

Old Providence ARP Church

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

I hope that this newsletter finds all of you doing well and staying warm! Before we know it, the days will start growing noticeably longer and the bite of the winter air will begin to decrease. Spring is on its way! But how can we be so sure? I think that the changing of seasons is just one of those things that is assumed but not really considered. Life can become predictable and the seasons changing is just part of that predictability. But have you ever taken the time to try and consider the things we take for granted? I don't mean this in a negative sense. I'm not trying to imply a willful sort of presumptuousness on our part but, instead, what I mean is that there are so many milestones in life that just come and go without notice.

In Matthew 6:25-27 Jesus said 25 "Therefore I tell you: Don't worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Consider the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they? 27 Can any of you add one moment to his life span by worrying?" What a powerful statement this is! In these few words Jesus conveys both the power of God's sovereign reign and the value God has placed on His people.

It is because of God's love and mercy, along with His provision and care, that we can move forward throughout every season of life in the full knowledge that God is in control. Let me encourage you to take the time to consider those things you take for granted, but don't stop there. Take the time to thank God for the fact that you can trust Him, and that because of Him you have every hope for the future. What a wonderful Father in Heaven we have! And what a wonderful Savior we serve.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



February 2019 Announcements



Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on Sunday, February 17th at 5:30 p.m. starting with a light supper. Please note they will not meet on February 3rd. In addition, the Youth Group will meet February 10th and 24th. Everyone is welcome!

Women's Ministry Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. All women of the church are invited to attend this Bible study which meets the first Thursday of each month.

Young Adults and Families

All young couples, singles, and non-retired folk are invited to a drop-in Super Bowl party at Patrick and Amanda's house at 6:00 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd. Please bring your favorite football/party dish to share. If you have any questions, please see Amanda or Patrick.

Bonclarken Event Highlights

Camp Bonclarken offers a Christ-centered camping experience for boys and girls who have completed grades 2-8. Campers will be encouraged through Bible study, recreation, crafts, music, adventure activities, visits to Nibble Nook, evening worship, and nightly campfires at the lake. Session One (July 21-26) and Session Two (July 28 - August 2)

Music/Drama Camp is a great opportunity for boys and girls who have completed grades 2-8 to have fun learning all the aspects of putting on a musical production. Camp ends with an admission-free performance of the musical production for parents, friends, and family. (July 7 – 12)

Volunteer Work Week is a week of service, fellowship, worship, inspiration, and renewal. It will be held April 22nd – 26th. To register visit www.bonclarken.org or contact Michael Dill at mdill@bonclarken.org.

For a list of all 2019 ARP Events at Bonclarken, and to register for Camps and lodging visit www.bonclarken.org. There is a Bonclarken calendar posted on the church bulletin board.

February 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 3

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Lois and Katie

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Carrie

6:00 p.m. - Young Adults Super Bowl Party at Manse.

Wednesday, February 6

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study



Thursday, February 7

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Sunday, February 10 – Camp Joy Special Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Tina and Emma

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karen

Noon – Deacons Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, February 13

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, February 17

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Dana

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

Wednesday, February 20

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, February 24 - Communion

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children’s Church

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, February 27

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

March Calendar



March 3 – Little Lambs & Youth Group	March 16 – VA Presbytery at Redeemer ARP
- Session & Deacons Meet separately	March 17 – Little Lambs & Youth Group
- Session & Deacons Meet jointly	March 18 - Monday Mid-Day Program
March 4 - Monday Mid-Day Program resumes	March 24 - Spring Synod Offering
March 7 – Women’s Ministries & Bible Study	- Youth Group
March 10 –Daylight Savings Time begins	March 31 - Breakfast for Young Life
- Youth Group	- Youth Group