



# *the* INVITATION

## CELEBRATING LENT

A season of preparation through prayer, reflection, and recommitment.

The Season of Lent is a time of preparation through prayer, reflection, and recommitment which begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates on Easter Sunday. Lent is intended to imitate Jesus' forty days of temptation as described in the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11.

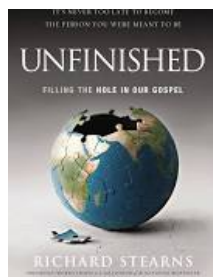
Join us during this holy season as we focus on, explore and deepen our baptismal spirituality that centers on our union with the Christ.

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**WHEN** We will meet Wednesday evenings beginning March 13 through April 10 @ 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE STUDY** Just before he left, Jesus sent his followers into the world with a revolutionary mission to change the world by proclaiming God's truth and demonstrating his incredible love. Unfortunately, this task remains largely unfinished! Our Soup & Rolls study by Rich Stearns, former president of World Vision, will take us on a breathtaking journey to rediscover the critical mission of Christ in our world today and the richness of God's calling on our lives. Register on the Sign-Up Bulletin Board.



**THE MEAL** Volunteers are needed to bring soup and/or rolls to our Soup & Roll Wednesday evening dinner and study. If you can help, please let us know what you can bring on the Sign-Up Bulletin Board.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday  
March 6 @ 7:30pm

### Palm Sunday Service

Sunday  
April 14 @ 11am

### Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday  
April 18 @ 7:30pm

### Good Friday Service

Friday  
April 19 @ 7pm

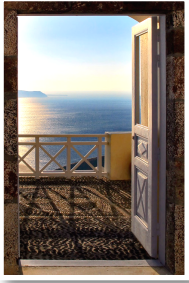
### Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday  
April 21 @ 7am  
Courtyard

### Easter Worship Service

Sunday  
April 21 @ 11am  
Sanctuary





March begins the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Lent is a time set apart to prepare for Easter. The word Lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word which means “to lengthen” and is associated with the lengthening of days in the spring. For the first two centuries of Christianity, the period of preparation for Easter was only 40 hours in remembrance of the time Jesus spent in the tomb.

In the third century, this was extended to six days. And in 325 A.D. the season was extended to 40 days. By the eighth century, Ash Wednesday was recognized as the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday derives its name from Old Testament times when sackcloth and ashes were used as symbols of repentance. Lent is a season of discipline, reflection and getting closer to God. I encourage you to actively plan for Lent.

- Take advantage of this time in the church year to deepen your relationship with God, your neighbors and yourself.
- Sunday morning meditation gives you a chance to be still and listen for God’s calling in your life.
- Attend the five Soup & Rolls dinners and studies that are planned.
- Live out the virtue of hospitality, welcoming others to church so that they may come to God in more meaningful ways.
- Spend time daily in a devotional of your choosing followed by prayer.
- Attend Sunday Discipleship classes that will enjoy “Eternity is Now in Session” by John Ortberg.

Lent is a beautiful time in the church year. It’s the season to recommit ourselves to a life of faith, to examine our life and lifestyles and assess the strength of our commitment to God, to repent as we acknowledge that we’ve turned our hearts from God, and to adopt spiritual disciplines that draw us closer to God. Most importantly, Lent is a season of action. Do something for Lent! I pray that the season will bring you closer to God, your neighbors and yourself.

See you in Church!

## Providence Job Opportunity Administrative Assistant Position

Providence Presbyterian Church (PPC) has a part-time staff position available to work 30 hours a week starting May 1, 2019.

The successful candidate will provide support to the Senior Pastor, professional staff and lay leadership to achieve PPC’s ministry goals as well as support the PPC family and community who contact the church office.

For more information, to request an application or submit a resume contact one of the following Personnel Committee members: Dianne Stockmeier at [stockm@cox.net](mailto:stockm@cox.net), Dan Wagoner at [wagoner.dan@gmail.com](mailto:wagoner.dan@gmail.com) or Nancy Whitaker, at [nanawhitaker@hotmail.com](mailto:nanawhitaker@hotmail.com).

### Support our Youth Group at

Providence Presbyterian Church and  
join us for our

### Aberdeen Barn Dinner

in Fellowship Hall



#### Help Send Our Youth to Work Camp in Knoxville, Tennessee!

Aberdeen Barn Dinner will be 6:00 pm, Saturday, March 2  
Tickets go on sale Sunday, February 3!

Cost of **\$10.00 per ticket!**

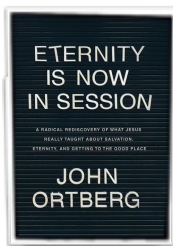
\*There is a limited number of tickets so please buy early!





## SPECIAL LENT STUDIES

Author John Ortberg states... Something in us is waiting—for what, we don't know? Something different? Something better?

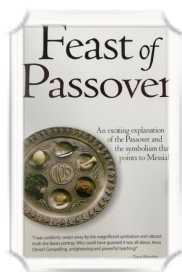


For Christians, the answer is often "eternal life." In the study, *Eternity is Now in Session*, we will explore what eternal life is, why we want it, and how we know we have it.

Join us on select Sunday mornings @ 9:45am, during Lent, for a 25 minute video in rooms 103/104 (the Media Room) followed by a discussion.

**Offered on the following Sundays**

March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 7



The *Feast of Passover*, written by founder and president of Word of Messiah Ministries, Sam Nadler, explores the Passover Meal and how it relates to Jesus.

Dr. Nadler grew up in a Jewish home before becoming a Christian. Through this study he will illustrate how the Jewish

Passover Meal actually points to the Messiah and how God's redemptive plan is unveiled through the feasts of Israel.

Join us on Palm Sunday morning @ 9:45am for a video in rooms 103/104 (the Media Room) followed by a discussion.

**Offered on Palm Sunday**

April 13

## SPECIAL LENT FAMILY EVENT

# Hands On Hosanna!

### An Easter Celebration and Potluck Luncheon for Families and Friends

Sunday, April 7 12:15pm

Bring your favorite dish for the potluck luncheon and join us for fun, fellowship, and a time of creating Easter keepsakes to treasure! For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Connie Salter, 288-2072, or Donna Rae Barrow, 749-1477.







Since last August, our congregation has been praying for young adults (aged 18 - 34) who are affiliated with the church; some we see regularly and some we don't see so often. Each month, we have identified a few folks and asked the congregation to begin to pray for the well-being and future of each young woman and man.

Additionally, we've asked the congregation to personally sign a card for the young adults that we're focused on for that month just to let them know that they're on our radar screen. These cards are always located in the Fellowship Hall.

In March, we'll DARE TO CARE and be focused on Betsy Salter, Alicia Daniel, Kirsten Shiles, Daniel Miller and Stephanie Thune letting them know that God and the Providence congregation cares about them and their future. For more info on this process, please contact Pastor Billy at "[familylife@provpres.org](mailto:familylife@provpres.org)."

## MARCH 2019

- Betsy Salter
- Alicia Daniel
- Kirsten Shiles
- Daniel Miller
- Stephanie Thune

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## LENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### 40 Days/40 Items Clothing Drive March 6 - April 21

The Mission-Outreach-Evangelism Committee has challenged the congregation to remove one "gently used" item from your closet for the purpose of donating it to the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center ministry. A bag will be supplied and at the end of the 40 days, Easter Sunday, bags will be collected in the Fellowship Hall.

### Easter Baskets for the Homeless March 29 & 30

Our Christian Life Spring Family Service Project will be to provide 35 Easter baskets for children of homeless families living at the Housing Resource Center in Virginia Beach. Donate non-edible goodies for ages 0-18 through March 29 and help assemble baskets on Sunday, March 30.

### Fill Gracie the Fish for One Great Hour of Sharing Offering March 10 -April 21

On Sunday, March 10, children will receive a special collection box called "Gracie the Fish" from the Christian Life Committee to be used to collect loose change and donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering received on Easter Sunday.



# FAMILY FUSION “KINDNESS” STUDY

A major objective of the PPC Family Life Ministry is to provide opportunities for families (especially moms and dads) to connect faith, fellowship and fun. *Family Fusion - Get it?*

We strongly believe that when families (or sometimes “just couples”) make time for what’s most important, everything changes! Lives become less stressful, relationships grow and Christ’s Community strengthens.

In an effort to help couples strengthen their marriage and relationship, we started a six-session small group study focused on *kindness* in January. We meet every other week (March 3 and March 17) in the church’s Media Room. We spend one hour sharing a meal, study and conversation. Childcare (including lunch) is available with early registration.

The Family Fusion goal is always to help couples to better connect with one another and God. Contact Pastor Billy for more info ([familylife@provpres.org](mailto:familylife@provpres.org)). Please register to attend online at [www.provpres.org](http://www.provpres.org).

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## Date Night Time Travel

Saturday, March 9, beginning at 6pm

During this themed date night you and your spouse  
will revisit the past and look to the future.

Drive through the Church parking lot on Saturday, March 9 between 5:30 - 6pm  
to pick up your “date night” instructions.

Simply put, Family Fusion Date Nights are “a little nudge from your friends at Providence to get moms and dads out of the house and focused on one another.” Date nights do not take place at the church (or in a group). While they are planned for specific dates, they may be taken on any night that works for your schedule. Childcare will be available on officially scheduled Date Nights, if needed.

The first official Date Night will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019. You are encouraged to register online for the Time Machine Date Night. On this night, you’ll travel back in time together and reminisce about past experiences that will help you find new ways to connect and look forward to a future together. **All couples (not just Family Fusion folks) are invited to participate!**



# THIS MONTH AT PROVIDENCE

## Saturday, MARCH 2

6:00pm - Aberdeen Barn Dinner

## Sunday, MARCH 3

- Communion Sunday -

8:30am Merry Bells

9:45am Discipleship Hour

9:45am New Member Inquiry Class

11:00am Worship & Communion

12:30pm Family Fusion

## Monday, MARCH 4

7:00pm Committee Chairs Meet

7:30pm Committee Meetings

## Tuesday, MARCH 5

11:00am Gad-A-Bouts

7:30pm Bells of PPC

## Wednesday, MARCH 6

4:30pm Prayer Ministry

6:00pm Kirk Night

6:30pm Kirkmusik

7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

## Saturday, MARCH 9

8:30am Courtyard Graces

6:00pm Date Night



## Sunday, MARCH 10

- Daylight Savings Time Begins -

First Sunday of Lent

8:30am Merry Bells

9:45am Discipleship Hour

9:45am New Member Inquiry Class

11:00am Worship

## Monday, MARCH 11

7:00pm Session Meeting

## Tuesday, MARCH 12

10:00am Dorcas Circle

7:30pm Bells of Providence

## Wednesday, MARCH 13

9:45am Mary & Martha Circle

4:30pm Prayer Ministry

6:00pm Soup & Rolls

7:15pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, MARCH 14

6:00pm Men's Dinner Out

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

## Friday, MARCH 15

- Newsletter Deadline -

## Sunday, MARCH 17

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30am Merry Bells

9:45am Discipleship Hour

11:00am Worship

12:15pm PPWCT

12:30pm Family Fusion

## Tuesday, MARCH 19

7:30pm Bells of Providence

## Wednesday, MARCH 20

- ODU Meal Day -

4:30pm Prayer Ministry

6:00pm Soup & Rolls

7:15pm Chancel Choir

## Thursday, MARCH 21

7:00pm Care Team

## Friday, MARCH 22

- Couples Retreat -

## Saturday, MARCH 23

- Couples Retreat -

## Sunday, MARCH 24

- Couples Retreat -

8:30am Merry Bells

9:45am Discipleship Hour

11:00am Worship

## Tuesday, MARCH 26

7:30pm Bells of Providence

## Wednesday, MARCH 27

4:30pm Prayer Ministry

6:00pm Soup & Rolls

7:15pm Chancel Choir

## Saturday, MARCH 30

5:00pm Italian Dinner

# BIRTHDAYS



03/01 Lindgren, Nancy

03/01 Thomas, Wendi

03/01 Schroeder, Ben

03/01 Flynn, Erin

03/02 Bell, Susan

03/04 Lytle, Jim

03/04 Boose, Abbi

03/05 Salter, Ted

03/05 Fisher, Beryl

03/06 Stewart, Jasmine

03/06 Stockmeier, Max

03/07 Bishop, Barbara

03/07 Kang, Cheul

03/07 Polychroni, Mike

03/09 Hyslop, Jonathan

03/09 Stockmeier, Dianne

03/10 Cook, Mary Ann

03/10 Sherman, Alice

03/11 Brooks, Deena

03/14 Snell, Lisa

03/15 Flynn, Mike

03/17 Stephenson, Marty

03/17 Sivigny, Bob

03/18 Sullivan, Erin

03/24 Parker, Bill

03/24 Gonzalez, Sue

03/25 Ortman, Dan

03/25 Ussery, Christine

03/27 Birdwell, Blake

03/30 Reese, Gary

03/31 Dorsch, Caitlin

03/31 Dorsch, Jessica

03/31 Olenych, Nadine

03/31 Bell, Jeff



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to everyone who attended the Valentine's Dinner and especially for all the support we received for the event. A special thank you to Tom Evaldi for the food preparation and to Marty Moore for the acoustical guitar music.

### **Thursday, March 14 @ 6pm Dinner at Jose Tequila's**

Please join us for dinner out and fellowship at Jose Tequila's on Lynnhaven Parkway near Home Depot. Reservations are made for 6pm. Please sign up on the sign-up bulletin board. Nick Bolton is coordinating.

### **Upcoming Men's Events**

**Thursday, April 11 @ 6:30pm Dinner at Providence.** Come out for dinner, fellowship, and a presentation from Faith Works Coalition. We will also discuss upcoming events and elections of officers for next year. Kevin Daley is coordinating.

### **Saturday, May 11 @ 8am Breakfast Out and a community project.**

Join us for breakfast at a local diner and then we will go into the community and help with some minor home repairs. Kevin Daley is coordinating.

**Thursday, June 13 @ 6:30pm Cookout at Providence** Join us for our annual cookout and final meeting until the fall. Bring an entrée to cook on the grill, all other fixings are provided. Also, I hope to have a guest speaker for this event too.

### **July 19-21- Men's Retreat at Massanutten** Information posted on the Men's Bulletin Board

If you have any questions or would like more information please Contact Kevin Daley at (757) 572-3977.

### **Join us for the Presbyterian Men's Fellowship & Conference's**

## PROVIDENCE WOMEN

Providence Women have a number of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Mark your calendars for the following events:

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| <b>March 17</b>  | Nominations due for the PW Honorary Lifetime Award.                |
| <b>March 30</b>  | Italian Dinner, 5-7PM.<br>Tickets on sale March 10.                |
| <b>April 4</b>   | Women's Dinner Out<br>Outback Steakhouse - 6pm                     |
| <b>April 6</b>   | PEVA PW Spring Gathering<br>Providence is hosting.<br>8:30am.-Noon |
| <b>June 16</b>   | Father's Day Worship Service<br>Women are Officiating              |
| <b>July 5-6</b>  | Supporting and volunteering<br>with ACT's Baby Shower              |
| <b>Oct 11-13</b> | Women's Fall Retreat in<br>Corolla, NC                             |



**Italian Night**  
**at Providence**  
Saturday, March 30, 2019  
in the Fellowship Hall 5- 7pm

An evening of  
delicious spaghetti,  
salad, bread, and  
dessert.

ADULTS \$11.00  
CHILDREN \$ 5.00  
(10 & under)

Donies raised will  
benefit Providence  
Presbyterian  
Women's missions.

KITCHEN IS OPEN FROM 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
DINE-IN OR CARRY OUT

Tickets available in the Fellowship Hall Foyer,  
after worship beginning March 10.

Hosted by Providence Presbyterian Women  
For more information, please email [ppw@provpres.org](mailto:ppw@provpres.org)





## *Patty Landrum Butterfly* Grants & Scholarships

Applications for the Butterfly Scholarships are available for High School Seniors, students currently enrolled in college or post graduate studies, and those who intend to enroll in graduate or vocational studies this fall. Those who qualify must be an Active Member of Providence Presbyterian and submit an application by April 15, 2019. Application forms are available in the church office and through the church website.

Applications for Butterfly Scholarship Grants are available to organizations outside the membership of Providence. These grants must be used for Scholarships of students within its organization. Application forms are available in the church office and through the church website. Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2019.

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please e-mail newsletter items  
no later than the 15th of each month for the following  
month's edition to: [office@provpres.org](mailto:office@provpres.org)

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Nursery Supervisor	Michelle Wofford
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Sextons	Gus and Mary Ann Villies

#### The Session

**Moderator:** Rev. Jeffrey S. Bell • **Clerk of Session:** Gary Reese

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