

# Old Providence ARP Church

## Old Providence News

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What an exciting time it is to be part of Christ's Kingdom! October 31<sup>st</sup> marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenburg, Germany. His act of faithfulness was one of many events that sparked the Protestant Reformation, thus changing the world!

Much has happened in the Church over the last 500 years. In His providence, God has seen fit to unite Christians together under many different denominations. Some denominations have risen and some have fallen, but in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church we praise God for His faithfulness to us over the generations.

In order to keep churches informed our denomination publishes various updates and items from its General Synod meeting. Some things to consider from our General Synod meeting are:

**Bonclarken** - The General Synod encourages all churches to encourage and assist their members in attending the various camps/conferences/retreats hosted by Bonclarken.

**Book of Discipline** - The draft of the revised Book of Discipline should be received as information, and made available to members, churches, and presbyteries for study and comment.

**CEM** - The Synod encourages presbyteries to take full advantage of CEM's (Christian Education Ministries) training opportunities and make use of the ARP Bookstore for equipping the saints.

**Erskine** - The ARP churches, presbyteries and General Synod should pray often and regularly for Erskine College and Seminary's board, faculty, staff and student body.

**ONA** - The churches and presbyteries should set aside time to specifically pray for congregational and personal evangelistic fervor, church planter recruitment and church vitality within the ARPC.

**Worship** - The General Synod encourages individuals and sessions to submit nominations of individuals qualified and willing to serve on the Committee on Worship to Synod's Committee on Nominations (and) the General Synod encourages local sessions to review the Directory of Public Worship annually and consider their own Lord's Day public worship in light of the Directory's teaching.

## October 2017 Announcements



### Women's Ministry

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, October 5, 2017, at the Church for the business meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bible study begins at about 7:30 p.m. Please join us.

The Women's Ministries Annual Synodical Meeting at Bonclarken, which is the annual meeting for all our ARP Churches, will be held on October 14, 2017.

The Women's Ministries Annual Virginia Presbyterial Meeting, which is the meeting of all the ARP Churches in the Virginia Presbyterial, will be held at Old Providence Church on October 28, 2017. This is a great way to learn more about the Women's Ministries work, and visit with other ladies in our Presbyterial.



### PreSchool News

The school year began on September 5<sup>th</sup>. There are currently openings in the 3-Year-Old Class for the 2017/2018 school year. Call Barbara at 886-8685 regarding availability. For details about the preschool, see the church website at [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org).



### Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs and Youth Group have resumed with new meeting times which are 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 5:30 pm. The Little Lambs group will be led by Amanda on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and after that date by Connie and Kathleen. The Youth Group will be led by Mitchell, Holly, Carrie and Kristi. Everyone is welcome! Please invite your neighbors.

### Monday Mid-Day Program

The next Monday Mid-Day Program will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and will continue on October 23<sup>th</sup> and on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. The program begins at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch following.

### Election of Elders and Deacons

The Session will submit the names of the nominees for Elder to the congregation on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and the congregation will select three Elders in a congregational meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Session will submit the names of the nominees for Deacons to the congregation on November 5<sup>th</sup> and the congregation will select the necessary number of Deacons in a congregational meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Community Events

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken and BBQ Chicken dinners will be available on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon, at the McCormick Farm Mill Day, and on October 14<sup>th</sup> a BBQ Chicken dinner will be held at Greenville Baptist Church from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Celebration presents "Total Praise" with hymns, gospel and contemporary music at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Staunton on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to support recent hurricane victims.

Virginia Presbytery invites you to join them at Wellspring ARP Church in Daleville, VA for Gospel Conversations (Reaching your community for Christ) Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. for a Seminar and Dinner. No Charge! Register with Judy at 828-808-2051.

### **"IN THE NEWS" SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY HERITAGE**



Have you ever wished that you could just have one more conversation with your grandparents or your mother or father? There are so many questions to ask them that you didn't think about when you were younger; what was it like when they were growing up or some family history.

With summer behind us and before the holiday season, now is a good time to create your own family memory book and "save their story". If you are fortunate to have some older relatives to get some answers, here are some questions you may want to ask them.

Place and date of birth; who named you or how your name was chosen; your closest family members; a special memory of your mother or father; what were your favorite pastimes growing up; what were some of your favorite things to eat or some favorite meals that your mother made; who were your childhood friends; what do you remember about our grandparents; where did you live as a child; tell me about your first school; what were some of your favorite books or music; what did you do during your summers; did your family take a vacation and where did you go; what were some of the traditions your family had during the holidays; what were some special holiday foods; what was your religious upbringing; what were the rules of the house and curfews; what did you want to be when you grew up; what were your high school years like; what was your first car or truck; what's the best thing invented since you were a kid; what was your first job; what pets did you have growing up; any special hobbies growing up; where have you traveled and is there a special place you like the best; if you could be any age again, which age would you choose; what would you most like to be remembered for; what is your best advice for life.

Just "tell me your story".

## October 2017 Calendar of Events

### Sunday, October 1- **World Wide Communion Sunday**

Special Offering – Rebekah  
10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School  
10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Tina and Emma  
11:00 a.m. – Worship  
No Children’s Church  
4:30 p.m. – Children’s Fellowship and Youth Group

### Wednesday, October 4

6:45 - Bible Study

### Thursday, October 5

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministries  
7:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study



### Sunday, October 8

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School  
10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Lois and Katie  
11:00 a.m. – Worship  
Children’s Church Leader: Karen  
6:00 p.m. – Deacon’s Meeting

### Monday, October 9

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

### Wednesday, October 11

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

### Saturday, October 14

Women’s Ministries Annual Synodical Meeting at Bonclarken

### Sunday, October 15

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/Youth Group

Wednesday, October 18  
6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, October 21  
Virginia Presbytery at Lauderdale Church

Sunday, October 22  
10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School  
10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Karleen and Kayla  
11:00 a.m. – Worship  
Children's Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin



Monday, October 23  
11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, October 25  
6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Saturday, October 28  
Women's Ministries Annual Virginia Presbyterial Meeting at Old Providence

Sunday, October 29 – **Reformation Sunday**  
Congregational Meeting  
9:00 a.m. – Breakfast for Young Life  
10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School  
10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Kay and Marvella  
11:00 a.m. – Worship  
Children's Church Leader: Laurin or Kristi  
5:00 p.m. – Trunk or Treat

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Supper

Thursday, November 23 – Joint Thanksgiving Service at Old Providence Church

Wednesday, December 13 – Congregational Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 17 – Christmas Program/Cantata