

# Opportunities

**Called Congregational Meeting** - A Congregational Meeting will be held **today**, immediately following worship to hear and act on the report and recommendations of the Pastor Nomination Committee. Please plan to attend.

**PPC Youth** - All youth grades 6-12 are invited to PPC Youth Group! We will gather at the church **today**, in **Room 202** from **5 pm - 7 pm** for some fun and fellowship. You should bring dinner if you'd like and leave cell phones at home (or at least off!). For more information please contact **Ashley** at [ashdogger@me.com](mailto:ashdogger@me.com)

**Grief Support Group** - The Grief Support Group meets at **9:30 am in room 100** on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of each month. The group is open to anyone who is experiencing difficulty with a loss, whether recent or many years ago. Come find that you are not alone and share the sadness of your loss, the joy of your memories, and the hope for a future enriched by those who have passed on before us.

**Hymn Festival at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church** - You are invited! Bells of Providence and our Chancel Choir will be joining the musicians at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church for a Hymn Festival featuring the music of John Behnke. This event is part of GBPC's 60th anniversary celebration. It will be held **today at 4:00 pm, at Great Bridge Presbyterian Church**, 333 Cedar Road, Chesapeake. More details may be found in the Friday e-newsletter, and for questions, please contact Valetta at [music@provpres.org](mailto:music@provpres.org).

**T-shirts for Rise** - Congregational Care and Mission Outreach Evangelism Committee are teaming up to sell Providence Presbyterian t-shirts to our congregation in time for the October 6 Rise Against Hunger event. Shirts will be on sale following worship on September 22 and 29 and are available in toddler, youth and adult sizes. All proceeds will go toward the 2025 Work Camp fund for our youth. To promote unity within our church family, our goal is to have folks wear one of these shirts as we pack food items together for Rise.

**Women's Dinner Out** - The women at Providence are invited to join us for dinner out on **Monday, September 23 at 6:00 pm**. We will meet at **YNot Pizza**, located at 1036 Volvo Pkwy #7, Chesapeake, VA 23320. If you wish to attend, please RSVP online or sign up on the sheet at church. For more information, please contact [PPW@provpres.org](mailto:PPW@provpres.org).

**Elder Nominations Class of 2028** - The Nominating Committee seeks your input. As they work to put together a slate of Elders for the Class of 2028, 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 Sunday, September 29, 2024.**

**PPC Youth Car Wash** - Come out and support Providence Youth as they are conducting a **Car Wash on Saturday, October 5 from 9 am - 12 pm**. All donations will go toward their Work Camp 2025. For more information, contact **Ashley** at [ashdogger@me.com](mailto:ashdogger@me.com).

**Rise Against Hunger - On Sunday, October 6** our congregation will participate in a meal packaging event in conjunction with Rise Against Hunger Inc. 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 shelf-stable meals that will be transported by Rise Against Hunger to identified areas of food insecurity through the world. Sign up and register online by QR code, or by using the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at church. You must submit a waiver online, or return it to the church office. Everyone can help. There are sitting and standing jobs. You may choose what you want to do as there is a list of different positions to be fulfilled. For more information, please contact **Ashley Schroeder** at [ashdogger@icloud.com](mailto:ashdogger@icloud.com).

**Beach Bags** - Please help us support the Beach Bags 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 that 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** at [frances.stefonich@cox.net](mailto:frances.stefonich@cox.net).

**Little Lambs Ministry** - Calling all loving, caring adults! Our Little Lambs Ministry needs you! We have two rooms for our youngest disciples; a Little Lambs Nursery for birth to 2 years old, and a Little Lambs Preschool for ages 3 years and up to kindergarten. We have a paid staff member in each room on Sunday mornings. We need you to help with crowd control, love on and hug the child missing mommy or daddy, help a preschooler to the restroom, pass out leaflets for the Bible lesson and just be present as a second adult in the room. Our childcare policy does require a confidential background check every 3 years, but that is the only requirement keeping you from being blessed while hanging out with our adorable young disciples. We hope to have enough volunteers so that you would only miss the worship service once every 6-8 weeks! Don't delay! Reach out to Connie Salter TODAY! 757-288-2072 or [seasaltcpa@cox.net](mailto:seasaltcpa@cox.net).

## Today

### Sunday September 22

9:30 am - Discipleship class  
10:30 am - Choir Warm Up  
11:00 am - Worship  
11:15 am - Enrichment  
12:00 pm - Congregational Meeting  
12:00 pm - Fellowship  
4:00 pm - Hymn Fest at GBPC  
5:00 pm - Youth Group

## This Week

### Monday, September 23

6:00 pm - PW Dinner Out

### Tuesday, September 17

7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

### Wednesday, September 18

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

### Sunday September 29

9:00 am - MerryBells  
9:30 am - Discipleship class  
10:30 am - Choir Warm Up  
11:00 am - Worship  
11:15 am - Enrichment  
12:00 pm - Fellowship  
4:00 pm - Youth Bells  
5:00 pm - Youth Group

**Preschool Bibles Special Offering** - Thanks to the generosity of our Providence family last year, we were able to purchase 67 Bibles for all children in our preschool. This school year, our Providence session has once again approved a special offering to purchase Bibles for any new students to Providence Preschool. The children will receive their bibles at the beginning of this school year. We are thankful for this opportunity to support our preschool and community. Please consider donating to this very special offering. Donations should be marked as "Special Preschool Bible Offering" and can be placed in the offering plates. Please contact **Sue Crosland** [suecrosland2940@outlook.com](mailto:suecrosland2940@outlook.com) for any questions.

**Gotsneakers** -The PPC youth invite the congregation to place any used sneakers in the bins in the narthex and back foyer for recycling - we will package and sent them to "[gotsneakers.com](http://gotsneakers.com)" who pays us for them and re-sells or recycles them to reduce landfill waste. Proceeds go to the Work Camp fund. Last year we collected 233 pairs! PLEASE SNEAKERS ONLY - we cannot send other types of shoes. Thank you!

**The Men's Fellowship group** - is restarting their **Men's Transportation Ministry**. If you would like a ride to/from church on any Sunday to attend worship services, please contact **Aaron Gilbert** at (757) 763-9802 or [agilbert95@ymail.com](mailto:agilbert95@ymail.com).

**2024-2025 Sanctuary Flowers orders** - Please help us fill our flowers calendar located on the sign-up board outside the fellowship hall. Use one envelope per order, include your payment of \$40, and put the envelope in the offering plate. After service, the congregational care committee repurposes the flowers and distributes them to those in the our church family to brighten their day!

### Weekly joys and concerns

*We lift up in prayer this week*

### Within our church family

Our Preschool Director, Brooke Vellines

Our homebound and elderly members

Our Pastor Nominating Committee and the work they are doing

Members include: Julie Bauman, Nick Bolton, Michelle Clatterbuck, Sue Crosland, Jonathan Hyslop, Karen Moore, Glynn Rogers, Ken Wheeler

### We celebrate

The beginning of a new church year

### Our community and our world

For all those in the path of the recent storms

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.*

*To send a private message to our current pastors you may use the following addresses.*

*For Rev. Linda Rainey - [PastorLinda@provpres.org](mailto:PastorLinda@provpres.org)*

*For Pastor Melinda Stroyeck - [PastorMelinda@provpres.org](mailto:PastorMelinda@provpres.org)*