

Opportunities

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

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. Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact **Ashley** at ashdogger@me.com.

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 is canceled. For more information, please contact **Karen Moore** or **Cecilia Daley** at ppw@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. We are asking for items such as snacks, cookies, candy, granola bars and other goodies, to be donated. Items can be placed in the collection box in the narthex. 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**.

Care Team Opportunity - Looking for volunteers to assist as a Care Team Leader for the upcoming year. This is a great opportunity to be a servant and meet others in our church family. What is a Care Team Leader? A care team leader is a spiritually led person willing to be responsible for a group of about 5 church families, keep them in prayer, lend an ear when there is a need or concern. Care Team Leaders will be a liaison between the leaders, minister, and congregation, assisting where needed. If you are interested or want more information, please contact **Cecilia Daley** at: careteam@provpres.org or 572-4612. **Please respond by: February 19, 2023.**

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**, sucrosland2940@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!

Patty Landrum Butterfly Scholarships - Applications for the Butterfly Scholarships are now available for High School Seniors, students currently enrolled in college or Christian based post graduate studies, and those who intend to enroll in Christian based collegiate or vocational studies this fall. Those who qualify must be an active member of Providence Presbyterian and **submit an application by Saturday, April 15, 2023**. Application forms are available in the church office.

Patty Landrum Butterfly Grants - Applications for Butterfly Scholarship Grants are available to organizations outside the memberships of Providence. These grants must be used for scholarships of students within its organization. Application forms are available in the church office and must be submitted by **Monday, May 15, 2023**.

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 **Lauren 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.***

Heifer International - Thank you for participating in the heifer shopping this Christmas 2022. Providence Presbyterian was able to send a check to Heifer International in the amount of \$2,430! This was a fantastic gift for those who received animals, stoves, water and baskets. We are so grateful to all of you! Happy New Year!

Today

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
5:00 pm - Youth Group

This Week

Tuesday, January 24

7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

Wednesday, January 25

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday, January 29

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 pm - New Member Luncheon
5:00 pm - Youth Group

Sermon Notes

Matthew 4:12-23

New Pathways, New Excitement



*The flowers that grace our sanctuary
today are given to the glory to God by
Abbitt Harvey in memory and
gratitude of her loving parents,
Frances and Curry Harvey,
for giving her the gift of life.*

