

# Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

I hope that this newsletter finds you doing very well and enjoying the last days of Summer. With the Fall season comes lots of new opportunities for fellowship at Old Providence, including Homecoming and Special Services. I am excited to announce that Homecoming will be Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. with a covered dish meal to follow in Providence Hall. Special Services will begin that night at 7 p.m. and will continue nightly at 7 p.m. through Wednesday, with our ice cream social after. And let me just tell you, if you've never experienced our Homecoming meal and ice cream social you really are missing out!

I'm also excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Rev. Morrie Lawing, who is the Executive Director of Outreach North America (ONA) for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. ONA is our denominational agency that focusses on planting new churches and working to revitalize and grow already existing churches. Rev. Lawing previously served as a pastor in the ARP for many years and is one of my close friends and mentors in ministry. Rev. Lawing received his ministerial training at Erskine Theological Seminary, our denominational seminary, and some of you will be excited to know that Rev. Lawing received his undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech. The rest of you must do your best to not hold his Virginia Tech background against him.

In all seriousness, we are blessed to have Rev. Lawing and wife (Lori) join us and be a part of our Homecoming and Special Services. I am asking that you make every effort to be a part of these special times together. Additionally, I ask that you pray for not only Rev. Lawing, but also for Old Providence as we enjoy this wonderful time of worship and fellowship together. We even plan on dedicating our new playground, should circumstances allow us to do so, and to take a new congregational photo.

God has been so faithful to Old Providence. His mercies are new every morning and evidence of His blessings are so apparent whenever we come together. Exciting things are happening in our church, and we have God to thank for His continued grace and provisions. Make the commitment to come together with us to celebrate, enjoy wonderful food and fellowship with one another, but most importantly, make the commitment to come and worship the Lord.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



## September 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa](https://Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa) and audio versions on [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](https://sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). To access our church Facebook page, announcements, edited newsletters, calendar, sermonaudio.com, and more, visit [oldprovidencechurch.org](https://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](mailto: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/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa](https://facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa). You may access recordings of Devotionals on our Facebook page and audio versions on [sermonaudio.com](https://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 at Old Providence are just around the corner. Please be in prayer for the entire election process, including who you may nominate for service. Men, please prayerfully consider your willingness to serve, if nominated.

### Monday Mid-Day Program

We are kicking off the fall Monday Mid-Day Program with a field trip! On September 8<sup>th</sup> we will take a field trip to Dutch Hollow Hanger Cemetery and have a question-and-answer session there with Glenn Hanger, caretaker of the cemetery. Glenn has done considerable family research on many of those buried there and a lot of people at Old Providence will recognize many of the family names and will even know some of the descendants. Plans are to meet at the church and depart from there by 10:45 a.m., carpooling as desired, and follow Glenn to the cemetery, about 5 miles. We will spend about 30-45 minutes there and return to the church for a light lunch in Providence Hall. In the event of bad weather, the program will be held entirely at the church like we normally do, with a slide presentation on the research and work done using ground penetrating radar.

Monday Mid-Day will continue September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. with our speaker, David S., who will give a presentation about his and Vicki's vacation to Europe on the Rhine River. On October 6<sup>th</sup> Brian F. will share about a Mission Trip to New Guinea, on October 20<sup>th</sup> Jennifer P. from Brain Injury Connections will speak about brain injuries and services, on November 3<sup>rd</sup> the youth who served as counselors to Camp Joy Virginia will share about their experiences. Lunch will be 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.



### **Little Lambs and Youth Group**



Little Lambs for children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade meets on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. We would love to have your children join us on Sunday afternoons! For more details, please contact Elizabeth P. The Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers meets regularly on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. with a time of study and fellowship. For questions, please contact Will P.

### **Women's Ministries Window**

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. for our Business Meeting and 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. We will be studying Chapter 11 of *Lessons from the Upper Room, The heart of the Savior*, by Sinclair B. Ferguson.

### **Sabbath School Rally Day**

Sabbath School Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Immediately following the Morning Worship Service, we will be having some fun church wide games out in the field of the Stone Hall. These games are for all ages to be enjoyed together. There will also be drinks and cookies provided for everyone! On Sundays at 9:00 a.m. classes are offered for children ages 6-10, Middle School and High School youth, and adults: Men's Bible Class is a lecture class for men., Willing Worker Class is a lecture Class for women, Open Door Class is a discussion class for men and women, and Young Adult Class is a discussion class for ages 18 years and older. Join a class as we learn more about God's word and how it applies to our lives.

### **Homecoming and Special Services**

Homecoming will be on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Covered Dish Meal. Special Services will be held nightly at 7:00 p.m. from Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, through Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have an Ice Cream Social provided by the congregation after the Wednesday night service on September 17<sup>th</sup>. A Children's Program will be offered during each night of Special Services, and nursery will be available. Little Lambs and Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, due to Special Services. A Congregational photo will be taken on Homecoming after the Worship Service and before the meal. Rev. Morrie Lawing, who is the Executive Director of ONA for the ARP Church as of January this year, will be our guest speaker for Homecoming and Special Services.

### **Community Event**

September 6 - Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Fundraiser, 11:00 a.m. at Firehouse.

## SEPTEMBER 2025 Calendar of Events

### **Monday, September 1 – Labor Day**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, September 2**

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

### **Wednesday, September 3**

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

### **Thursday, September 4**

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

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



### **Sunday, September 7 – Sabbath School Rally Day**

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Elizabeth

Games and Refreshments at the Stone Hall Field

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

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

### **Monday, September 8 - Wednesday, September 10**

Church Office Closed

### **Monday, September 8**

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Program Resumes (Meet at 10:45 a.m. for field trip.)

### **Tuesday, September 9**

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

### **Wednesday, September 10**

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

**Sunday, September 14 - Homecoming**

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

Congregational Photo and Covered Dish Meal

**Sunday, September 14 – Wednesday, September 17**

7:00 p.m. - Special Services

**Wednesday, September 17**

8:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social after Special Services

**Sunday, September 21**

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helper: Terri

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

**Monday, September 22**

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

**Tuesday, September 23**

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

**Wednesday, September 24**

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

**Sunday, September 28**

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

**Tuesday, September 30**

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

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

## OCTOBER CALENDAR



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| 2 Women's Ministries 10:00 a.m.<br>& Bible Study 10:30 a.m. | 12 Diaconate Budget Meeting 5:00 p.m.                    |
| 5 Communion<br>Special Offering for Missions                | 20 Monday Mid-Day 11:00 a.m.                             |
| 6 Monday Mid-Day 11:00 a.m.                                 | 26 Reformation Sunday<br>Trunk or Treat 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. |
|   | 30 Women's Ministries visit Beulah Land 7:00 p.m.        |