Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

I hope that this newsletter finds all of you doing very well. As I type, I can hear the constant sound of machinery running just outside my window and across the parking lot. A diesel motor is chugging away, and I can hear the intermittent *beep-beep-beep* of the machinery backing up and then going forward again. In other circumstances, it would be enough to make a man want to work from home! Not me, though. Hearing that machinery work and crunch away to make room for more parking spots is like sweet music to my ears. I'm sure you're wondering why.

The sound of machinery is beautiful to me for the same reason that scouring the internet for Communion supplies is beautiful. Dr. Rowe actually found it on eBay…a pristine antique communion set from the early 1900s made by the Sanitary Communion Outfit Company out of Rochester, New York. Don't worry, we got it for next to nothing, and the real glass communion cups to go with it. As it turns out, not too many people are shopping for antique Communion sets. I'm sure you're also wondering why we went shopping for Communion supplies, too.

What could Communion supplies and parking spaces possibly have to do with one another? It's simple. We didn't have enough of either, and that's just about the best problem a church can have. Old Providence is coming up on celebrating 285 years of the Lord's continued faithfulness. His mercies to us are evident in so many tangible ways, including the new families He has brought to our church that make more Communion supplies and parking spaces necessary. Additionally, God has brought us new workers for the bountiful harvest He has prepared for us. One worker being a son of Old Providence, and the other having a deep connection, as well.

Gus Kelly, son of Brian and Cindy Kelly, and grandson of Jim and Mary Glaspey, will begin serving as our Youth Pastor and Pastoral Intern on November 4th. Gus is an engineering graduate of Virginia Tech and is leaving the life of an engineer in order to minister to our Youth and families. Planning to be in full-time vocational ministry, he's also coming to Old Providence to learn how to preach and be a pastor. Gus will most likely start his seminary education in the Fall of 2027.

Additionally, Amanda Malphrus (that's right, my wife) officially began serving as the Director of Children's Ministry for Old Providence. If you've worshipped with us or seen any of our recent bulletins, you already know that she's been one busy lady! The Lord has blessed us with many young families who have children. As a result, Amanda has been busy coordinating events, planning for children's activities and curriculum for church, directing our children's choir, and many other important activities for this vital portion of our ministry.

Lots of other things are going on at Old Providence, too. Our Community Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on Saturday, November 21st, with our drive-thru option starting at 3:30 p.m. and running until 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 fundraiser for our youth programs for the entire year, so please plan to come and support youth ministry at Old Providence. Also, don't forget regular ministry events like Wednesday Family Night, home bible study, and Daily Devotionals.

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 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 Worship Service. Our Wednesday Family Night meets with dinner provided from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and then continues with activities for the whole family. Youth Group for Middle and High School students meets on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. with a time of study and fellowship, and during Family Night with an emphasis on Middle School. Kingdom Choir for children ages 3 to 5th grade meets at 7:00 p.m. during Family Night where they have a lesson and activity and will also practice what they'll be offering in church services and other special programs. Daily Devotionals are available at 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday each week on facebook.com/ OldProvidenceARPChurch SpottswoodVa. You may access recordings of Daily Devotionals on our Facebook page and audio versions on sermonaudio.com. Pastor Malphrus posts our Sunday morning sermons on Facebook .com/OldProvidenceARPChurchSpottswoodVa and audio versions on sermonaudio.com/old providence. Pastor Malphrus posts Sunday morning sermons on our Facebook page and audio versions on sermon audio.com. To access our church Face-book page, edited newsletters, calendar, announcements, sermonaudio.com, and more, visit oldprovidence church.org. For a copy of a sermon on CD, or to add or update your contact information for notifications received via the One Call system, 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 home every Tuesday, unless otherwise noted.

Officer Elections: The Session will submit the names of the nominees for Elder to the congregation on **November 1st.** In a congregational meeting on **November 8th** 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 29th**. During the Annual Congregational Business Meeting on **December 6th** the Congregation will select the necessary number of Deacons. (Dates have been updated.)

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. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th, and we will be studying Chapters 47-49 (pages 240-257) in *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey. All women are invited to the meeting and/or bible study.

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 15th.** 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.

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 8th**. There are collection boxes in Providence Hall for anyone who would like to participate.

Monday Mid-Day 2026 Fall Program

Our last Fall Session Monday Mid-Day program will be Monday, November 9th, at 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker Karman McCray sharing about "Hospice and resources available". All are welcome!

Fundraisers

Baja House Building Mission Trip Fundraiser: (1) Tidal Wave Auto Spa car wash tickets still available. (2) Some Mums are available. Contact Dan for questions.

Raphine Volunteer Fire Comp. Thanksgiving Feast: Saturday, November 7th, 5:00 p.m. at Firehouse.

Community Thanksgiving Drive-Thru/Dine-In Dinner

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be at Old Providence Church on Saturday, November 21st 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. All dinners must be pre-ordered by Wednesday, November 18th by calling the church office 540-377-2911 or by texting 540-292-5499 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 and volunteer sheets on the table in Providence Hall.

November 2026 Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Special Offering for Missions

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Jenny

Tuesday, November 3

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



Wednesday, November 4

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Thursday, November 5

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

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

Sunday, November 8

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Katie and Lois

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda, Vicki and Kelley

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

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

Wednesday, November 11

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Sunday, November 15

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Laura

Tuesday, November 17

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

Wednesday, November 18

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Saturday, November 21

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 22 – Communion

Fall Special Offering for Synod Causes

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Katie

Tuesday, November 24

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

Wednesday, November 25

6:00 p.m. - Family Night

Thursday, November 26 - Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 29

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

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

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

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.)



Children's Ministry Events

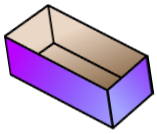
Nov 4: Begin practicing for Christmas Play

Nov 6: Bonfire at Fravel's house including Youth Group - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Nov 11: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

Nov 22: Children sing in church





Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes





Reminder: Please return your filled shoeboxes by Sunday, November 15th, to Providence Hall.