

Old Providence ARP Church

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Dear Old Providence Family,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing very well and (hopefully) enjoying warmer weather and the first signs of Spring. We are given visible signs of new life as plants begin to grow and as brighter shades of green start to appear. Soon we will be celebrating our Lord's crucifixion and subsequent resurrection so long ago on that very first Easter, and for good reason! Some 2000 years ago death was defeated and God's redemptive plan of Salvation came to fruition.

But as we prepare for Easter, let me encourage you to take the time this month to consider how God worked out His grand plan for Salvation. Beginning all the way back in the Garden of Eden, after Adam's fall, God promised that one day the offspring of the woman would crush the head of the serpent. The offspring God referred to was, of course, His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Yet, what did it take for Jesus to crush the serpent's head, providing salvation for all those who would trust in Him? In a word, it took "everything".

Jesus sacrificed everything in order to be our Savior. Instead of following the lures of temptation, He submitted to His Father's will. Instead of pursuing fame or glory for His own sake, He had no place to lay His head. Instead of bringing swift retribution on those who mocked and tortured Him, Jesus instead asked for their forgiveness. The only way this was possible was through Jesus' complete dedication to not only providing us, His people, with the best possible example to follow, but also through Jesus' complete dedication to serving as our substitute. Jesus willingly took our punishment upon Himself and satisfied the wrath of God.

With Easter on its way, take the time to dwell on what Jesus did. Take the time to cherish the fact that God loved you enough to send His one and only Son to be your substitute. Take the time to consider what it took to provide your salvation.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



March 2019 Announcements



Sunday, March 10th. Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to spring forward by moving your clock an hour ahead.

Women's Ministry Window

Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, March 7th, at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. All women of the church are invited to attend the meeting and Bible Study which meet the first Thursday of each month.

Little Lambs and Youth Group



Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on Sundays, March 3rd and 17th at 5:30 p.m. starting with a light supper. In addition, the Youth Group will meet March 10th, 24th and 31st. Everyone is welcome!

Monday Mid-Day Program

The Monday Mid-Day Program will resume on Monday, March 4th, at 11:00 a.m. with a speaker from the Augusta County Sheriff's Office and his K9, followed by a light lunch. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 per person. We will post a sign-up sheet for help with the meals. The March 18th speaker will be speaking about the East4West Navajo Ministries. The programs will continue on April 1st, 15th, and 29th. If you have suggestions on possible speakers, please let us know. Everyone is invited!

Young Life Breakfast

Please join us for Breakfast in Providence Hall on Sunday, March 31st, at 9:00 a.m. to support Young Life. This even it sponsored by the Open Door Sunday School Class.

Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees will be cleaning the cemetery on Saturday, March 16th. All flowers/decorations that you wish to save need to be removed prior to this date. Any flowers/decorations remaining in the cemetery on the 16th will be discarded.

Community Events

There will be a Chili Cook Off to benefit WRE at the American Legion on Cedar Green Road in Staunton on Saturday, March 2nd, at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to Riverheads Weekday Religious Education Building Fund.

A WRE Cake Walk is to be held on Saturday, March 16th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mint Spring Ruritan Building. All proceeds raised will go toward the Operating Fund for Weekday Religious Education. WRE is asking each church to provide 10 cakes. Please have cake donations to the Ruritan Building by 5:00 p.m. that evening.

Spiritual Care Committee

The Spiritual Care Committee is planning a spring trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre, Wytheville, VA. More information about the trip coming soon.

Bonclarken Event Highlights

The Bonclarken Music Conference will be held July 14 – 19, 2019. There is a booklet with information and registration details on the table in Providence Hall for those interested, or you may go to www.arpchurch.org.

Contact Updates

The contact person for facility use is Doug F. Please call him to request use of Stone Hall, Providence Hall or the Sanctuary.

Lois and Katie are taking care of the flower arrangements in front of the pulpit each Sunday. If you would like to provide flowers, please sign up using the calendar next to the History Room. Contact Lois if you have any questions.



March 2019 Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 3 - Communion

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children's Church

Noon – Little Lambs trip to Valley Jump Park

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

6:00 p.m. – Session and Deacons meet separately

7:00 p.m. – Session and Deacons meet jointly



Monday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 6

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, March 7

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Time begins

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karen

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, March 13

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, March 16

Virginia Presbytery at Redeemer ARP in Blacksburg

Sunday, March 17

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Dana

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

Monday, March 18

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, March 20

6:45 p.m. – Bible Study

Sunday, March 24 – Spring Synod Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karleen and Kristin

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

Wednesday, March 27

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Sunday, March 31

9:00 a.m. – Breakfast for Young Life

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Laurin or Kristi

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

April 2019



April 1 - Monday Mid-Day Program	April 17 - Pre-Easter Dinner
April 4 – Women's Ministries & Bible Study	April 19 - Good Friday - Church Office Closed
April 7 – Little Lambs & Youth Group	April 21 - RESURRECTION SUNDAY
April 14 - Palm Sunday	- Sunrise Services
- Deacons Meeting	- No Little Lambs/Youth Group
- Easter Egg Hunt	April 28 - Youth Group
April 15 - Monday Mid-Day Program	April 29 - Monday Mid-Day Program