

Old Providence News

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Dear Church Family,

What a fantastic beginning to the year we've had at Old Providence! These first two months have been filled with exciting, enriching moments for our families, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to serve and grow together as a community.

Our Youth Group has been diving deep into the Ten Commandments with a new series of lessons. Each week, we are examining one commandment at a time, taking time to understand not only its historical and theological significance but also how it speaks to our daily lives today. There's so much more to come as we continue to unpack the richness of these teachings. Additionally, our youth group recently had a blast at our Super Bowl party! It was a wonderful opportunity for fun, fellowship, and connecting with one another outside of our usual meetings. As we look to the future, we are excited to focus on building a stronger sense of community within our group, fostering deeper connections with one another. Looking ahead, we are eagerly preparing for the Quest Middle School and Horizon High School Summer Conferences at Bonclarken, two of the most anticipated weeks of the year! Right now, we are gathering all the details, preparing our students, and ensuring that this year's events will be memorable and meaningful for all involved. Stay tuned for more updates on these incredible opportunities!

Meanwhile, our Children's Church has been making wonderful strides as they journey through the Children's Catechism questions. These foundational questions are helping our children better understand the core principles of the Christian faith, giving them a solid foundation in what we believe. In Little Lambs, our children have been learning extensively about big theological ideas like faith, sin, and the fall. Through stories, crafts, and lessons, we are loving the chance to help them begin to understand the bigger picture of God's love and our need for His grace. We are also beginning to develop the idea of starting a Children's Choir. We have noticed a love for music with our children and think that fostering this love into a choir for the children would be a great way for them to learn more truths about God in a different form. More details to come on Children's Choir!

We are so excited to continue this journey with all of you and we look forward to more opportunities to learn, grow, and serve together as a family in Christ. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and commitment to the ministries that make such a lasting impact on the lives of our children, youth, and families.

Blessings, Will and Elizabeth



March 2025 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/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. 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. Typically, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study meets at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays as well as Children's Ministry. Normally, Daily Devotionals are at 6:00 a.m. M-F. 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, contact Patrick. On Tuesday evenings at 7:00 there is a home-based Bible Study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism which meets at the Patterson's home.

Reminder: The Cemetery Trustees will be cleaning the cemetery on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m. for our Business Meeting and 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. We will be studying Chapter 5 of *Lessons from the Upper Room, The heart of the Savior*, by Sinclair B. Ferguson. All women are invited.

The last day to order *Our Daily Bread* devotionals is March 2nd. Please see Libby or Shirley to renew or start your subscription.

Monday Mid-Day 2025 Spring Program

Our Monday Mid-Day Program resumes on March 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with a speaker followed by a light lunch and fellowship. The program takes place in Providence Hall. The cost of lunch is \$4.00 and there is a sign-up sheet to help with meals by the kitchen door. The Spring schedule will continue March 31st, April 14th, April 28th and May 12th. Details to follow soon.

Upcoming Events for Youth and Children

March

- 9 Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting
- 14 Little Lambs & Youth Group Girls Craft Night
- 16 Youth Group Lunch After Church

June

- 1-5 Vacation Bible School Week
- 16-21 Quest at Bonclarken
- 23-28 Horizon at Bonclarken
- 30 Youth Group Bonfire Night

Riverheads Weekday Religious Education - Save the Dates!!!

Saturday, March 15th - Cakewalk at 6:00 p.m. at the Mint Spring Ruritan building. If you would like to donate a cake, the doors will be open at 4:30 p.m. for drop-off.

Spring Praise Night - Sunday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Raphine Christian Church. If anyone would like to share their gift of song, please contact Dana C.

If you would like to be the church representative for these meetings, contact Carol for more information. The next meeting is on April 21st at 7 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child Update

Kathy M., Church Relations Coordinator of Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Volunteer Shenandoah Valley Team, shared this information: The number of shoeboxes collected in our area (Augusta, Bath, Highland and Rockbridge) that contributed to the record breaking worldwide totals in 2024 of 11,927,439. Right here, in the Shenandoah Valley we packed 12,579 shoeboxes, which is a 9.8% increase over the previous year's collection. That's 12,579 opportunities for children (and their families and communities) to hear the Gospel message as they receive their shoebox gifts!

April 2025 Events

April 14 Monday Mid-Day Program

April 20 EASTER SUNDAY

April 28 Monday Mid-Day Program

SAVE THE DATE for Vacation Bible School:

Sunday, June 1 - Thursday, June 5, 2025

There will be a Vacation Bible School information meeting on Sunday, March 9th, immediately following the morning Worship Service. This will be a time of learning about this year's VBS as well as a time to volunteer to help. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth.

March 2025 Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 2

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Ashlie and Gratia

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Elizabeth

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs & 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5

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

Thursday, March 6

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

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



Sunday, March 9 – Daylight Saving Time Starts

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

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs & 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

5:15 p.m. - Men's singing Group

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Friday, March 14

Little Lambs & Youth Group Girls Craft Night

Sunday, March 16

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

Youth Group Lunch

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs & 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, March 17

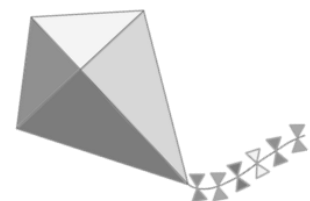
11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Program

Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

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



Sunday, March 23

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Sally and Stephanie

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs & 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

5:15 p.m. - Men's singing Group



Tuesday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 26

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

Sunday, March 30

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast for Local Missions

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Laurin and Kristi

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs & 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, March 31

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

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