

Opportunities

Sunday Worship Schedule - Today, 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks - Attention all children. As the new school year begins, we will have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" **during worship today.** 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.

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 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@ymail.com or **757-763-9802.**

The Vision Team wants to hear from you! You have received 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.

Family Fusion - Sunday, September 17 you are invited to join us in the **Parlor at 12:15pm.** 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 & Rick Moore at karenmoore16@aol.com.

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. 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 unload the truck, set up the fellowship hall, fill, seal and track the food bags, reload the bags on the truck and clean up the fellowship hall. We will also need runners to move the bags from one station to another. For more information, please contact Frances at frances.stefonich@cox.net or go to: events.riseagainsthunger.org/providencepres2023

Youth and Parents - We are planning a confirmation class to be held after Christmas for anyone 8th grade or older. If you or your child would like to learn more about this process or explore this possibility, please join us for lunch and information on **Sunday, October 22,** in the parlor following worship. Sign up on the bulletin board or through the church office. For any questions, please see Libby.

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

Today

Sunday, September 10

- 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
- 4:00 pm - Youth Pool Party

This Week

Monday, September 11

- 7:00 pm - Session

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 14

- 6:00 pm - PW Bible Study
- 6:00 pm - Men's Dinner at Providence

Sunday, September 17

- 9:00 am - Merry Bells
- 9:30 am - Discipleship
- 10:30 am - Choir Warm Up
- 11:00 am - Worship
- 11:15 am - Enrichment
- 12:00 pm - Fellowship
- 12:15 pm - Family Fusion
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group

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

Mike Polychroni

Prayers for a safe and prosperous school year
The ongoing work of our vision team

We Celebrate

The kick-off of our church year
Our Reading Cafe volunteers
The fellowship of the Men and Women of Providence

Our community and our world

International Missionaries
Nations at war
Our military, especially those currently deployed
Those impacted by Hurricane Idalia