

Old Providence ARP Church

Old Providence News

Est. February 2001

Volume 17 Issue 11 November 1, 2017



Dear Old Providence Family,

Isaiah 55:12 says “You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.” While the vibrantly colored trees are not clapping, they are still, along with the rest of creation, offering testimony of God’s greatness! As the air cools and the seasons change, let us ever be grateful that all of Creation is the Lord’s and that He sustains all things.

As it is each Fall, things have really ramped up at Old Providence! Here are just a few of the events happening with our church:

October 28—Women’s Ministries Annual Virginia Presbyterial Meeting

October 29—Young Life Breakfast at 9AM and Trunk or Treat at 4:30PM

November 5—Installation Service at 3PM for our new pastor, Rev. Patrick Malphrus

November 6—Monday Mid-Day Program

November 11—Young Adults Dinner at the Manse at 6PM, hosted by Patrick and Amanda

November 22—Community Thanksgiving Supper at 5PM

November 23—Joint Thanksgiving Service at 10AM at Old Providence

November 26—Communion

Also don’t forget that Youth Group and Little Lambs is in full swing, every other Sunday at 4:30PM.

It’s a busy Fall season so mark your calendars for all the events coming up at Old Providence and be sure to check your bulletins for even more great events and ministries within the church!

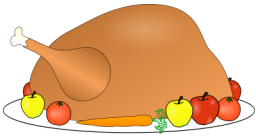
Salvation Army Bell Ringing



Old Providence will be participating in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army again this year! More information to come once dates and times are finalized. Please check your bulletins and contact Carol with any questions.

Installation Service

The Installation Service for the Rev. Patrick Malphrus will be held on Sunday, November 5th, at 3:00 p.m. This is an official meeting of the Presbytery and members from other churches will be in attendance. There will be a reception following the service in Providence Hall. Please make every effort to attend this important event in the life of Old Providence Church.



Community Thanksgiving Supper

The Youth Group will host the annual Community Thanksgiving Supper at the Spottswood Community Center on Wednesday, November 22nd. This Supper has been sponsored by the Youth Group for many years with the purpose of providing the opportunity for everyone in the community to have a Thanksgiving Meal. The meal is served on a donation basis beginning at 5:00 p.m. 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. The menu consists of turkey, country ham, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, corn, fruit cocktail, rolls, fancy pies and pumpkin rolls. Please contact Mitchell or Holly Carrie or Kristi for more information.

Thanksgiving Day Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday, November 23rd, at Old Providence ARP Church at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Patrick Malphrus will deliver the message.

Bus Trip

The Spiritual Care Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to West End Assembly of God Theater in Richmond, VA on Saturday, December 9th, to see the production of "Glorious Christmas Nights". The Play begins at 10:30 a.m. The bus will leave Old Providence at 7:30 a.m. and return around 4:15 p.m. We will stop for lunch after the performance. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 for members and regular attendees, and \$35.00 for guests. Contact Martha or Linda to sign up. Money is due by November 20th.



November 2017 Announcements

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5th. **Set Your Clocks Back on Saturday Night!**

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministries will meet Thursday, November 2, 2017, at the Church for the business meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bible study begins at about 7:30 p.m. Please join us.

Women's Ministries visits Beulah Land on Thursday, November 30th. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Ministries is sponsoring a project to help Kingsway by collecting stuffing and gravy to be given out for Thanksgiving. The collection will run through November 12th. There are collection boxes in Providence Hall for anyone who would like to participate. Kingsway helps over 200 families monthly. For more information, contact Gail.

Little Lambs and Youth Group

Little Lambs and Youth Group have been cancelled for Sunday, November 5th, so families can join us for the installation service of the Rev. Patrick Malphrus at 3 o'clock. The regular schedule will resume on Sunday, November 19th.

Monday Mid-Day Program

The next Monday Mid-Day Program will be held on November 6th. Everyone is welcome. The program begins at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch following. This will be the last program until 2018.

Officer Election Update

The Session will submit the names of the nominees for Deacons to the congregation on November 5th and the congregation will select the necessary number of Deacons in a congregational meeting on November 12th.

Young Adults Dinner

Patrick and Amanda would like to invite all young families and young adults to dinner at the manse on Saturday night, November 11th, at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick or Amanda.

Community Events

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company Thanksgiving Feast will be held on November 11th, 5:00 p.m., at the Firehouse.

Poinsettia Orders

It is time to order poinsettias for Christmas. They may be given in honor of or in memory of someone, if you would like, or just to grace the sanctuary. Check future bulletins for details or contact Dot.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 9 – Bus Trip to see “Glorious Christmas Nights”

Wednesday, December 13 – Congregational Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 15 – Senior Christmas Brunch, 9:30 a.m. at Hometown Grill in Staunton

Sunday, December 17 – Christmas Program/Cantata



November 2017 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 1

6:45 - Bible Study

Thursday, November 2

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study



Sunday, November 5 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Carrie

3:00 p.m. – Installation Service for the Rev. Patrick Malphrus

Monday, November 6

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, November 8

6:45 - Bible Study

Sunday, November 12 **Congregational Meeting**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Nursery Helpers: Connie and Scott

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Children's Church Leader: Karen

Wednesday, November 15

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Children's Church Leader: Dana

4:30 p.m. – Children's Fellowship/Youth Group

Sunday, November 19

Synod Fall Offering

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Wednesday, November 22

5:00 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Supper

Thursday, November 23 **Thanksgiving Day**

Church Office Closed

10:00 a.m. - Joint Thanksgiving Service at Old Providence Church

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 26 **Communion**

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

No Children's Church

Wednesday, November 29

6:45 p.m. - Bible Study

Thursday, November 30

Women's Ministries visits Beulah Land