

Opportunities

PPC Youth - The PPC Youth invite the congregation to enjoy the February preschool bulletin board. **We will NOT meet** this week so we can enjoy the Super Bowl with our families, but request all youth attend the Valentine's Dinner on **February 11 5 pm - 9 pm** to serve/clean up to help raise money for work camp. For more information, please contact **Ashley at ashdogger@me.com**.

PPW Baby Bottle Campaign - One Week Left! 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. If you plan to donate by check, please make it out to Crisis Pregnancy Center or CPC. You may turn your bottles in to the office or contact Cecilia at ppw@provpres.org. 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 or 757- 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 the 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.

Soup and Rolls - Our Lenten study begins **Wednesday, March 1 at 6:00 pm**, in the fellowship hall. We will share a meal of soup and rolls provided by the participants. Each week we will explore a specific spiritual practice. Register online or on the sign-up bulletin board to let us know what you can bring for the meal.

Presbyterian Women Honorary Lifetime Membership Award - Each year we honor an exceptional woman in our congregation. Nomination forms are available online, and in the brochure stands in the narthex and foyer. The forms may be completed and returned to Cecilia Daley or the office **by March 12**. Please nominate a Providence woman who 1) by word and deed is an example of servant leadership; 2) is active at Providence; 3) has provided leadership in our church in a number of roles (committee or Session member, in outreaches, etc.); and 4) participates in the worship and study opportunities at Providence (Sunday School, Kirk Night, etc.). If you have any questions, please contact **Cecilia at ppw@provpres.org**.

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 or Connie Salter at 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 65 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! *I would like to express my appreciation to the Providence Presbyterian church family for all of your prayers and support during my recent hospital and rehab facility stay. It was a great comfort receiving so many cards, emails, texts, calls and flower arrangement. I also wanted to give a special thanks to the Providence Women's Group Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl. Laura and I are truly fortunate to be members of Providence Presbyterian. ~ Brent Nielson*

Today

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

This Week

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 16

7:00 pm - Care Team meeting

Sunday, February 19

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 - PW Council meeting
12:00 pm - Man of the Year meeting
5:00 pm - Youth Group

Sermon Notes

Act 18:5-17

A Matter of Interpretation