

Old Providence ARP Church

Old Providence News

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Dear Old Providence Family,

Let me begin this Newsletter with a question: What do you see when you look at the world around you? When you think about the state of the World, what comes to mind? Admittedly, if you watch the evening news or read the newspaper, it is easy to become discouraged. It seems as though the world is growing darker and darker and that the light of hope is close to being extinguished. Senseless crimes fill the headlines. Terrorist acts are committed with greater frequency and people just seem so lost in their beliefs and judgements. Even though the 2020 elections are still some time away, the rhetoric that is already flying around is exhausting, and the state of the American citizenry is depressing. Given today's circumstances, it would be easy to conclude that everything is falling apart and that there is little to no hope of things ever changing for the better.

Now, let me ask another question: When Jesus looked at the world around himself, what did he see? Matthew 9:36-37 says that "When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Much the same as today, if you consider all the dynamics of the Roman Empire some 2000 years ago one could conclude that Jesus' world was also hopeless. Yet, instead of seeing the world around him as a lost cause, Jesus saw the truth. Jesus saw how much people need him. You and I need to see the same. In Matthew 9:38 Jesus went on to tell his disciples to "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Let us never forget that the world is the Lord's and everything in it. And may we never stop praying that the Lord would work in the world around us. Let us also remember that the Lord calls us to be his workers.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



October 2019 Announcements

Women's Ministry Window

All women of the church are invited to attend Women's Ministries at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3rd, followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Hope you can join us.

The ARP Women's Ministries Annual Meeting will be held at Bonclarken on October 11th and 12th, and the Women's Ministries Annual VA Presbyterial Meeting will be held at Ebenezer ARP Church on October 26th.

Women's Ministries will visit Beulah Land on Thursday, October 31st, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

Little Lambs and Youth Group



Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on Sunday, October 6th, at 5:30 p.m. beginning with a light supper. This year for Little Lambs we are studying the Armor of God. We would love to have your child (aged 3 to 5th grade) join us. Please see Amanda or Tonya for more information. Little Lambs and Youth Group will meet on October 20th, November 3rd, November 17th, and December 1st. Youth Group will meet additional days on October 13th, November 10th, November 24th, and December 8th. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 27th beginning at 5:00 p.m. We will have games, a bouncy house, supper, trunk decorating and costume contests, and a cake walk. Join us this fall for study and fellowship!

Monday Mid-Day

Our Monday Mid-Day program will meet on Monday, October 7th at 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker Graham Cash on the topic "writing music". A light lunch is served following each program. The next meeting dates are October 21st and November 4th. Everyone is welcome

Community News

The Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 5th, 11:00 a.m. at McCormick Farm, and on Saturday, October 19th, 11:00 a.m. at Wade's Mill Day.

Upcoming Events

New Bus Trip



The Church Spiritual Care committee is lining up a bus trip to Wohlfahrt Haus Theatre in Wytheville for the Christmas show on December 11th. Mark this on your calendars. More information to follow soon.

Homecoming 2019 – A Centennial Celebration

In May 1916, The Old Providence Congregation approved a joint report from the elders, deacons, and trustees that recommended a new church be built to replace the Old Brick Church. The brick building, which had been used for worship since the 1850's, had become too small for the congregation.

At the same meeting, a building committee was selected. Following this selection, the project continued as follow:

1917 – Architect selected, contractor selected, construction began in late 1917

1918 – Construction continued through the year

1919 – Building committee reported carpenter work “about done” and recommended to move ahead with tearing down the “old” brick building.

November 2, 1919 – First Service in the new building

1920 – 1921 – Finishing touches on new building

May 27 – May 29, 1921 – Dedication Ceremonies

To celebrate the “centennial” year of our present sanctuary, the session has approved Sunday, November 3rd, as “Homecoming Sabbath” for 2019.

On October 27th, Rev. Malphrus will take his message from Jeremiah 6:16, the same text as Rev. L.I. Echols used on October 26, 1919, the last service in the Old Brick Church.

On Homecoming, November 3rd, Rev. Malphrus will use as his text Joshua 3:4, the same text Rev. Echols used for the first service in the new sanctuary. Other parts of the service will be similar to those used in 1919.

Following the worship service, we will enjoy the traditional homecoming meal. We hope you will plan to worship and celebrate with us on this special day.

Finley, Historian

October 2019 Calendar of Events

Wednesday, October 2

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Thursday, October 3

7:00 p.m. – Women's Ministries

7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study



Sunday, October 6

Special Offering Rebekah

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

***Deadline for additions, corrections, and photo submissions for the New Directory
(call the church office at 377-2911)***

Monday, October 7

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, October 9

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Friday, October 11 & Saturday, October 12

ARP Women's' Ministries Annual Meeting at Bonclarken

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Sunday, October 13

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

5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

6:00 p.m. – Deacons Budget Meeting

Wednesday, October 16

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Saturday, October 19

Virginia Presbytery at Christ Community Church in Charlottesville

Sunday, October 20

10:00 a.m. – Sabbath School

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

11:00 a.m. – Worship

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

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

Monday, October 21

11:00 a.m. – Monday Mid-Day Program

Wednesday, October 23

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Saturday, October 26

Women's Ministries Annual Virginia Presbyterial Meeting at Ebenezer ARP Church

Sunday, October 27 – Reformation Sunday

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, and Dabney

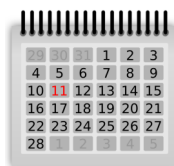
5:00 p.m. – Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 30

6:45 p.m. – Prayer Meeting

Thursday, October 31

7:00 p.m. – Women’s Ministries Visits Beulah Land



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| 3 Daylight Savings Time ends | 10 Youth Group 5:30 p.m. |
| HOMECOMING | 17 Synod Fall Offering |
| Little Lambs/Youth Group 5:30 p.m. | 24 Communion |
| Session and Deacons – meet | 27 Community Thanksgiving Supper |
| separately 6:00 p.m. and meet jointly | 5:00 p.m. |
| 7:00 p.m. | |
| 4 Monday Mid-Day Program 11:00 a.m. | 28 Thanksgiving Day |
| 7 Women’s Ministries 7:00 p.m. | 28 & 29 Church Office Closed |
| Bible Study 7:30 p.m. | |