

# Opportunities

**Providence Celebrates Linda and Melinda!** - Please join us today for cake and celebration, following the worship service, to celebrate, thank and honor our bridge pastors, Linda Rainey and Melinda Stroyeck on their last Sunday with our Providence Family. They have both been a blessing to our congregation during this time of transition, and we are excited to celebrate their time with us.

**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 today.**

**Youth Handbells** - We are starting up a new Youth Handbell choir! This group will meet at **4:00 pm on Sundays**, right before the 5:00 Youth Group time, beginning **today**. We will not meet on the Sundays when Youth Group does not meet. If you have any questions, contact Valetta at [music@provpres.org](mailto:music@provpres.org)

**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.

**T-shirts for Rise** - Congregational Care Committee and Mission Outreach Evangelism Committee are teaming up to sell Providence Presbyterian t-shirts in time for the October 6 Rise Against Hunger event. Shirts will be on sale following worship on **September 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 to church on Oct. 6 and then pack food items together for Rise immediately following worship.

**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).

**The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received October 6.** 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."

**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).

**Premiere of new music by John Dixon** - The choir of Christ & St. Luke's Episcopal Church (560 W. Olney Road, Norfolk 23507) will premiere John's evening service, including the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, preces and responses, at evensong on Sunday, October 6th at 5:30pm. John sang evensong every Sunday as a choirboy in England - more than five decades ago - and has always wanted to make a setting of these timeless texts. Now his music will come to life in a soaring space, sung by a magnificent choir trained in the tradition of Anglican church music. Michael Cohen will join John to play prelude music for oboe and piano, so be sure to be seated in this glorious sanctuary by 5:15pm.

**Providence Men's Dinner** - Please join us on **Thursday, October 10** for our Men's Dinner at Providence. We will meet at **6:00 pm in fellowship hall**. This fall we will be delving into a six-part study series. Bring a friend and sign up on the bulletin board at church. For more information, please contact **Aaron** at [agilbert95@gmail.com](mailto:agilbert95@gmail.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).

## Today

### 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

## This Week

### Tuesday, October 1

7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

### Wednesday, October 2

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

### Saturday, October 5

9:00 pm - Youth Car Wash

### Sunday, October 6

*Communion Sunday*

*Peace and Global Witness Offering*

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**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).

**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. The books cost \$10 each. 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 send them to "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@gmail.com](mailto:agilbert95@gmail.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

Thankful for our bridge pastors, Linda Rainey and Melinda Stroyeck

### Within our church family

Our Preschool Director, Brooke Vellines

Our homebound and elderly members

Our Pastor Nominating Committee and the work they have done.

### 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.*

**[Pastor@provpres.org](mailto:Pastor@provpres.org)**