

Old Providence ARP Church

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Dear Old Providence Family,

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that 2020 is upon us. Where on earth did 2019 go? While the New Year holds no real power, turning the page on the calendar is a blunt reminder that time is quickly passing. Can you remember last New Year? Were you filled with hope and excitement at the prospect of new opportunities? Perhaps you were on the other end of the spectrum and looked at the year ahead with less optimism. Or maybe you started 2019 with the simple notion of taking things one day at a time. No matter what your outlook was last year, 2019 has come and gone and 2020 stretches before us.

With the New Year in mind, let me encourage you to embrace the Biblical mindset of moving forward. In James 4: 13-17, God's people are warned against the arrogance of proceeding into the future with no regard for God. James wrote that the correct way to proceed into the future is by seeking God's will first. The question we all face, then, is one of discerning God's will for our lives.

Thankfully, God's Word does not leave us without answers. In Romans 12, God's people are commanded to not conform to the pattern of the world around us, but instead, to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. The only way to be renewed is through studying God's Word, spending time with God in prayer, participating in the life of the Church, and continually evaluating your relationship with the Lord. If you will do these things God's will for your life will become apparent and His direction for 2020 will become abundantly clear. As Jesus commanded in Matthew 6, let us seek God's Kingdom first, with the full assurance that all other things will be added to us. With God's promises in mind we have every hope for the future!

Your Pastor,

Patrick



January 2020 Announcements

Women's Ministry Window

All women of the church are invited to attend Women's Ministries at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2nd, followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Hope you can join us.

The Women's Ministries will visit Beulah Land on Thursday, January 30th. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on Sundays, January 5th and 19th, at 5:30 p.m. beginning with a light supper. Youth Group will meet additionally on Sundays, January 12th and 26th. Join us for study and fellowship!

If you would like to help with the Little Lamb and Youth Group suppers this winter and spring, please sign up on the sheet in Providence Hall.

Cemetery Cleaning

The Cemetery Trustees will be cleaning the cemetery on Saturday, March 7th. All flowers and decorations that you wish to save need to be removed prior to this date. Any flowers/decorations remaining in the cemetery on the 7th will be discarded.

Officer Election Update

The Deacons who were elected on Sunday, December 1st, are Nate, Kenny, Glen, and David. We thank those who were willing to serve the Church and allowed their names to go on the ballot.

At the annual Congregational Business Meeting on Sunday, December 1st, the congregation elected Finley as Congregational Chairman, Glenn as Vice-Chairman, Amanda as Recording Secretary, Terri as Receiving Treasurer, Carrie as Disbursing Treasurer, Kay as Memorial Treasurer, and Karen a PreSchool Committee member. The 2020 General Fund Budget was approved.

Bad Weather Closings



We make our decisions on cancellation of service based on safety concerns. We evaluate conditions at the church and in the immediate area around the church as well as on the weather forecasts available to us. When we cancel Sunday morning services or other major events, we will announce these closings by:

One Call System (phone, text and email) on the

Web Page: oldprovidencechurch.org, or

TV: Channel 3 (Sunday Service or major events only)

To update notifications, you receive through the One Call System, please contact Stephanie.



Reminders

All organizational Treasurers are reminded to submit your yearly reports by Monday, January 13th. Please leave them in the Clerk of Session mailbox. Contact Doug if you have any questions.

Committee Chairman, if you have not already done so, please provide event dates for the 2020 Church Calendar to Stephanie by Wednesday, January 15th.

January is the month in which we take orders for **Our Daily Bread**. This devotional can be ordered through the Women's Ministries on a donation basis. Available in regular and large print, this monthly publication includes a daily scripture and devotional reading, as well as a plan for reading through the Bible in a year. Please see Libby or Shirley to renew or start your subscription.

January 2020 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, January 1 – **New Year's Day**

Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

7:00 p.m. - Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study



Sunday, January 5

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Stacy and Kayla

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie, Connie, and Lois

5:30 p.m. – Little Lambs and Youth Group

7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Sunday, January 12

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Dot and Karleen

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Karen, Holly, and Justine

12:00 p.m. – Diaconate Meeting

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, January 15

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Sunday, January 19 – WRE Special Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Carrie and Vicki

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Stacy, Dana, and Kristin

5:30 p.m. – Little Lambs and Youth Group

Wednesday, January 22

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Sunday, January 26

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Laurin and Adam

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Karleen, Tina, Dabney

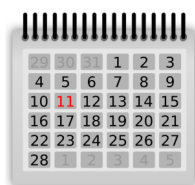
5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, January 29

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Thursday, January 30

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries visits Beulah Land



February 2020

- 2 No Little Lambs/Youth Group
Young Adults Super Bowl Party at Manse
- 6 Women's Ministries 7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Special Offering Camp Joy
Diaconate Meeting Noon
Youth Group 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Little Lambs/Youth Group 5:30 p.m.
- 23 Youth Group 5:30 p.m.