

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.**

Youth Group Pool Party - PPC youth group will resume with a kick-off Pool Party! All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us for some splashing and a cookout at the Schroeder home on **Sunday, September 10 from 4pm -7pm.** Please bring your swimsuit, a towel, and a side dish to share. RSVP to **Ashley Schroeder** ashdogger@me.com or **757-270-4476** by **September 6** so we can be sure to have enough food.

Women's Circles and Bible Study – The Women's Circles will begin their meeting in the second week of September. **Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 10:00 am.** and **Mary & Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 13 at 10:00 am.** Books for both will be available for purchase on Sunday, September 3 and 10 and cost \$10:00 each. **Please see Jane Pritchett.** The Women's Bible Study will have their meeting on **Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 pm.** For more information, please email ppw@provpres.org or see details on our church website at <http://www.provpres.org/ministries/presbyterian-women/providence-presbyterian-women-activities.html>.

Providence Men's Fellowship Dinner – In September we will return to our regular meetings. Mark your calendars as this year once again we will meet on **the Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm.** We start with **Dinner at Providence on Thursday, September 14.** Pollard's Chicken will cater. Bring a friend! A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board at church or contact **Aaron Gilbert** at agilbert95@gmail.com or **757-763-9802.**

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.

Rise Against Hunger - Rise against hunger – On October 1 our congregation will participate in a meal packaging event in conjunction with Rise Against Hunger Inc., a group whose mission is growing a global movement to end world hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. This event is designed to allow participation by everyone age 4 and over. We will turn the fellowship hall into our production area for a few hours and the end result will be 10,000 dehydrated, shelf-stable meals that will be transported by rise Against Hunger to identified areas of food insecurity throughout the world. Sign-up and register online, by QR code, or by using the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall. You must submit a waiver online or return it to the church office. Everyone can help. There are sitting and standing jobs. You can choose what you want to do as there is a need for people to help. There are sitting and standing jobs. You can choose what you want to do as there is a need for people to help unload the truck, setup the fellowship hall, fill, seal and track the food bags, reload the bags on the truck and cleanup the fellowship hall. We will also need runners to move the bags from one station to another. We need everyone to participate. For more information, please contact Frances at frances.stefonich@cox.net or got to events.riseagainsthunger.org/ **providencepres2023**

Today

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

This Week

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

Church office closed

Tuesday, September 5

7:00 - Bells of providence

Wednesday, September 6

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 7

10:00 am - Nomination committee

Sunday, September 10

8:30 am - Nursery opens

9:30 am - Discipleship

10:00 am - CL Fall Kick-Off

10:30 am - Choir Warm Up

11:00 am - Worship

11:25 am - Enrichment

12:00 pm - Fellowship



*The flowers that grace our
sanctuary today are given to the
glory of God by
Susan Grosland*



Need a 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

Beach Bags – School has started and our shelves are empty. Please help us support the Beach Bag Program at Fairfield Elementary which provides shelf-stable meals and healthy snacks to students who might otherwise go hungry during the weekend and school breaks. Collection boxes are in the narthex and foyer all year round along with a list of items needed. The following items are in most need: shelf-stable milk, individual canned or boxed meals, individual fruit cups, individual 100% fruit juice cartons, individual cereal packs, or monetary donations. For more information, please contact frances.Stefonich@cox.net.

Church Library – The new discipleship classes are starting in fall. Our library has many reference books available for extra reading and bible study. On a cool fall day, relax with a book from our christian fiction collection. Parents! Take time to bring your kids to check out books from our children's corner. The library is open on Sundays before and after worship.

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

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 and Idalia

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