

# Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

As we enter the month of July there is excitement in the air with the start of VBS just around the corner. But some significant events in the ARP Church have just finished with opportunities moving forward as well. June is the timing of the General Synod Meeting at Bonclarken where the denominational business is conducted. What was exciting and a little different this year was the World Focus Conference of missions, outreach, and agencies of the ARP just after Synod.

It is with thanksgiving that I can report that the business of the denomination went well with several judicial issues, several memorials (similar to motions) and many greetings and encouragements from fraternal denominations of the ARP all being received and/or debated and actually concluded in near record time.

Opening worship of World Focus was held Thursday night with a husband-and-wife music team soon to enter the mission field in the United Kingdom leading music, and Derek preaching on the cost of either going or supporting missions being small, compared to the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross for us. Thursday afternoon was full of discussions for Joanie and me in meeting people who are currently on the mission field in Africa, Europe and the Far East, and church planters throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Talking to these missionaries and evangelists was encouraging for us. Two specific ties to Old Providence were talking with, and getting our picture taken with, Rebecca in the Germany Booth, and hearing how encouraging it is for the Cochran's in the UK when they frequently receive letters from the Women of Old Providence Church. We are hopeful that the Cochran's may get up to OP sometime, possibly in the month of August to worship with us one Sunday.

You may ask how we can continue to grow in our support or even go ourselves into the mission field from Old Providence. We will be exploring this opportunity in Sunday Evening Study, sponsored by the Evangelism and Outreach Committee, where we will be studying the concept of what it means to serve as senders for those in the mission field. This study will utilize the book *Serving as Senders Today* by Neal Pirolo and meet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday evenings starting July 23<sup>rd</sup> for about seven weeks in the Fellowship Hall. Although we will build on previous weeks, missing one or two classes should not stop you from attending. It is not necessary to read the book, but it is welcomed. We will have light snacks and plan on this being a **multi-generational** class.

Your brother in Christ,

Frank Heinsohn

## July 2023 Announcements



As of publication of this Newsletter, we have Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. Children's Church is available during the Worship Service. Nursery is available during the Worship Service and during Sabbath School. During the school year Youth Group meets every Sunday at 5:30 p.m., and Little Lambs meets the first and third Sunday monthly from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. In the summer Youth Group meets every other Sunday, and Little Lambs does not meet. Pastor Malphrus will post his Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.com/ OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and will also post the audio version of those sermons on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. You may access our Facebook page, edited newsletters, church calendar, sermonaudio.com, announcements, and more by visiting our website at [oldprovidencechurch.org](http://oldprovidencechurch.org). For a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, or to add or update your information for notifications received through the One Call System, please contact the church office.

Daily Devotionals with our pastor will start back in September after a summer break. Recordings are available through our church's Facebook page via facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa or our website ([www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org)) by clicking on the Facebook icon. They are also available through sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence, which may also be accessed from our website, or the sermonaudio app. For a copy of a devotional on CD, please contact Patrick.

Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer Meetings with Pastor Malphrus will start back in September after a summer break.

### Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting, followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will be studying Chapter 6 in the book entitled, *Revelation for You*, by Tim Chester, which covers Chapters 12, 13 and 14 in the book of Revelation. All Women are welcome.

### Community Event

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company Fireworks and Ice Cream Social will be July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fire House at dark. Food and drinks will be for sale starting at 6:00 p.m. and the band will start playing at 7:00 p.m.

## Refreshing Project Update

Contracting for the Sanctuary Refreshing Project Implementation continues to make progress. The electrical contracts and the construction contracts for the sanctuary and front bathroom have been signed. Work on these two portions of the Refreshing project will begin later this Fall. Selection of painters and carpeting companies will be the next phase of interviews and proposals. Please continue to be in prayer for the projects. More information about schedules and other decisions will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

## Preschool Registration Update



Old Providence Preschool registration is going well for the 2023-2024 School Year! Registration packets are available at our church website at [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org) or in the church office. **There is space available in the three-year-old class.** The four-year-old class is full so we will start a waiting list if there is more interest. **Please share this information with our community so this Ministry can be a blessing to others.** There are flyers available to post around the community. For flyers or more information, please call the church office at 540-377-2911.

## Vacation Bible School

VBS at Old Providence ARP Church will be held July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 8:30 each night with supper provided at 5:30 p.m. Classes will be available for children ages 2 - 12 years old. An adult class will be taught by Pat. Nursery will be provided. For more information, call the church office at 540-377-2911.

## July 2023 Calendar of Events

### Sunday, July 2

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Carol and Summer

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

### Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day

Church Office Closed



### Thursday, July 6

10:00 a.m. - Women's Ministries

10:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

### Sunday, July 9

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Amanda and Isabella

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

### Sunday, July 9 – Thursday, July 13

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School

### Sunday, July 16

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Stacy

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

5:30 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

**Sunday, July 23**

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri and Vicki

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

**Monday, July 24**

ARP Women's Ministries Annual Meeting at Bonclarken

**Monday, July 24 – Thursday, July 27**

Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken

**Sunday, July 30**

8:15 a.m. - Breakfast for Local Missions

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Ashley, William and Blake

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Laurin and Kristi

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**August 2023**

August 3 Women's Ministries 10:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

August 20 Diaconate Meeting 5:00 p.m.

August 27 Communion

Special Offering for WRE