

# 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 **today**. 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.

**Children's Chime Choir** - We are starting up a Children's Chime Choir **today**. 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** with any questions.

**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**. We will do the **Mt. Pleasant Farms corn maze/farm trip on October 27** (weather permitting). We will leave the church by 3 pm and will return at 5:30 pm. Permission slips will be distributed and a firm RSVP is needed by Wednesday, October 23 for wristband purchase.

**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**.

**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 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**.

**Youth Weekly Bible Study** - All youth grades 6-12, are invited to a weekly Bible study each Sunday, led by Pastor Joel, beginning **November 3, 2024**. This weekly Bible study will be held in the Media Room from **9:30 am - 10:30 am**. Please bring your Bible each week. If you do not have a Bible at home, the church will provide one for you.

**Elementary Students Weekly Bible Study** - All students in grades K-5, also are invited to a weekly Bible study each Sunday, led by Jennifer Parker, beginning **November 3, 2024**. This weekly Bible study will be held in the Grade K-2 Enrichment Room from **9:30 am-10:30 am**. These lessons will be different from the lessons taught during Enrichment Time. **Please know that our weekly Enrichment classes will still meet as usual during the worship service.** We are excited to offer these opportunities for spiritual growth to our children and youth! Please contact **Sue Crosland, 757-646-4735** for questions.

**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**.

## Today

### 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

## This Week

### Monday, October 21

5:30 pm - Potluck and Bunco

### Tuesday, October 22

7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

### Wednesday, October 23

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

### Friday, October 25

4:30 pm - Preschool Trunk or Treat

### Sunday, October 27

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 - Soup and Rolls Welcome luncheon  
3:00 pm - Youth Corn Maze Outing  
4:00 pm - Children's Chime Choir

**Grief Support Group** - The Grief Support Group will not meet today. Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 3** at **9:30 am in room 100.**

**Providence Men's Dinner** – Please join us on **Thursday, November 14** 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@ymail.com**

**JCOC** - On **Friday, November 15** Providence will provide meals and serve the homeless. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals for the shelter, donate food, or donate financially. If donating food or volunteering, please sign up at church or online. For more information, contact **Nick Bolton** at **nick@cardinalmessenger.com**

**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!

### 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

### 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



*The flowers that grace our sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by*

*Cecilia Daley in celebration of Kevin Daley's 70th Birthday and*

*Kelly Kaufman in celebration of her parents' Gary and Kathy Reese's 50th wedding anniversary.*



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 pastor you may use the following addresses.

**Pastor@provpres.org**