

THE PROVIDENCE HERALD

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The Pastor's Post

From the desk of John Reeves



Communication

"What we have here is a failure to communicate!" Even if you are not familiar with the movie, "Cool Hand Luke," you probably have heard that line. Communication is a special challenge in the medium sized church (or what some call the awkward sized church). We are small enough that we often assume that others have shared information. Recently we had

plumbing problems in the ladies bathroom. This problem had been present for some time, but no one contacted the church office or the deacons. Nothing was done, because we assumed that the information had been communicated. The same thing can happen when someone goes to the hospital or there has been a death of a relative and it is assumed that

the church staff knows. It can even happen when it is assumed that the church staff knows the details of church activities that have been planned. Remember we would rather receive the information twice than not at all.

John Reeves



New Members

Jessica and Daniel Inman – Jessica and Daniel joined Providence on the first Sunday of the New Year. After meeting at an RUF meeting at Mississippi State, they were married in November 2008. Jessica is from Columbus, MS, where she was a member of Main Street Presbyterian Church; Daniel works for the Office of State Aid Road Construction.

We heartily welcome them both as new members of Providence.

PCA News

The PCA is considering the creation of a seal for the denomination and is soliciting designs from the public. John Calvin once designed a seal for himself, showing a hand holding a flaming heart. He wrote, "My heart, I give you, O Lord, promptly and sincerely." For further information, go to <http://www.pcahistory.org>.

Below is the seal as a stained glass window in the First Presbyterian Church of Omaha, Nebraska.



Staying In Touch

Al's New Address

Rev. & Mrs. Al Ward
2459 Old York Road
Chester SC 29706

The Scott's

Steve and Deborah do not yet have a physical address to receive letters. Contact them at their blog at www.Scott3pi.blogspot.com

Newsletter Info

Submit info to Bess Malin:
924-4747, bess@ppcpca.com. or
danielvogt@bellsouth.net

Submittal deadline: Feb. 20th

General editor: Dan Vogt.
The Herald staff welcomes your
input, opinions, and articles!



What is Women in the Church (WIC)?

WIC is the female population of a PCA church, whether they are members or not.

What is the purpose of WIC?

"The purpose of the Women in the Church is that every woman know Christ personally and be committed to extending His kingdom in her life, home, church, community, and throughout the world." Our relationship with God puts us into a covenant community (church family) with our brothers & sisters in Christ. In the covenant community we have covenant privileges (to be ministered to) and covenant responsibilities (to minister to others). Providence has a WIC Council that helps facilitate the ministries of women in the church. Council member representatives for 2009 include:

President – Bess Malin

Vice President – Robin Elliott

Secretary – Joyce Saltzman

A New Year

Treasurer – Betty Robinson

Spiritual Growth – Gloria Coxwell

Committees: Retreat; Bible Studies; Summer Sunday School

Missions (co-chairs) – Sarah Albritton & Mary Wilson

Historian – Lola Bennet

Family Night Suppers (co-chairs) –

Kathleen Foster & Susan Inman

Hospitality – Erin Kate Goode

Committees: Receptions – Karen Freeman & Mildred McNair
Fellowship Functions – Joanne Harrison

TLC (co-chairs) – Elisabeth Peacock & Ann Kelly

Nursery – Amy Carter

Kitchen – Betty Robinson & Linda Elliott

Publications – Stephanie Gault

Circle 1 (co-chairs) – Amy Carter & Tina Herring

Circle 2 – TBA

Circle 3 – Paula Rodriguez

Ladies, we invite you to fellowship and

study God's word with us this year in a small group setting. All studies are held at the church unless otherwise noted.

Weekly Morning Study: *Answers for Today's Problems* (on Proverbs) taught by Fokjelina Medeiros, Thursdays beginning Feb 5, 9:00 am. Nursery available.

Weekly Evening Study / Circle 3: on *Deuteronomy* (at Paula Rodriguez' house) Thursdays, 6:30 pm.

Monthly Circle 1 Study: on *Philippians* 2nd Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Nursery available.

Monthly Circle 2 Study: *Becoming a Woman of Faith*, 2nd Tuesdays, 7:00 pm.

2009 is a Fall Retreat year for ladies of Providence. If you've attended before, you know how wonderful this event is. Save the date! This year's retreat at Camp Garaywa is Oct 9 and 10.

Stephanie Gault

Sermon Sidebar - The Heidelberg Catechism

For a century and a half after Martin Luther posted the Ninety-five Theses in 1517, the many German states engaged in theological and military conflicts. In his sermon on Ephesians 1:11-14 on January 4, Pastor

Reeves invoked one aspect of these struggles when he quoted the first question of the Heidelberg Catechism of 1563. Frederick III of the Electoral Palatinate helped write the catechism. Formerly a Lutheran, he converted to the reformed ideas of John Calvin. This Palatinate is a territory along the Rhine River in western Germany. Heidelberg was the location of one of the oldest universities in Europe, established in 1386.

The catechism questions relate to the Apostles Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. To facilitate teaching, it was soon divided into fifty-two sections.

The Heidelberg Catechism became the statement of faith for German and Dutch Calvinists and is still used by the Christian Reformed Church and the Reformed Church in America.

TLC February:

Dot Rosamond
601-922-3098



TLC – *noun*: A Providence ministry which provides meals to those grieving, giving birth, hospitalized, or in need.



Baby Watch

Adriana Heindl 3/09
Summer Wright 5/22/09
Amy Prince Flynn 7/8/09

CowboyValentine Dinner

Howdy Buckaroo's!



There's gonna be a Root'n Toot'n Cowboy Valentine Dinner Feb. 14th at 6:00. Put on your Cowboy Duds and join us for Grilled Chicken or Ribs and all the Fix'uns! It's jus \$10 each for a night of fun! Put on your hat'n jeans and join us!

Tickets must be bought in advance.

The Group

The Group invites every one of all ages to join us on Sunday, February 15th to visit the Care Center Nursing Home in Clinton and some of our own Providence shut-ins. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 2:15 p.m. to caravan to the nursing home, and then go to visit some of our shut-ins. We will be delivering flowers, cookies, and smiles. We would love to have you join us! Questions? Call Nathaniel or Susan Inman at 601-591-1493.

Pros (60+)

The next Pros Luncheon will be **Tuesday, February 3**, at 11:30 a.m. at Providence. Our own Hal Martin will give insights and tips about organic gardening. Mark your calendars and bring a dish. Call the church office if you have questions.

Notice



If you have a birthday in February, but are not included in the birthday list, tell Bess or Dan, so it won't happen next year. Just the month and the day, not the year. Dan, like Jack Benny, has been 39 for decades. (Young people can ask their parents who Jack Benny is.)

Editor's Comment

The few weeks I have worked on this newsletter have given me a greater appreciation of the previous editor's design and editorial skills. Thanks for your work, Al.



PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS



Art Group – Mondays @9:00 a.m.
Circle 1 – Wed Feb. 10 @9:30 a.m.
Circle 2 – Tues Feb. 10 @7:00 p.m.
Circle 3/Ladies Bible Study – Thurs @ 6:30 p.m. (Rodriguez's home)
Ladies Weekly Morning Study - Thursdays @9:00 a.m.
Pros Luncheon – Tues Feb. 3 @11:30 a.m.
The Group - Sun Feb 15 - Visitation @2:15 p.m.
Trinity Hymn Sing – Mon Feb. 16 @2:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Suppers @5:30 p.m.

Small Groups –@ 6:30 p.m.
Youth Groups - @6:30 p.m.
Prayer Groups
Japan I – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.
Japan II – 3rd Sun @5:00 p.m.
Men's – Tues @6:45 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast – Sat Feb 14 @8:00 a.m.
Philippines – 1st Sun @7:05 p.m
West Virginia – 2nd Sun @7:05 p.m..
Women's – Thurs @8:15 a.m.

Administration

Christian Education Committee – 3rd Sun @5:00 p.m.
Deacons – 2nd Sun @4:45 p.m.
Missions Committee – 4th Sun @4:45 p.m.
Outreach Committee – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.
Preschool Committee – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.
Session – 3rdTues @7:00 p.m.
WIC Council – 4th Sun @4:30 p.m.



BIRTHDAYS

1st – Al Ward
 4th – Julia Branch, Joseph Ward, Reade Ward
 6th – Mildred McNair
 9th – Sarah Albritton, Sarah Miller
 10th – Ethel Gamill
 12th – Luke Govero

13th – Sophia West
 16th - Andrew Reed
 17th – John Turbeville
 19th – Dustin Lucas, Kevin Lucas
 20th – Gray Barnes, Allie Reves, Andrew Perry
 22nd – Matthew Elliott

23rd – Matthew Carter, Dale Kilbourn, Steve Scott
 24th – Todd Hall
 26th – Ben Byrd, Samuel Cole, Virginia Lavallee
 27th – Michael Freeman, Daniel McNair



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