

# Opportunities

**PPC Youth Group** - The PPC youth invite the congregation to stop by and enjoy the December bulletin board we made for the preschool! The youth group will enjoy the Botanical Gardens Lights this week on Sunday evening! For this special event we will meet at 4:30 pm at the church. If you are a youth in grades 6-12 and you did NOT RSVP but would like to attend please contact **Ashley Schroeder at 757-270-4476** ASAP to see if we can get more tickets.

**Advent Devotional** - The Christian Life Committee is providing you with a special daily devotional to use throughout the season of Advent to help make this season special for you and your family. The booklet, titled *Apocalyptic Advent: Embracing Hope in the Second Coming of Christ*, is written by Teri McDowell Ott and published by the Presbyterian Outlook. Each day includes a scripture reading, a short devotional, questions to reflect on, and a prayer. Readings **begin Sunday, December 3** and run **through Christmas Day**. Use the link in our weekly newsletter to access the online version or look for a printed copy in the Narthex. As we await the coming of Christ during this season of expectation, let us have hope and spend a few moments each day in prayer.

**Joy-Filled Sunday - Today starting at 11 am.** Providence Presbyterian presents a day to celebrate Advent, a time of welcoming the Christ child into our hearts and homes! We will have a Service of Lessons and Carols at 11 am (no enrichment) with special music performed by our Chancel Choir and Providence Kids. Following worship, we will have an Advent Workshop and Luncheon in the fellowship hall from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm with crafts and activities for children and adults. We will end the event with a music program featuring Bells of Providence, Merry Bells, Providence Kids, and a Christmas Carol sing-along. For further information, please contact **Connie Salter at 757-288-2072 or Sue Crosland at 757-646-4735**

**Men's fellowship dinner** - Join us on **Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 pm**. We will meet at **Chick's Oyster Bar**, located at 2143 Vista Circle, Virginia Beach, VA. Bring a friend! A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board or contact **Aaron Gilbert at agilbert95@ymail.com or 757-763-9802**.

**Women's Pot Luck Dinner at Providence - On December, 14 at 6:00 pm**, The Women of Providence will be holding a pot luck dinner in the Parlor. Please Bring a dish to share. For more information, please contact **ppw@provpres.org**.

**Giving Tree** - Providence is providing gifts for needy children. To participate, look for the "Giving Tree" in the narthex and take a tag with instructions on how to donate a personalized gift. Wrapped gifts with the tag attached need to be placed under the tree by **December 17**.

**Christmas Food Baskets** - Providence will provide turkey dinners to 10 families and 5 senior citizens at Christmas. Slips of paper listing the food items needed are in baskets in the narthex and fellowship hall. Draw as many slips as you can and bring the food to church weekdays between 9am-2pm or to worship and place in boxes in the foyer. **All food needs to be brought by Sunday, December, 17**. Here's how you can help if you are not able to pick up slips: Make a donation of \$15, \$20 or more and we will purchase needed items. Make checks payable to Providence with a notation for "Baskets". Bring to worship; mail to church, or send using your bank's bill pay feature, marking the check for "Baskets." For more information call **Karen, 757-803-7150**.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - will **NOT** meet in the month of December. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 16, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**. We have a goodly number of shawls right now so enjoy the break. Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones! Deanne Shuman

**2024 Youth Conferences** – We have two exciting opportunities for Providence youth to attend! The **Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference** for rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is located in Harrisburg, VA. The potential dates include July 11-14 or July 16-19. The **Montreat Youth Conference** is located in Montreat, NC and holds a yearly summer conference for rising 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. The potential dates include July 7-13 or July 14-20. We would love to send our youth. For a little more detail, see our promotion in the weekly newsletter. Please let us know of your interest and we will determine the dates that work best and seek chaperones as needed. If your child is interested, please let **Connie Salter** know by **March 1** at **757-288-2072 or seasaltcpa@cox.net**

**Massanetta Springs Special Offering** - 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.

**Adult Mission Trip** - There will be a meeting on **Sunday, January 21 at 12:15 pm in the media room** for anyone interested in an Adult Mission Trip. This meeting is just for information purposes only, as currently there are no trips planned. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact **Kevin Daley at 757-572-3977** or email **kdaley7203@cox.net**.

# Today

## Sunday, December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - Merry Bells

9:30 am - Discipleship

10:30 am - Choir Warm Up

11:00 am - Worship with Christmas music

12:00 pm - Joy-filled Sunday: Advent  
Workshop

1:30 pm - Christmas music with Children,  
Handbells, and Carol sing-along

4:30 pm - Youth Group Botanical Gardens

## This Week

### Monday, December 11

7:00 pm - Session Meeting

### Tuesday, December 12

9:00 am - PRD Mission Gathering

10:00 am - Dorcas Circle

7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

### Wednesday, December 13

10:00 am - Mary & Martha Circle

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, December 14

6:00 pm - PW Bible Study

6:00 pm - Men's Dinner Out

6:00 pm - Women's Pot Luck dinner

### Sunday, December 17

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30 am - Discipleship

10:30 am - Choir Warm Up

11:00 am - Worship

11:00 am - Enrichment

12:00 pm - Fellowship

12:15 pm - PWCT meeting

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**.

**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. Last year we collected 235 pairs. This year we are up to **80** pairs so please keep them coming! Please do NOT put shoes in the bin which are not sneakers. We cannot recycle them." Go to "**gotsneakers.com**" or ask a youth for more info!

**Job Opportunity (Little Lambs)** - Providence is seeking a part-time Little Lambs Nursery and Preschool Assistant to work under the supervision of the Little Lambs Supervisor to ensure a secure, nurturing environment in the nursery and preschool where each child will hear and feel the love of Jesus Christ. As part of a team of 3, you will work Sunday mornings 9:30am to 12:30 pm. For further information about specific qualifications, job responsibilities, or to request a position description and/or an employment application contact **Dianne Stockmeier**, at **stockm@cox.net** or **757-547-0091** and leave a message with a preferred return number.

### Weekly Joys and Concerns

*We lift up in prayer this week*

### Within our church family

The Dixon family, on the passing of John's father

Richard Hickman

Sandra Rushton

Our homebound and elderly members

### We celebrate

The joyful music shared today

The fellowship of the Advent Workshop

### Our community and our world

For peace and resolution in Israel and Palestine

International Missionaries

Nations at war

Our servicemen and women, at home and abroad



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