

Opportunities

Celebrating Your Unique Story - There's only one you! Let's celebrate your history and your story. Chartered in 1977, Providence has 46 years worth of ministry to celebrate -- the good days, the trying times, and everything in between. **Following worship today**, stay for a light lunch and play along as Libby leads us through an exercise which will tell your story through the decades. Understanding how you became the unique people of God you are is key to planning for your future success. Come join in the fun and share your memories.

Youth Year-end party - today at 4:00 pm at the Lindgren household. If you have any questions, please contact **Ashley** at ashdogger@icloud.com

Providence Men's Fellowship - Year End Cookout at Providence - The Men of Providence are invited to join us at **6:00 pm on Thursday, June 8**. Please RSVP to **Aaron Gilbert** at agilbert95@ymail.com or sign up on the sheet at church. Bring a friend! We'll look forward to seeing you!

Migrant Worker Bags - Migrant farmworkers along Virginia's Eastern Shore are the backbone of our local agricultural economy, Yet they live and work among us in poverty and isolation. Along with PEVA, we will be donating Food Kits! Put together a canvas grocery bag containing one of each: *4lb bag of MASECA for tortillas and or all-purpose flour for other cooking, 2-5lb bag of dried beans (black and or pinto only), 16-48oz oil for cooking, 2-10lbs bag of enriched long grain rice, 12-18oz can of Jalapeños, canned tomato sauce & canned vegetables*. The bags are available on the tables in the narthex and foyer. Take a bag, fill it up and **return it to the church by June 11**. For more information, please contact **Jane Pritchett** at gloriajpritchett@yahoo.com

Providence Goes to the Tides - We would like to gauge the interest in having a group outing at the Tides game on Saturday, July 1. Game time is 6:30 pm. Not looking for a commitment at this point, just who is interested. Also, would anyone be interested in paying more to have an inside area to enjoy the game? Please show interest by emailing **Chris** at cbauman@alumni.psu.edu.

Rise Against Hunger Event in the Fellowship Hall **on August 6**. Save the date! More information to come!

Mission, Outreach, and Evangelism (MOE) would like to advise you of current activity on Discipleship and Mission Giving. 2023 Discipleship funds will be distributed to: January-June: Kempsville Rescue Squad and PEVA Migrant Farm Worker Ministry July-December: Union Mission and Massanetta Springs Center.

Mission Giving: Every 2 months we highlight a specific missionary (or family). For May and June, our selection is Revs. Elmarie and Scott Parker from the Middle East. Elmarie is the Regional liaison and assists in strengthening relationships among entities of the PC(USA) and those of partner denominations and organizations in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. Scott works with the Middle East Council of Churches and centers on the project "Strong Kinds, Strong Emotions," a program that seeks to develop emotional and spiritual resiliency in Iraq and Syrian children who are refugees in the Beirut area.

Fellowship Committee - Is looking for some volunteers to join our committee to assist with the events that the congregation enjoys. Anyone with question can reach out to **Chris Bauman** at cbauman@alumni.psu.edu or **Jane Pritchett** at gloriajpritchett@yahoo.com.

Today

Sunday, June 4

Strawberry Festival

8:30 am - Nursery opens

9:00 am - Discipleship

9:30 am - Choir Warm Up

10:00 am - Worship with Enrichment

11:00 am - Celebrate Your Unique

Story

4:00 pm - Youth year-end party

This Week

Monday, June 5

7:00 pm - Committee Chairs Meeting (zoom)

7:30 pm - Committee Meeting (zoom)

Wednesday, June 7

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 8

6:00 pm - Men's Year-End Cook Out

6:00pm - PW Bible Study

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8:30 am - Nursery opens

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11:00 am - Fellowship

Peace Cranes at Providence

Four years ago, on May 31, 2019, tragedy struck our city as gun violence erupted at our Municipal Center. Shortly after this tragedy, our church received a huge box containing 1,000 origami paper cranes, sent to us by Pilgrim Christian Church in Chardon, Ohio that former Providence members, Paul and Judy Hederstrom, joined after relocating to that area in retirement. Chardon had experienced its own tragedy in 2012 when six students were shot at Chardon High School, and the church had an ongoing ministry of folding cranes and sending packages of 1,000 cranes to other communities in need of comfort and hope.

The folded paper cranes have become a symbol of hope and healing. In Japanese folklore, it was believed that if one folded 1,000 origami cranes, one's wish would come true. A famous story about this practice is about Sadako, a little girl who was exposed to radiation as an infant when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Although she survived the bomb, she developed leukemia by the age of 12. She decided to fold 1,000 cranes, hoping that her wish to live would come true. Unfortunately, she was able to fold only 644 cranes before she passed away. Her classmates then continued to fold cranes in her honor, and she was buried with a wreath of 1,000 paper cranes. There is now a statue of Sadako in Hiroshima Peace Park—a little girl with her hand outstretched, holding a paper crane. Every year thousands of cranes are brought by school children and others and laid on this monument. <https://hiroshimaforpeace.com/en/childrens-peace-monument/>

As a result of the gift from the church in Ohio, many people here at Providence have learned how to fold these paper cranes and the initial gift, has multiplied and lives on. Providence sent 1000 paper cranes to Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville after the shooting in their school building in March in the hopes that the colorful birds of peace would bring healing to the congregation in their time of deep pain.

A second box of 1000 cranes will be delivered to Eastern York Workcamp Initiative in Wrightsville, PA by our youth and adults attending the Workcamp Mission Trip at the end of June.

These simple paper cranes represent the hopes and prayers of this congregation for peace in our world, and are meant to bring healing and hope to communities facing violence, loss, and distress. May God's Holy Spirit be known as we reach out in kindness to others, sharing messages and hope of peace, just as a church in Ohio once did for us at a dark time in our city.



*The flowers that grace our
sanctuary today are given to the
glory of God by
Mike and Dianne Stockmeier*

