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Dear Friends...

The holiday rush is behind us now and things are beginning to settle back into the routine we knew before it all began last November. The new Christian year, which began with the first Sunday in Advent, is before us and we will rehearse the gospel drama again as we work our way to Advent 2019. Much of what we do in this year ahead will look and feel like what went on in past years, since we are creatures of habit and the familiar is always the most comfortable. But the measure of Christmas is in the effect it has on the one who has experienced it. Do we pack our Christmas spirit up and put it away in the same box it came out of a month ago so we can get it out next November and do it again, or has something happened to your spirit while it was out this year and it doesn't quite fit back in the same space?

The last celebration of the Christmas season is Epiphany, which we will celebrate January 6. On this day we hear the story of the Magi coming to Bethlehem to bring Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh ... gifts fit for a king. Epiphany means 'appearance,' and for the Christian the day of Epiphany commemorates the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles. In the story from Matthew's gospel, 2:1-12, the Magi come from the east seeking the child and ask Herod where they will find him. He tells them and then asks them to return to him to tell him where they find him so he, too, may go and worship him. The story ends with the Magi finding Jesus, worshiping him, but, distrusting Herod's motive, returning by another way. This final act of the Christmas

season, returning “by another way”, is the measure of Christmas. We have come through Christmas and now things are different within us. Now we must go back into the world, but as the Magi did ... by another way ... because the old way doesn't work any more.

If that has happened ... if our spirits have grown as we have journeyed through Christmas and we need to follow the Magi back by another way because they will not fit back into the same space. They will need a larger space as we journey into this year ahead.

Every blessing for the New Year,

Mike

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

Special Thanks

To the Providence family,

My special thanks for your kindness and affirmation of my now late husband, Benjamin W. Farley. You honored him by asking him to share his knowledge of all spiritual, theological, and practical matters. My Love and best wishes to you as I continue to know and love you.

Alice Anne G. Farley

Special Thanks

I just wanted to say thank you to the PWs and the Providence members who thought of me this Christmas season. I'm so grateful for all of the sweet and generous gifts that were left for me to enjoy. Thanks again, and I hope you all have a Happy New Year!

Love, Cassie

Youth News

Parents,

I hope that your families had a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I cannot wait to get our program going again! On January 6th Youth club and Youth group meetings will resume! We will be continuing our regular studies and activities until the Lenten season is upon us, which will be sooner than we know!

January 20th is our Youth Group Service project from 12-2 pm right after worship. We would love for anyone from the church to help provide lunch for the kids that day! I do not know what service we will be doing yet, but suggestions are welcomed!

Parents, I will be getting with you on our dinner schedule for January through May so expect to see a sign up sheet soon!

Blessings,

Lauren Finnegan

Christian Education

Happy New Year!!! Many thanks to everyone for my awesome gifts and cards! Your gifts and friendship made Christmas extra special! Rally Day will be held on January 6 in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be sending out a new schedule soon with Sunday School, Youth Club and Youth Group information.

Please stay tuned!

Take Care of Each Other!

Linda Nevling, DCE

Presbyterian Women

The PW Coordinating team meeting will be Thursday, January 3rd at 6:00pm at the church.

Circle 1 will meet on **Tuesday, January 8th** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

Circle 2 will meet on **Thursday, January 10th** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 3 will meet on **Wednesday, January 16th** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 4 will meet on **Monday, January 14th** at 6:00 pm at the church.

Men of the Church

As a reminder to the men of Providence, **Men's Prayer group** 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** meetings! Our next meeting will be Monday, **January 14th at 6:30pm at the church.**

Music Notes

I want to express my gratitude to our wonderful Providence Musicians for your beautiful and inspiring music during the Advent and Christmas seasons, as well as throughout the year. 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 Kim Simmons and Tim Monetti for being readers for our Advent/Christmas Program in December. Thank you to all musicians for your time, talent, and dedication, and for the attention and joyful spirit you bring to our music work and worship leadership. Your music enhances our worship every week, and each of you is greatly valued.

Chancel Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:15 beginning January 9th. (We will return to the 7:15 time when Kirk Night resumes during Lent.) Watch the bulletins and emails for plans for 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.

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

Best wishes for a joyful 2019.

Donna



JANUARY 2019!

Happy New Year everyone! We at PPCDC are winding down from our very busy December and the wonderful Christmas Programs the children presented for their families and friends. Experiencing Christmas through the words, songs, laughter and eyes of the children is such a special Christmas gift. We are thankful for the talented, hard-working teachers and staff that make these programs such joyous occasions every year.



Winter is here and we want to remind everyone that PPCDC follows Lexington Two School District decisions relating to delays, early dismissals and closures. We also send text messages by way of the REMIND system to all CDC families and staff when a change in schedule is required.

We pray you all have a safe and happy new year.
The PPCDC Staff

For Your Information

Pay It Forward 2 Year Campaign Beginning April 2018

PAY IT FORWARD PLEDGES TO DATE	123,372
CONTRIBUTIONS IN DECEMBER	31,395
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU DECEMBER	92,760

KEEP-THE-CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS IN DECEMBER	
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU DECEMBER.....	173
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL 2018	173

SUPERCOMMITTEE AND OTHER

CONTRIBUTIONS IN DECEMBER	275
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU DECEMBER	950

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS IN DECEMBER	31,670
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU DECEMBER	93,883
(INCLUDING KEEP THE CHANGE SINCE April 2018)	

OPERATING/PROGRAM BUDGET

(Operating/Program budget is \$202,697.00. Divided by 52 weeks, the average weekly giving needed is \$3,898.00.)

GIVING IN DECEMBER 2018	15,621.00
GIVING NEEDED EACH MONTH.....	15,592.00
TOTAL GIVING THRU DECEMBER.....	174,065.06
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED THRU DECEMBER	202,697.00

<i>Date</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
01/06	Naomi Finnegan	Sarah Bragan
01/13	Caroline Cantrell	Morgan Swygert
01/20	Maddox Ashley	Laken Robinson
01/27	Jedidiah Johnson	Virginia Johnson
02/03	Arwyn Simmons	Jon Simmons
02/10	Naomi Finnegan	Knox Robinson
02/17	Caroline Cantrell	Christopher Bragan
02/24	Maddox Ashley	Virginia Johnson
03/03	Jedidiah Johnson	Sarah Bragan
03/10	Arwyn Simmons	Laken Robinson
03/17	Caroline Cantrell	Jon Simmons
03/24	Naomi Finnegan	Virginia Johnson
03/31	Avery McCree	Virginia Johnson

!!!Volunteers Needed!!!

We are in need of new volunteers for **Sunday School/Worship Nursery**, if you are interested please contact Emily at **emilys4ppy@hotmail.com**

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>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
01/06	Rosie Robinson	Sheri Gordon
01/13	Rosie Robinson	Tim Monetti
01/20	Rosie Robinson	Sarah Scarborough
01/27	Anne Maria Ashley	Dave McCree
02/03	Anne Maria Ashley	Sheri Gordon
02/10	Anne Maria Ashley	Rosie Robinson
02/17	Andrea Johnson	Tim Monetti
02/24	Andrea Johnson	Dave McCree
03/03	Andrea Johnson	Sheri Gordon
03/10	Kim Simmons	Sarah Scarborough
03/17	Kim Simmons	Tim Monetti
03/24	Kim Simmons	Rosie Robinson
03/31	Kim Simmons	Dave McCree

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

01/06 Linda Nevling
01/13 Maria Swygert
01/20 Cindy Enfinger
01/27 Tim McKeever

02/03 Ray Bullock
02/10 Judy Clas
02/17 Simons Hane
02/24 Randy LaCons

03/03 Doug Carlisle
03/10 Nancy Pilat Renner
03/17 Eddie Enfinger
03/24 Kathy Wuchenich
03/31 Anne Marie Ashley

Worship Directors

01/06 Lauren Finnegan
01/13 Maria Swygert
01/20 Nancy Pilat Renner
01/27 Judy Clas

02/03 Ronnie Vehorn
02/10 Violet Hane
02/17 Kathy Wuchenich
02/24 Anne Marie Ashley

03/03 Lauren Finnegan
03/10 Randy LaCons
03/17 Laurie White
03/24 Maria Swygert
03/31 Ronnie Vehorn

Usher/Communion

JANUARY 2019

Fred Clas, Randy LaCons, Dotti Forman, Lauren Finnegan

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

01/06 Laurie White, George Hayes
01/13 Laurie White, George Hayes

FEBRUARY 2019

Ronnie Vehorn, Kim Simmons, Eddie Enfinger, Simons Hane

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

02/10 Roy Turner, Mike Simmons

MARCH 2019

Randy LaCons, Laurie White, Judy Clas, George Hayes

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDER

03/03 Violet Hane, Tim Hawks
03/10 Violet Hane, Tim Hawks

Special Offerings:

No Special Offerings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CDC & Church Office Closed Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am <i>Mary Elizabeth Mack</i>	2 Chancel Choir - 6:15 <i>Faye Daniel</i>	3 PWCT Meeting 6:00 pm <i>Kathy Wuchenich</i>	4	5
6 Communion Rally Day Youth 5 - 6:45	7 <i>Sarah Crouch</i> <i>Jedidiah Johnson</i>	8 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am Circle 1 - 11:00am <i>Caroline Cantrell</i>	9 Chancel Choir - 6:15 <i>Faye Daniel</i>	10 Circle 2 - 6:30pm	11 <i>Sheri Gordon</i>	12
13 Communion Instrument Group-4 Adult Handbells- 4:30 Youth 5 - 6:45 <i>Chuck Pardue</i>	14 Men of the Church Circle 4 - 6:30pm	15 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am <i>Gail Pukl</i>	16 Circle 3 - 6:00pm Chancel Choir - 6:15 <i>Elizabeth Enlow</i> <i>Steve Gordon</i> <i>Chris Wuchenich</i>	17	18 <i>Carol Tomlin</i>	19 <i>Eric Robinson</i>
20 Session & Committee Meetings Youth Service Project 12:00	21	22 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am	23 Chancel Choir - 6:15 <i>Fran Bragan</i>	24	25	26 <i>Savannah Bullock</i> <i>Roy Turner</i>
27 Instrument Group-4 Adult Handbells- 4:30 Youth 5 - 6:45	28	29 Men's Prayer Group 7:00 am <i>Douglas Carlisle</i>	30 Chancel Choir - 6:15 <i>Laurie White</i> <i>Gordon Moore</i>	31	<i>January</i>	

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

Jerry Hicks	Al Montgomery	Betty White
Carolyn Coleman	Jeanette Bragan	Mary Wood
Nellie Lee Rutland	Judy & George Thrana	Margaret Lankford
Don Canaday	Caroline Patton	Shirley VanKley
Don Morris	Veneta Renner	Maria Patton
Carol Tomlin	Bucky Masters	Gail Pukl
Carolyn Kay	Susan Hicks	Dot Wilson
Jean Rushing	Faye Daniel	

Our Family and Friends

Family of Ben Farley	Susan Bennett (Buxton)
Clyde Hendrix	Joe McKinney (Pilat-Renner)
Jerry Lewis (Enlow)	Terry Rushing (Rushing)
Sandra Latimer (Pyle)	Rebekah James (McLeod)
Mike Simmons (Wyatt)	Roddy Bowman (Pilat-Renner)
Miranda DiMarco (Enfinger)	Edith Billingsley (Billingsley)
Jason White (Fletcher)	Don Hagy (Pardue/Hicks)
Mary Reed (Woods)	Jaxson (Roy & Jean Rushing)
Jamila Jones' Family	Landon Derrick (Donna Martin)
Jamiee Scott's Family	Megan Sease (Donna Martin)
Madeline & Cathy (Fallucca)	Terri Barton (Barton)
Morris & Margaret Freeman (White)	Joyce Kistler (Montgomery)
Mary Grace Bozeman (Johnson)	Callie Simpson (Sandra Simpson)
Shirley Smith (Rawl)	Brian Fallaw (Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher)
A CDC Parent	Elena Carter (Patton)
Jazen Wallace (McCree)	Tom Johnson (Martin)
Austin Carter	Katie Atkinson (Barton)
Conrad Dempsey	Pat Causey (CDC Teacher)
Nate Simons	Military Service Members & Families
Teri Mason	Eloise Sarvis (Jay & Teresa Coles)
Chris	John Coles (Jay & Teresa Coles)
Erika Browning (Woods)	
Thomas Ragan (Canaday)	
Darby Hane (Hane)	
Jason Wright (Enfinger)	
Herb & Ann Kneece (Rawl)	
Earl West (Rawl)	
Charles & Susan Bentley (Rawl)	
Kathy Rigg (Monetti)	

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.

God's Helping Hands

Thank you for responding to the needs of this ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated. The suggested items for **January are: Canned Fruit, "Pop Top" foods (things that don't need to be heated up)**

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 27th

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 27th** - "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.

Church Contacts

794-6766

Mike Bragan, D. Min.....	Pastor
Fran Bragan, D. Min	Parish Associate
Cassie Stewart	Secretary
Donna Martin	Music Director
Linda Nevling.....	Director of Christian Education
Lauren Finnegan.....	Youth Director
Alice Wyatt	Clerk of Session
Debbie Pardue.....	Treasurer

Child Development Center

796-0492

Joan Bullock.....	Director
Sharon Enlow	Assistant Director
Kyle McCree	Assistant Director

Active Elders

Mr. Eddie Enfinger.....	2021
Mr. Fred Clas	2021
Mr. Randy LaCons.....	2021
Mr. Ronnie Vehorn.....	2021
Mr. Dan Culpepper	2020
Ms. Maria Swygert	2020
Ms. Kathy Wuchenich.....	2020
Ms. Anne Marie Ashley	2019
Ms. Nancy Pilat Renner	2019
Ms. Kim Simmons.....	2019

Program Ministries

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Nancy Pilat Renner

MISSION MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Anne Marie Ashley/ Kim
Simmons

FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILIES

Maria Swygert

OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION

Susan LaCons

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Kathy Wuchenich

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES MINISTRY

Eddie Enfinger

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

MINISTRY

Stoney Patton

SAFETY

Chuck Pardue



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