

Old Providence ARP Church

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To the Church Family at Old Providence,

Thank you all so very much for the extraordinary amount of kindness you have shown us as we embark on this new and exciting adventure in our lives. I've said this from the pulpit already, but to simply use the term "excited" to describe what we're feeling about being with you is not enough. We come to you with full confidence in the fact that God has called us to be here and will guide, equip, and enable us to follow His calling.

In the same way that our family knows God will provide everything we need to faithfully follow Him, we are also confident that God will do the same with Old Providence. God has been faithful to this congregation for so many years and through many tumultuous times. While other individual churches have come and gone, Old Providence has remained as a steadfast institution of this community. This serves as a testimony to your faithfulness as a congregation, but also as evidence that Jesus will build his Church and that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18).

We look forward to getting to know all of you and to participating with you in the life of Old Providence and the surrounding community. Let us all keep Christ as our focus and remember the blessings God has so freely bestowed upon us. Let us also remember the Apostle Paul's question in Romans 8: 31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Again, thank you all for giving us the immense honor and pleasure of being with you and helping to make Old Providence our home.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

The Patrick Malphrus Family



September 2017 Announcements

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, September 7, 2017, at the Church for the business meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will continue our study on the book "The Envy of Eve" written by Melissa Kruger. Bible study begins at about 7:30 p.m. Please join us.

The Virginia Presbytery Fall Psalm/Hymn sing will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at the Lauderdale ARP Church in Lexington. There will be a light meal following the program. In order to give Lauderdale a count for the meal, there is a sign-up sheet in Providence Hall. If you anticipate attending, please sign up by September 10, 2017.

PreSchool News



The school year begins on Tuesday, September 5th for the 3-year-old and September 6th for the 4-year-olds. There are currently three openings in the 3-Year-Old Class for the 2017/2018 school year. For details see the church website at www.oldprovidencechurch.org or call Barbara at 886-8685 or Stephanie at 377-2911.

Little Lambs and Youth Group

Our Children's Fellowship and Youth Group programs resume on Sunday, September 17th at 5:30 p.m. The evening begins with a meal followed by the group programs and activities. The Little Lambs group is for Preschool through 5th grade. The Youth Group is for Middle School and High School Students. The groups normally meet on the first and third Sundays of each month. For 2017-2018, so far, meetings are scheduled for September 17th, October 1st and 15th, November 5th and 19th, and December 3rd. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 29th.

Monday Mid-Day Program

The Fall series of the Monday Mid-Day program resumes on Monday, September 11th. The program begins at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch following. Meetings will be held on September 25th, October 9th and 23th and on November 6th. Everyone is welcome.

College Student Addresses

Please provide new or updated addresses for College Students for the Newsletter to Stephanie at 540-377-2911 or adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org.

Day Trip

The Women of the Church and Spiritual Care Committee have a day trip scheduled on Wednesday, September 6th, to the Farmer's Market at the Government Center in Verona. We will have lunch at Armstrong's Restaurant in Verona at 11:30 a.m., and from there, go to the Farmer's Market. Everyone is invited. Contact Martha, for additional information.

Erskine College



September 16, 2017 is ARP Student's Day for all high school student! Seniors get priority access to ARP scholarships in addition to other financial aid when they visit the campus. Register at www.know.erskine.edu/ARP.

Community Events

There will be a BBQ Chicken Dinner fundraiser for the Raphine Volunteer Fire Company on September 16th at noon on Route 11.

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church's Annual Harvest Sale and Supper will be held on Saturday, September 9th at 4:00 p.m. For questions call 540-885-4738.

There will be a Ladies Retreat sponsored by Emmanuel Baptist Church on September 22nd and September 23rd at the Augusta Conference Center in Fort Defiance, VA. This event is free of charge but you must register by September 8th. For more information and to register online go to <https://ebc-verona.net/ladies-retreat-2017>.

Upcoming Events

The Women's Ministries Annual Synodical Meeting at Bonclarken will be held on October 14, 2017.

The Women's Ministries Annual Virginia Presbyterial Meeting will be held at Old Providence Church on October 28, 2017.

September 2017 Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 3

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School – Fall Session begins

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Carrie

Monday, September 4

Labor Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

PreSchool Begins

Wednesday, September 6

6:45 - Bible Study

Thursday, September 7

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Sunday, September 10

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karen

Monday, September 11

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, September 13

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study



Sunday, September 17

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Connie and Scott

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Dana

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

Wednesday, September 20

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, September 24

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

Monday, September 25

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, September 27

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study