

# Opportunities

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**PPC Youth** - All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join the PPC youth group **today 5 pm - 7 pm**. This week we will update the preschool bulletin board, work on our worship service, and have some fun and fellowship! Please bring dinner if you like and leave cell phones at home. Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact **Ashley** at [ashdogger@me.com](mailto:ashdogger@me.com).

**Family Fusion - Today**. You are invited to join us in the parlor at **12:15 pm**. 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 and Rick Moore** at [karenmoore16@aol.com](mailto:karenmoore16@aol.com) and **Kevin and Cecilia Daley** at [mcpx2@cox.net](mailto:mcpx2@cox.net).

**Valentine Goodie Boxes** - Attention parents of college students, recent high school graduates or those serving in the armed forces! **Today**, we will be packing goodie boxes. For more information, please contact **Karen Dixon** at [kdixonvab@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 19**.

**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](mailto:careteam@provpres.org) or **572-4612**. Please respond by **February 19, 2023**.

**Ash Wednesday Service – On February 22**, we will gather in the Sanctuary at **7:00 PM** to begin to season of Lent. This year, Ash Wednesday will include a service of worship where our community of faith will be given the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes, pray and reflect on the coming season.

**Providence Family Lenten Workshop – Sunday, March 19** in the fellowship hall, after the 11:00 am worship service. Join us for a family Lenten workshop. We will celebrate the Easter season with Providence friends, eating yummy lunch treats and creating wonderful Easter crafts for our homes and friends. RSVP online or on the sign-up sheet by the fellowship hall. For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Sue Crosland**, [suecrosland2940@outlook.com](mailto:suecrosland2940@outlook.com) or **Connie Salter** at [seasaltcpa@cox.net](mailto:seasaltcpa@cox.net).

**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 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 must be submitted by **Monday, May 15, 2023**.

**Volunteers Needed for Youth Programs** - 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 contact **Connie Salter, seasaltcpa@cox.net or Sue Crosland, suescrosland2940@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. We have collected 64 pairs of sneakers thus far. Thank you to all who have contributed! Please consider asking your neighbors if they have any to contribute. All proceeds will help pay for us to attend Work Camp in Wrightsville, PA in June 2023. Thanks in advance!

**Check Out the Church Library!** - Parents, stop by the library with your children and help them check out a book to take home. In the library there are extra copies of the book "Letters to Pastor Jeff" that the children created. Some parents have expressed an interest in having a copy. Please make your payment to Valetta Fellenbaum for \$25.00. The library is open on Sundays before and after church. Make your selection, sign and date the checkout card, and place it in the box on the table next to the door.

**Food Pantry** - We are collecting items to be delivered to the **St. Mark's 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.***

**Thank you** to my Providence family for the cards, flowers and phone calls I received after the loss of my sister Sybil Fisher Naujoks. It was so thoughtful and very comforting. Sybil loved attending Providence when she was able and really missed it after she entered assisted living. Betty Brock

# Today

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## **Sunday, February 5**

*Communion Sunday*

- 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
- 12:15 pm - Family Fusion
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group

# This Week

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## **Monday, February 6**

- 7:00 pm - Committee Chairs meeting (zoom)
- 7:30 pm - Committee meeting (zoom)

## **Tuesday, February 7**

- 7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

## **Wednesday, February 8**

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

## **Thursday, February 9**

- 6:00 pm - PW Bible Study

## **Saturday, February 11**

- 5:30 pm - Men's Valentine's Dinner

## **Sunday, February 12**

- 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
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# Sermon Notes

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## **Matthew 5:13-16**

The Flavor of Our Faith