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Sunday Schedule

9:30 am **Worship Service**
11:00 am **Sunday School**
6:30 pm **Evening Service**

Worship Volunteers

August

Head Usher Kevin Griswold

8/2 Jared Votta, Bill Taylor, Henry Nyce, Ford Waggoner, George Tilghman
8/9 Jon Sherwell, Dan Bacon, Michael Munday, David Banks, Gary Brown
8/16 Richard Townsend, Eric Catellier, Andy Anderson, Steve Brezler, Bob Hall
8/23 Jonathan Freed, Joshua Franklin, George Conner, Joe Cote, Stephen Keim
8/30 Greg Smeltzer, Ted Cogswell, Jimmy Garrity, Patrick Singer, Matt Smith

Guest Services Team

Ted & Laura Cogswell, Donna Griffith, Barbara Coltellino & Luke

Refreshments

8/2 Bob & Joanne Hayes
8/9 Barbara & Ravi Ayra
8/16 Tim & Debbie Kraemer
8/23 Tom & Joy Hayes
8/30 Kirk & Grace Franks

Children's Church

8/2 The Smeltzer Family
8/9 Dee Buchley & Helper
8/16 Debbie & Tim Kraemer
8/23 Trish Robins, Ben & Nathan Katzaman
8/30 Sue & Luke Harr

Nursery

8/2 Kate Huntington, Pam Render, Donna Anderson, Jon & Ilsa Lewis
8/9 Patty & Haley Biggs, Donna Anderson, Jon & Ilsa Lewis
8/16 Debbie, Elizabeth & Emily Price, Katie Cotie, Lori & Luke Williams
8/23 Amy & Amanda Ingersoll, Elizabeth Webster, Adult Sub. Hope Harr
8/30 Kathy & Hannah Townsend, Suzanne Taylor, Sub., Meghan Conley

Church Open & Lock-Up

8/2 David Ingersoll
8/9 Dan Bacon
8/16 Dave Schrey
8/23 Tim Kraemer
8/30 Kevin Griswold

Communion Service

8/30 Kevin & Tammi Griswold

September

Head Usher David Linde

9/6 Ken Coltellino, Jerry Washburn, James Deck, Luke Bae, Kee Bae
9/13 Jerry Lankford, Paul Marshner, Peter Render, George Winsor, Tim Kraemer
9/20 Kia Schrodt, David Spinnato, David Ingersoll, Les Heineken, Tom Hayes
9/27 Ford Waggoner, George Tilghman, Jared Votta, Bill Taylor, Henry Nyce

Guest Services Team

Bruce & Debbie Ford, Bill & Suzanne Taylor

Refreshments

9/6 Kevin & Tammi Griswold
9/13 Bob & Joanne Hayes
9/20 Barbara & Ravi Ayra
9/27 Tim & Debbie Kraemer

Children's Church

9/6 Debbie, Bruce & Amaris Ford
9/13 Barbara & Luke Coltellino, Haley Biggs
9/20 The Smeltzer Family
9/27 Emily Cross & Amaris Ford

Nursery

9/6 Kate Huntington, Pam Render, Donna Anderson, Jon & Ilsa Lewis
9/13 Connie & Hannah Libby, Greta Downes, Mary Laurenzano, Emily Cross, Angela Conley
9/20 Donna Griffith, Luke Franklin, Josh Franklin, Dana & Lauren Fickenscher, Dean Franklin
9/27 Patty & Haley Biggs, Trish Robins, Tim, Sarah & Luke Harr

Church Open & Lock-Up

9/6 Eric Schultes
9/13 Dave Smith
9/20 David Linde
9/27 Gary Brown

Communion Service

9/27 Bob & Lauren Cross

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Handling The Next Eight

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Family Bible School has come to a close but we're going to press on with the Family Devotional Guide (from: www.childrendesiringgod.org). What I mean by that is this. I hope to preach from the Scripture passage that contains the "Key Verse " for the remaining eight (8) lessons in the Family Devotional Guide starting Sunday, August 2, 2009 (that's a key verse for each of the next eight Sunday mornings). You and yours can stay on track with the devotions and we'll do our best to provide you with the insert pages for your Prayer Journal each week. One of the goals all along was to get as many people engaged in the truth of Scripture in as a consistent a manner as possible. If we will all read, reflect and pray through the lessons each week we will be benefitted individually and corporately. May the LORD use His Word to shape our hearts, our prayers and our entire lives for His great glory.



Pastor Shelton

Let us know, then, that none duly prepare themselves for prayer but those who are so impressed with the majesty of God that they engage in it free from all earthly cares and affections. The ceremony of lifting up our hands in prayer is designed to remind us that we are far removed from God, unless our thoughts rise upward: as it is said in the Psalm, "Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul" (Psalm 25:1). And Scripture repeatedly uses the expression to raise our prayer meaning, that those who would be heard by God must not grovel in the mire.



John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, III.20.4

Christian Education Update

The Session and the Education Ministry Team have taken a good idea from Dr. Frank Barker and Briarwood Presbyterian and we've fashioned it for our work here at Providence. Not only are we requiring potential new members to participate in a New Member's Class, we are also asking all "new" members to agree to take four (4) Core Curriculum Classes in Sunday School over a two (2) year period. This way folks can still get some "electives" in Sunday School and take care of the Core Courses. The Core Courses will last a quarter and look something like this: (1) Basic Christianity, using John Stott's book by that name (2) Spiritual Disciplines of the Christian Life, using Donald Whitney's book by that name (3) An over-view of at least the first 12 chapters of the Book of Romans (4) An over-view of the Westminster Confession of faith.

This Core Curriculum will help everyone better understand and capture our vision here at Providence.

Many, many "thanks" to the Sunday School teachers and classes that have just changed location in our building. This had to occur to make room for the rising tide of very young children. The 3rd grade and 4th & 5th grades classes have climbed upstairs. This gives some additional space on the first floor for toddlers and probably opens up an area better suited for adults (for both Sunday School and ESL). Lord Willing, we'll kick-off the Core Curriculum this Fall.

Family Night Bible Study Teaching & Learning Moments



Search for Assistant Pastor Begins!

The session has approved a job description for our new Assistant Pastor and has tasked the Search Committee (Jim Hart, Hevin Griswold, Megan Garrity, Katie Cotle, Rachel Townsend, Matt Smith, Jason Shelton and Jeff Badger) to publicize the position and to solicit applications. Notices have been posted on the PCA's website as well as with several conservative seminaries and large PCA churches around the country. The new man will assist Pastor Shelton with various duties which will include a special emphasis upon our Youth Ministries and Christian Education. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for the Committee and that the Lord sends us an energetic young man who can help serve the needs of our congregation and share the ministry responsibilities with our Pastor.

Help us clean the Chesapeake Bay, and beautify the Church in the process.



The Providence Presbyterian Church and Lower Eastern Shore Tributary Team are teaming up to host a Rain Garden work session on Tuesday, August 18th, at 6 p.m. at the Providence Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, to learn that cleaning the bays can be as simple as digging a hole, planting native plants, and watching them grow in your own beautiful rain garden. This will be the first of three sessions designed to help you understand rain garden benefits, planning and building. On September 12th Church volunteers and the Tributary Team will work together to build three rain gardens and plant trees on the Church grounds.

Rain gardens are depressions in the ground that are strategically placed to capture runoff from impervious surfaces like rooftops, driveways, sidewalks and even lawns. Three sites at Providence were selected for rain gardens to maximize drainage and visibility:

<p>two gardens will be built adjacent to Parker Rd and one will be built near the farmhouse. By building the gardens at these sites, the rain water will infiltrate into the soil, and filter out pollutants like oils, fertilizers, and pesticides that would otherwise enter the bays. To beautify the gardens, we will plant native shrubs, grasses and flowers that are</p>	<p>adapted to the local weather, soils conditions, and ecosystems. This will ensure a higher survival rate which could make your one time investment potentially increase tenfold in a year or two by simply growing plants that are more likely to mature steadily each year. The playground area will benefit from</p>	<p>the trees that will be planted since they'll be able to provide much needed shade. Both landscaping techniques will also help to reduce drainage problems, help replenish groundwater resources, protect structures and landscapes, and provide wildlife habitat. Those attending</p>	<p>the rain garden session on August 18th at 6 p.m. will learn more about rain gardens and their benefits and receive a "how-to-manual. This project is funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust Mini-Grants Program and was awarded to Providence Presbyterian Church and the Lower Eastern Shore Tributary</p>	<p>Team. For more information, contact ksilaphone@co.worcester.md.us.</p>
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New Staff Member

Eric Catellier became our Youth Director in January 08 and has been working part-time for the church as well as full-time with Becker-Morgan and full-time as a husband and father. Needless to say, his life has been extremely busy. We, as a Session have been concerned that he is being pulled in too many directions. Hence, in an effort to both help Eric and enhance the youth programs, we have hired Peter Render to direct the Senior High program. Eric will direct the Junior High Program. This will go into effect on August 1, 2009.

Christian Night at Summerfest in Caroline County

Summer fest 2009 is an annual two-day music festival held in Denton, MD on Friday & Saturday, August 14th & 15th. Christian Night is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th on the main stage of Summer fest in downtown Denton.

This night of fellowship, ministry and evangelism will not happen and cannot happen if you don't get involved. Summer fest draws about 7,000-10,000 people, but in years past "Christian Night" has only drawn a handful of folks and that has been mostly the young. This year, we believe that if Christians get behind this movement we can see upwards of 2,000 Christians come together and celebrate Jesus Christ. My challenge to you, let's make this happen. An event of this magnitude could forever change Caroline County. For more information on how to get involved, please contact Bob Scudder at 410-829-3703 or Ben Burrows at 410-330-7899, or maddogfred@hotmail.com. Let's raise our voice for the Lord.



Reformation Conference,
November 6-8, 2009
Please mark your calendar for
this special conference

This year's speaker: David B. Garner, Associate Professor of Systemic Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA (B.S. UNC 1987; Th. M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1992; Ph.D., Westminster Theological Seminary, 2002). Dr. Garner has also taught at Philadelphia College of the Bible, Geneva College and served as Pastoral Assistant and scholar in residence at Proclamation Presbyterian Church.