



the INVITATION

Christmas Grace at Providence: an Advent Workshop for the Whole Family

Sunday, November 20 at 12:15pm



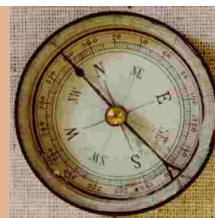
Advent is a time to reflect upon the prophecies of old, to remember their fulfillment in the coming of the Christ child, and to celebrate the indescribable gift of grace Jesus brings. Join us following worship on Sunday, November 20 for a shared luncheon and plenty of seating to linger and chat. After our meal we'll take part in a treasured tradition at Providence: handcrafting meaningful items to fill our homes and hearts, such as a Jesse tree, an angel ornament, a handprint camel banner, a block Nativity family, a cardboard star, and a hymnal-page ornament to share with a neighbor or friend. Don't forget to stop by our Heifer International and Providence cookbook tables to shop for unique gifts.

Wine corks are needed for one of our handcraft stations; please bring wine cork donations to the church and place them in the appropriate basket in the Narthex or hallway near the church library. If you would like to help with this event, Connie Salter (496-2072) and Donna Rae Barrow (687-8880) would love to hear from you!

Mark your calendars and invite your family and friends to Christmas Grace at Providence!

Expanding your Faith Journey

Exploring Church Membership



Are you interested in Providence Presbyterian Church? Do you want to know the inner workings, the secret handshake, the process for becoming an Active Member? Then set aside Sunday, December 4 from 4:00-7:00 to join others and learn about the Reformed Faith, the PC(USA), and Providence specifically. We'll have dinner as part of our gathering, so we'll need you to let us know you're coming. Call the church office (420-6159) to reserve your space or register on-line. Questions? Speak to Pastor Jeff.

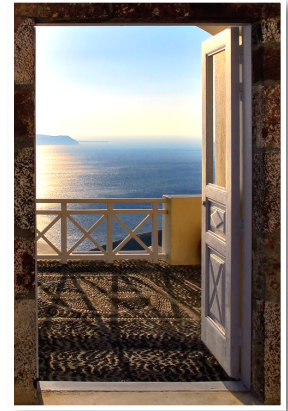
A Dutch bicycle manufacturer plans to sell 90 percent of its bicycles online by 2020. But after seeing a considerable number of products getting damaged during deliveries and incurring serious losses, the company was left with two options – rethink its business plan or come up with an effective solution. Luckily, they managed to come up with something so brilliant that it's bound to be copied by other companies that rely heavily on online sales.

Company management realized that the boxes used to ship their bicycles boxes are about the same size as a really big flatscreen television. They also realized that flatscreen televisions always arrive in perfect condition. So what if, they thought, they just printed a flatscreen television on the side of their boxes with a picture of their bicycle? So they did. And by simply printing a



flatscreen TV on the boxes they reduced the rate of damage shipping their bicycles by 70 to 80 percent. When we value what's in the box, we treat the box with greater care.

In Genesis 1:27 we read, "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." When we understand that people have been imprinted with the very image of God, we treat people with greater care.



But there's something else that belongs on the outside of our box, something that increases our value even more. Yes, we possess God's image; but we have also been bought and redeemed by the sacrifice of the Son of God. That means that every person you meet has a price tag placed on them by God Himself--the value of the very life of Christ.

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"See how the precious children of Jerusalem, worth their weight in fine gold, are now treated like pots of clay made by a common potter" (Lamentations 4:2).

See you in Church!

Jeff



Fairfield Elementary has registered in the Harris Teeter Together in Education program. If you shop at Harris Teeter you can support Fairfield Elementary. When you check out, ask the cashier to link Fairfield Elementary **number 4117 to your VIC card**. Then whenever you shop during the program period, 2% of Harris Teeter brand purchases will be automatically credited to the school. So easy!

WOMEN'S COROLLA BEACH RETREAT



November 11-13, 2016

Please join us for our
annual women's retreat in Corolla, NC.
Cost is \$80 per person for the full weekend
or \$25 for Saturday only.
Bus and car pools available.

Register to attend at the Sign-up bulletin board.

THIS MONTH AT PROVIDENCE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:00pm Gad-Abouts Meeting
7:30pm Bells of Providence

Jean Scott's Birthday

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:00pm Kirk Night
6:30pm Kirkmusik
7:30pm Chancel Choir

Norma Hall's Birthday

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

6:30pm Men's Fellowship
Charles Dortch's Birthday
Drew Miller's Birthday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Gabby Finch's Birthday
Florence Gaddis's Birthday
Richard Naujoks' Birthday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 am Providence Moves

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:45am Merry Bells
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Communion
12:30pm Mission Matters
3:00pm Choir & Bells Concert

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00pm Boys Scouts
7:00pm Committee Chair Meeting
7:30pm Committee Meetings
Sarah Bondurant's Birthday
Marjorie Cohick's Birthday
Ruby Pritchett's Birthday

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

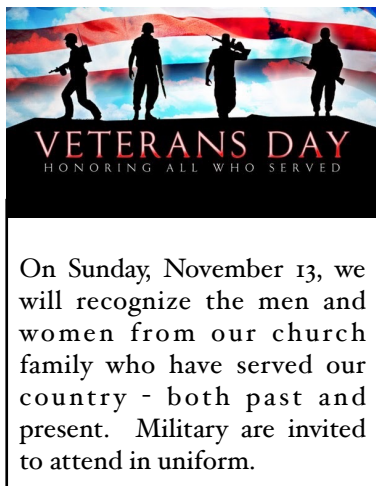
- Election Day -
10:00am Dorcas Circle
7:30pm Bells of Providence

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:45am Mary & Martha Circle
6:00pm Kirk Night
6:30pm Kirkmusik
7:30pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:00pm Women's Bible Study



On Sunday, November 13, we will recognize the men and women from our church family who have served our country - both past and present. Military are invited to attend in uniform.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Verteran's Day - Office Closed
Women's Retreat
Dewey Buschert's Birthday
Jennifer Parker's Birthday

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Women's Retreat

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Providence Anniversary
Women's Retreat
8:45am Merry Bells
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Mike Stockmeier's Birthday

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00pm Boys Scouts
7:00pm Session Meeting
David Grillo's Birthday

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Newsletter Submission Deadline
7:30pm Bells of Providence
Sandy Douglas' Birthday
Valetta Fellenbaum's Birthday

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:00pm Kirk Night
6:30pm Kirkmusik
7:30pm Chancel Choir
Marvin Brangan's Birthday
Kim Dorsch's Birthday

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00pm Care Team

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30am Courtyard Graces
Ramon Dayrit's Birthday
Travis Raney's Birthday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:45am Merry Bells
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:15pm Advent Workshop
12:15pm PPWCT
Abby Burdette's Birthday
Mary Monahan's Birthday

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00pm Boys Scouts
Dick Olenych's Birthday

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Cecilia Daley's Birthday

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Riley Hensly's Birthday

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
Kelly Sneed's Birthday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Sandra Rushton's Birthday
Pat Steward's Birthday
Donna Zamorski's Birthday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

1st Sunday of Advent
8:45am Merry Bells
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Communion
Carol Jordan's Birthday

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:00pm Boys Scouts
Davis Main's Birthday

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30pm Bells of Providence
Stella Fitzgerald's Birthday

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30pm Chancel Choir
Dot Titcomb's Birthday

MUSIC NOTES FROM VALETTA



Bells of Providence and Chancel Choir are going "on the road" in November! We have been invited to do a concert at Third Presbyterian in Norfolk on Sunday afternoon, November 6. The concert is at 3:00 pm with a reception following, and you are invited to attend! The address is 8065 Carlton Road, Norfolk, Virginia 23518.

MISSION MATTERS

The *Mission Matters* Youth Group focuses on serving others. This group of middle and high school students will meet on Sunday, November 6 at 12:30P in The Parlor.

We'll be working on a modified Alternative Gift Market for this coming Advent season. Last year, *Mission Matters* raised enough money through the Gift Market to provide (144) pairs of thermal socks and (100+) gift cards to provide food for those who have no place to live.

At *Mission Matters'* October gathering, Mariah Smith (founder of *Blankets for the Homeless*), met with this group to discuss the plight of homelessness in our area and to discuss things that we can do to make a difference in their world.

Mission Matters continues to offer Blessings Bags for our congregation to use to help those whom we encounter who have no place to live. Bags may be found in the Fellowship Hall. While they are provided at no cost to our congregation, donations to support the cost of supplies will be accepted.

Mission Matters Gift Market
Christmas 2016
Gift Catalog



Where Every Gift Matters



In the press, much is made of the fact that a majority of young adults (between the ages of 19 and 29) are missing in action when it comes to today's church.

In an effort to determine possible ways for the church to become relevant in the lives of this age group, PPC will host *Home for the Holidays* on Wednesday, December 28, from 7PM - 9PM. A team of church members will be contacting younger adult members of the church to invite them to this summit where they'll be asked to help identify ways that the church might engage their age group.

The event will take place in the church Narthex and will feature a variety of interesting beverages and snacks. Additionally, participants can qualify for an assortment of valuable Christmas gifts (including i-Tunes and Starbuck's gift cards). Please encourage your younger adult family members to set the date aside (Wednesday, December 28) to re-connect with some of their favorites folks from the church and lend a hand in helping the church think through new mission and ministry opportunities.

If you have questions or current contact info for folks in this age group, please contact Pastor Billy at familylife@provpres.org or 420-6159.



The Providence Presbyterian Church Men's Group returns to its roots on Thursday, November 3rd, when the men of the church will once again gather in the church Fellowship Hall at 6:30P for a delicious

home-cooked meal.

In the following months, the group will resume the model of breakfast & mission in December and dinner out in January. The group will host the annual Valentine's dinner at the church on February 11. If you have any questions, please contact Pastors Jeff or Billy in the church office.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Providence will help 10 less-fortunate families have a bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner. Slips of paper listing food items needed may be found in pumpkin baskets in the narthex and fellowship hall. Bring items to the grocery carts by Sunday, November 20, placing turkeys in the freezer and butter in the refrigerator.

Questions? Call Karen Cagni, 467-3286 or kpcagni@aol.com



Online Parenting Network

QUICK RESCUES and RESOURCES FOR PARENTS and GRANDPARENTS

In the last decade, we've seen lots of research in the area of youth and religion. A clear position statement emerged from the studies and surveys that said "contrary to misguided cultural stereotypes and frequent parental misperceptions, we believe that the evidence clearly shows that the single most important social influence on the religious and spiritual lives of adolescents is their parents." The same source (The 2003-05 National Study of Youth and Religion) also stated that researchers confirmed that the second most important influence on young people was their grandparents!

In an effort to support parents and grandparents as they help guide young people in their faith journey, PPC has started a FaceBook page titled "Family Life @ Providence." This is a "secret" page that cannot be accessed by those who aren't part of the official group. The page currently has articles like *Letting Go of Adult Kids*; *The Importance of Family Faith for Lifelong Faith Formation* and *What Is My Role as a Grandparent?*

If you'd like to be a part of this FB group and receive future postings, please drop Pastor Billy a request (familylife@provpres.org). If you are not a FaceBook user and would like to receive the articles via e-mail, please also send a request and note that you seek hard copies of this material.

Employment Opportunity

Parish Visitation & Comfort Leader

Providence is seeking a part-time Parish Visitation and Comfort Leader to assist the Senior Pastor with specialized visitation. The qualified applicant will be a registered nurse or social worker with a background in community health, hospice, palliative care or comparable experience. Click here for a complete job description. Questions or resumes may be submitted to Dianne Stockmeier at 547-0091 or stockm@cox.net.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please e-mail newsletter items no later than the 15th of each month for the following month's edition to:
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