

# Old Providence ARP Church

## Old Providence News

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Dear Friends,

Once again, as we look back to Newsletters from the past, we find letters written by the Rev. Bolin as relevant today as they were then. Here is one from a few years ago.

In the hectic rush of Spring and of the Easter season remember:

**Luke 24** <sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: <sup>7</sup>The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words.

In a culture where the memory of this event grows more dim each year, take the opportunities you have to share the true message of hope and life in Christ with your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and with others whom the Lord may bring across your path.

In Christ's love,

The Session



## April 2017 Announcements

### Women's Ministry

Our Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, April 6th, at the Church with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the Bible study at 7:30 p.m.

*Women's Ministries Spring Retreat* will be April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> at Grace Bible Camp in Goshen. The speaker will be Nicki K. from the Proverbs 31 Ministries. Deadline for overnight accommodations is April 5<sup>th</sup> and for meals is April 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Linda.

### Children's Fellowship and Youth Group

In March, Little Lambs made butterflies that were sent to Spirit FM for their Butterfly Hugs Program. The butterflies will go to children who are cancer patients.



The next meeting for Little Lambs/Youth Group will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, join us for *Food, Fun and Egg Hunting* from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Bring a basket to collect the eggs! April 16<sup>th</sup> there will be no meeting.

### Pre-Easter Fellowship Dinner

The Pre-Easter Fellowship Dinner, a covered dish meal, will be on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### Sunrise Sunday

On Resurrection Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, our Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00 a.m. in Providence Hall. The Willing Workers Class will provide breakfast. You are encouraged to invite others to attend with you.

### WRE Fundraiser at Old Providence

Come join us at Old Providence Church on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for a Community Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser for Riverheads Weekday Religious Education. All donations from the meal will go towards the WRE Building Fund. There will be live music and an update on building progress.

## **Bus Trip**

The Spiritual Care Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, Va. on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, to see "Then Sings My Soul". The bus will leave Old Providence at 9:00 a.m. and return around 7:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 for members and regular attendees, and \$55.00 for guests. See Martha or Linda for available seats.

## **Monday Mid-Day Program**

The Monday Mid-Day programs continue on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> with May 15<sup>th</sup> being the last one this spring. At 11:00 a.m. we start with a program and then have a light lunch. If you are free at these times, we encourage you to come and join us.

## **Graduates**

Please provide names and details about students graduating from High School and College this spring to Kay by April 15<sup>th</sup> so we can recognize them in the June Newsletter and bulletin.

## **PreSchool Update**

Registration for 2017/2018 is in full swing. The Four-Year-Old Class has a waiting list already, and the Three-Year-Old Class is starting to fill up. Forms are available at the Church office or to print off the Church website. Please see the website for details, or call the church office at 377-2911. Tell your family and friends!

## **Help Needed**

Help is needed to prepare meals for Little Lambs and Youth Group in April and May. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in Providence Hall or contact Terri.

## **Scheduled Worship Leader**

Mr. Sutton – April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>

## Community Events

Weekday Religious Education: 1) The next WRE Meeting will be on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
2) FYI...The children who attend Riverheads WRE want to help raise money for the program because they want to see it continue, so here is the idea...A Walk For WRE! The children are asked to get sponsors to give any amount and the children will walk a mile for WRE.

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Fundraiser on Route 11 will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon.

Precious Jewels Day Club Spring 2017 Schedule: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – Pizza and a Movie/ Game; April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon – Arts/Crafts/BYO picnic lunch; April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – Cover Dish Dinner and a Movie/Game; April 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon – Arts/Crafts/BYO picnic lunch: Entry “fee” will be 1 can of vegetables for the Church’s Food Bank donation bin. (This is a nonprofit club providing social and educational opportunities for special needs members of the community – hosted by Fairfield Presbyterian Church) RSVP: Faith, 416-6181.

## Transition Contact Information

If you need pastoral assistance, please contact any Elder. Please contact Hedley or Bob, if you know of any Pastor Care Needs (home or hospital visits, calls, etc.).

If you have matters to be considered by the Session, please contact Vice-Moderator John or Clerk Matt.

The Rev. Harris will serve as the Moderator of the Session during the period the church is without a Pastor.

## Bible School at Old Providence

**June 18 – 22, 2017**



VBS at Old Providence is shaping up!

The Outreach Committee has been formed and is already working to invite friends, family and communities to join us. The members of this Committee are posted on the bulletin boards around the church. Please give names and addresses of children or families in your community, that may want to attend, to the Outreach Committee, so they may be notified.

Classes and programs for all ages are being planned.

The children will hear stories, from the Bible, that help them understand the faith of Moses, David, Daniel, Matthew, Paul and Silas.

Mitchell and Robyn are planning a week of active learning for middle and high school students.

The adult program will be centered on a walk through almost 275 years of the history of Old Providence. Guest speaker, Nancy S., and our own Finley, will be two of the featured speakers.

As always, VBS at Old Providence provides an evening meal, a nursery and offers programs for everyone from birth to 95 plus. See you there!

## April 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 2

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Kay and Marvella

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Carrie

5:30 p.m. - Children's Fellowship/Youth Group

Monday, April 3

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, April 5

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study



Sunday, April 9 - **Synod Spring Offering**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Lois and Katie

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karen

12:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt/Party

Wednesday, April 12

6:30 p.m. – PreEaster Dinner

Friday, April 14 (Good Friday – Church Office Closed)

Sunday, April 16 - **Resurrection Sunday**

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Tina and Grace

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Dana

Monday, April 17

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, April 19

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Friday, April 21 – Saturday, April 22

Women's Retreat at Grace Bible Camp

Sunday, April 23

10:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Laurin and Adam

11:00 a.m. – Worship: Communion Service

Children's Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

Wednesday, April 26

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m. - Community Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser for WRE

Sunday, April 30

9:00 a.m. – Breakfast for Young Life

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Karleen and Carrie

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Laurin or Kristi