



Dear Friends...

The season of Lent is often talked about as a journey which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter celebration. This is a very good way to describe it, except I would suggest we look at the journey as having its beginning on Transfiguration Sunday. That is the Lord's Day when the faithful remember the day Jesus went with three of his disciples to the mountain top where he was bathed in the bright light of God's glory and God's words, heard by all there, affirmed Jesus for who he is ... God's son. Even though there had already been some opposition to him from the established religious leaders, that opposition took on new energy after they came down from the mountain and resumed their work in the valleys below. That new energy, of course, brought Jesus to Pilate, the Sanhedrin, and the cross where all earthly evidence pointed to his opposition's victory. This was a journey for Jesus and we need to make that walk with him every step of the way, but not because he needs our company. The reason is because of something we need.

We know how the story ends, and we celebrate it with the Eucharist, beautiful music, a celebration worship, Easter egg hunts and family Easter dinners. What a blessing to know the victory of our God has happened once and for all time! But celebrating the victory without working our way through all that leads up to it is like reading last chapter of a book because you

like the way it ends but skipping everything that leads up to it because you've read the book before and the ending is your favorite part. We need to be reminded what it took to get to the empty tomb and the risen Christ for it to have the impact on our lives it deserves.

Let's walk together through Lent beginning this Wednesday as we come to worship for the Service of the Imposition of the Ashes. The ashes are from the Palms of last Palm Sunday and, as we hear the words "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return," they are touched to our foreheads to remind us of our mortality. Then come to worship to hear scripture and a different Lenten theme preached on each Lord's Day, to sing the music of the season, and to pray for God's closeness. Join us to study the Psalms during the Sunday school hour and the lectionary passages each Wednesday evening at 6. Then join the parade to the altar on Palm Sunday. Sit at table for the Lord's Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and hear his words from the cross on Good Friday. Then prepare for the most wonderful Easter you have seen! This is my prayer for each of you. Come join me as we walk through Lent together.

Blessings,
Mike

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

Music Notes

As many of you know, Providence Church has a music scholarship program called the Mary Lou Sease Music Scholarship Fund. It was created in memory of a church member, Mary Lou Sease, who passed away in 1988. The purpose of the fund is to provide a stipend to a full-time student, in return for which the student rehearses and sings with our Chancel Choir. Currently, our Scholarship student is Michaela McElveen, who is an amazing and wonderful addition to Chancel Choir, and to the church.

In 2011 and 2012, our Providence Musicians presented concerts to benefit the Scholarship Fund. This year, we will present a Mary Lou Sease Scholarship Concert on Sunday afternoon, May 7, at 4:00 p.m. An offering will be received to benefit the fund. As with the previous two concerts, this one will include all of our Providence Musician Choirs: Chancel Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, Instrument Group, Young Singers, and Youth Ringers & Singers. I am asking you to, please, **SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 7, AT 4:00 P.M.**, and plan to come to this year's concert event. Thank you for your continued support of our Providence Music Ministry.

I wish you a blessed and holy Lent.

Donna

Stewardship Moment

Stewardship Moment— by Alice Wyatt, Sept. 2007. Revisited and revised Feb. 2017

Stewardship takes many forms in different churches. Many highlight one Sunday every year as Stewardship Sunday while others focus on year round giving. There are many opportunities to give within the church throughout the year. What makes a healthy stewardship program is knowing “the why, the how and the when” of giving.

The why: Everything a person does, once they confess that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior, is stewardship. It involves what we believe about our possessions and what we do with them and what we believe about life and how we live.

The how: People give in different ways and in different amounts. People give not according to their ability but according to their understanding of the needs. When a person discovers gratitude as a motive for giving, then heart and mind work together to develop good stewardship habits. Just as we learn how to pray by praying, we learn how to give by giving.

The when: All too frequently churches have been taught and they believe that stewardship is something done for a few days each November to meet the budget needs of the church and then forgotten until November the next year. A healthy church emphasizes stewardship every single day.

So we ask that you take a moment and examine your commitment . Are you up to date? At this writing we are over \$3,000 short of the amount needed to meet our budget obligations. And as Alice stated before, “whatever you decide to give, give it joyfully and in gratitude for God’s love for you.”

Special Thanks

Thanks to you all for your thoughtful cards, calls, emails, and especially your prayers during and after my surgery. My heart is full! Eddie and I truly thank God every day for our Providence family.

Blessings and Hugs,

Cindy Enfinger

Youth News

For the month of March we will have our regularly scheduled Kids Club and Youth meetings!

Sundays:

Kids Club: 5:15 PM

Youth: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

And don't forget about lunch after worship on March 5th!

All the classes have completed work on their projects for the Shrove Tuesday Art Show. We



are very excited about the note cards and the artwork that have been created. Please keep a look-out for additional information as we continue the card sale for our Church and CDC families.

NEW STAFF We are very happy to welcome Shannon Armstrong and Princess Harrell back to Providence! Mrs. Shannon is working with the Three's and Ms. Princess is helping with special projects and floating as needed in the classrooms. We are also delighted to have Jessica Griffith on board as a Floater. Ms. Jessica recently moved to South Carolina from Florida.

Garden Growing

Our Twos teachers are spearheading a garden project in the small, enclosed playground between the two church wings. Seeds have been planted and the plot is being prepared. We can't wait to sample what grows!



St. Patrick's Day is always loads of fun at the CDC! That pesky Leprechaun makes a huge mess around here every year. Maybe one day the great traps the children help create will catch that pesky guy.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers for Providence CDC.

The CDC Team

Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet ***on March 12th following worship.***

Circle 1 will meet on ***Tuesday, March 14*** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

Circle 2 will meet on ***Thursday, March 9*** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 3 will meet on ***Wednesday, March 15*** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 4 will meet on ***Monday, March 13*** 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 ***March 13 at 6:30 pm.***

The Chefs for the month of **March** are Mike Simmons and George Hayes.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
03/05	Arwyn Simmons	Wyatt Robinson
03/12	Caroline Cantrell	Christopher Bragan
03/19	Fletcher Scarborough	Duncan Scarobrough
03/26	Avery McCree	Virginia Johnson
04/02	Knox Robinson	Morgan Swygart
04/09	Maddox Ashley	Laken Robinson
04/16	Colby Carter	Jon Simmons
04/23	Arwyn Simmons	Julian Coles
04/30	Avery McCree	Jon Simmons
05/07	Jedidiah Johnson	Virginia Johnson
05/14	Gabe Hartley	Morgan Swygart
05/21	Chase Carter	Sarah Bragan
05/28	David Lyell	Hunter Helms

!!!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>Sunday School Nursery</i>	<i>Worship Nursery & Toddlers & Worship Toddlers</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
03/05	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	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
04/02	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Anne Marie Ashley
04/09	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Tim Monetti
04/16	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Rosie Robinson
04/23	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Sheri Gordon
04/30	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Dave McCree
05/07	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Anne Marie Ashley
05/14	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Sarah Scarborough
05/21	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Rosie Robinson
05/28	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	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

03/05 Michael Scarborough
03/12 Mike Simmons
03/19 Kim Simmons
03/26 Dave McCree

04/02 Dottie Foreman
04/09 George Hayes
04/16 Judy Clas
04/23 Nancy Pilat Renner
04/30 Simons Hane

05/07 Douglas Carlisle
05/14 Rosie Robinson
05/21 Andy Simmons
05/28 Teresa Coles

Worship Directors

03/05 Kim Simmons
03/12 Lauren Finnegan
03/19 Judy Clas
03/26 Anne Marie Ashley

04/02 George Hayes
04/09 Eddie Enfinger
04/16 Violet Hane
04/23 Laurie White
04/30 Kim Simmons

05/07 Roy Rushing
05/14 Dottie Foreman
05/21 Judy Class
05/28 Nancy Pilat Renner

Usher / Communion

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Mike Simmons, Tim Hawks, Laurie White, Roy Rushing

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

03/12 Lauren Finnegan, Roy Turner

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Rosie Robinson, Nancy Pilat Renner, Emily Mooneyhan, Anne Marie Ashley

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS:

04/09 Michael Scarborough, George Hayes

04/16 Michael Scarborough, George Hayes


MAY 2017

Judy Clas, Dottie Foreman, Violet Hane, Simons Hane,

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

04/14 Jay coles, Philip Enlow

*No Special Offerings
for March*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chancel Choir - 6:15	2 <i>Lauren Finnegan</i>	3 <i>Sarah Bragan</i> <i>Gayl Curry</i> <i>Mike Simmons</i>	4 <i>Caroline Hartley</i>
5 Lunch after Worship <i>Susan Penland</i>	6 <i>Joanne Masters</i>	7 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am <i>Christian Huggins</i>	8 Chancel Choir - 6:15	9 Circle 2 - 6:30 pm <i>Veneta Renner</i>	10 <i>Chuck Carter</i>	11
12 Girl Scout Sunday Communion <i>Frances Julian</i>	13 Men of the Church 6:30 pm Circle 4 - 6:30 pm	14 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am Circle 1 - 11:00 am <i>Melissa Gore</i>	15 Chancel Choir - 6:15 Circle 3 - 6:30 pm <i>Tyler Helms</i>	16 <i>Cassie Smith</i>	17	18
19	20	21 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	22 Chancel Choir - 6:15	23	24 <i>Maria Swygert</i>	25
26 Keep the Change Sunday	27	28 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	29 Chancel Choir - 6:15	30	31	

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

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

Carmen Alvarez (<i>Pilat-Renner</i>)	Janet Vehorn
Terry Rushing (<i>Rushing</i>)	Jaxson (<i>Roy & Jean Rushing</i>)
Chris Wolfe (<i>Wyatt</i>)	Landon Derrick (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Doris Wheeler (<i>Morris</i>)	Frankie & Sonia Riley (<i>Enfinger</i>)
Dianne Connell	Megan Sease (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Erika Browning (<i>Woods</i>)	Terri Barton (<i>Barton</i>)
Dan Miranda (<i>Curry</i>)	Joyce Kistler (<i>Montgomery</i>)
Chris	Callie Simpson (<i>Sandra Simpson</i>)
Ken Martin (<i>White</i>)	Chuck Curry
Rebekah James (<i>Mcleod</i>)	Brian Fallaw (<i>Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher</i>)
Roddy Bowman (<i>Pilat-Renner</i>)	Elena Carter (<i>Patton</i>)
Suzie Greene (<i>Morris</i>)	Tom Johnson (<i>Martin</i>)
Tammy Campbell (<i>Culpepper</i>)	Katie Atkinson (<i>Barton</i>)
Mike Merck (<i>Wyatt</i>)	Pat Causey (<i>CDC Teacher</i>)
Mallory Gilbert (<i>Rawl</i>)	Military Service Members & Families
Edith Billingsley (<i>Billingsley</i>)	Eloise Sarvis (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>)
Joyce Tullis (<i>Masters</i>)	John Coles (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</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>)	

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 **March 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, March 26th

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, **March 26th** -"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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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

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

Active Elders

Program Ministries

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
Nancy Pilat Renner	2019
Kim Simmons.....	2019

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Tim Hawks/ Nancy Pilat Renner

MISSION MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Anne Marie Ashley/ Kim Simmons

FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILIES

OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION

Andrea Johnson

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Roy Rushing

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES MINISTRY

Eddie Enfinger

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