

Providence Presbyterian Church Community Service Opportunities

What's coming up sooner than later?



November 1 from 8:30 to 12:30 in the FH
Please contact Carla Sink to schedule your time! cpsink@novanthealth.org



Eighth Annual Providence Presbyterian Golf Tournament

Proceeds to benefit

Habitat for Humanity

Friday, November 6, 2009

10:30 a.m. shotgun start

Charlotte Golf Links

11500 Providence Rd.

(just south of 485)

Prizes for 1st 3 winning teams

Plus chance to win:

Lots of other prizes

Cost per person \$100.00

**(includes box lunch and
dinner from Boneheads)**

Please contact:

chumphreys@wachinc.com

for additional information.

We are having some very special guests at our church home this fall. From **November 9th to the 23rd**, we will be hosting twelve homeless women from the Salvation Army Center of Hope. We did this two years ago, and the response from our congregation was heartwarming. Every one who volunteered commented on how important their participation became to them, how touched they were getting to know the women and to be able to interact with them. One very busy congregant who participates in just about everything said she felt that this was the most important thing that she had ever done. Are you wondering how you can help? Here are the activities you can get involved in:

1. **Participate in cooking a meal.** Breakfast needs to be served between 6 and 7 AM and dinner at 6-6:30PM.
2. **Provide transportation to and from the shelter.** Pick up the ladies at 5 PM at the Center of Hope and bring them to the church for dinner and the night. We return them to the shelter in the morning by 8 AM. This is a great activity for those of you who work uptown and we will need about 4 volunteers each day each way.
3. **Spend the night in the Fellowship Hall** as a chaperone. We will have mattresses and you can bring your bedding or sleeping bag (and your favorite pillow!). We need 3 ladies a night for 14 nights. The guests are housed in the classrooms, 3 to a room and the chaperones are in the main room. Women only, of course!
4. **On the weekends**, so we will be providing all 3 meals to anyone who wants to stay on Saturday and Sunday. We also will have activities such as art classes, basketball games, and just general quiet time. We hope congregants will come and visit and participate in activities or just sit and talk to our guests. If you have an activity you would like to offer, let me know.
5. **Donate for the two weeks any air mattresses** you might have (we have 9 promised and need 15) and/or any bedding – preferably twin sheets and blankets, also pillows with pillowcases. You could also donate towels for the two weeks.
6. **Organize a committee that will wash all the sheets and towels and remake the beds in one day's time.**
7. **Volunteer to help set up and make all the beds on the Sunday before they come, 11/8.**
8. **Organize an activity for the weekend** such as a basketball game or a treasure hunt or something. All activities must be on campus.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER FOR MORE THAN ONE ACTIVITY OR MEAL!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have 39 volunteers so far. We'd like to have twice that many!!! This is an event where we can truly work together as a church family and make a difference in someone else's life. Come join us. You will be rewarded far more than you give.

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0Ai4VjOgCnogWdGRAakRvcnZnTHhTN3IUOGpSbkZyeIE&hl=en>

You may email Tandy Graham at tandygraham@carolina.rr.com with any questions!

This community outreach is linked to the Salvation Army's Center of Hope. Our hope is in helping. Tandy Graham is coordinating this effort with your help!

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Habitat for Humanity Matthews

with whom we have built seven houses and are now putting together teams of folks to do specific tasks (paint, sheetrock, insulation, for example) to work on homes as needed.

*Building Houses,
Building Lives*

<http://www.habitatmatthews.org/>



CROP WALK

This Charlotte favorite outreach takes place each October! Our group gets walkers and sponsors whose contributions go forth in feeding the hungry both here and abroad!

<http://www.churchworldservice.org>



Wheelchair Ramp Guys (and Gals) are a group of folks who make lives easier by building ramps for people through Love, INC.

If you would like to participate in the next ramp project, please call Ken Kilpatrick.



Loaves and Fishes Food Drive

generally takes place in February, **(February 6 through 14, 2009)** and Providence has hosted "Iron Can Providence" competitions (creating a sculpture from donated cans of food and other food items) to have some fun and bring in a ton (literally) of food for those in need.

Our Associate Pastor, Hansen Wendlandt, is working on a new format for this year which promises to be competitive in a fun (pantry filling) kind of way!

<http://www.loavesandfishes.org>



STOP HUNGER NOW!

is an organization we support by hosting food packing sessions! At the last packing session, our group packaged over 25,000 meals (a mixture of dry goods including rice, vegetables, flavored vitamin mixture, etc.) which were sent to Haiti to be served in several school lunch feeding programs. We plan several packing sessions per year and will let you know a date for our next one soon!

<http://www.stophungernow.org>

LOVE, INC

(Love in the name of Christ) offers Christian Care and service to people in need. They reach out to congregations to help with those needs.

PPC is pleased to partner with LOVE, INC



\$10,269,264.

was collected in 2009!

Started by a youth group in South Carolina, this is now a nation-wide effort, with help from the NFL, to fight hunger locally. Each year youth groups and churches raise upwards of \$10 million, millions of cans and boxes of food, and hundreds of thousands of hours of community service.

<http://www.souperbowl.org>

Providence Presbyterian has formed a **Green Team**

These members and friends are helping us save energy and the environment through conservation efforts on the church campus and information which can be

used at home or in our workplace to reduce energy usage and conserve resources.

Call the church office if you would like to participate.



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24 Hours of Booty

This event is a twenty-four hour bicycle ride around the Booty Loop near Queens University of Charlotte to raise money for Cancer Research. We have several members who ride and many who support their efforts. If you like to ride, give us a call so we can get you on the team!

<http://www.24hoursofbooty.org>

This is usually a July event, so keep checking for the date!

There are many opportunities for outreach here at Providence Presbyterian Church!

Don't know exactly where you might share your skills or time?

Associate Pastor
Hansen Wendlandt
will be most happy to speak with you!

[Contact Hansen here.](#)



**Outreach
is at the
Heart
of
Community**

Gleaning Garden

The summer garden is finished. Another season behind us, yet a fall collard patch has been started. It's our first try and we hope to learn from it and have collard greens galore in November!

Many people helped to make our summer season a big success. Thank you to all who helped plant, who spread straw, who harvested and took produce to different food pantries. A special thanks to Jack Matthews, Bob Richards and Willie Rea for making the garden a reality.

We estimated that about 200 pounds of tomatoes and 282 pounds of squash and a smattering of peppers and cucumbers were picked. Just imagine the delight of people who were hoping for canned goods and staples to come home with fresh produce, just picked that morning. God has blessed our garden, our church, our congregation and those who receive the vegetables.

Please contact Anne Wood if you would like to help with the fall garden or have ideas for the spring garden!



Baby Layette Items!

The response to the baby layette donations was overwhelming. Diapers, sleepers, lotions, wipes and baby blankets were given in such abundance. Just imagine how thrilled a mother will be to be able to choose items for her baby to provide warmth and comfort and cleanliness. Thank you, Providence, and especially the Agape Circle. These things were taken to Green Memorial Baptist Church to their layette pantry. Groups within the church are encouraged to continue collecting as there is such a need. Green Memorial Baptist Church accepts layette items year round.



[Operation Christmas Child](#)

PPC participates in this world-wide mission of Samaritan's Purse through which shoeboxes are delivered all over the world. Simply click on the header to go to the web page and learn all about this mission.

During the summer, PPC packed shoeboxes to be taken to OCC in November!