

Old Providence ARP Church

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

It's an exciting time at Old Providence! As I write for this month's newsletter, preparations for Vacation Bible School are in full swing and we are less than a week away from its start. This time last year I was not yet your pastor and, as a result, everything this summer is new to me. That being the case, I have been so encouraged by the great effort put into planning, preparing for, and executing VBS. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to bring everything together.

This is also an exciting time for Old Providence because Homecoming and Special Services are quickly approaching. We will celebrate Homecoming together during our regular service times on Sunday, July 29th. Immediately after the service we will enjoy a covered dish lunch together. This being my first year, I will be bringing the Homecoming message. As your pastor, let me tell you it is my great honor to be here with you at Old Providence. As we celebrate God's faithfulness for the last 276 years, we look forward to His continued faithfulness in years to come.

I also take great delight in welcoming our guest speaker for Special Services, Mr. Jay Younts. Special Services are held nightly at 7:30, starting Sunday, July 29th and going through Wednesday, August 1st. Jay Younts is an elder in the Redeemer ARP church in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He is an expert, author, and international speaker on the subjects of parenting and counseling. In addition, Jay is one of my very best friends and has blessed me and my family in countless ways over the years. I know that if you attend Special Services you will receive blessings, too.

Perhaps this newsletter comes to you as a regular attendee of our services. Perhaps you are reading this as a friend of the church, an occasional visitor, or as someone who has not worshipped with us in some time. Let me encourage you to come to Old Providence so that we can celebrate God's goodness together.

Your Pastor,

Patrick

IN THE NEWS
“SPOTLIGHT ON CHURCH HISTORY”

The history of the artifacts in the sanctuary of Old Providence becomes more of interest as we begin to celebrate the centennial of the building of our present church.

Time-line of the building of the sanctuary:

1916 – The congregation approved a joint report from the elders, deacons, and trustees that a new church be built on the “old school house lot”.

1917 - The building committee received the complete set of blueprints for the building. Actual construction begins.

1918 – Construction continues throughout the year.

1919 - Carpentry work “about” completed.

11-2-19 – First service in the new church.

Time-line taken from The History of Old Providence
by Nancy T. Sorrells, Katharine L. Brown and J. Susanne Simmons

Sanctuary Artifacts:

Communion Table – Built by Irvin Rosen in 1961, refinished by Jerry Rosen in 2000

Baptismal Font - Given by the wife and daughters of Warren Ashton Rowan, who served as elder for 53 years

McCormick Window - In memory of the Cyrus Hall McCormick family (large window on the west side of the building)

The three Pulpit chairs – Believed to be from the “Old Brick Church”

Display Cabinet – Built by Irvin Rosen and contains historical artifacts

by Finley Lotts

We hope to include more information about sanctuary artifacts and the sanctuary centennial in future newsletters. If anyone has questions, suggestions, or materials related to the sanctuary, please contact Finley Lotts. Copies of The History of Old Providence are still available.

Note: Irvin Rosen was a well-known clock and cabinet maker from the McKinley area near Middlebrook.



July 2018 Announcements

Women's Ministry Window

During the week of Homecoming Special Services, if you would like to treat our guest speaker to lunch, please contact Sylvia. Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, July 5th, at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. We will continue our study of *Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality* by Iain M. Duguid on Chapter 6 "Faith Stumbling" (Genesis 16) and Chapter 7 "Our Covenant God" (Genesis 17). Please join us on the first Thursday of every month.

PreSchool



There are openings in both classes for the 2018/2019 school year. Registration Forms and details are available at the Church office and the Church website.

Community Events

There will be fireworks and an ice cream social at the Raphine Volunteer Firehouse on July 7th at 8:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by City National Bank.

Lauderdale ARP Church celebrates their 95th year anniversary on Sunday, July 8th at 9:30 a.m. The congregation of Old Providence is invited to join them in person or in prayers of thanksgiving.



Bus Trip

The Spiritual Care Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, Va. on Wednesday, August 29th, to see "One Nation Under God". The bus will leave Old Providence at 9:00 a.m. and return around 7:00 p.m. The Cost of the trip is \$45.00 for members and regular attendees and \$55.00 for guests. See Martha or Linda to get your name on the list. Money is due by August 6th.

We will use the following schedule to sign up.

Seniors plus 1 guest per senior – June 25th – July 8th

Members and active attendees – July 9th – July 22nd

1 guest per member or active attendee as available – July 23rd – August 5th

Guests as room is available – August 6th until bus is filled

July 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 1

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Carrie

7:00 p.m. – Session Meeting

Monday, July 2 – Wednesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 4 - **Independence Day**

No Bible Study



Thursday, July 5

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Sunday, July 8

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karen

Noon – Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, July 11

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Friday, July 13 - Monday, July 16

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 15

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Lois and Katie

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Dana

Wednesday, July 18

No Bible Study

Sunday, July 22

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

Monday, July 23 to Thursday, July 26

Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken

Wednesday, July 25

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, July 29 - HOMECOMING

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Laurin or Kristi

12:00 p.m. – Covered Dish Homecoming Meal

7:30 p.m. – Special Service

Monday, July 30 to Wednesday, August 1

7:30 p.m. – Special Services

August Calendar



August 1 – Special Services

August 2 - Women's Ministries

Women's Bible Study

August 12 – Rally Day & Sunday School Picnic

August 19 – Deacons Meeting

August 26 – WRE Special Offering

Communion

August 29 – Bus Trip

August 30 – Women's Ministries to

Beulah Land

PreSchool Open House