

# Opportunities

**PPC Youth Group** - All youth grades 6-12 are invited to some fun and fellowship today from 5 pm -7 pm in the fellowship hall for our last youth group gathering of the year. Please bring dinner if you like and remember to leave phones/devices at home (or at least OFF!). We will help Karen Cagni pack the Christmas baskets for the families we are helping this year and share some holiday fun! For more information, please contact **Ashley Schroeder at 757-270-4476**.

**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 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.

**Giving Tree** - Wrapped gifts with the tag attached need to be placed under the tree by after worship today.

**Christmas Food Baskets** - **All food needs to be brought to the church by the end of today**. For more information call **Karen, 757-803-7150**.

**Christmas Eve Service** - **on Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 pm** Providence will host a family service with a children's pageant, communion, and candle lighting, with carols and special music by the Chancel choir and Bells of Providence.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** - are now available in the narthex. Please pick yours up following worship.

**Chili Cook-Off** - **Sunday, January 14 following worship**. Sample homemade chili and hear a final report from our Vision Team.

**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**.

**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.

# Today

## **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

## This Week

## **Wednesday, December 20**

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

## **Sunday, December 24**

*4th Sunday of Advent*

*Christmas Eve*

- 10:30 am - Choir Warm Up
- 11:00 am - Worship
- 11:00 am - Enrichment
- 12:00 pm - Fellowship
- 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service

### **Weekly Joys and Concerns**

*We lift up in prayer this week*

### **Within our church family**

The Gilbert family, on the passing of Pam Conde  
The Dixon family, on the passing of John's father  
Richard Hickman  
Our homebound and elderly members

### **We celebrate**

All who teach and lead our children and youth

### **Our community and our world**

Neighborhoods in Tennessee affected by tornadoes  
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.*