

Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing very well and enjoying the beautiful month of June. While some see their schedules winding down over the summer months, June is quite busy for the church! First comes General Synod (our denomination's national conference) from June 7th to the 9th, and then Vacation Bible School from June 19th to the 23rd. What a month!

As it relates to the General Synod and my work within the denomination, let me express my appreciation for your patience with me over the last year. Serving as Moderator of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (our denomination) has been both challenging and rewarding, joyful and, at times, frustrating, but overall has been a wonderful blessing and honor. I appreciate your patience as I have traveled for everything from important meetings to speaking events. I also greatly appreciate your prayers. The ARP Church faces many challenges, but I have been encouraged to see our churches come together and unite around that which is important. We should also be grateful that the ARP Church is not struggling over serious matters like theological convictions and whether or not the Bible is God's Word. As our denomination moves forward, it does so with a renewed commitment to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and upholding the authority of God's Word.

As it relates to Vacation Bible School, let me encourage you to be in prayer. Please pray. Pray about how the Lord would use you to serve, and that the Lord would work as a result of our labors. Statistics and studies show that so many professing Christians came to know Christ when they were children. As Jesus said, truly the harvest is plentiful. However, this does not change the reality that VBS presents multiple challenges and requires much effort. Please pray. Pray that the Lord would work in the hearts of parents so that they would bring their children. Pray that the children would be receptive to the Gospel. Pray that our volunteers would not grow weary in doing good. Pray that all of the logistical matters and challenges would be met with grace and patience as we move through the preparation for, and execution of, VBS. Pray that God would be glorified as a result of what we do. Pray for good weather, even! We need the Lord's grace and blessings to make VBS work.

What a blessing it is to serve the Lord and to have the honor and privilege of taking part in His grand redemptive plan. May we never lose sight of our salvation in Jesus Christ and, as a result, let us be quick to tell others of His greatness and love. Thank you in advance for all of your hard work as we seek to glorify God together.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



June 2022 Announcements

As of publication of this Newsletter, we have one Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School at 11:10 a.m. Children's Church are available during the Worship Service. Nursery is available during the Worship Service and during Sabbath School. Youth Group meets every other Sunday at 5:30 p.m. during the summer. Pastor Malphrus will broadcast his sermons on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. through [Facebook.com/ OldProvidence ARPCChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa) and will post the audio version of those sermons on [sermonaudio.com /oldprovidence](https://www.sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). If you need help accessing online sermons, contact Patrick. You may access our Facebook page, [sermonaudio.com](https://www.sermonaudio.com), our church calendar, edited newsletters, announcements, and more by visiting our website at www.oldprovidencechurch.org. To request a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, call the office.

We are taking a summer break from Daily Devotionals which started Monday, May 23rd until Monday, August 1st. However, you may watch recorded Devotionals through our church's Facebook page via [facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa); our website www.oldprovidencechurch.org by clicking on the Facebook icon; or through [sermonaudio.com](https://www.sermonaudio.com) or the sermonaudio app.

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Services are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. led by our Pastoral Intern, James MacDougall.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, June 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. with Bible Study following at 7:30 p.m. Our Bible Study is based on the book, "Faith in the Face of Apostasy: The Gospel According of Elijah & Elisha", by Raymond B. Dillard. We will cover Chapter 6 in June. All women are welcome to the meeting and/or the Bible Study. Contact Sylvia for more information.

Each year the gift shop at Bonclarken requests donated items to sell. The proceeds go toward the operational expenses of Bonclarken. **Women's Ministries is collecting items for the Bonclarken Gift Shop until Sunday, June 5th**. Collection boxes are in Providence Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Gail.

Refreshing Finance Committee

The Sanctuary Refreshing Finance Committee has begun meeting. Please pray for God's guidance as Old Providence moves forward in seeking His will.



Preschool Update

Preschool registration for 2022/2023 is now in process and there is one space left in the 4-year-old class and three in the 3-year-old class. Call the church office for forms and information.

Home Bible Study

Have you ever considered what your relationship with the Holy Spirit means? Have you ever thought about how the Holy Spirit leads you into a relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you ever considered how the Holy Spirit leads and empowers you daily in your service and worship so that Jesus Christ and the Father are glorified? Have you ever wondered how you can know God's plan for your life, His best for you?

Pat and Susie are hosting a study in their home this fall to explore how we interact with the Holy Spirit and how a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit leads us into a closer daily walk with Jesus Christ. We will use the book "Experiencing the Power of the Holy Spirit," written by Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, to assist us in our study together. This book was chosen because it is totally based on God's word and Dr. Ogilvie has many suggestions and exercises that have helped himself and others in this process.

It would be desirable to know who would be interested in this study so that we can get books to you in advance. The timing of the class is negotiable and open to those who are interested in participating. Please let Pat know if you want to participate or have questions about this study.

June 2022 Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 2

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

Sunday, June 5 – Special Presentation: Bridge Europe of World Witness

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Kevin and Tonya

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Tuesday, June 7 – Thursday, June 9

General Synod Meeting at Bonclarken

Wednesday, June 8

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, June 12 - Communion

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Amanda and Isabella

10:00 a.m. - Worship

No Children's Church

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

Monday, June 13 - Saturday, June 18

Middle School Conference at Bonclarken

Wednesday, June 15

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, June 19 – Father’s Day

Special Offering for Camp Joy

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri and Laurin

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children’s Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

11:10 a.m. - Sabbath School

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

**Happy
Father’s
Day!**

Sunday, June 19 – Thursday, June 23

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 20 – Saturday, June 25

High School Conference at Bonclarken

Wednesday, June 22

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, June 26

9:45 a.m.. - Nursery Helpers: Cindy and Karleen

10:00 a.m.. - Worship

Children’s Church leaders: Dabney and Tina

11:10 a.m.. - Sabbath School

Wednesday, June 29

6:45 p.m.. – Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

*Please keep in mind, calendar dates are tentative and could change or cancel after publication of the newsletter.

Vacation Bible School

ZOOM into fun with us this summer at VBS!

June 19-23, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

with supper provided nightly at 5:30 p.m.

Ages 2- 12 years old as well as a nursery and adult class provided.

We need people to walk in the Raphine Carnival Parade on Friday, June 17th. There will be a VBS meeting for teachers, teacher's helper, and nursery workers on Sunday, June 5th, at 5:00 p.m. in Providence Hall. VBS nursery worker volunteers will meet on Sunday, June 12th, at 5:00 p.m. For more details regarding the parade and meetings, please see Amanda.



July 2022

3 Youth Group 5:30 p.m.	24-27 Special Services
4 Independence Day – Office Closed	25 ARP Women's Ministries Annual Meeting at Bonclarken
7 Women's Ministries & Bible Study	25-28 Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken
10 Session meeting 4:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting 5:00 p.m.	31 Breakfast for Young Life 9:00 a.m.
17 Youth Group 5:30 p.m.	Youth Group 5:30 p.m.
24 HOMECOMING	