

Fun · Fellowship · Service · Enrichment
Opportunities

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 today.** See Libby with questions.

Family Fusion - You are invited to join us **today** 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.

Massanetta Springs Special Offering - Beginning in September and over the next few months, we will be collecting a special offering for Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA. Throughout the years, many of our members have attended conferences there for youth, men, women, and musicians, and many hold dear memories of time spent there. Massanetta is building a new, modern lodge to house guests and update their facilities. All money collected for this offering will go to support their ongoing capital campaign. If you would like to contribute, please clearly mark your gift for Massanetta offering.

Special Offering - MOE is sponsoring a Special Offering to support Hawaii in the aftermath of the devastating wildfires. All monies collected will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support the recovery work they are doing in Hawaii. Please clearly mark your check "PDA - Hawaii." Bring your offering to worship or mail to Providence Presbyterian Church, 5497 Providence Road, VB 23464. The Special Offering will be collected **today and September 24**.

Youth Group - PPC youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us for some fun and fellowship **Sunday, September 17** from **5 pm -7 pm** in the fellowship hall. Please bring dinner if you like and leave cell phones/devices at home. Contact **Ashley Schroeder** 757-270-4476 ashdogger@me.com for questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - **Tuesday, September 19, 1:00pm - 3:00 pm in the Parlor!** Bring your current project to work on while we visit. If you want to learn or just refresh your knitting or crocheting skills, please come and we will help you. Call **Deanne Shuman** if you are interested or have questions (757) 373-0927.

Elder Nominations Class of 2027 - The Nominating Committee seeks your input. As they work to put together a slate of Elders for the Class of 2027, they invite your suggestions. If you would like to suggest someone to be considered for Elder, please use the form available in the narthex. You DO NOT need to ask the person, simply submit their name. The Nominating Committee will consider all suggestions and proceed from there. **The deadline is September 24, 2023.**

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

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received October 1. The offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. Individual congregations keep 25% for local programs. The remaining is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to enable the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Make checks payable to Providence with a notation for "Peace Offering." Envelopes for this purpose are in your box of envelopes. Bring your offering to worship or mail to Providence Presbyterian Church, 5497 Providence Road, VB 23464 or send using your bank's bill pay feature, marking the check for "Peace Offering."

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.

Workcamp 2024 - It's that time to register for Workcamp 2024. We are scheduled to go to **Frederick, MD June16-22 2024**. If you or someone you know is interested in going, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall prior to **October 22, 2023**. There will be a meeting for those interested in going in the coming weeks. Any questions please contact **Kevin Daley** (757) 572-3977 or email kdaley7203@cox.net.

Today

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

This Week

Tuesday, September 19

- 1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

Wednesday, September 20

- 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 21

- 6:30 pm - Care Team meeting

Sunday, September 24

- 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
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group

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
Mike Polychroni
The ongoing work of our vision team

We Celebrate

The birth of Elizabeth Susan McMahan on September 5, proud parents Micah and Jeanette, and proud grandpa Tom
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
Those impacted by the earthquake in Morocco

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary
today,
are given to the glory of God by
Carolyn Knowles
in memory of
Gary Knowles on his birthday.*