



the INVITATION

BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS: MAY MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION

LUNCHES

On Sunday, May 21, the PPC congregation will have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of homeless folks throughout Virginia Beach by preparing bag lunches for those who don't have a place to live or enough to eat.

Through a joint effort between Mission Matters middle/high school students group, the church's Mission Outreach & Evangelism team and Blankets for the Homeless, our congregation will make 100 lunches in the Fellowship Hall, following worship. Help is needed!

Mission Matters has made bag lunches numerous times and will be leading the effort to feed folks in need. Blankets for the Homeless founder, Mariah Smith, will be on-hand for this special effort.

SUMMER ITEMS NEEDED

In addition to making lunches, the church will be collecting much-needed summer supplies for folks who spend a majority of their time in the sun (since they don't have a place to live). Those of us who have a safe and comfortable home assume that with milder weather, it's easier to be homeless in the summer. Unfortunately, the truth is that this time of the year is very, very difficult for our homeless brothers and sisters.

Starting on May 1st, we will begin to accept summer items (sun screen, Chap-Stick, insect repellent, baby wipes, and any sized zip-lock bags). A container for these items may be found in the Fellowship Hall until May 21.

More info on this important ministry may be found at "www.blanketsforthehomeless.org."

Patriotic Concert **FREE** & Picnic ★

Sunday, May 21

4:30pm to 6:00pm

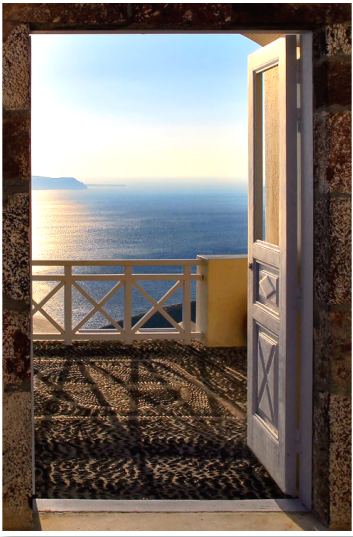
Providence Presbyterian Church invites you to a patriotic concert followed by a complimentary old-fashioned community picnic.

We will gather to pay tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country in a Pre-Memorial Day Celebration of beautiful music, food, and fellowship.

Bring friends and neighbors, and join us in the sanctuary for a patriotic concert and then relax on the church grounds for food, fun and fellowship.



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So it's May. And most people look forward to Memorial Day, cook outs, golf, summer vacation, and so on. Most people don't look back on what we just experienced. Like Palm Sunday. And sometimes it's good to look back, and reflect, and learn.

It's often said that we "*celebrate*" Palm Sunday, but is that truly the appropriate word? Celebrate? When our children wave palm branches and while we sing festive hymns in an opening processional, it seems like an innocent and joyous event. When we shout, "Hosanna! Hosanna to the King of Kings!" as a call of jubilation but in reality we actually cry for help. "Save us! Save us, rebellious leader!" What happens when we look at Palm Sunday in the rear view mirror and from a new perspective? What happens when we look at Palm Sunday from Jesus' perspective?

Jesus entered Jerusalem fully aware of what was on the horizon. The concepts of human free will and God's omniscience (all-knowing characteristic) seem in conflict on Palm Sunday, almost as much as in the garden of Gethsemane just a few short days later. Jesus knew the Hebrew people yearned for a civil rebellion against the Roman occupiers. Jesus knew that his call was greater than one moment – this moment – in history. Jesus knew the people he loved – the very people he had come to save – would betray him. What did Palm Sunday look like to Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on the back of that donkey?



One of our most human characteristics is selfishness. Our instinct to survive and our desire for self-satisfaction make the selfish choices the easy choices—whining when we don't get our way, wallowing in self-pity when life is going wrong, gloating in victory or rejoicing over major life events.

But, as Christians, we're called to love one another, serve one another, weep when others weep, and rejoice when others rejoice. Our challenge is to look beyond ourselves long enough to see the world from another's perspective: through the eyes of Christ.

So this May, as we look forward to all that life can bring, we honor Christ by looking back at Palm Sunday and considering what He saw as he rode into Jerusalem in the lives of those who lined the street—the hurt, the betrayal, the anguish. We honor Christ by being less about ourselves and our celebrations and more about others and their needs.

See you in Church!

THIS MONTH AT PROVIDENCE

MONDAY, May 1

7:00pm Boys Scouts
7:00pm Committee Chairs Meet
7:30pm Committee Meetings

TUESDAY, May 2

11:30pm Gad-A-Bouts Tea & Lunch
7:30pm Bells of Providence

WEDNESDAY, May 3

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

THURSDAY, May 4

~ National Day of Prayer ~
6:30pm Men's Cookout

SATURDAY, May 6

8:00am Yard Sale for Workcamp

SUNDAY, May 7

8:45am Merry Bells
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship & Communion

MONDAY, May 8

7:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Session Meeting

TUESDAY, May 9

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

WEDNESDAY, May 10

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

THURSDAY, May 11

7:00pm Women's Bible Study

SUNDAY, May 14

~ Mother's Day ~
8:45am Merry Bells
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

MONDAY, May 15

- Newsletter Deadline -

7:00pm Boys Scouts

TUESDAY, May 16

12:00pm MOE's Cashola
7:30pm Bells of Providence

WEDNESDAY, May 17

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

THURSDAY, May 18

7:00pm Care Team Meeting

FRIDAY, May 19

9:00am JCOC Meal

SATURDAY, May 20

8:30am Courtyard Graces

SUNDAY, May 21

8:45am Merry Bells
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:15pm Mission Matters Youth
12:15pm Blessing Bag Workshop
12:15pm PPWCT
4:30pm Patriotic Concert/Picnic

MONDAY, May 22

7:00pm Boys Scouts

TUESDAY, May 23

7:30pm Bells of Providence

WEDNESDAY, May 24

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

SUNDAY, May 28

~ Meals on Wheels ~
8:45am Merry Bells
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

MONDAY, May 29

~ Meals on Wheels ~
~ Memorial Day ~
Office Closed
7:00pm Boys Scouts

TUESDAY, May 30

~ Meals on Wheels ~
7:30pm Bells of Providence

WEDNESDAY, May 31

~ Meals on Wheels ~
7:30pm Chancel Choir



BIRTHDAYS

05/01 Terry Parson

05/02 Cathy Polychroni

05/02 Glynn Rogers

05/04 Laura Nielson

05/06 Leanne Rhodenizer

05/07 Travis Cole

05/10 Petey Reynolds

05/10 Lucy Sparks

05/14 Christina Wichrowski

05/16 Sybil Estelle Naujoks

05/17 Radu Bogdan

05/18 Howard Phillips

05/20 Jean Matney

05/20 Kelsey Olenych

05/20 Brian Pursel

05/21 Ray Hodges

05/21 Paul Hickman

05/22 Judy Easton

05/26 Terri Hanson

05/27 Mary McBride

05/30 Ellen Cutchins

05/30 Isaiah Richardson

05/31 Linda Dean

MISSION MATTERS YOUTH GROUP

On the Saturday before Easter (April 15), *Mission Matters* middle/high school students assembled 50 easter baskets as part of their Lenten activity. The baskets, assembled at the church, were distributed to homeless families who have short-term access to very inexpensive beach hotels.

This is something that the group did last year in cooperation with our mission partner *Blankets for the Homeless*. *Mission Matters* participants found this to be especially rewarding as kids who would otherwise have nothing on Easter morning, received a gift - a day early! We also gave away Easter baskets to several adults who had never received a basket before, in their lives!



Mission Matters Team Reaches Out to the Community

On Saturday, April 15, Providence's *Mission Matters Team* joined *Blankets for the Homeless* on a mission to provide clothing, books, pillows and Easter baskets to the homeless. Thank you to all who donated jeans, books, clothing and the pillows.



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UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

May 6 Yard Sale

May 16 MOE's CASHOLA

PROVIDENCE MEN**Newly Elected Moderator & Treasurer**

The Providence Men's Fellowship Group is pleased to announce that Kevin Daley was elected as Moderator and Rich Lindgren as Treasurer.

Monthly Meeting News

May - Mark your calendars for Thursday May 4th, 6:30pm, for the next Men's Fellowship featuring a cook-out. The grills will be ready for you to cook the main dish you bring. All other fixings and deserts will be provided. Corn Hole will be set up before and after dinner. Bring a friend to share in the fellowship. Register for the event on the Sign-up bulletin board located in the Information Hall or online.

June - Providence Men will enjoy dinner out at a popular local restaurant. Stay tuned for more details.

Upcoming Men's Special Events

Community Patriotic Picnic and Choir/Bells Concert – May 21.

Providence Men have agreed to support this Church-wide event with cooking and serving. More details will be discussed at the May meeting. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located in the Information Hall.

Men's Conference at Massenatta Springs Camp and Conference Center – July 14-16.

Registration information is posted on Men's Bulletin Board. If you would like to attend the conference and need assistance please contact Kevin Daley at 572-3977.

Tides Game – Date TBD

Men's Afternoon of Golf – July/August, Date TBD.

Annual Fish Fry – August 26th, 4:30 -7:00pm. Tickets go on sale July 16.

All are welcome to join us for the Providence Men Fellowship and Presbyterian Men's Conferences.

Providence Meals on Wheels Team Making A Difference One Meal At A Time

Four weeks of each year, you will find a dedicated team of Providence volunteers donating a few hours each day to deliver nutritional meals to area residents who are unable to prepare meals for themselves. This wonderful program is coordinated by Kelly Deans who partners with the local Meals on Wheels non-profit organization.

Meals are picked up at the Meals on Wheels office, between 9:30am and 10:00am, and delivered to residents between 10:00am and 12:30pm. The Providence delivery route is in close proximity to Providence Presbyterian. It takes about two volunteers per day and the average number of stops per day is eight homes. According to Mr. Deans, the home-bound recipients are very appreciative for the meal and often enjoy a quick chat. Volunteers are always needed. Interested in volunteering? Contact Kelly Deans.

Upcoming Providence Meals On Wheels Weeks

May 29 - June 2

August 28 - September 1

November 27 - December 1

For more information
about Meals on Wheels of
Virginia Beach visit
www.movb.org



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Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry.

Holy Land Classic

10 days - September 5-14, 2017



Join Pastor Fred McCall on this 10-day Holy Land Classic program that will expand our knowledge of the Bible and this sacred land.

Starting at \$3,596* from Norfolk

Call the church office for more details.

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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