

# Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

Have you noticed how much greener it is outside? Have you seen the trees in bloom and the grass shooting up (and the green onions, too)? Daffodils are blooming and robins are building nests. Even the skunks are out and about in full swing! Spring is here, and with Spring comes so many tangible reminders of renewed life. Let us all glory in these reminders for not only of newness of life, but also our Lord's death, resurrection, and the promise given to us, his people. Consider the Lord's love as He offered Himself as the substitute for our sins, and the glory of His resurrection. Additionally, do not forget these truth's implications for our lives.

In I Corinthians 15, Paul addressed the church by talking about the Lord's resurrection and what it means for God's people. In verses 13 and 14 Paul wrote that <sup>13</sup> *If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.* <sup>14</sup> *And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.* What bold statements these are! Bold, yet logical. After all, if Jesus remained in the tomb, what promises could He possibly offer? Praise be to God, He rose again! Jesus defeated death and Hell forever for those who trust in Him.

Paul went on to write in verses 20 and 21 <sup>20</sup> *But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.* <sup>21</sup> *For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.* This passage shows forth the beauty of Easter and the fact that while Christ was sacrificed as the perfect Lamb of God, death could not possibly hold Him. As a result, not only did Jesus pay for the sins of His people, He also points to our hope for the future as He is the evidence of the resurrection. Jesus points us to God's promise for all those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation. Furthermore, His resurrection shows us that this life is not all there is. As a result, Easter is the central event of our existence as the people of God.

Would you consider celebrating with us this year? Our plans for this year's Easter services are contained in this newsletter, but we will gather at 7:00 a.m. for our Sunrise Service at the Stone Hall (weather permitting). Additionally, we will enjoy breakfast immediately following in Providence Hall and then go to Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. We will also have our regular service at 10:00 a.m. It would be wonderful to see you there. Let's celebrate our Lord's resurrection and God's promises together. Happy Easter, everyone!

Your pastor, Patrick



## April 2026 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 Kingdom Choir for ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> 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/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa](https://facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa). You may access recordings of Daily Devotionals on our Facebook page and audio versions on [sermonaudio.com](https://sermonaudio.com). Pastor Malphrus posts Sunday morning sermons on [Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa](https://Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARPCChurchSpottswoodVa) and audio versions on [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](https://sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). To access our church Facebook page, calendar, announcements, edited newsletters, [sermonaudio.com](https://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). 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.

### Riverheads Weekday Religious Education Fundraiser

Their Spring Praise Night will be Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Raphine Christian Church. If anyone would like to share their gift of song, come that night and tell Dana Cash at the door!

### Maundy Thursday Dinner and Communion

We will have a covered dish meal on April 2<sup>nd</sup> that will begin at 6:30 p.m. Drinks will be provided by the Women's Ministries and meat dishes are welcome. As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, we will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper following the Dinner. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Easter Sunday



On Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Sunrise Worship Service at 7:00 a.m. outside at the Stone Hall so please bring lawn chairs/blankets. Immediately following that service, breakfast will be available in Providence Hall. We will have Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Children's Church will meet, and Nursery will be available during Sabbath School and the 10:00 a.m. service. In the event of inclement weather, the Sunrise Service will be held in the sanctuary. Our Easter breakfast is sponsored by the Willing Workers Class. If you would be willing to help by providing a breakfast casserole, please contact Vicki Smith.

## Vacation Bible School

Sunday, May 31 - Thursday, June 4, 2026

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Nightly with Dinner Provided



### Old Providence Graduates

Please provide your student's name, activities, graduation details, and your student's plans after graduation to the church office by April 30<sup>th</sup> to be included in May 17<sup>th</sup> bulletin and June newsletter.

### Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries meets monthly, typically on the first Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. for our Business Meeting and 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study. In April we will meet on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will be studying Chapters 16-18 (pages 87-101) in *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey. All women are invited to join the meeting and/or the bible study.

The Women's Ministry is collecting canned fruits, jams and jellies for the KINGSWAY Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the totes provided in Providence Hall by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

VA Women's Ministries Spring Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at Fairlea ARP Church, 9364 Seneca Trail, Ronceverte, West Virginia. Priscilla Trice will speak on "God's Church is Family". Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Joanie.

### Monday Mid-Day

Our next Monday Mid-Day will begin on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. with a program followed by a time of fellowship and lunch. Our guest speaker will be Dorothy sharing on about her Greenland Trip. The cost of lunch is \$4.00 and there is a sign-up sheet to help with meals by the kitchen door. Following are the upcoming dates, speakers and topics: April 27<sup>th</sup> - Joyce, Valley Program for Aging Services - Dementia Education; May 11<sup>th</sup> - Deputy Chandler, Augusta County Sheriff Department - Protecting yourself against Fraud & Scams.

### Bonclarken Conference Center

Bonclarken conference center of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) Church is in Flat Rock, N.C. Bonclarken's mission is "to provide and promote a Christian environment for inspiration and renewal, worship, education, fellowship, and recreation by the power of the Holy Spirit." Camps and conferences for children, teens, adults, and families are offered. For details visit [www.bonclarken.org](http://www.bonclarken.org).

SPRING CLEANING? Bonclarken is gathering inventory for its Gift Shop for this upcoming camp/conference season. The Women's Ministries is accepting items through May. Items that sell best are crafts, playing cards, Christian books, individual toiletry items, puzzles, coloring books/crayons, and small items for grab bags. Used clothing and toys are not recommended. Your gifts should be placed in the labeled boxes in Providence Hall.

## APRIL 2026 Calendar of Events

### Wednesday, April 1

Family Night Will Not Meet

### Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m.- Maundy Thursday Dinner and Communion

### Sunday, April 5 – EASTER

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Ashlie and Terri

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Elizabeth



### Tuesday, April 7

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

### Wednesday, April 8

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

### Thursday, April 9

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

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

### Sunday, April 12

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki

### Monday, April 13

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

**Tuesday, April 14**

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

**Wednesday, April 15**

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

**Sunday, April 19**

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leader: Patcie

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

**Monday, April 20 – Thursday, April 23**

Bonclarken Volunteer Work Week

**Tuesday, April 21**

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

**Wednesday, April 22**

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

**Saturday, April 25**

Virginia Presbyterian Women's Ministries Spring Retreat

**Sunday, April 26**

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

**Monday, April 27**

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

**Tuesday, April 28**

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

**Wednesday, April 29**

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

**Thursday, April 30**

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries Visits Beulah Land

\*Youth Group meets every Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

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