaacs, Caleb Yudt  
April 15<sup>th</sup> – Kim Pearce  
April 17<sup>th</sup> – Molly Stick, Bobby Sadtler  
April 20<sup>th</sup> – Kelly Yudt  
April 21<sup>st</sup> – Jacob Spittler, Chris & Ruth Day anniversary  
April 29<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Siggins-Brooks



## Early May Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Jon Moravcc, Chelsea Pounce  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Caroline Herritt, Alvin & June Pearce 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
May 5<sup>th</sup> – Alvin Pearce, Chuck & Jill Boteler 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
May 8<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Warfield, Joe Haller Jr.  
May 10<sup>th</sup> – Meghan Compton  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – Elinor Runkles

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## ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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| Ash        | Holy Week     | Palm Branch  |
| Wednesday  | Holy Thursday | Forty Days   |
| Sacrifice  | Good Friday   | Jesus        |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover     |
| Prayer     | Easter        | Foot Washing |
| Fasting    | Palm Sunday   | Resurrection |
| Lent       | Purple        | Love         |

