

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

So many exciting things are happening at Old Providence, and we have so many reasons to be thankful! Both on Thanksgiving and beyond! Last month we started something entirely new on Wednesday nights and the Lord has blessed us in so many ways. Wednesday nights at OP are now called Family Night, with something for everyone in your family. In the spirit of Acts 2:42, we gather at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy a delicious meal (that you don't have to bring anything for and that you don't have to clean up after), and then we commit ourselves to the teachings of God's Word.

Being Family Night, we offer nursery, and our children's and youth ministries meet, as well. Our children's group is focusing its efforts on our upcoming Christmas pageant, and our Youth Group is focusing on its Middle School students. Everyone else comes together to focus on different topics each week that are pertinent to what's going on in the world around us and who God has called us to be. We've covered topics like what Presbyterianism is, what elders and deacons are called to do, the liberal vs. the conservative church, and why we worship as we do.

It is my hope that our times together have been informative and enjoyable. And I know the food has been excellent. I'm going to be out of town on the first two Wednesdays in November, but we will meet again on November 19th. Our Wednesday program is also cancelled for November 26th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We'll also meet on the first two Wednesdays in December, but we will have our Congregational Christmas Dinner and Carol Sing on Wednesday, December 17th. So go ahead and mark your calendars for these great events!

Lots of other things are going on at Old Providence. Our Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 22nd, with our drive-thru option starting at 3:30 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m., and then our dine-in option will run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Remember that this is our only fund-raiser for our youth programs for the entire year, so please plan to come and support youth ministry at OP.

The Lord has blessed us with a full calendar and many opportunities to enjoy Him and one another. I encourage you to make the commitment to be a regular part of the fellowship at Old Providence. God is doing wonderful things in our midst. I also encourage you to remember His faithfulness both at Thanksgiving and beyond, looking to how He has worked, is working, and how He has promised to work, as evidence of His love and mercy.

Your Pastor, Patrick



November 2025 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 Little Lambs 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/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa. You may access recordings of Devotionals on our Face-book page and audio versions on sermonaudio.com. Pastor Malphrus posts Sunday morning sermons on Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa 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.

Officer Elections



On October 19th the congregation elected three Elders: Randy, David and Dan. We thank them for their willingness to serve the church.

Please continue to pray for our officer elections. On November 2nd the Session will present names of Deacon nominees for the congregation to consider. On November 9th there will be a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing four Deacons.

The ARP Magazine

It is time to renew or order The ARP Magazine. It is a great resource to stay connected to your denomination. If you would like to renew or order, please see Linda by Sunday, November 16th. The normal Subscription Rate is \$20.00 a year but the Special Group Rate is \$16.50 by ordering through Linda. Make checks out to Old Providence Church. The Elder Rate is \$12.00. Free subscriptions received by email.

Community Event

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company Thanksgiving Feast will be held at the Firehouse on Saturday, November 8th, at 5:00 p.m.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, November 6th, at 10:00 a.m. for our Business Meeting and 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. We will study the last Chapter of *Lessons from the Upper Room, The heart of the Savior*. Every woman is invited to attend.

Save the Date: Our December meeting on the 4th will be a potluck brunch. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share, and beverages will be provided. This will also be a time of fellowship as well as making some business decisions for the coming year, such as budget, new projects for fundraising and other projects, synopsis of our new Bible Study, *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey, officer and committee chairs for 2026 and anything else that needs to be addressed. This should be an informative time to see what Women's Ministries is all about! So, save the date and we will see you there.

Monday Mid-Day Program

On November 3rd the youth who served as counselors to Camp Joy Virginia will share their experiences. The program begins at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is provided following the presentations. The cost of lunch is \$4.00.

Youth Group Drive-Thru or Dine-In Holiday Dinner



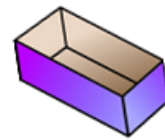
Our annual Youth Group Drive-Thru or Dine-In Holiday Dinner will be held at Old Providence Church on Saturday, November 22, 2025, with Drive-Thru only from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or Dine-In only from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please note changes in times and options. All dinners must be pre-ordered by Wednesday, November 19th by calling the church office at 540-377-2911, giving your name, phone number, and number of dinners. Please specify if you will be picking up orders or dining in. A meal of turkey, country ham, sides, and pound cake will be served on a Donation Basis. 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. If you would like to help by donating food, prepping, serving or cleaning up, please sign up using the donation sheets on the table in Providence Hall.

Baja House Building Mission Trip Fundraiser

Now available, Tidal Wave Auto Spa car wash tickets for a \$30 wash costing \$10 to use at any Tidal Wave Auto Spa. For questions and to order, please contact Dan.



Operation Christmas Child



Boxes and supplies for Operation Christmas Child's Shoebox Challenge (OCC) are available at the church in the breezeway. There is a \$10 shipping charge per box. To donate through the church, put OCC in the memo. The deadline for turning boxes in is November 16th. Please visit www.samaritanspurse.org for helpful links like: "How to pack a box", gift suggestions, what can/cannot be packed, Build a Box online and Volunteering. For questions, contact Sylvia.

Collection for Kingsway

Women's Ministries is sponsoring this year's project to help Kingsway by collecting dressing and gravy to be given out before Thanksgiving. The collection will run through November 16th. There are collection boxes in Providence Hall for anyone who would like to participate.

NOVEMBER 2025 Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 1

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Gathering of VA Presbyterial Women

Sunday, November 2 - Daylight Saving Time Ends - Special Offering for Missions

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Gratia and Hollyn

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Elizabeth

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4

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

Thursday, November 6

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

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

Sunday, November 9 - Congregational Meeting

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

4:00 p.m. - Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group



Tuesday, November 11

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

Wednesday, November 12

Bus Trip to Fredericksburg to see the musical "White Christmas"

Sunday, November 16

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Carol and Ashlie

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leader: Patcie

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

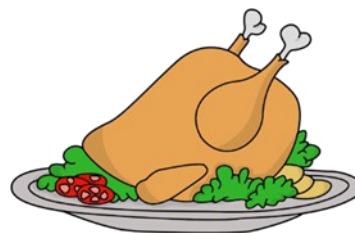
Thursday, November 20 – Monday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 22 - Community Holiday Dinner

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Drive-Thru

5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Dine-In



Sunday, November 23 – Communion

Fall Special Offering for Synod Causes

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Sally and Stephanie

10:00 a.m. - Worship

No Children's Church

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, November 25

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

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27 – Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 30

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children’s Church Leaders: Gratia and Kristi

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

DECEMBER CALENDAR



3 Family Night 6:00 p.m.

4 Women’s Ministries 10:00 a.m.

Women’s Potluck Brunch 10:30 a.m.

10 Family Night 6:00 p.m.

17 Congregational Christmas Dinner 6:30 p.m.

24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas Day

24 & 25 Church Office Closed

31 New Year’s Eve

Church Office Closed

Check website calendar for later additions.