

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.

PPC Youth - The Youth Group would like to invite the congregation to enjoy the new January bulletin board for the Preschool! 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.

Annual Congregational Meeting – The Session has called a congregational meeting for **TODAY**, 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.

PW Dinner Out - The women at Providence are invited to join us for dinner out **Monday, January 16**. We meet at **Brick House 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.

Discipleship - A special edition of Discipleship Classes will be held on **Sunday, January 22 at 9:30 am**, when the Connection and Jubilate classes join together in the choir room. Lyle Bagley will lead the session on "Fear and Faith" based on Psalms 27 and 23. These are the Psalms that would have been the focus of our Kirk Night study on January 11, so folks attending the Kirk Night sessions before Christmas may be particularly interested in this discussion. All are welcome!

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.

JCOC – On Friday, February 3 Providence will provide meals and serve the homeless. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals for the shelter, donate food, or donate financially. If donating food or volunteering, please sign up at church or online. For more information, contact **Nick Bolton** at nick@cardinalmessenger.com.

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**.

Volunteers Needed for Youth Programs - Happy New Year! Have you made a New Year's resolution? Have you broken it already!? How do you spend your time? What does how you spend your time say about what you value? May I encourage you to consider how God may be calling you to volunteer your time and love at Providence? We are looking for loving adults to assist and teach in all areas, from our youngest to our oldest disciples. We promise to provide materials, support, training and prayers; you provide your time and love! As you prayerfully consider how God wants to use you, remember the questions that we as a congregation answer each time a member of Christ's church is baptized - Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture (child's name) by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him/her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? We particularly need volunteers for Sunday mornings during worship for our Little Lambs and Enrichment and also to work with our Youth on Sunday evenings at 5 pm to assist Ashley Schroeder! Questions and to volunteer? Connie Salter, seasaltcpa@cox.net or Sue Crosland, suecrosland2940@outlook.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!

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 15

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

This Week

Monday, January 16

Matin Luther King Jr. Day

Church Office Closed

7:00 pm - PW Dinner Out (Brick House Diner)

Tuesday, January 17

1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

Wednesday, January 18

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 19

7:00 pm - Care Team Meeting

Sunday, January 22

8:30 am - Early Worship
9:15 am - Merry Bells
9:30 am - Discipleship
10:30 am - Choir Warmup
11:00 am - Worship/ zoom worship
11:15 am - Enrichment
12:00 am - Congregational Meeting
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Sermon Notes

John 1:29-42

Down to the Core