

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

What a wonderful thing it is to know and love the Lord, but even more so, to be known and loved by the Lord! Whether it is Romans 8 that tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, or Lamentations 3 which tells us that the steadfast love of Jehovah never ceases, these Bible verses and so many more testify to the unending nature of God's love for His people. God's love is apparent in so many ways. Here are just a few...

God's love is apparent through the way He provides, both in terms of what happens but also in how He protects. He provides for all of your needs, and at the same time, prevents so much hardship and calamity. But, even when trouble comes, God promises in Psalm 46 that He is our ever-present help in trouble. He also promises in Romans 8 that if He allows something, He is going to use it for the good of those who are called according to His purpose.

God's love is apparent in how He preserves. Last month we had a wonderful time celebrating Homecoming at Old Providence. We enjoyed food, fellowship, and Rev. Lawing was a fantastic speaker for both Homecoming and Special Services. The fact that Old Providence has been around since 1742 is incredible. The fact that we are a thriving congregation that is growing is astounding. The fact that Old Providence remains as a faithful, Bible-believing church in today's culture is nothing short of miraculous. But all of these facts point to God's faithfulness.

God's love is apparent in how He works. It's October now, and as the season changes and the leaves go from green to vibrant shades of Fall colors, we are reminded that God never changes. How could He? He's perfect! His perfection means that He is incorruptible and unchangeable. As we consider the events taking place around the world that may lead us to places of doubt and fear, we can rest assured that God is working His will and plan in all things that transpire. As a result, we do not have to be afraid. We can rest in the knowledge that Jesus is building His church, and that He is coming back. We can rest assured that He will right all wrongs and make all things new.

God's love is apparent in how He has saved, is saving, and will save His people. Being a follower of Christ means that you are a part of God's grand redemptive plan. As such, you are linked to brothers and sisters in Christ throughout history and around the world. We share a common goal of telling the good news of Jesus, and we are linked together by the Holy Spirit. In light of God's love, let us all strive to follow God's calling for us as individuals, and for us as His Church.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



October 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 Sundays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced. Pastor Malphrus posts Sunday morning sermons on [Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa) and audio versions on [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](https://www.sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). To access our church Facebook page, announcements, edited newsletters, calendar, sermonaudio.com, and more, visit [oldprovidencechurch.org](https://www.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. Wednesday night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study meets at 6:45 p.m. and Daily Devotionals take place at 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday each week on [facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa). You may access recordings of Devotionals on our Face-book page and audio versions on [sermonaudio.com](https://www.sermonaudio.com). 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



Please continue to pray for our officer elections. The Session will submit the names of the nominees for Elder to the congregation on October 12th. In a congregational meeting on October 19th the Congregation will select three Elders. The Session will submit the names of the necessary number of nominees for Deacons to the congregation on November 2nd. In a congregational meeting on November 9th the Congregation will select the necessary number of Deacons.

Monday Mid-Day Program

On October 6th our speaker will share about a Mission Trip to New Guinea; on October 20th our speaker from Brain Injury Connections will speak about brain injuries and services; and on November 3rd the youth who served as counselors to Camp Joy Virginia will share about their experiences. The programs begin at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is provided following the presentations. The cost of lunch is \$4.00 and there is a sign-up sheet to help with meals by the kitchen door.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, October 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. for our Business Meeting and 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. We will be studying Chapter 12 of *Lessons from the Upper Room, The heart of the Savior*, by Sinclair B. Ferguson. All women are invited.

Trunk or Treat



Join us on Sunday, October 26th, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for our annual Trunk or Treat. All ages are invited to attend. Please bring your own basket or bag for candy, and please no scary costumes. There will be a bouncy house, hayride, and much more! Anyone is welcome to participate by decorating their trunk in a fun family friendly theme! For questions, please call the church office.

Gathering of VA Presbytery Women

All women are invited to join us on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Old Providence for lunch and to hear our guest speaker Lucy Anne Adams Wontrop. Lucy Anne is a Certified Biblical Counselor, songwriter, author and speaker. An offering will be collected for Camp Joy Virginia. Please RSVP to Joanie by October 19th.

Community Event

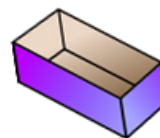
The next Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 4th, at 11:00 a.m. at McCormick Farm.

Homeschool Co-op Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

The Homeschool Co-op is having a fundraiser on October 18th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Old Providence to include Spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert and drink by donation. Pick-up or Dine-in. Pre-orders only. Contact Amanda to order.



Operation Christmas Child



Get ready for Operation Christmas Child's Shoebox Challenge (OCC)! Boxes and supplies 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, see Sylvia.

OCTOBER 2025 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, October 1

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study



Thursday, October 2

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

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

Sunday, October 5 – Communion

Special Offering for Missions

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

No Children's Church

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs & 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group



Monday, October 6

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



Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting and Bible Study



Friday, October 10

Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 12

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Saturday, October 18

Virginia Presbytery

Sunday, October 19 – Congregational Meeting - Elder Election

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

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Little Lambs & 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

4:30 p.m. - Session and Diaconate Joint Meeting

Monday, October 20

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

Tuesday, October 21

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

Wednesday, October 22

6:45 p.m. - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Sunday, October 26 - Reformation Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children’s Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Trunk or Treat



Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Thursday, October 30

7:00 p.m. - Women’s Ministries visit Beulah Land

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

NOVEMBER CALENDAR



1 VA Pres Women Gathering 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	12 Bus Trip to Fredericksburg
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	16 Little Lambs & Youth Group
Little Lambs & Youth Group	23 Communion
3 Monday Mid-Day 11:00 a.m.	Fall Special Offering for Synod Causes
6 Women’s Ministries 10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs & Youth Group
Women’s Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	27 Thanksgiving Day
9 Little Lambs & Youth Group	27 & 28 Church Office Closed
Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting 4:00 p.m.	30 Breakfast for Local Missions - TBD