

Opportunities

Sunday Worship Schedule - Beginning Sunday, September 10, worship returns to 11:00 am. - We will resume Regular Sunday schedule with Discipleship classes at 9:30 am, worship in the sanctuary at 11:00 am, and Fellowship following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Merry Bells and Choir warm up will return as well. The Enrichment program for our children will continue as many of our children "graduate" to new classrooms. Join us this fall for all of the Sunday morning activities.

Men's BBQ Dinner – The Men's Fellowship is hosting a BBQ dinner on **Saturday, September 9 from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm.** Tickets will cost **\$13 for adults** and **\$8 for children.** Tickets are currently available for purchase after Sunday worship. Sales will benefit the men's fellowship mission projects. For more information, please contact **Aaron Gilbert** at agilbert95@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Backpacks - Attention all children. As the new school year begins, we will have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" during worship on **Sunday, September 10.** Please bring your backpack (or lunchbox, diaper bag, computer bag, binder, etc.) that you carry to school each day. During the children's moment, bring your item with you to the steps and Pastor Libby will bless your bags and pray for this new school year.

Fall Discipleship Kick-Off - We have many opportunities on Sundays to study scripture, discuss theology, and enjoy fellowship. On **September 10,** we kick-off a new year of these ministries with a special event. All ages are invited to join in the **Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.** for refreshments and an overview of the programs offered – including Little Lambs Nursery, Enrichment, Youth Group, and Adult classes. Following the brief presentation, everyone will be dismissed to go visit specific classes to gather more information. Parents and children are encouraged to meet teachers and explore classrooms, especially for those children “graduating” to a new group. Our regular class schedule will begin on **Sunday, September 17.**

The Vision Team wants to hear from you! You will soon be receiving a letter and questionnaire from us and we'd love to hear your thoughts. There are three ways you can respond: on paper -- write your responses and turn them in; online -- use the link in the Friday blast to respond and submit via computer; and in person -- sign up for a listening group on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. You only need to participate once, so we invite you to find the method that works best for you. **Deadline to participate is Sunday, September 17.** See Libby with questions.

Reading Café Volunteers Invitation - You are invited to join the Providence volunteer team in the Reading Café at Fairfield Elementary School on Mondays during the school year. Each week 5 or 6 of your Providence friends (both men and women) gather to spend meaningful time with children in the library for two hours. We listen to children read, read with them and sometimes when a child needs to talk we just listen. You can volunteer as many Mondays as you'd like each month or just 2 hours a month as you are available. Please consider helping with this worthwhile mission to spend positive time with children in our neighborhood. For more information or to volunteer contact either **Frances Stefonich at 757-651-7826 frances.stefonich@cox.net** or **Dianne Stockmeier at 757-286-1462 stockm@cox.net.**

Rise Against Hunger - Our Rise Against Hunger meal packing event will be held on **Sunday, October 1,** following the worship service. We will begin the registration on **September 1.** Please mark your calendar for this new date!

Need and Hand, Lend a Hand - The Congregational Care Committee announces the Need a Hand, Lend a Hand ministry. This new ministry allows us to share our time, talents, and treasures with one another. Check out the Congregational Care bulletin board if you need a hand or can lend a hand to someone in our church family. For more information, please contact **Lee Ann Armbruster or Nancy Lindgren.**

Prayer Ministry - Providence is blessed to have a faithful group of praying folks who meet via Zoom on **Monday mornings at 8:30 am** for 40 minutes each week - We pray for our church, our pastor, our session, our paid staff and volunteers and our church family. We pray for the prayer requests submitted on Sundays and emails and phone calls that come in throughout the week. Matthew 7:7 Jesus instructs us to "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." James 4:2 admonishes us "You do not have because you do not ask God." Scripture tells us that God wants to hear our prayers, He listens and He answers. We would love for you to join us in this ministry and we would also love to hear of answers to prayers that we have lifted for you! If you have a story you would like to share, please email Connie Salter at seasaltcpa@cox.net

Today

Sunday, August 27

8:30 am - Nursery opens
9:00 am - Discipleship
9:30 am - Choir Warm Up
10:00 am - Worship with Enrichment
11:00 am - Fellowship

This Week

Wednesday, August 30

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 3

Communion Sunday

8:30 am - Nursery opens
9:00 am - Discipleship
9:30 am - Choir Warm Up
10:00 am - Worship with Enrichment
11:00 am - Fellowship

Weekly Joys and Concerns

We lift up in prayer this week

Within our church family

Richard Hickman - Hoy Center
Deanne Shuman - healing after surgery
Sandra VanDercook - healing after surgery

Safety for all who travel on summer adventures
Students, teachers, and parents preparing for a new school year
Prayers for a safe and prosperous school year
The ongoing work of our vision team

We Celebrate

The gifts of our summer soloists and musicians enhancing worship

Our community and our world

International Missionaries
Nations at war
Our military, especially those currently deployed
Wildfires in Maui
Those impacted by Hurricane Hilary

Thank you for the cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, and prayers during my surgery and recovery. You will never know how much it has meant to me, knowing you were thinking of me. Providence has been my church home for a long time and during all this time you have remained a truly real and caring family to me.

*Thank you.
Sandy VanDercook*



*The flowers that grace our
sanctuary today are given to the
glory of God by
West Whetstone
in memory of
his loving father,
James Whetstone.*



To add a prayer concern, please email the church office at Office@provpres.org or the Pastor at pastor@porvpres.org. Submissions must be received by Wednesday noon to be included for Sunday. In order to respect confidentiality, all requests should be self-made.