

Old Providence ARP Church

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Dear Old Providence Family,

Happy New Year! 2018 has come and gone and 2019 is here. What will you do this year? Do you have plans for something you'd like to accomplish? What about something you need to finish? Perhaps you have something to complete that didn't get done in 2018. What about hopes for the New Year? Maybe there's something that you want to achieve or a problem you wish to see resolved in 2019. New Year's resolutions have become a common part of our culture, and aren't necessarily a bad thing, but let me encourage you to remember what the Bible says about how life works.

God's Word reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3 that throughout life there is a time for the entire range of human emotions and experiences, both the good ones and the bad. While no one seeks out difficult times, they come nonetheless. In Ecclesiastes 7:13-14 the Bible says *"Consider the work of God, for who can straighten out what he has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity, consider: God has made the one as well as the other..."* This passage points to the reality that God is sovereign no matter what we face. In addition, it should serve as a reminder that God directs our paths.

As the New Year unfolds before you, enter into it with the full assurance that God will be with you no matter what you face. Hold on to the promise Jesus made in Matthew 28:20 when He said *"I am with you always, to the end of the age."* If you make New Year's resolutions, make sure that you are seeking God's will and relying on His strength alone to do what it is you set out to accomplish. Above all, do not lose heart. Cling to the cross of Christ.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



January 2019 Announcements

Little Lambs and Youth Group



Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on Sundays, January 6th and January 20th, at 5:30 p.m. starting with a light supper. In addition to those days, the Youth Group will meet January 13th and 27th. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Ministry Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, January 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Beginning in January, we will be studying the book of Romans, using Knowing the Bible: Romans by Jared C. Wilson. This study is designed to "help readers know and understand the meaning, the message, and the God of the Bible" while "highlighting the gospel of grace" in each passage of scripture. All women of the church are invited to attend this Bible study which meets the first Thursday of each month.

Women's Ministries will visit Beulah Land on Thursday, January 31st, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Beginning of the Year Matters

All organizational Treasurers are reminded to submit your yearly reports by Monday, January 14th, so the annual report to the General Synod and Presbytery can be prepared by February 1st. Please leave them in the Clerk of Session mailbox.

January is the month in which we take orders for **Our Daily Bread**. This devotional can be ordered through the Women's Ministries on a donation basis. Available in regular and large print, this monthly publication includes a daily scripture and devotional reading, as well as a plan for reading through the Bible in a year. Please see Libby or Shirley to renew or start your subscription.

Officer Election Update

The Deacons who were elected on November 18, 2018 are Donnie M., John L. and John L. We thank those who were willing to serve the Church and allowed their names to go on the ballot.

Bad Weather Closings

We make our decisions on cancellation of service based on safety concerns. We evaluate conditions at the church and in the immediate area around the church as well as on the weather forecasts available to us. When we cancel Sunday morning services or other major events, we will announce these closings by:

One Call System (phone, text and email) on the

Web Page: oldprovidencechurch.org, or

TV: Channel 3 (Sunday Service or major events only)

To add or update your information for notifications received through the One Call System, please contact the church office, or place a note in the offering plate.

February 2019 Calendar



Feb 3 – No Little Lambs & Youth Group	Feb 13 – Bible Study
- Young Adults Super Bowl Party at Manse	Feb 17 – Little Lambs & Youth Group
Feb 6 – Bible Study	Feb 20 – Bible Study
Feb 7 – Women’s Ministries & Bible Study	Feb 24 – Communion
Feb 10 – Camp Joy Special Offering	- Youth Group
- Deacons Meeting	Feb 27 – Bible Study
- Youth Group	

January 2019 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, January 1 – Thursday, January 3

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

No Bible Study

A graphic with the text "Happy New Year!" in a blue, stylized font. The letters are decorated with blue streamers and confetti, giving it a festive appearance.

Thursday, January 3

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Sunday, January 6

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Carrie

5:30 p.m. – Children’s Fellowship and Youth Group

Wednesday, January 9

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, January 13

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Karen

Noon – Deacons Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, January 16

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, January 20 – WRE Special Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Dana

5:30 p.m. – Children's Fellowship and Youth Group

Wednesday, January 23

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, January 27

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, January 30

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, January 31

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries visits Beulah Land