

# Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

I noticed some rather curious things this morning as I made my way from the manse to the church, and I've just got to share them with you. First, when I went outside to let out Beau the Labradoodle, I noticed that it wasn't just cool, it was downright cold. Then, as I made my way down the driveway I looked over and noticed that our trees in the front yard have started changing color. And wonder of wonders, driving up to the church, I even noticed these brown, crunchy things all over the road! It's hard to believe, but Fall is here.

How can this be? It seems like it was Christmas just yesterday. I've hardly gotten used to writing "2021" and it's almost time for 2022. The changing colors of Fall and the movement of the seasons point to the fact that life is full of change. Allow me to ask you a question...How do you react to change? Do you welcome it with excitement, optimistic about what the future holds? Or are you on the opposite end of the spectrum, greeting change with pessimism, just wanting things to remain the same. Maybe it's neither, and you might just be in a spot right now in life where you haven't even had the occasion to take note of change, and instead are living one day at a time.

No matter how you view change, let me encourage you to turn your attention to God, who according to His Word in Malachi 3, does not change. How could He? God is perfect, and that which is perfect can't be improved upon. That means God isn't just good, He's entirely holy, whole, and complete. God isn't just truthful, He is Truth. God isn't just flawless, He's perfectly incorruptible. God isn't just knowledgeable, He knows all things. God isn't just loving, He is Love. God isn't just powerful, He has absolute dominion over all things, including my life and yours. For these reasons (and many more besides), we have no need to fear change or the progression of life. The same God that professed faithfulness to His people in Malachi, does so today.

In light of these things, allow me to ask you another question...will you trust God? By His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, and through the power of His Holy Spirit, God has made the promise of not only His presence, but also of His peace. In the midst of changing times and seasons, God's promise remains the same. And remember, God never breaks a promise. As you welcome Fall colors and cooler weather, and even more so, as you adapt to the changes of life, make sure that you are trusting in God, your Heavenly Father, whose love knows no bounds. And make sure you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone, all the while relying on the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your Pastor,

Patrick

## October 2021 Announcements



As of publication of this Newsletter, there are two Worship Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sabbath School classes for all ages meet at 10:00 a.m. Children's Church is available during the 9:00 a.m. service only. Nursery is available during the 9:00 a.m. service and 10:00 a.m. Sabbath School hour. Youth Group meets on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Little Lambs meets the first and third Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Malphrus will continue broadcasting his sermons on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. through Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa, and will post the audio version of those sermons on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. You may access our Facebook page, our church calendar, edited newsletters, announcements, and more by visiting our website at [www.oldprovidencechurch.org](http://www.oldprovidencechurch.org). If you would like a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, please call the church office.

Daily Devotionals take place Monday through Friday with our pastor. They are available live at 7:00 a.m. through our church's Facebook page, or after through sermonaudio.com or the sermonaudio app. Please see Pastor Malphrus if you need help accessing our Daily Devotionals.

Bible Study and Prayer Service are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. with our Pastoral Intern, James MacDougall, leading our time of study.

Pat and Susie are hosting a study of the book of Hebrews in their home on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We are using the Christ-centered Exposition series commentary on Hebrews and a book is available for you. Come join us anytime, or contact Pat with any questions .

Please Note: The Church office will be closed from Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> . Therefore, Bulletin announcements for Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, are due to the office no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> .

PreSchool News: Currently, there are openings in both classes. Please refer interested parents to Robyn or the church office for availability.

### **Diaconate Budget Meeting**

The Diaconate will have a budget meeting Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> . Committees, please consider your budgetary needs for 2022 and refer them to the Diaconate. The Budget Request Forms are on the table in Providence Hall and the table in the sanctuary. Please leave your completed form in the Diaconate Chairman's mailbox before the meeting date.



### Little Lambs

Little Lambs will meet on Sundays, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This class is offered for children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and typically meets on the first and third Sundays of each month, September through May. For more information, please contact Amanda.

### Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. with Bible Study following at 7:30 p.m. All women are invited. We will be studying Daniel 10 in Chapters 13 of our study book "Daniel" by Iain Duguid.

The Women's Ministries requests the names of our church family members who are in college or in the military so they can stay in touch with them. Please submit the information to the church office by email, [adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org](mailto:adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org), or by calling 377-2911. For questions, please see Shirley before or after Sunday School.

### Monday Mid-Day

The next Monday Mid-Day program will be held on Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker, Hanna, about Project Horizon. A light lunch is served following each program. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 per person. Meetings will continue on October 25<sup>th</sup>, with Nancy on B&O Railroad history, and November 8<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins. Everyone is welcome.

### Trunk or Treat



Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to provide trunks and treats. Please contact Amanda to help.

### Community Events

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken fundraisers will be held on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the McCormick Farm at 11:00 a.m., and on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at Wade's Mill Day at 11:00 a.m.

### Bus Trip



Save the Date: The Spiritual Care Committee is sponsoring a trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville on November 30<sup>th</sup> to see "Christmas in the Mountains". More information coming soon.

## Newsletter Mailings

If you know of an Old Providence college student or military member who would like to receive the church newsletter, please call the church office.

### October 2021 Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 3

Special Offering for Foreign Missions

8:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Laurin and Shirley

9:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church leaders: Carrie and Lois

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

5:30 p.m. – Little Lambs and Youth Group



Monday, October 4 - (October 10<sup>th</sup> Bulletin Announcements due by 9:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, October 5

7:00 p.m. – Home Bible Study

Tuesday, October 5 – Friday, October 8 (Church Office Closed)

Wednesday, October 6

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

Thursday, October 7

7:00 p.m. - Women’s Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Sunday, October 10

8:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Lois and Cindy

9:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church leaders: Amanda and Vicki

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

6:30 p.m. – Diaconate Budget Meeting

Monday, October 11

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

Tuesday, October 12

7:00 p.m. – Home Bible Study

Wednesday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 16

Virginia Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, October 17

8:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Terri and Stacy

9:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church leaders: Patcie and Sue

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

5:30 p.m. – Little Lambs and Youth Group

Tuesday, October 19

7:00 p.m. – Home Bible Study

Wednesday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 24 – Reformation Sunday

8:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Kevin and Tonya

9:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church leaders: Dabney and Tina

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Monday, October 25

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Tuesday, October 26

7:00 p.m. – Home Bible Study

Wednesday, October 27

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

Sunday, October 31

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

9:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church leaders: Laurin and Kristi

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

11:00 a.m. – Worship

4:00 p.m. – Trunk or Treat

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

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| 4  | Women's Ministries & Bible Study        | 21      | Fall Special Offering for Synod Causes   |
| 7  | Daylight Savings Time ends              |         | Little Lambs & Youth Group               |
|    | Congregational Meeting to select Elders | 24      | Community Thanksgiving Supper - TBD      |
|    | Little Lambs & Youth Group              | 25      | Thanksgiving Day                         |
|    | Session & Diaconate Meetings            | 25 & 26 | Church Office Closed                     |
| 8  | Monday Mid-Day Program                  | 28      | Congregational Meeting to select Deacons |
| 14 | Youth Group                             |         | Youth Group                              |
| 21 | Communion                               | 30      | Bus Trip                                 |