

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 along 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



March 2018 Announcements

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th. Set your clocks forward one hour.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, March 1st, at the Church for the business meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bible study begins at about 7:30 p.m. We are studying "The Gospel according to Abraham". Our study book is called Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality. We will be studying Chapter 3 and the scripture will be Genesis 13. Women's Ministries visits Beulah Land on Thursday, March 29th, at 7:00 p.m. We would love for you to join us.



PreSchool Update

Registration for 2018/2019 started March 1st. Forms are available at the Church office or to print off the Church website. Please see the website for details or call Barbara at 886-8685 or Stephanie at 377-2911. Tell your family and friends!

Cemetery Clean Up

The Cemetery Trustees will be cleaning the cemetery on March 3rd. **All** flowers/decorations that you wish to save need to be removed prior to this date. Any flowers/decorations remaining in the cemetery on the 3rd will be discarded.



Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs is for ages pre-school through fifth grade. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays during the school year from 4:30 p.m. with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. **Youth Group** is for 6th – 12th graders. They typically meet on the same dates as Little Lambs. In March, Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on Sundays, March 4th and March 18th. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt/Party on Sunday, March 25th, at 5:30 p.m. The other dates for this spring are: April 15th, May 6th and May 20th. Everyone is welcome!

Monday Mid-Day Program

Our Monday Mid-Day program will resume on Monday, March 5th and our speaker will be the Rev. Patrick Malphrus. On March 19th Mr. Willie Coffman will be the speaker. Programs continue April 2nd, April 16th, and April 30th. We begin with a program at 11:00 a.m. followed by a light lunch. The cost of the meal is \$3.00/person. We will post a sign-up sheet for help with the meals. Everyone is invited!

Pre-Easter Fellowship Dinner

The Pre-Easter Fellowship Dinner, a covered dish meal, will be Wednesday, March 28th, at 6:30 p.m.

Sunrise Service



On Resurrection Sunday, April 1st, 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.

Bus Trip

The Spiritual Care Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to the Bible Museum in Washington D.C. on Thursday, May 10th. The cost of the trip is \$35.00 for members and regular attendees, and \$40.00 for guests. Sign up with Martha or Linda accordingly: seniors plus 1 guest per senior (March 3rd – March 18th), Members and active attendees (March 19th – April 1st), 1 guest per member or active attendee as available (April 2nd – April 15th), Guests as room is available (April 16th until filled)

Spotlight Information

In the past, there have been Spotlights in the Newsletters which featured our “Over 90 Group”. We would like to do that again. Please submit names of members who are over 90 years of age to Kay or Stephanie at 377-2911.

Erskine Seminary Trip

Friends of Erskine Seminary invite you to join them on the A.R.P Heritage Tour of the British Isles from June 10 – 24, 2018. Contact Dr. Dale Johnson at 864-245-4741 or djohnson@erskine.edu.



Volunteers Needed

The church's fireproof filing cabinets have been moved from the old basement to a room in the basement of Providence Hall. Contents of these files (primarily historical materials) need to be reviewed and refiled. If you can help, please contact Finley.

Community Event

Rapine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Dinner will be at the Firehouse March 17th at 5:00 p.m.

March 2018 Calendar of Events



Thursday, March 1

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Sunday, March 4

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Carrie

4:30 p.m. – Children’s Fellowship and Youth Group

6:00 p.m. – Session and Deacons Meet jointly

7:00 p.m. – Session and Deacons Meet separately

Monday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 7

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, March 11 – **Daylight Savings Time begins**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Karen

Wednesday, March 14

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, March 17

Virginia Presbytery at Old Providence Church

Sunday, March 18

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

4:30 p.m. – Children’s Fellowship and Youth Group

Monday, March 19

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, March 24

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, March 25 - **Spring Synod Offering**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Vicki and Joy

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

5:30 p.m. – Easter Egg Hunt



Wednesday, March 28

6:30 p.m. – PreEaster Dinner

Thursday, March 29

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

Friday, March 30 – **Good Friday**

Church Office Closed

April Calendar



April 1 – Resurrection Sunday

Sunrise Service

April 2 – Monday Mid-Day Program

April 5 – Women’s Ministries and Bible Study

April 8 – Deacons Meeting

April 15 – Children’s Fellowship/Youth Group

April 16 – Monday Mid-Day Program

April 20/21 – Women’s Retreat at Grace Bible Camp

April 29 – Breakfast for Young Life

April 30 – Monday Mid-Day Program