

Opportunities

2023 Offering Envelopes - are now available in the narthex. Please pick yours up following worship.

Kirk Night & Kirkmusik Winter 2023 - **Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be offering our winter Kirk Night series.** However, we look forward to seeing you at Lenten Soup & Rolls beginning March 1. Stay tuned for details on this event. Questions:, please contact **Connie Salter at seasaltcpa@cox.net.**

Christmas Decoration removal - Today we will be removing the Christmas decorations throughout the church. If you are willing to lend a hand, we start after the 11:00 am worship service. Please see Rich Lindgren for more information.

Family Fusion - You are invited to join us in the Parlor today at 12:15pm. We believe when families make time for faith, fellowship, and fun, everything changes! Life becomes less stressful, relationships grow, and Christ's community strengthens. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church. For more information, please contact **Karen & Rick Moore at karenmoore16@aol.com and Kevin & Cecilia Daley at mcpox2@cox.net.**

PPC Youth - All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join the PPC youth group **today 5 pm - 7 pm** in the fellowship hall for some fun and fellowship. Please bring dinner and leave cell phones at home. Can't wait to see you there! For more information, please contact **Ashley at ashdogger@me.com.**

PPC Youth Group/"gotsneakers?" - The PPC Youth Group would like to invite the congregation to participate in their sneakers recycling program to help save our planet and raise money for Work Camp 2023! "gotsneakers?" is an organization that recycles and reuses sneakers thereby keeping sneakers out of landfills and reducing the need for manufacturing new sneakers. They pay groups like ours to collect them. We invite you to donate any sneakers you are no longer using! Please put pairs of sneakers only (no other types of shoes please) in the bins in the back foyer and narthex. We will package and send them to "gotsneakers?" who will pay us per pair. All proceeds will help pay for us to attend Work Camp in Wrightsville, PA in June 2023. Thanks in advance!

Annual Congregational Meeting – The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, January 15**, immediately following the **11:00 worship service.** The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders for the Class of 2026, elect the members of the 2023 Nominating Committee, elect a trustee, and present the 2023 budget to the congregation. The nominating committee proposes the following slate of elders, Class of 2026, all who have agreed to serve: Elizabeth Carter, Nancy Lindgren, Jane Pritchett, Connie Salter, and Ashley Schroeder. The nominee for Trustee is Jerry Barnes. The nominees for the 2023 Nominating Committee are: Robin Birdwell (Session), Sue Crosland (Session), Stephanie Boose (Women's Circles), Rich Lindgren (at-large), Diane Stockmeier (at-large) and Joe Ussery (Men's Group). This meeting will be held only in person, not on Zoom.

Men's Dinner at Providence - Thursday, January 12 - Join us on **Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 pm.** We will meet at church for food, fellowship and fun. Bring a friend! A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board or contact **Aaron Gilbert at agilbert95@ymail.com or 757-763-9802.**

PW Dinner Out -The women at Providence are invited to join us for dinner out **Monday, January 16.** We meet at **Brickhouse Diner located at 941 Providence Square Shopping Center at 6:00pm.** If you wish to attend, please rsvp online or please contact Cecilia at **PPW@provpres.org.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry -. We will meet next on **Tuesday, January 17, 1:00 - 3:00 pm** in the parlor. Contact **Deanne Shuman** if you are interested or have questions (757) 373-0927.

New Member Luncheon – Sunday, January 29 following the 11:00 am worship, in the parlor. Have you been pondering membership at Providence? Have questions about being Presbyterian? Curious about the ministry here? Wondering about the interim time? Wondering how you join the Providence family? You are invited to be our guest for lunch and conversation about all the above, plus anything else on your mind. Please RSVP to Libby or sign up via the link provided online.

2023 OBX Couples Retreat- February 3-5. Start your New Year relaxing after the hustle and bustle of the holidays. This is a great opportunity to refresh relationships with our spouses and God. We invite PPC couples to join us for a fantastic weekend of great food, fun & fellowship during our couples retreat at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Corolla, NC. Cost: \$218.00 for the weekend. **Please RSVP on line or on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by January 22.** Childcare available upon request. For more information, please contact **Karen Moore or Cecilia Daley at ppw@provpres.org or Pastor Rollins at Pastor@provpres.org.**

Valentine Goodie Boxes - Attention parents of college students, recent high school graduates or those serving in the armed forces! On **Sunday, February 5**, we will be packing goodie boxes. If you wish for your child to receive one, please make sure the church office has your child's current address on file. Providence will happily send them one of our annual Valentine boxes. For more information, please contact **Karen Dixon at kdixonvab@gmail.com.**

Men's Valentine's Dinner - Saturday, February 11 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm! Join us for this great evening of food and fellowship! Ticket costs are \$15.00 per person and can be purchased in the foyer after church, or contact **Aaron Gilbert at agilbert95@ymail.com or 757-763-9802.**

PPW Baby Bottle Campaign - Providence Women are collecting items for the annual Baby Bottle Campaign. We are hoping to collect new and/or gently used baby girl clothes 0-9 months, baby wipes (unscented) burp cloths, baby shoes and baby sweaters. You may place the items in the collection box located in the narthex. All items will be collected on **Sunday, February 12.**

Food Pantry - We are collecting items to be delivered to the **St. Marks Food Pantry.** There is a list of items on the collection box. This is merely a suggested list. They will accept all unexpired food items. Place items in the labeled bin in the narthex and foyer of the church. You may also donate via check in lieu of items. If you choose to do so, please write "Food Pantry" in the memo of the check and send it to the church or leave it in the collection plate at Sunday service. For further information, please contact **Laureen Simmons at (757)479-2400. *Just as the cost of food has increased, so has the cost of the brown paper bags used to deliver the food to recipients. Gather up your brown paper grocery bags and donate them in the same bin as the groceries. Please, remember to bring food on Communion Sunday for our partnership with St. Mark's Food Pantry.***

**** The following Sundays there will be 11:00 am worship only. No Early Worship ****

January 15, 2023 (Congregational Meeting)

Today

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am - Early Worship
9:15 am - Merry Bells
10:30 am - Choir Warmup
11:00 am - Worship/ zoom worship
11:15 am - Enrichment
12:00 am - Family Fusion
5:00 pm - Youth Group

This Week

Monday, January 9

7:00 pm - Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 10

Special Election Day

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

Wednesday, January 11

10:00 am - Mary & Martha Circle
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 12

6:00 pm - Men's Dinner at Providence
6:00 pm - PW bible study

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Sermon Notes

Matthew 3:13-17

Water Changes Us