

Old Providence ARP Church

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Dear Church Family,

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

How appropriate our Vacation Bible School theme is “Faith Expedition” because for about 273 years, the Old Providence church family has been on the faith expedition sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. VBS 2017 is no exception. Through fellowship, fun, and working and learning together; we will teach our students to follow God’s plan, to believe God’s promises, to obey God, to repent and to give their lives to Jesus.

The objectives for VBS will be to reach out to the children, families, and individuals, who may not have experienced the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to challenge believers to a greater commitment as disciples of Christ.

Putting VBS together is like a big jigsaw puzzle. God has placed individuals in our church with the talents and gifts to accomplish the work needed in every area. The Christian Education Committee works to find the right person for each job. As you accept the responsibility of each of the jobs, we thank you for taking the opportunity to serve others during this great week of VBS. It is our prayer, as the gospel message is presented clearly and simply, children may come, hear, and hopefully, understand what Christ has done for them.

As the puzzle comes together, prayer is needed for everyone. Please pray for the Lord to lead all of the individuals of our church family helping with VBS, and pray for the Lord to lead the children, families and individuals attending. Pray the Lord will work in the hearts of everyone who attends.

In Christ,

The Christian Education Committee

May 2017 Announcements

Women's Ministry

Our Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, May 4th, at the Church with the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. and Bible study at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Fellowship and Youth Group

The next meeting for Little Lambs/Youth Group will be on May 7th with May 21st being the last one until after summer. The Little Lambs will have a beginning of Summer Party on May 21st!!

Monday Mid-Day Program

The Monday Mid-Day programs continue on May 1st with May 15th being the last one this spring. At 11:00 a.m. we start with a program and then have a light lunch. If you are free at these times, we encourage you to come and join us.

Cemetery Update

Effective June 1, 2017, the price for cemetery plots will increase. The new price for members will be \$100.00 and the price for non-members will be \$1,000.00.

Trustees

The Church Trustees have acquired new tables and chairs for the Stone Hall. Anyone interested in one (or more) of the old tables or one (or more) of the wooden folding chairs, please contact Finley by May 8th.

PreSchool News



We have had a very successful PreSchool year. The Graduation Program is on Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend and share in the excitement of our children. We express our thanks to the PreSchool Committee for their faithful work with this program, and to all of you for your generous support. Registration for 2017/2018 is still in progress. Forms are available at the Church office or to print off the Church website. For details call the church office at 377-2911.

Congratulations and best wishes to our high school and college graduates!

Community Events

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Fundraiser on Rt. 11 will be on May 20th at noon.

Precious Jewels Day Club May 2017 Schedule: May 4, 6:00 p.m. – Cover Dish Dinner and a Movie/Game; May 9, Noon. - Arts/Crafts/BYO picnic lunch; May 18, 6:00 p.m. – Cover Dish Dinner and a Movie/Game; May 23, Noon - Arts/Crafts/BYO picnic lunch. Hosted by Fairfield Presbyterian Church.

Card Shower for Military



Please provide names and addresses of friends and family members who are serving in the Military so the Old Providence Family can send “Thank You” or “Thinking of You” cards to them to show appreciation for their sacrifices. The names and addresses will be listed in the June Newsletter. The deadline to turn them in is May 15th to Stephanie at adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org or 377-2911, or Dana. For questions, contact Kay.

Bible School at Old Providence

June 18 – 22, 2017

The VBS Outreach Committee has been working on designing flyers, announcements and banners/signs for our upcoming “Faith Expedition” vacation bible school program. VBS flyers have been given to the WRE students at Riverheads Elementary School, our preschool, Little Lambs and Youth Group members. We will be placing VBS posters, banners and signs in the community at a later date. VBS information will be sent to our local churches inviting them to participate with us.

If you have an address of a neighbor or friend who would like to attend our VBS, please give it to one of our committee members. Look for additional information on our website, newsletters, screen announcements and bulletins.

The Committee Members are Tammy, Bob, Carlton, Ashley, Jeff, and Sue.

Bonclarken Events

General Synod Meeting June 6th – 8th
Quest Middle School Conference June 12th – 17th
Horizon High School Conference June 19th – 24th
Family Bible Conference July 24th - 27th

Scheduled Worship Leaders

Mr. Sutton – May 7th to May 21st
Rev Harris – May 28th

May 2017 Calendar of Events

Monday, May 1

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, May 3

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, May 4

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Sunday, May 7

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/Youth Group

6:00 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Session and Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 a.m. – Bus Trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater

Wednesday, May 10

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, May 14 – **Mother’s Day**

Special Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children’s Church



Monday, May 15

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, May 17

6:45 p.m.—Bible Study

Sunday, May 21 – **Senior 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: Dana

12:00 p.m. – Senior Luncheon

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

6:00 p.m.—Baccalaureate Ceremony at Riverheads High School

Wednesday, May 24

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Thursday, May 25

Last day of PreSchool

7:00 p.m. – PreSchool Graduation

Sunday, May 28 – **Communion**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children’s Church

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 31

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

