



Dear Friends...

Two years ago I wrote in my January newsletter note about the joy of hitting the reset button on a fractious computer. Suddenly all the incompatible programming, all the corrupted files, all the conflicting commands disappear with the stroke of a key and things revert to the way they were at a time when all was compatible and everything was getting along together within that little electronic box.

Well, it has happened again. A couple of months ago I noticed my computer was running slower. Then it began to freeze up and refuse to do anything for a few minutes. Those few minutes became longer and longer until finally the only way I could get it to do anything was to shut it down, give it a rest, and bring it back up again. It was as though I had to make it sit in time out for a while and think about its misbehavior before it would be allowed to rejoin life. I tried taking it back to those happy days of good behavior, but that only worked until the updates to the operating system, which were apparently causing the problem, began loading while I wasn't looking. It was like correcting your child's misbehavior and expecting it to remain corrected when you send him or her back to school where they learned the bad behavior in the first place. It was becoming clear that I had no choice. It was time to send the offending computer back to the day of its birth. With the stroke of a series of keys I would clear its mind and change its attitude from that of a spoiled child to the blank slate of a newborn.

Unfortunately, life doesn't come with a reset button like that. We aren't machines ... we're people. We can't go back to day before yesterday and try again as if today had never happened. One day

flows into the next and we must build on what has come before so we can make the most of tomorrow. There are two things, however, which are useful and maybe even better than having a reset button. One is the new year, the other is this God we worship.

The year 2017 is upon us. The calendar has turned over a new number, and this is a perfect time to have a look at what we need to bring into the new year with us and what we can leave behind. It really is a second chance. Nothing can be undone, but it can be learned from as we go forward.

Now read 2 Corinthians 5:17, please. Paul is talking about our ministry as Christians of fixing things that are broken and making the good things even better, and in the middle he says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" It would seem that we worship a God of many second chances ... a God to whom resetting things is a real possibility for those who will try.

Grace and peace,
Mike

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike".

*West Metro Clergy Association
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity...*

Week of Prayer of Christian Unity
January 18-25, 2017

Worship Services
6:00 - 6:30 pm

Schedule of Worship Services

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| Wednesday, January 18th | Faith Lutheran 1717 Platt Springs Rd |
| Thursday, January 19th | Providence Presbyterian 1112 Hummingbird Dr |
| Friday, January 20th | Trinity United Methodist 1132 Gunter Circle, West Columbia |
| Saturday, January 21st | Turner AME 1122 Monticello St. |
| Sunday, January 22nd | Mt. Tabor Lutheran 1000 B Avenue |
| Monday, January 23rd | Transfiguration Lutheran 1301 12 th St. |
| Tuesday, January 24th | All Saints Episcopal 1001 12th Street |
| Wednesday, January 25th | Cayce United Methodist 1600 12th Street |

Youth News

No Youth or Kids Club Meetings January 1st!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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| Jan. 8 | 10:00 am | — | 2017 Rally Day in the Fellowship Hall |
| | 5:15 pm | — | Montreat 2017 Youth Parents Meeting (all 3rd-12th grade parents encouraged to attend!) |
| Jan. 15 | 12-2 pm | — | Youth 3rd Sunday Recycle Trip and GaGa Ball Tournament |
| Jan. 22 | 5:15-6:30 pm | — | Kids Club Meeting |
| | 5:00-7:00 pm | — | Youth Meeting |
| Jan. 29 | Souper Bowl Canned Goods Fundraiser | | |
| | 5:15-6:30 pm | — | Kids Club Meeting |
| | 5:00-7:00 pm | — | Youth Meeting |

Music Notes

I want to express my gratitude to our fabulous Providence Musicians for your beautiful and inspiring music during the Advent and Christmas seasons, as well as all year long. Thank you to members of Chancel Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, Instrument Group, Youth Ringers and Singers, and Young Singers. Special thanks to Rosie Robinson for serving joyfully and faithfully as co-director of children/youth choirs, and to parents for bringing children to rehearsal. Special thanks, also, to Lois McLeod for all you do for our music ministry, for your happy energy, and for the many gifts you share with us. Thank you to all musicians for your time, talent, and dedication, and for the attention and joyful spirit you bring to our music work. Your music enhances our worship every week, and I greatly appreciate each of you.

Chancel Choir will begin 6:15 rehearsal again on Wednesday evening, January 4. Watch the bulletins and emails for plans for resuming Sunday afternoon rehearsals. We welcome new musicians at any time during the year. If you have any questions about joining our Providence music ministry, please ask me. Also, I want you to know that January 15 is the deadline for registering for the Worship and Music Conference at Montreat Conference Center (June 18 - 23). Please see me if you are interested.

I look forward to spending 2017 with you. I am blessed to be with you, and I appreciate your support of our music work here at Providence.

Happy New Year!

Donna



Happy New Year!!

Welcome to 2017 where we start the year with high expectations and hopefully cooler weather! Although the Christmas Holidays were wonderful, its good to be back in the routine of a regular week and spending time with our friends at school.

Speaking of weather, we want to remind everyone that the CDC operates on the same schedule as Lexington District 2 for all weather events. Please follow WISTV for closing and delay announcements. The CDC will also send out a text message to all families through the REMIND system concerning all schedule changes.

The 2016 Christmas programs were wonderful in every way, thanks to all the hard work from the CDC staff, teachers, and children. Around 175 people attended the 3 p.m. program and over 300 were in attendance at the 6 p.m. program.

As usual, the CDC will host a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, starting at 5:30 on February 28. Mark your calendars for a fun night of food and fellowship.

Here's to a wonderful 2017!

The PPCDC Team

Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet **on January, 15 at 12:00pm.**

Circle 1 will meet on **Tuesday, January 10** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

Circle 2 will meet on **Thursday, January 12** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 3 will meet on **Wednesday, January 18** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 4 will meet on **Monday, January 9** at 6:00 pm at the church.

Men of the Church

As a reminder to the men of Providence, **Men's Prayer breakfast** is every **Tuesday morning at 7:00 am** at Providence in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are not an early bird, you can also attend the **MOC** on the **second Monday of every month**. Our next meeting will be **January 9 at 6:30 pm.**

Chefs for the month of **January** are Joe Rawl and Mike Bragan.

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Book Bearer</i> | <i>Acolyte</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 01/01 | Avery McCree | Morgan Swygert |
| 01/08 | Maddox Ashley | Duncan Scarborough |
| 01/15 | Margo Mathis | Christopher Bragan |
| 01/22 | Caroline Cantrell | Virginia Johnson |
| 01/29 | Finn Bundrick | Julian Coles |
| 02/05 | Knox Robinson | Laken Robinson |
| 02/12 | David Lyell | Morgan Swygert |
| 02/19 | Arwyn Simmons | Jon Simmons |
| 02/26 | Colby Carter | Hunter Helms |
| 03/05 | Baker Moore | Laken Robinson |
| 03/12 | Caroline Cantrell | Christopher Bragan |
| 03/19 | Fletcher Scarborough | Duncan Scarobrough |
| 03/26 | Avery McCree | Virginia Johnson |

Nursery Schedule

The Worship Toddlers has been combined with Worship Nursery.

We could use more volunteers. Please contact Emily or the church office if you would like to help.

Please review as your dates may have changed. If you have questions about the schedule, please contact Emily Mooneyhan or call the church office at 794-6766.

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Sunday School Nursery</i> | <i>Worship Nursery & Toddlers & Worship Toddlers</i> | <i>Jr. Church</i> |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 01/01 | Kathy Hawks | Kathy Hawks | Tim Monetti |
| 01/08 | Maria Patton | Maria Patton | Emily Mooneyhan |
| 01/15 | Jessica Moore | Jessica Moore | Sheri Gordon |
| 01/22 | Karen Bundrick | Karen Bundrick | Rosie Robinson |
| 01/29 | Sandra Simpson | Sandra Simpson | Sarah Scarborough |
| 02/05 | Lauren Finnegan | Lauren Finnegan | Anne Marie Ashley |
| 02/12 | Kathy Hawks | Kathy Hawks | Dave McCree |
| 02/19 | Maria Patton | Maria Patton | Emily Mooneyhan |
| 02/26 | Jessica Moore | Jessica Moore | Tim Monetti |
| 03/05 | Karen Bundrick | Karen Bundrick | Rosie Robinson |
| 03/12 | Sandra Simpson | Sandra Simpson | Sheri Gordon |
| 03/19 | Kathy Hawks | Kathy Hawks | Sarah Scarborough |
| 03/26 | Lauren Finnegan | Lauren Finnegan | Emily Mooneyhan |

Worship Schedules

Our ushers continue to do an excellent job, and we want to express our appreciation for their dedicated service. If you would like to become part of this ministry, you may call the church office (794-6766) or contact Emily Mooneyhan. Listed below are our schedules for the next 3 months. If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements with someone on the list to substitute for you.

Elder Readers

01/01 Cathy Monetti
01/08 Jason Bundrick
01/15 Gordie Moore
01/22 Andy Simmons
01/29 Teresa Coles
02/05 Violet Hane
02/12 Anne Marie Ashely
02/19 Roy Rushing
02/26 Caralytta Hawks
03/05 Michael Scarborough
03/12 Mike Simmons
03/19 Kim Simmons
03/26 Dave McCree

Worship Directors

01/01 Anne Marie Ashley
01/08 Kim Simmons
01/15 Eddie Enfinger
01/22 Tim Hawks
01/29 Judy Clas
02/05 Nancy Pilat Renner
02/12 Jason Bundrick
02/19 Laurie White
02/26 Dottie Foreman
03/05 Kim Simmons
03/12 Lauren Finnegan
03/19 Judy Clas
03/26 Anne Marie Ashley

Usher / Communion

JANUARY 2017

Judy Clas, Dotti Forman, Kim Simmons, Anne Marie Ashley

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

01/08 Emily Mooneyhan, Tim Monetti

FEBRUARY 2017

Stoney Patton, Nancy Pilat Renner, Eddie Enfinger, George Hayes

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

02/12 Roy Rushing, Kim Simmons

02/26 Roy Rushing, Kim Simmons

MARCH 2017

Mike Simmons, Tim Hawks, Laurie White, Roy Rushing

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

03/12 Lauren Finnegan, Roy Turner

*No Special Offerings
for January*

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1 Happy New Year <i>Mary Elizabeth Mack</i> | 2 CDC and Church Office Closed | 3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Kathy Wuchenich</i> | 4 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm | 5 | 6 | 7 <i>Sarah Crouch</i> <i>Jedidiah Johnson</i> |
| 8 Communion 2017 Rally Day -- 10am Montreat Parent Meeting -- 5:15 pm <i>Caroline Cantrell</i> | 9 Men of the Church 6:30 pm Circle 4 -- 6:00 pm <i>Faye Daniel</i> | 10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am Circle 1 -- 11:00 am <i>Karan Bundrick</i> | 11 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm <i>Sheri Gordon</i> | 12 Circle 2 6:30 pm | 13 <i>Chuck Pardue</i> | 14 |
| 15 Congregational Meeting Committees & Session PW Coordinating Meeting -- 12:00 pm <i>Gail Pukl</i> | 16 <i>Elizabeth Enlow</i> <i>Steve Gordon</i> <i>Chris Wuchenich</i> | 17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am | 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Circle 3 -- 6:30 pm <i>Carol Tomlin</i> | 19 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Eric Robinson</i> | 20 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | 21 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| 22 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity | 23 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity <i>Fran Bragan</i> | 24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am | 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Chancel Choir 6:15 pm | 26 <i>Savannah Bullock</i> <i>Roy Turner</i> | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Souper Bowl Canned Goods Fundraiser <i>Douglas Carlisle</i> | 30 <i>Gordon Moore</i> | 31 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am | | | | |

Church Family Prayer Requests

We encourage you to remember them in your prayers. If you know of any sickness or concerns, please call the church office at 794-6766.

Our Members

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Don Morris | Caroline Patton | Betty White |
| Doris Simmons | Veneta Renner | Mary Wood |
| Carolyn Kay | Bucky Masters | Margaret Lankford |
| Jean Rushing | Susan Hicks | Shirley VanKley |
| Al Montgomery | Tom Wyatt | Maria Patton |
| Kathy Hawks | Faye Daniel | Frances Julian |
| Ralph Barton | Bob & Carmen Dennis- | Gail Pukl |
| Jeanette Bragan | Leigh | Dot Wilson |
| Judy & George Thrana | Graham White | Betty Jackson |

Our Family and Friends

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| Family of Jan Moore | Jaxson (<i>Roy & Jean Rushing</i>) |
| Doris Wheeler (<i>Morris</i>) | Landon Derrick (<i>Donna Martin</i>) |
| Dianne Connell | Frankie & Sonia Riley (<i>Enfinger</i>) |
| Erika Browning (<i>Woods</i>) | Megan Sease (<i>Donna Martin</i>) |
| Dan Miranda (<i>Curry</i>) | Terri Barton (<i>Barton</i>) |
| Chris | Joyce Kistler (<i>Montgomery</i>) |
| Ken Martin (<i>White</i>) | Callie Simpson (<i>Sandra Simpson</i>) |
| Rebekah James (<i>Mcleod</i>) | Chuck Curry |
| Roddy Bowman (<i>Pilat-Renner</i>) | Brian Fallaw (<i>Lindsey Fallaw,</i> <i>CDC teacher</i>) |
| Suzie Greene (<i>Morris</i>) | Elena Carter (<i>Patton</i>) |
| Tammy Campbell (<i>Culpepper</i>) | Tom Johnson (<i>Martin</i>) |
| Ed Ellis (<i>Monetti</i>) | Katie Atkinson (<i>Barton</i>) |
| Theresa Rigg (<i>Monetti</i>) | Pat Causey (<i>CDC Teacher</i>) |
| Mike Merck (<i>Wyatt</i>) | Military Service Members & Families |
| Mallory Gilbert (<i>Rawl</i>) | Eloise Sarvis (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>) |
| Edith Billingsley (<i>Billingsley</i>) | John Coles (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>) |
| Joyce Tullis (<i>Masters</i>) | |
| Avie (<i>Billingsley</i>) | |
| Don Hagy (<i>Pardue/Hicks</i>) | |
| Crystal Hawks (<i>Kathy Hawks</i>) | |
| Bob & Jane Harris (<i>Rawl</i>) | |
| Ken Akin (<i>Wyatt</i>) | |
| Janet Vehorn | |

Calling All Cell Phones

Evangelism and Mission Committee is collecting old cell phones for Sister Care. If you have any cell phones that their calling is to serve Sister Care, please bring them to church and place them in the marked box around the corner from the Narthex.

Gods Helping Hands

Thank you for responding to the needs of this ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated. The suggested items for **January are: Rice, Dry Cereal, Canned Soup, Peanut Butter, and Dry Beans.**



You may drop them by the church any time you would like or bring them with you to church on Sunday. Thanks!

Good Samaritan Clinic

The Good Samaritan Clinic is a faith-based 501(c)(3) group that provides free health care to those in need. Be alert for specific needs which will be listed from time to time in our weekly church bulletin. Prayerfully consider donating as you can. If you have questions, please call Joretta Rawl at (803) 234-7844.

Keep the Change Sunday, January 29th

That's right! Keep the change --- to retire the debt! We encourage every Providence family to set aside your pocket change daily. On the 4th Sunday of the month, **January 29th**, -"Keep the Change" Sunday -- we will collect the change we've saved. Mark your calendars, save your change and help us retire the debt.

Save Those Tabs

While you're saving labels remember to save your drink can tabs and deposit them in the container in the hallway collection area. The Ronald McDonald House, the families who stay there, and the children who are hospitalized greatly appreciate our support.

Clip The UPC Labels for Thornwell

You may have heard that Campbell's is changing the way they collect the soup labels. The only change is that you now clip the UPC code instead of the front label. Thornwell still redeems them for merchandise as they have done in the past. So please keep clipping!



Also, clip the box tops from hundreds of your favorite General Mills products! Each box top is worth \$.10 to Thornwell.



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Church Contacts

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| Mike Bragan, D. Min..... | Pastor |
| Fran Bragan, D. Min..... | Parish Associate |
| Cassie Smith..... | Secretary |
| Donna Martin | Music Director |
| Emily Mooneyhan..... | Christian Educator |
| Alice Wyatt | Clerk of Session |
| Debbie Pardue..... | Treasurer |

Child Development Center

796-0492

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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Joan Bullock..... | Director |
| Sharon Enlow..... | Assistant Director |
| Jason Bundrick..... | Assistant Director |
| Kyle McCree..... | CDC Administrative Assistant |

Active Elders

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|---------------------------|------|
| Jason Bundrick..... | 2017 |
| Eddie Enfinger | 2017 |
| Tim Hawks | 2017 |
| Joretta Rawl..... | 2017 |
| Judy Clas..... | 2018 |
| Dotti Foreman | 2018 |
| Roy Rushing..... | 2018 |
| Michael Scarborough | 2018 |
| Anne Marie Ashley | 2019 |
| Gordie Moore..... | 2019 |
| Nancy Pilat Renner | 2019 |
| Kim Simmons..... | 2019 |

Program Ministries

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Tim Hawks/ Nancy Pilat Renner

MISSION MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Anne Marie Ashley/ Kim Simmons

FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILIES

Jason Bundrick

OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION

Andrea Johnson

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Roy Rushing/ Gordie Moore

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES MINISTRY

Eddie Enfinger

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER MINISTRY

Stoney Patton



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