



## Providence Prophet June 2019

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### Message from our Pastor

According to Scripture (Hebrews 11.1), faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. I have been contemplating and exploring “unknowing” a lot in my own life lately. In Sunday School we have discussed this as well. Sometimes “the world” which can include church leaders, tells us that if we are true Christians or good Christians or faithful Christians, we will know and be certain, we will be unwavering, we will believe.

But we can never know, be certain, or have unwavering belief because we are not, and never will be “all knowing.” We worship a God who is knowable in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and at the same time complete and total mystery. We know God, we love Jesus, we feel the Holy Spirit and yet there are not words or concepts that can capture them. Faith is resting in not knowing and sometimes to get to that place of rest, we have to do a lot of unknowing – of letting go of things we used to be confident in or even certain of. We have to unknow a lot of things taught to us when we were children. Perhaps the image of God as a man with a white beard with his hand on the smite button. Perhaps we have to let go of the idea that we must believe that everything in the Bible was written by the hand of God and is factual and historic, even when it contradicts itself. Perhaps we have to let go of a lot of judgment of “others.”

The process of having a deep and abiding faith is about letting go, removing, taking off and unknowing. Certainty is not only not required in faith, it is a stumbling block, an obstacle to it. As soon as we think or believe that we understand God, that we know God, we have put God in a box, created God in our image, and limited God. I invite us this summer to explore our faith through curiosity, wondering and questioning and finding time and space to let go.

Honored and Blessed to be your pastor,

**Carol**

### Celebration!

On the same day, Saturday, May 18, 2019, **Sung Bauta** graduated with a PhD, and our Ministerial Intern, **Jiaan Burford**, graduated with his MDiv degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated in worship at Providence.



Rev. Carol with Sung Bauta and Jiaan Burford



Dr. Sung Bauta



Providence joins together in blessing with a laying on of hands.



The Bauta Family

### Happening at Providence

- June 9 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- June 9 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- June 9 Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- June 16 – July 14 Rev. Carol’s sermon series “Gospel According to Dr. Seuss”
- June 24 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meets at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers – This will be our planning meeting to choose book selections for July – November.
- June 26 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group

### Coming Up in July

- July 8-11 6:30 – 8:00 PM – Providence Vacation Bible School – Open to all children K-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Volunteers are needed to provide snacks, lead crafts, lead games, or assist in other areas. If you can help – even for one night – contact Rev. Carol or Michelle Roberts.

### Sundays

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group (as announced)
- 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

### Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

### Each Monday, Wednesday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise

### Each Wednesday

Choir is on summer break – will resume rehearsals in August

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Benjamin Hack	2
Bill Watson	5
Charles Samples	9
Wilma Batchelar	17
Ryan Rivard	19
Carl Waits	21
Eddie Payne	28
Jayne Mattingly	30
Ertel Whitt	30

### Many Hands. . .



Mowing, trimming, planting, weeding, watering – on any given day this time of year, our dedicated volunteers will be at the church keeping our grounds beautiful. **Gary Anderson (top left) and Jan and John Downs (above)** are out there trimming. **Charlie and Cathie Slack (top right and right)** are weeding and clearing away debris.

Members of the Women’s Service Group – **Debbie Lynch, Cathie Slack, Susan Kinnard and Eddie Cox (left)** purchase, install and care for decorative plantings in front of the church.

### Providence Women’s Service Group News



The Women’s Service Group is collecting individual size toiletry items (lotion, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) for the Jessamine Co. Homeless Shelter. Personal-size items are available at many stores such as WalMart, Kroger, etc. Or when you stay at a hotel, save those unused toiletry items – soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc. – and bring them to place in the basket in the church narthex.

### Providence Legacy Fund

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of our church legacy this year by designating Providence in your Will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and adding your name to our Legacy Book. You can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to go to the church upon your death. Everyone can participate and there is no minimum participation level.

### Prayer Concerns

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION:

Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders, our military and all who serve our nation: Michael Hagan, Shawn Davenport, Jacob Durbin, Ricky Highnote, Jason Rutherford, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlings and First Responders.

#### MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jackie Bellman, Willa Hall, Pauline Burger, Milton Lowe, Bob and Jean McCarter, Dakota Walker, David LaBoone (Anderson), Emilio Arcila, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Gemma Warner (Bullock), Halie Gray (Draper), Ryan Rivard, Jerry Rutherford (Sidebotham), Carol Wheat, Ivan Doane, Matt McGee, Barry Newcombe (Mattingly), Tracee Lyon (McCarter), Bruce and Marlene Gosney (Schweitzer), Jayne Mattingly, David Cowan, Mary Marshall (McCord), Beverly McNeal (Roberts), J. T. Browning (Kinnard), Karen Durbin (Fielder), Jean Christian (Hufford), John Chamberlain (Toleman), Jamie Coomer (Draper), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Kim McNeal (Bellman), Lynge Moesgaard (Downs), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt).

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