

# Opportunities

**Youth Group** - PPC youth grades 6-12 are invited to share some fun and fellowship at PPC Youth Group today from 5 pm - 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring dinner if you like and leave cell phones/devices off or at home. Contact **Ashley Schroeder 757-270-4476** or [ashdogger@Me.com](mailto:ashdogger@Me.com) for questions.

**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**.

**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 today.**

**Stewardship Season is here!** - This October, we pause to take stock of all the wondrous blessings we have in life and the one true source of all we have been given, God. The theme for this year is Giving Our Gifts – Time, Talent, and Treasure. Two pledge cards have been mailed to you, one for Time and Talent, and the other for financials. Please consider the many ways you can contribute your time and talents, and your treasures. Your pledge cards can be mailed/returned to the church, dropped in the offering plate, or dedicated to God on Sunday, October 22. We acknowledge that God is the source of all our blessings. We respond with joy and thanksgiving by giving back a portion of all that we have been given.

**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](mailto:frances.stefonich@cox.net) or got to: [events.riseagainsthunger.org/providencepres2023](https://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, June 16-22 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](mailto:kdaley7203@cox.net).

**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**.

# Today

## 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

# This Week

## Tuesday, September 26

- 7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

## Wednesday, September 27

- 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

## Sunday, October 1

- Communion Sunday
- Peace and Global Witness Offering
- 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
- 12:30 pm - Rise Against Hunger
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group

**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](mailto:seasaltcpa@cox.net)

**gotsneakers? 2024** - PPC Youth Group invites the congregation to donate used sneakers in the boxes in the narthex and back foyer for recycling and fundraising. Go to "[gotsneakers.com](http://gotsneakers.com)" or ask a youth for more info!

**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. 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](mailto:frances.Stefonich@cox.net).

*The Vision Team wants to say THANK YOU to all who took the time to respond to our questions! Your answers were reflective, meaningful, and contained great ideas. Based on the information you shared, we are now working to pull everything together and set some future goals. In the coming weeks we'll share our final report and a full list of everyone's responses with you. You'll be hearing more from us soon.*

### Weekly Joys and Concerns

*We lift up in prayer this week*

### Within our church family

The Family of Marion Samuels  
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 congregational response to our vision team questionnaire

### 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  
West Whetstone*