

Old Providence ARP Church

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

What a special time it is at Old Providence! Lamentations 3:22-23 says “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” On November 3rd we will celebrate Homecoming and 100 years of worshipping in our current sanctuary. I could write to you about the Lord’s blessings and our calling for gratitude, but instead, please consider the words of Rev. Lemuel Isham Echols, who was pastor at Old Providence when our sanctuary first came into use 100 years ago.

Just prior to the first worship service, Rev. Echols wrote the congregation a letter saying: “On next Sabbath...we expect to worship in our beautiful new building. In this undertaking we have been largely blessed, with means to contribute, in the will to worship God with our substance, in the splendid unity of spirit that has enabled us to work together to the completion of this enterprise. Our building is completed. Our soldiers have all returned and not one of them is maimed. Fullness of gratitude ought to possess our every heart. Shall we not express this gratitude in our united worship on next Sabbath morning? It is earnestly desired that every resident member of the church be present at this opening service. Will you make special effort, if need be, to be present yourself and to have all other members present? The new class rooms will be occupied for the first time during the Sabbath school hour. The Sabbath school needs you and you need the Sabbath school. Will you not witness for Christ by being present for Sabbath school? Bring every child that you can. This is the earnest desire of your pastor and your session. ‘Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.’ ”

As the current pastor, it is my sincerest hope that “fullness of gratitude” continues to possess every heart at Old Providence. Please plan to come and celebrate, yes, but also to worship the Lord Almighty. I will be preaching from the same Scripture passage (Joshua 3:4) and we will be singing the same Psalms the congregation lifted up 100 years ago. God has been so good to us! It is our privilege to glorify His Name. For further information, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



November 2019 Announcements

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. **Set Your Clocks Back on Saturday Night!**

Women's Ministry Window

All women of the church are invited to attend Women's Ministries at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 7th, followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Hope you can join us.

The Virginia Presbyterian Women's Ministries Annual Meeting has been moved to November 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Covington, VA; Edgemont ARP Church will be hosting the meeting. If you plan to attend please contact Sylvia before Wednesday October 30, 2019.

Women's Ministries is sponsoring a project to help Kingsway by collecting stuffing and gravy to be given out for Thanksgiving. The collection will run through November 17th. There are collection boxes in Providence Hall for anyone who would like to participate. For more information, contact Gail.

The Women's Ministries would like to have addresses of Old Providence College Students and Military personnel. Please provide them to either Shirley or Stephanie at the church office.

Little Lambs and Youth Group



Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on Sunday, November 3rd at 5:30 p.m. beginning with a light supper. They will also meet on November 17th and December 1st. Youth Group will meet additional days on November 10th, November 24th, and December 8th. Join us this fall for study and fellowship!

The Youth Group will be sponsoring Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts this year. Boxes and brochures are available in Providence Hall. Please take a box to fill and return by Sunday, November 17th. If you have questions, please contact Carrie.

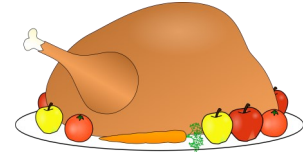
Election of Elders and Deacons

There will be congregational meetings on November 10th for the purpose of electing Elders and on November 24th for the purpose of electing Deacons and approving the annual budget.

Monday Mid-Day

Our Monday Mid-Day program will meet on Monday, November 4th, at 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker Dottie demonstrating chair caning. A light lunch will be served following the program. This will be the last program until next spring. Everyone is welcome.

Community Thanksgiving Supper



The Youth Group will host the annual Community Thanksgiving Supper at the Spottswood Community Center on Wednesday, November 27th. 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 provides 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 pumpkin rolls. Please contact Mitchell, Holly, Carrie, or Kristi for more information.

Community News

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company will host a Thanksgiving Feast at the Firehouse on Saturday, November 9th, at 5:00 p.m. Donations of cakes, cookies, pies, or any dessert would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Bus Trip



The Spiritual Care Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, VA on Wednesday, December 11th, to see “Christmas In The Park”. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 for members and regular attendees and \$55.00 for guests. See Martha or Linda to sign up. Money due by December 1st. Sign up schedule below:

- 1 guest per member or active attendee as available – October 28th to November 10th
- Guests as room is available – November 11th until bus is filled

Christmas Breakfast

The Women’s Ministries and Spiritual Care Committee are sponsoring a Christmas Breakfast on Monday, December 16th, at 9:00 a.m. to be held at Hometown Grill and Buffett in Staunton. More details coming soon.

The ARP Magazine Fall Subscription Campaign

For over 150 years, The ARP Magazine has served The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church by providing updates, ministry-insights, and encouragement to generations of readers. To renew/start your subscription contact Ann by November 10th. Rates: 1 year - \$20.00, 2 years - \$38.00, 3 years - \$54.00, or Digital - Free.

November 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 3 – **HOMECOMING**

Daylight Savings Time Ends

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie, Connie, and Lois

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

6:00 p.m. – Session and Diaconate Meet Separately

7:00 p.m. – Session and Diaconate Meet Jointly

Saturday, November 2

10:00 a.m. – Virginia Presbyterial Women's Ministries Annual Meeting

Monday, November 4

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

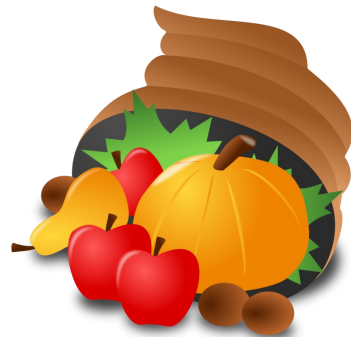
Wednesday, November 6

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Thursday, November 7

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study



Sunday, November 10

Congregational Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Karen, Holly, and Justine

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, November 13

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Sunday, November 17

Synod Fall Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Stacy, Dana, and Kristin

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

Wednesday, November 20

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Sunday, November 24

Communion and Congregational Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, November 27

5:00 p.m. – Community Thanksgiving Supper

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed



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| 1 Little Lambs/Youth Group 5:30 p.m. | 16 Christmas Breakfast 9:00 a.m. |
| 5 Women's Ministries 7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. | 18 Christmas Dinner 6:30 p.m. |
| 8 Diaconate Meeting
Youth Group 5:30 p.m. | 24 Christmas Eve – Church Office Closed |
| 11 Bus Trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner
Theatre | 25 Christmas Day – Church Office Closed |
| 15 Christmas Program/Cantata | 29 Breakfast for Young Life 9:00 a.m. |
| | 31 New Year's Eve - Church Office
Closed |