

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

Can we just be honest about something for a few moments? We don't like change very much, do we? The older I get, the more I find myself saying things like "Well, it was perfectly fine before." or "Now they've just gone and messed it up!" or even asking "Who on earth thought that was a good idea?" But since we're being honest, we should recognize the fact that change is inevitable, whether we like it or not. We should also recognize that not all change is bad. Take, for instance, a few wonderful changes coming to Old Providence.

First, in a matter of weeks we will have a brand-new organ at Old Providence. Why a new organ? Because our current organ is over 50 years old and parts are no longer being made for it. The new organ we have purchased will produce wonderful sound and should last for many years to come. This, alone, is good news, but the good news becomes great news as we praise God that the money for our new organ has already been provided! We look forward to its arrival and dedication soon.

Second, we have brand-new hymnals to go along with our brand-new organ. Please don't worry! Our new hymnals, *The Christian Life Hymnal*, will contain all the hymns that are in our current hymnal, and many more that our current hymnal doesn't have, especially hymns about Easter and other favorites that often show up as bulletin inserts. A copy of the new hymnal is available in Providence Hall on the piano if you'd like to have a preview, and you are also able to sponsor new hymnals for \$10 per book. Bookplates will be affixed to their inside covers to remember or honor who you choose. And please don't worry. The *Bible Songs* books aren't going anywhere!

Third, we are starting a meal ministry at Old Providence for widows and widowers. Perhaps you've heard about our Wednesday Family Nights and the wonderful meals that we have enjoyed together as a congregation. Widows and widowers will have the opportunity to sign up to receive plates from Wednesday Family Night that will be available for carry out after Wednesday's service, for pickup at the church on Thursdays, or in some cases, can be delivered on Thursdays to those who need them. Those interested will need to sign up by calling the church office no later than the Sunday before. Please provide your name, phone number and if you will pick up on Wednesday night or Thursday or will need delivery on Thursday. We will begin this meal ministry on Wednesday, February 11th.

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Change is inevitable, but not all changes are bad! In fact, some changes are wonderful. The Lord is working at Old Providence in mighty ways, and I believe these positive changes are evidence of His blessings upon us. God has been so faithful to Old Providence. Let us strive to be faithful to Him and show gratitude for His mercies which are new every morning.

Your Pastor,

Patrick

February 2026 Announcements



As of publication of this Newsletter, Sunday Morning Worship Services are at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School is at 9:00 a.m. Children's Church and Nursery are available during the Worship Service. Youth Group meets on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. and Kingdom Choir for ages 3 to 5th grade meets on Wednesday nights during our Family Night. Family Night normally takes place each Wednesday with dinner provided from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and then continues with activities for the whole family. Daily Devotionals take place at 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday each week on facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa. You may access recordings of Devotionals on our Facebook page and audio versions on sermonaudio.com. Pastor Malphrus posts Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence. To access our church Facebook page, announcements, edited newsletters, calendar, sermonaudio.com, and more, visit oldprovidencechurch.org. For a copy of a sermon on CD, or to add or update your contact information for notifications received via One Call, contact the church office at 540-377-2911 or adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org. For a copy of a devotional on CD, contact Patrick. Home-based Tuesday night Bible study meets at 7:00 p.m. at Susie and Pat's home every Tuesday, unless otherwise noted.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries meets monthly, typically on the first Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. for our Business Meeting and 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. On Thursday, February 5th, we will be studying Chapters 5-8 (pages 21-44) in *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey.

We are still taking orders for *Our Daily Bread* devotional. Please see Libby or Shirley to renew or start your subscription.

Comfort Care Baby Bottle Campaign

Women's Ministries is sponsoring the Comfort Care Women's Health Baby Bottle Campaign. Baby bottles are at the church in Providence Hall. You may take them home and fill them with change, cash and checks. Please return filled bottles to the church by Sunday, February 15th.

FEBRUARY 2026 Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 1

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Amanda and Isabella

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Elizabeth

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Family Night Activities



Thursday, February 5

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

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

Sunday, February 8

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Katie and Lois

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Family Night Activities

Sunday, February 15

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri and Cindy

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leader: Patcie

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Family Night Activities

Sunday, February 22

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Kelley and Vicki

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Family Night Activities

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

Cemetery Cleaning Reminder



The Cemetery Trustees will be cleaning the cemetery on Saturday, February 28, 2026. All flowers and decorations that you wish to save need to be removed prior to this date.



Bus Trip

The Spiritual Care Committee will sponsor a bus trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville to see “A Gospel Jubilee” on May 6, 2026. More information, price and schedule will be announced in upcoming bulletins and the March Newsletter.