

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

It has been said in many ways, but God is good all the time. Do you realize this, though? How often do you stop to ponder God's grace and generosity? Consider how He has worked at Old Providence. Just last month we celebrated homecoming and had special services with Rev. Sam Cotten, missionary to Rwanda and Pakistan. Also, we had the unique opportunity to hold a rededication service for our sanctuary. Do you see how God has worked amongst us?

In preparation for this article, I decided to go back a year, to last October's newsletter, and I found that one year ago I wrote to you about the coming changes at Old Providence. I wrote of things like changes in service times and location due to the sanctuary refreshing project that was about to begin. I encouraged you to be patient and flexible as we adjusted to things like two services, and in Providence Hall, at that! I also encouraged you to pray for God's grace and mercy as we began work that would prove to be difficult, yes, but so very rewarding. Here we are a year later, and the project is complete. The Lord intervened time and again through everything from preserving our unity as we made decisions to blessing us with very few major problems. The end result is our current sanctuary, which is beautiful to behold and a joy to use for worship. Again, God is good all the time.

Thankfully, God's blessings have not been limited to our worship space. Consider the almost constant stream of visitors that the Lord has provided for us. Also, consider the fact that many of those visitors have stayed and are becoming a part of our fellowship at Old Providence. Our resources and ability to offer ministry to the entire family have also expanded as we have hired two new Directors of Family Ministry, Elizabeth Phillips to work with children's ministry, and Will Phillips to serve as our Youth Pastor and work also with me to learn regular ministry skills like preaching. These are just a few of the ways God has worked at Old Providence, but they point to His loving grace and mercy.

Let me invite you to not only consider God's goodness, but to remember what God revealed through Jeremiah in Lamentations chapter 3. As verses 22 and 23 say, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness." Indeed, God is faithful. Let us, with grateful hearts, strive to be faithful to Him. Remember his goodness in thought, and in deed, serving the Lord with gladness. God is good all the time.

Your Pastor,

Patrick

October 2024 Announcements



As of publication of this Newsletter, we have Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. Children's Church is available during the Worship Service. Nursery is available during the Worship Service and Sabbath School. **Youth Group** meets at 5:30 p.m. every Sunday and **Little Lambs** meets from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. every Sunday, unless otherwise announced. Pastor Malphrus will post Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.com/OldProvidence ARChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/old providence. To access our Facebook page, church calendar, edited newsletters, sermonaudio.com, announcements, and more, visit our website: oldprovidencechurch.org. For a copy of a sermon on CD, or to add or update your contact information for notifications received via One Call, call the church office.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study are at 6:45 p.m. as well as children's ministry opportunities. **Daily Devotionals** are at 6:00 a.m. Monday-Friday. You may access recordings of Daily Devotionals on facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. For a copy of a devotional on CD, please contact Patrick.

Officer Elections

Please continue to pray for our officer elections. The Session will submit the names of the nominees for Elder to the congregation on October 13th. In a congregational meeting on October 20th the Congregation will select four Elders. The Session will submit the names of the necessary number of nominees for Deacons to the congregation on November 3rd. In a congregational meeting on November 10th the Congregation will select the necessary number of Deacons.

Home-Based Bible Study



The Tuesday evening home-based Bible Study this fall will be a study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism using G. I. Williamson's study guide. Some 12 years ago Pat hosted a study of the Westminster Confession and found it rewarding to understand The Confession of our reformed faith and its biblical roots. The group will meet at the Pat and Susie's home at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday beginning on October 1st. Please see Pat or Susie with questions and let us know you are interested so we can have a study guide for you. Thanks, Pat

New Pictorial Directory Reminder

If you have not turned in your completed **Directory Profile form** and **photo** yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any church activity photos from 2024 or questions, please contact Sylvia.

Women's Ministries Window

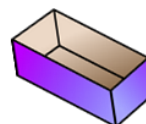
Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, October 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. for a meeting, followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will be studying Chapters 15 and 16 in the book entitled, *The Next-To-Last Word* by Michael P.V. Barrett. All women are invited to attend.

Monday Mid-Day Program

Our October Monday Mid-Day Programs will be on October 7th with speaker, Dennis, sharing about "Mound Culture" and on October 21st, Tyler, will speak on "Falconry". Monday Mid-Day will continue November 4th with Isabella sharing about her experience at "Camp Joy". The program starts at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch and fellowship following.



Operation Christmas Child



It's time to think about Operation Christmas Child's Shoebox Challenge (OCC)! A table will be set up in Providence Hall with boxes and supplies starting October 20th. Please help yourself to these items. There is a \$10 shipping charge per box. If you would like to support OCC, you may make a donation through the church, just put OCC in the memo. There are opportunities to build a box online. The deadline for turning the boxes in is November 24th. Let's reach for a goal of 100 boxes in 2024!!! Visit www.samaritanspurse.org for helpful links like: "How to pack a box", Amazon Storefront for OCC, gift suggestions, find out if something can/cannot be packed, Build a Box online and Volunteering. For questions, see Carrie or Carol.

Trunk or Treat

Join us on Sunday, October 27th, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for our annual Trunk or Treat. All ages are invited to attend. Please bring your own basket or bag for candy, and please no scary costumes. There will be a bouncy house and a hayride. For more information, please call the church office at 540-377-2911.

Homeschool Co-op Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

The Homeschool Co-op is having a fundraiser on October 12th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Old Providence to include Spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and drink by donation. Please Pre-order by October 7th to 540-292-7515. "Dine In or Carry Out"

Community Event

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken fundraiser at McCormick Farm will be held on October 5th beginning at 11:00 a.m.

October 2024 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, October 2

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

Thursday, October 3

10:00 a.m. - Women's Ministries

10:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

Sunday, October 6 – Communion

Special Offering for Missions

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Vicki and Carol

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, October 7

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

6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 8

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, October 9

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry



Sunday, October 13

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Little Lambs

5:15 p.m. - Men's Singing Group Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, October 16

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

Saturday, October 19

Virginia Presbytery Meeting at Old Providence

Sunday, October 20 – Congregational Meeting

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

4:00 p.m. - Diaconate Budget Meeting

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, Octobers 23

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

Sunday, October 27 - Reformation Sunday

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Cindy

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Trunk or Treat

5:15 p.m. - Men's Singing Group Rehearsal



Tuesday, October 29

7:00 p.m. - Home-Based Bible Study

Wednesday, October 30

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study/Children's Ministry

Thursday, October 31

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries visit Beulah Land

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

November 2024



3 Daylight Savings Time Ends	10 Congregational Meeting	28 Thanksgiving Day
4 Monday Mid-Day	17 Diaconate Meeting	28 & 29 Office Closed
7 Women's Ministries	24 Communion	
Women's Bible Study	Special Offering Synod Causes	