

# Opportunities

**Providence Welcomes Fall and Our New Pastor Joel** - Join us for a fall Soup and Rolls Luncheon to welcome our new Pastor Joel Phillips and his family, on **Sunday, October 27**, following worship in the fellowship hall. Please sign up, using the link online or the sheet on the bulletin board, to bring your favorite fall soup and/or dessert! Rolls and drinks will be provided. Please contact **Sue Crosland, 757-646-4735**, for any questions. Also, please make sure to wear your name tags in the next several weeks. If you need a new one, please contact Kristen in the church office.

**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 20**. 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.

**Special offering for Presbyterian Disaster ASSISTANCE (PDA) to be received today** - Helene made landfall in Florida late evening on September 26 as a very dangerous category 4 hurricane. The impact of Helene has been felt across multiple states. With the storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities that are affected. Helene caused devastating damage in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Your generous gifts will bring hope and encouragement. Please see our post in our weekly newsletter to see how you can help!

**Family Fusion - today** you are invited to join us in the **Parlor at 12:00pm**. We believe when families make time for faith, fellowship, and fun, everything changes! Life becomes less stressful, relationships grow, and Christ's community strengthens. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church. For more information, please contact **Karen and Rick Moore** at [karenmoore16@aol.com](mailto:karenmoore16@aol.com).

**Children's Chime Choir** - We will be starting up a Children's Chime Choir beginning **Sunday, October 20**. This will be for our younger kids and will meet on **Sundays at 4:00 pm in the Choir Room**, at the same time the older youth meet in the Handbell Room for Youth Bells. The children will ring hand chimes, which are rung similarly to handbells, but are much lighter and easier to handle for young children. We'll also use the Orff mallet instruments and various hand percussion instruments to create accompaniments for songs the children sing, as well as instruments-only music. Sue Crosland and Stacy Johnson will be working with Valetta to prepare fun music activities for the children and will lead the group. Both Sue and Stacy have years of experience in ringing and working with children. Contact **Valetta** at [music@provpres.org](mailto:music@provpres.org) with any questions.

**Youth Handbells** - We have started up a new Youth Handbell choir! This group will meet at **4:00 pm on Sundays**, right before the 5:00 Youth Group time, **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)

**Courtyard Graces** – Come join us for some Fall clean up and bulb planting in the courtyard. We will meet up on **Thursday, October 17 starting at 10:00 am**. If you wish or are willing to help, please contact Jane Pritchett at [gloriajpritchett@yahoo.com](mailto:gloriajpritchett@yahoo.com).

**PPW Potluck and Bunco** - On **Monday, October 21** you are invited to join us for an evening of food and fun at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Please sign up to bring a dish, and we will provide water, lemonade and prizes. We will share a nice meal together and then have a fun evening of playing Bunco. For more information, please email [ppw@provpres.org](mailto:ppw@provpres.org).

**Feed Seymour Candy!** You can help Providence Preschool by feeding Seymour the monster candy! All candy donated will be used at the preschool annual Trunk or Treat on **Friday, October 25**. The collection box is located in the preschool.

**Providence Preschool Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 25 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm!** Come join this fun-filled event where family and friends gather and park their cars in the preschool parking lot, open their trunks or tailgates, decorate them, and pass out candy. This event is for children 12 years old and younger. NO GORE! Keep decorations kid

## Today

### Sunday, October 13

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 - Family Fusion  
4:00 pm - Youth Bells  
5:00 pm - Youth Group

## This Week

### Monday, October 14

**Columbus Day**

**Church Office Closed**

### Tuesday, October 15

1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

### Wednesday, October 16

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 17

10:00 am - Courtyard Graces  
6:30 pm - Care Team

### Sunday, October 20

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 - Elder Nominating Committee meeting  
4:00 pm - Children's Chime Choir  
4:00 pm - Youth Bells  
5:00 pm - Youth Group



*The flowers that grace our sanctuary today  
are given to the glory of God  
by Carol and Paul Hickman  
in celebration of their wedding anniversary*



friendly. If you are interested in participating and decorating your trunk, the parking lot opens at 4:00 pm or contact **Brooke Vellines at preschool@provpres.org.**

**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.**

**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.

**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 resells 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!

*Thank you - The PPC youth would like to thank the congregation members who were able to attend the car wash last Saturday to help us raise money for 2025 Work Camp. We hope you enjoyed having a clean car this week!*

*The Mission, Outreach, and Evangelism committee would like to extend a GIANT thank you to all who participated in the Rise Against Hunger Sunday, October 6 and for all who helped organize/set up/clean up to make it a successful event. We will be sure to let you know where the 10,155 meals we packed go once they are sent!*

#### 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 have done.

#### We celebrate

Pastor Joel Phillips and his family joining our Providence family  
A successful Rise Against Hunger event

#### Our community and our world

For all those negatively impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton  
For peace and resolution in the Middle East  
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 or the Pastor at 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 pastor you may use the following addresses.*

**Pastor@provpres.org**