

# Old Providence ARP Church

## Old Providence News

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Dear Friends,

It's November 1<sup>st</sup> already and time to be thinking about decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas Season!

First of all, I want to thank all of you who provided flowers for the sanctuary during this past year. Especially those who took care of seeing that there were flowers each Sunday during my recovery from surgery this summer.

We will be taking orders for poinsettias during November. They may be given in honor of or in memory of someone, if you would like, or just to grace the sanctuary. Forms will be available around November 6<sup>th</sup> and the cost will be \$12.00.

If you have any questions, please call me at 540-377-2801.

Thank you,

Dot Richie





## November Prayer Concerns

This section of our Newsletter is provided so that you may ask for prayers for concerns you have. Please submit your requests to Dana Sensabaugh. We appreciate your help in keeping the list of those with health concerns current. If you have someone to add to the list, please contact Dana Sensabaugh. Please notify us when names should be removed as well. Please keep in mind that the list is compiled before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and the list is finalized by the 18<sup>th</sup> so the list may not be fully up to date at the time you receive your newsletter at the end of the month.

1 Thess. 5: <sup>16</sup>Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup>pray continually; <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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In this month of Thanksgiving, give thanks to our God for His grace and mercy shown to us as a congregation and as individuals. Give thanks for His care as our Sovereign Lord and Compassionate Shepherd.

Please continue to pray for those with recent health concerns: Fonda Persinger, Ed Holden, Linda Orebaugh, Jordan Taylor, Kenny Earman, Mary Sours, Jarod Davis, Mary Beatty, Bernie Earhart, Matthew Koogler, Mike Jones and Westin Mikel Byrd.

Please pray for these people who are in rehabilitation, nursing, and assisted living facilities: Helen Hanger and John Marsh.

Please pray for those men and women who are currently in Military Service: Sgt. Nathaniel H. Byrd - US Army at Ft. Drum, NY, Lt. Col. Brian Richie - US Army, John Isaac Bell - US Army Special Forces, Elijah Ward - US Army, 2LT Adam Marsh – US Army at Ft. Bragg, NC, PVT Jameson Kelly – US Army at Ft. Benning, GA, and Dusty Clymore – in Qatar.

Pray for the family of Ora Lotts following her death.

Pray for the family of Audrey Garber, Hedley Coffey's sister, following her death.

Pray for the family of Beverly Mish, Gary Mish's mother, following her death.



Pray for the family of Dale Conner, Randy Sutton's brother, following his death.

Pray for Gary and Tanya Mays Brackenridge, and Berkley and Mary Mays, following Matthew Paxton's death.

Pray for the Session and the Diaconate as they continue to plan for the transitions that will be made in the coming year with the retirement of the Rev. Bolin.

Pray for the election process for Elders and Deacons.

Pray for missionary Elizabeth Johnson in Sri Lanka and her ability to focus on her responsibilities, to do them well, and to do them joyfully (Colossians 3:17).

Pray for missionaries Jeff and Suzanne Allers, and their sons, Ben and Sam, during their Church Planting in Germany.

Pray for missionary Rebekah Carson and for the Lord to draw participants to their November evangelism course in Berlin.

Pray for Jeff, Shelia and Sarahi Osborne, specifically for wisdom in planning 2017 Short-term Mission Trips and Internships.

Pray for missionaries Mark and Natalie Witte, and their children, Vanessa and Alex, during their church planting in Toledo, Spain.

Pray for ALL who have served in the military, especially on Veterans Day.



## **Transition Announcements**

If you need pastoral assistance, please contact any Elder.

If you have matters to be considered by the Session, please contact Vice-Moderator John Arehart or Clerk Matt Benson.

The Rev. Bill Harris will serve as the Moderator of the Session during the period the church is without a Pastor.

The Church Office is typically open each morning, Monday through Friday. Stephanie Rivers will be available to provide information and assistance. See Calendar for holidays and office closings.

Please submit information for the church bulletin by Thursday a.m. each week to Stephanie (377-2911 or [adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org](mailto:adminassist@oldprovidencechurch.org)) or Martha (377-6307 or [marthabrooks@earthlink.net](mailto:marthabrooks@earthlink.net)).

## **November 2016 Announcements**

Daylight savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. **Set Your Clocks Back on Saturday night!**

### **Officer Election Update**

The Session will submit the names of the necessary number of nominees for Deacons to the congregation on November 6<sup>th</sup>. In a congregational meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Congregation will select the necessary number of Deacons. The installation of officers will take place on November 27<sup>th</sup>.



## **Community Thanksgiving Supper**

The Youth Group will host the annual Community Thanksgiving Supper at the Spottswood Community Center on Wednesday, November 23<sup>th</sup>. This Supper has been sponsored by the Youth Group for many years with the purpose of providing the opportunity for everyone in the community to have a Thanksgiving Meal. The meal is served on a donation basis beginning at 5:00 p.m. The donations received in excess of the cost of the meal provide funds for the activities and ministries of the Youth Group in the coming year. The menu consists of turkey, country ham, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, corn, fruit cocktail, rolls, fancy pies and ginger bread. Please contact Mitchell or Holly Sutton, Carrie Lotts or Kristi Phillips for more information.

## **Thanksgiving Day Service**

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church in Steeles Tavern at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Olivia Haney will bring the message.

## **Women's Ministry**

Our Women's Ministries will again collect donations of stuffing and gravy for Kingsway Help Center. We will have boxes in Providence Hall for anyone who would like to donate. We will start collecting now until November 13<sup>th</sup> so that it can be distributed at Kingsway for the holiday season.

The Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. and we will have Bible Study around 7:30 p.m. Please join us for fellowship and study.

## **Community Events**

Riverheads High School Election Day Donation Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at RHS Cafeteria. All proceeds earned will buy and ship care packages for the holidays to local soldiers serving in Qatar. Stop by for breakfast after you vote!

The fourth annual Quilt Auction benefiting the Gifted Care Program of Augusta Health Hospice of the Shenandoah is to be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at Augusta Expo. To purchase tickets to include breakfast from Kathy's Restaurant, visit the event website at [www.quiltsofcomfort.org](http://www.quiltsofcomfort.org).



**The ARP Magazine** - Informative, Encouraging, Enlightening. Something for all ages! Stay informed about programs and events across the denomination. If you would like to renew/start a subscription for The ARP magazine, contact Ann McCray or Debbie Hanger. The campaign ends November 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$20 for one year, \$38 for two years, \$54 for three years or Free for Email.

The Rev. and Mrs. Doug Jones were at Old Providence from (1956 – 1960). They recently moved from Bonclarken, S.C. to Tallahassee, Florida. They would love to hear from our Old Providence Church family. Their phone number is 828-778-0347.

### **Thank You Notes**

The Old Providence Preschool Committee would like to thank everyone for their attendance and support at our potato bar luncheon. A special thank you to Don Richie, who donated the potatoes, as well as those who donated cakes and the extra sets of hands that helped with the food and serving the tea. Your kindness in contributing to the success of the luncheon is greatly appreciated! With the support of our congregation and community we raised \$1001.57, which will help us continue to operate our preschool for the families and children in our area. Thank you to everyone!

We would like to thank all of those who called, visited, brought food, sent cards and kept us in their thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks. It is difficult to express how much our church family means to us.

Karleen and Johnny Arehart

Thank you for your prayers, support and food during our time of loss! We greatly appreciate all the love and kindness from our church family!

The Mish Family

Have you noticed the new white fence around the Church playground? Doug Marsh planned and installed the new fence as his Eagle Scout Project. He belongs to the Fishburne Military School's Boys Scout Troop. Twelve boys from the troop plus the scout leader helped with this project. Doug saw a need for the fence around the playground and used his project to make his Church's playground a safer place for children. We would like to thank Doug and his troop for their hard work in making the playground safer and more attractive.

# November 2016 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 2

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, November 3

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study

Sunday, November 6

Daylight Savings Time Ends

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Maggie Liptrap & Mikayla Liptrap

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Carrie Lotts

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

Monday, November 7

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-day

Wednesday, November 9

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study



Friday, November 11

Veterans Day

Sunday, November 13

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Connie Brookman & Scott Brookman

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children’s Church Leader: Karen Gordon

6:00 p.m. – Session & Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, November 16

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, November 20

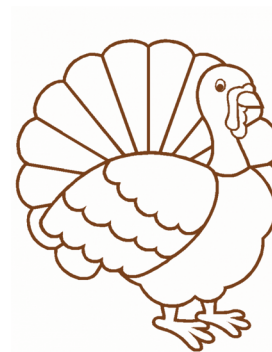
10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Laurin Hanger & Adam Hanger

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Dana Sensabaugh

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



Wednesday, November 23

5:00 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving Supper

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. - Joint Thanksgiving Service at Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church

Friday, November 25 - Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 27

Communion & Installation of Officers

10:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Vicki Lotts & Carrie Lotts

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karleen Arehart & Kristin Arehart

Wednesday, November 30

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

### **Scheduled Worship Leaders**

November 6<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Bernard Bangle

November 13<sup>th</sup> & November 20<sup>th</sup> – Mr. Mitchell Sutton

November 27<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Bill Harris

### **Events for December**

December 14 – Congregational Christmas Supper

December 18 – Christmas Program/Cantata