

# Old Providence ARP Church

## Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

By the time this newsletter reaches you I suspect that the outside will look greener and the weather will feel warmer! Spring is upon us, and with spring comes Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Let us all glory in the tangible reminders of the season that point to newness of life. In addition, let us turn our minds to the passion of our Savior's crucifixion, the glory of His resurrection, and what these things really mean for us.

God's Word tells us in I Corinthians 15: 16-19 that "If the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone." When it comes to the core of who it is we are as the people of God, and what it is we really believe, everything hinges on Jesus being raised from the dead. This is true to the point that, as verse 19 says, if Jesus was not raised from the dead then we are to be pitied above all others. Why? Because our faith would be worthless apart from the promise of the resurrection.

The risen Jesus being alive today, and the promise of the resurrection for those who trust in Him alone for their salvation, is what sets Christianity apart from every other religion on earth. We do not follow the ancient teachings of prophets or adhere to lofty philosophies declared by mere men, long since dead. Jesus is alive. God's Word continues in I Corinthians 15: 20-22 by saying "But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive." Let these words encourage you as you consider Christ's sacrifice and glory. Also, please plan to worship with us during Easter and beyond.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



## **April 2019 Announcements**

### **Monday Mid-Day Program**

The April dates, speakers and topics for the Monday Mid-Day Program are: April 1<sup>st</sup> - Amanda – trip to Italy; April 15<sup>th</sup> - Wayne - the security camera system; and April 29<sup>th</sup> - Kathy - trip to Kenya. We begin at 11:00 a.m. with a program, followed by a light lunch. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 per person.

### **Women's Ministry Window**

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. All women of the church are invited to attend the meeting and Bible Study which meet the first Thursday of each month.

### **Little Lambs and Youth Group**



Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. starting with a light supper. In addition, the Youth Group will meet April 28<sup>th</sup>. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

### **Pre-Easter Fellowship Dinner**

The Pre-Easter Fellowship Dinner, a covered dish meal, will be held Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.



### **Sunrise Service**

On Resurrection Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, our Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00 a.m. in Providence Hall. The Willing Workers Class will provide a light breakfast. You are encouraged to invite others to attend with you.

### **Game Day for Seniors**

The youth group will be hosting a game day for seniors on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. There will be an assortment of board games in addition to our main event...trivia. Light snacks will be provided. Please join us for some fun and fellowship.

## PreSchool Update



PreSchool Registration in Process: Applications are currently being accepted for the 2019-2020 School Year. Applications and information are available on the church website [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org) and in the Church Office. The registration fee is \$45.00 (waived for church members).



### Bus Trip

The Spiritual Care Committee is looking at a trip to the Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum in Kentucky. This will require three days, two nights or two very long days, one night. They are waiting to see if there is enough interest to pursue planning this trip. Please contact Linda or Bob with your input.

## Community Events

A Grief to Growth Support Group sponsored by Rockbridge Area Hospice will meet Wednesday afternoons for 8 weeks beginning April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sunnyside House Kendal, 160 Kendal Dr. Lexington, VA. Call 540-463-1848 for more information.

The Staunton Choral Society 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hymn Concert "The Song Victorious" will be held on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. at Bethel Presbyterian Church, and on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. at Verona United Methodist Church. A free-will offering to benefit Staunton Choral Society will be taken.

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. the 10th Anniversary of the Wonder Quartet in concert benefiting Rockbridge Area Hospice will take place at Rockbridge County High School. Free admission to concert (donations appreciated).

## Bonclarken Event Highlights

Quest, Middle School Conference, will be held from June 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> this year.

Horizon, High School Conference, will be held from June 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> this year.

For a list of all 2019 ARP Events at Bonclarken, and to register for Camps and lodging visit [www.bonclarken.org](http://www.bonclarken.org). There is a Bonclarken calendar posted on the church bulletin board as well.

## April 2019 Calendar of Events

Monday, April 1

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program resumes

Wednesday, April 3

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, April 4

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study



Sunday, April 7

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Carrie

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. – Game Day for Seniors

5:30 p.m. – Little Lambs and Youth Group

Wednesday, April 10

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Stacy and Kayla

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Karen

12:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 15

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, April 17

6:30 p.m. – PreEaster Dinner

Thursday, April 18 & Friday April 19 (Good Friday)

Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 21 – **Resurrection Sunday**

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service – Light Breakfast provided by Willing Workers Class

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Connie and Scott

11:00 a.m. – Worship/Children’s Church Leader: Dana

Monday, April 22 – Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 24

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, April 28

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Monday, April 29

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

## May Calendar



May 2 - Women's Ministries & Bible Study	May 12 – No Youth Group
May 3 & 4 - Women's Retreat	May 19 - Little Lambs/Youth Group
at Grace Bible Camp	May 23 - Last day of PreSchool/Graduation
May 5 - Youth Sunday	May 26 - Communion
- Little Lambs/Youth Group	- No Youth Group
- Session & Deacons Meetings	May 27 - Memorial Day
May 12 - Mother's Day	May 30 - Women's Ministries Visits
- Rebekah Offering	Beulah Land