

Opportunities

Youth Weekly Bible Study - All youth grades 6-12, are invited to a weekly Bible study each Sunday, led by Pastor Joel. 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. 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.

Gifts of Joy – Please join the Mission, Outreach, and Evangelism committee in a short-fused project as we provide “Gifts of Joy” for homeless men at Union Mission this Christmas! Please consider donating a men’s manicure set, a wallet, or men’s underwear sizes M to 3XL to the boxes in the narthex or back foyer. We will pack them with a Christmas card, a bus pass, and a fast-food gift card and deliver to the Union Mission Overton Center to support their ministry. **Deadline for donations is December 8** as will decorate the bags during the advent workshop. Thank you for supporting this new opportunity!

PPC Youth Group - PPC Youth will meet today to go enjoy the Botanical Gardens Christmas lights together! Please wear a PPC t-shirt if you have one, and arrive promptly at 5 so we can take our time strolling through the display and enjoying some fellowship! Deadline for RSVP was November 24. If you missed the deadline but would still like to attend please contact Ashley Schroeder ashdogger@me.com or 757-270-4476 to see if any tickets are still available.

Heifer International - The Heifer animals are coming! Chickens, beehives, and goats, Oh my! Plus, this year, there are biogas stoves and water pumps. Of course, you may purchase shares of any item in the catalog. Our annual Heifer sale starts after worship service on **Sunday, December 8**. For more information, please contact **Sandra VanDercook** at vandercooks@gmail.com

Providence Men’s Dinner – Please join us on **Thursday, December 12** for our Men’s Dinner at Providence. We will meet at **6:00 pm** in fellowship hall. Bring a friend and sign up on the bulletin board at church. For more information, please contact **Aaron** at agilbert95@ymail.com.

Giving Tree - Providence is providing gifts for needy children. To participate, look for the “Giving Tree” in the narthex and take a tag with instructions on how to donate a personalized gift. Wrapped gifts with the tag attached need to be placed under the tree by **December 15**.

Christmas Food Baskets - Providence will provide turkey dinners to 11 families and 5 senior citizens at Christmas. Slips of paper listing the food items needed are in baskets in the narthex and fellowship hall. Draw as many slips as you can and bring the food to church weekdays between 9am-2pm or to worship and place in boxes in the foyer or narthex. **All food needs to be brought by Sunday, December, 17. Here’s how you can help if you are not able to pick up slips:** Make a donation of \$15, \$20 or more and we will purchase needed items. Make checks payable to Providence with a notation for “Baskets”. Bring to worship; mail to church, or send using your banks bill pay feature, marking the check for “Baskets.” For more information call Karen, 757-803-7150.

Joy Offering - The denominational Joy Offering will be received December 22. By giving to the Joy Offering you provide assistance to current and retired PCUSA church workers in their time of need and our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Make checks payable to Providence with an indication for “Joy Offering.” Mail your donation to Providence Presbyterian Church, 5497 Providence Road, VB 23464 or send using your bank’s bill pay feature, marking check for Joy Offering.

PW Mission Project Day – Women are invited to our Mission Project Day scheduled for **Saturday, January 25, 9 am – 2 pm**. Lunch will be provided. We will make items to be used in missions throughout the year like baby hats, blankets, prayer shawls and many other items. There are activities for every skill! Our focus this project day will be on making toiletry bags for nursing home residents. The following items are needed for the bags: combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, bath sized bars of soap, hand sanitizer, skin moisturizer, Efferdent or Polident tablets, Poligrip, Band-Aids, men’s and women’s socks, small bottles of mouthwash. We are currently collecting items for the nursing home bags. Please see items needed list on the

Today

Sunday, December 8

2nd Sunday of Advent
Joy-Filled Sunday
9:30 am - Discipleship class
9:30 am - Youth / Elementary Bible Study
10:30 am - Choir Warm Up
11:00 am - Worship with Special Music
11:15 am - Enrichment
12:00 pm - Advent Workshop
1:30 pm - Informal concept of Kids' music,
Handbell music, and a Carol Sing-along
5:00 pm - Youth Group

This Week

Monday, December 9

7:00 pm - Session Meeting

Tuesday, December 10

10:00 am - Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, December 11

10:00 am - Mary Martha Circle
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 12

6:00 pm - PW Bible Study
6:00 pm - Men's Dinner

Sunday, December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent
9:30 am - Discipleship class
9:30 am - Youth / Elementary Bible Study
10:30 am - Choir Warm Up
11:00 am - Worship
11:15 am - Enrichment
5:00 pm - Youth Group

collection box in the narthex. Register yourself and a friend online or at the church by **January 23**. For more information, please contact **PPW@provpres.org**.

Fellowship Admiral's night – The Fellowship committee invites everyone to join in the fun at an Admirals hockey game. We are planning on attending the game on **February 1 at 6:05 pm**. If you would like to attend, sign up below or on the bulletin board. Tickets will be between \$15 and \$25 depending on how many people sign up. By signing up, you are committing to purchasing a ticket. **Deadline to sign up is January 12**. For more information email **Jane at gloriajpritchett@yahoo.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**. We already have **107** pairs this year! 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

We celebrate

The second Sunday of Advent

Our community and our world

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 the sanctuary
today, are given to the glory of God by
Meredith and Gary Paynter.*



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