

Providence Pres

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Dear Friends...

In the mid-1980s our church purchased a parcel of land beside our current property and facing Sunset Blvd. We purchased it for the ultimate use of Trinity Presbytery, but those plans evaporated with the change of presbytery leadership. We were faced with continuing to service that mortgage. We had a campaign to pay it down and eventually had a mortgage burning party in a very crowded fellowship hall after worship one Sunday in the late 1990s. It was a joyous day when we set fire to that document and watched it turn to ash in the bottom of a silver bowl. It is time to do that again!

At that luncheon I placed some yellow slips of paper on a table and asked everyone to take one and write on it the single thing they would most like to see our church do in five years. The huge majority of responses said that we needed new fellowship space. After a lot of planning by a lot of people, that dream began to become reality on a hot summer Sunday after worship in 2006 with the ground breaking for the new Fellowship Hall we now enjoy.

Having a new Fellowship Hall is very exciting. Having a new mortgage is not so exciting, but the fundraising drive to

pay for the new building payed it down considerably. Since that time we have had several more drives and have come a long way in reducing the debt. The original cost of the building was \$730,000. The mortgage beginning balance was \$630,000. The outstanding balance is now about \$200,000. We are over two-thirds of the way there. We are close enough that it is time to finish it off. Our stewardship should not be to the mortgage banker. He doesn't need it. Our stewardship should be going to the work of Jesus Christ in the world.

We will begin a final, two-year campaign to pay off the mortgage with a dinner on April 14. Please reserve that night. Part of the presentation will be a slide show of our days in the old building and the construction of the new one. The greatest part, however, will be planning the party where we will burn this mortgage in two years. The mortgage is a reality. Let's deal with it ... and move on as Christ leads us.

Blessings,

Mike

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

Music Notes

As I am writing this, we are about two weeks into this Lenten season. Palm Sunday is a little over three weeks away. Holy Week follows, including the Maundy Thursday Agape Feast and the Good Friday Stations of the Cross. Easter Day is April 1. Of course, the date of Easter Sunday changes each year and is based on the lunar cycle. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. This full moon is referred to as the Paschal moon. The equinox is March 21 (or, astronomically, sometimes March 20). This year the Paschal moon is Saturday, March 31, making Easter Day the next day (April 1). Ash Wednesday, by the way, is 40 days before Easter Day (not counting Sundays). I really enjoy that whole plan of finding Easter Day!

Wishing you a blessed Lenten season.

See you at church!

Donna

Youth News

Youth Group and Youth Club:

Sundays Following Worship - 12:00 pm

March 18 - Youth Group will take recycling and have a picnic at the park!

March 25 - Youth will be stuffing eggs after church for the egg hunt. Youth Club kids, please bring a bag or two of candy. **No chocolate please!**

Sunday Evenings - 5:00-6:30 pm

Confirmation and Communicants Class

March 4

March 11

March 25

March 31 - is our annual Easter Egg Hunt!!

*Blessings,
- Lauren Finnegan*

Christian Education

Our new Sunday School program, The Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM) for kids, is going well, many thanks to our Workshop Leaders, our sign maker, parents and kids! Each Workshop begins at 9:45 on Sunday morning. We hope to see all our children there!

Confirmation and Communicants classes started this week and will continue March 4th, March 11th and be completed on March 25th.

Our Children's Sermons during Lent are about caterpillars turning into butterflies and how the process is symbolic of our Christian faith. Our caterpillars will be here soon in anticipation of a butterfly release on Easter Sunday!

Take Care of Each Other!
Linda Nevling, DCE



Holy Week at Providence

Palm Sunday

March 25
Worship 8:45 & 11:00 am
Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

March 29
Agape Feast and
Holy Communion
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday

March 30
Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm
Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt

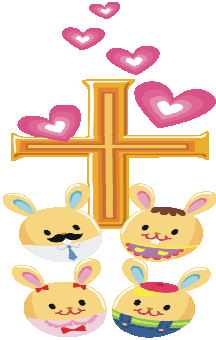
March 31
Light Breakfast
Fellowship Hall
9:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 am

Easter Sunday

April 1
Sunrise Worship 7 am
behind the Fellowship Hall
Easter Breakfast
after Sunrise service
Fellowship Hall
Easter Worship 11:00 am
Sanctuary



Happy Spring!



Easter is such a great time of year with new growth and bright beginnings. Easter is also a special time for giving thanks for our Christian faith and for the sweet innocence of our CDC children. The love of Jesus shines so brightly in their beautiful faces.

The children are having a great time at the CDC learning and creating! Please make sure you check out all of the artwork in the hallways and classrooms.

Mrs. Joan Celebrated her birthday with the children on February 21. We all enjoyed cupcakes or birthday cake. The children sang happy birthday, made cards and gave lots of birthday hugs. It was a fun day for everyone.



Please continue to pray for this outreach ministry of Providence Presbyterian Church.

The PPCDC Team

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will not meet this month!

Circle 1 will meet on **Tuesday, March 13th** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

Circle 2 will meet on **Thursday, March 8th** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 3 will meet on **Wednesday, March 21st** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 4 will meet on **Monday, March 12th** 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 12th at 6:00pm** at the home of Eddie Enfinger.

The chef for this month is Eddie Enfinger



Sunshine Sewing Circle



Come join us for Fellowship, Fun and Sewing
Bring your projects: UFO's and New
Don't know how to sew – we will teach you!

Where: **Providence Presbyterian Church**
1112 Hummingbird Drive
West Columbia, SC 29169
Fellowship Hall



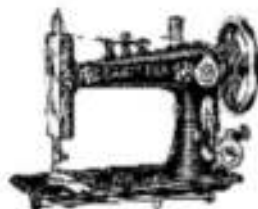
When: 3rd Saturday of each Month

Time: 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

What to Bring: Sewing machine, extension cords and excitement
Fabric, patterns and notions
Snacks and beverages to share

For more information, contact:

Nancy Pilat-Renner at 803-546-2923 or npilat01@yahoo.com



For Your Information

CAMPAIGN JOY PLEDGES FOR 3 YEAR

CAMPAIGN	229,346
CONTRIBUTIONS IN FEBRUARY	1,945
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU FEBRUARY	196,508

KEEP-THE-CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS IN FEBRUARY	
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU FEBRUARY.....	2,253
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED SINCE FEBRUARY 2011	5,411

SUPERCOMMITTEE AND OTHER

CONTRIBUTIONS IN FEBRUARY	285
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU FEBRUARY	35,439

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS IN FEBRUARY	1,945
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU FEBRUARY	234,200
(INCLUDING KEEP THE CHANGE SINCE 2011)	

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 FEBRUARY 2017	18,495.00
GIVING NEEDED EACH MONTH.....	15,592.00
TOTAL GIVING THRU FEBRUARY	35,516.00
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED THRU FEBRUARY	31,184.00

<i>Date</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
03/04	Rosie Robinson	Gabe Hartley	Morgan Swygart
03/11	Rosie Robinson	Chase Carter	Laken Robinson
03/18	Andrea Johnson	Maddox Ashley	Christopher Bragan
03/25	Andrea Johnson	Arwyn Simmons	Jon Simmons
04/01	Andrea Johnson	Avery McCree	Sarah Bragan
04/08	Anne Marie Ashley	Jedidiah Johnson	Virginia Johnson
04/15	Anne Marie Ashley	Fletcher Scarborough	Christopher Bragan
04/22	Anne Marie Ashley	Caroline Cantrell	Laken Robinson
04/29	Kim Simmons	Gabe Hartley	Morgan Swygart
05/06	Rosie Robinson	Youth Sunday	Youth Sunday
05/13	Rosie Robinson	Colby Carter	TBD
05/20	Andrea Johnson	Maddox Ashley	TBD
05/27	Andrea Johnson	Arwyn Simmons	TBD

!!!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</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
03/04	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Anne Marie Ashley
03/11	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Rosie Robinson
03/18	Kathy Wuchenich	Kathy Wuchenich	Tim Monetti
03/25	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Sheri Gordon
04/01	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Dave McCree
04/08	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Rosie Robinson
04/15	Kathy Wuchenich	Kathy Wuchenich	Sarah Scarborough
04/22	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Tim Monetti
04/29	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Sheri Gordon
05/06	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Youth Sunday
05/13	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Dave McCree
05/20	Kathy Wuchenich	Kathy Wuchenich	Rosie Robinson
05/27	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Tim Monetti

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

03/04 Steve Gordon
03/11 Jay Coles
03/18 Doug Carlisle
03/25 Phillip Enlow

04/01 Linda Nevling
04/08 Judy Clas
04/15 Michael Scarborough
04/22 Nancy Pilat Renner
04/29 Teresa Coles

05/06 Youth Sunday
05/13 Jerry Hicks
05/21 Dotti Foreman
05/27 Andy Simmons

Worship Directors

03/04 Kathy Wuchenich
03/11 Lauren Finnegan
03/18 Roy Rushing
03/25 Kim Simmons

04/01 Violet Hane
04/08 Kathy Wuchenich
04/15 Nancy Pilat Renner
04/22 Maria Swygert
04/29 George Hayes

05/06 Lauren Finnegan
05/13 Anne Marie Ashley
05/21 Maria Swygert
05/27 Michael Scarborough

Usher/Communion

MARCH 2018

Dotti Foreman, Judy Clas, Maria Swygert, Michael Scarborough

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

03/11 Roger Woods, Tim Monetti
03/25 Roger Woods, Tim Monetti

APRIL 2018

Eddie Enfinger, George Hayes, Roy Rushing, Kim Simmons

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

04/01 Maria Swygert, Teresa Coles
04/08 Maria Swygert, Teresa Coles

MAY 2018

Kathy Wuchenich, Anne Marie Ashley, Nancy Pilat Renner, Ray Bullock

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

05/11 Roy Rushing, Michael Scarborough
05/25 Roy Rushing, Michael Scarborough

Special Offerings:

Gifts of Women

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Lunch after Worship <i>Caroline Hartley</i>	5 <i>Susan Penland</i>	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am <i>Joanne Masters</i>	7 Lectio Divina - 6:00 Chancel Choir - 6:20	8 Circle 2 - 6:30 pm	9 <i>Veneta Renner</i>	10 <i>Chuck Carter</i>
11 Communion	12 Men of the Church 6:30 pm	13 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am Circle 1 - 11:00 am	14 Lectio Divina - 6:00 Chancel Choir - 6:20 <i>Melissa Gore</i>	15	16 <i>Cassie Stewart</i>	17
18 Gifts of Women Sunday Session & Com- mittee Meetings	19	20 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	21 Lectio Divina - 6:00 Chancel Choir - 6:20 Circle 3 - 6:30 pm	22	23	24 <i>Linda Nevling</i> <i>Maria Swygert</i>
25 Palm Sunday Communion Keep the Change Sunday	26	27 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	28 Chancel Choir - 6:15	29 Agape Feast & Holy Communion 6:00pm	30 Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm CDC Closed	31 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am

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

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

Our Family and Friends

Dee Davis & Family	Susan Bennett (<i>Buxton</i>)
Erica Boone	Joe McKinney (<i>Pilat-Renner</i>)
Nate Simons	Terry Rushing (<i>Rushing</i>)
Debbie McGill (<i>Thompson</i>)	Dan Miranda (<i>Curry</i>)
David Mills (<i>Rawl</i>)	Rebekah James (<i>Mcleod</i>)
Teri Mason	Roddy Bowman (<i>Pilat-Renner</i>)
Lois Rao (<i>Wyatt</i>)	Suzie Greene (<i>Morris</i>)
Nancy McConnell (<i>White</i>)	Tammy Campbell (<i>Culpepper</i>)
Chris	Mike Merck (<i>Wyatt</i>)
Gloria Gray (<i>Curry</i>)	Edith Billingsley (<i>Billingsley</i>)
Lola Morris (<i>Morris</i>)	Joyce Tullis (<i>Masters</i>)
David Ross (<i>Morris</i>)	Don Hagy (<i>Pardue/Hicks</i>)
John & Cindy White (<i>Billingsley</i>)	Ken Akin (<i>Wyatt</i>)
Kenny Godwin (<i>Enfinger</i>)	Janet Vehorn
Erika Browning (<i>Woods</i>)	Jaxson (<i>Roy & Jean Rushing</i>)
Patsy Scott (<i>White</i>)	Landon Derrick (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Thomas Ragan (<i>Canaday</i>)	Frankie & Sonia Riley (<i>Enfinger</i>)
Darby Hane (<i>Hane</i>)	Megan Sease (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Iris Long (<i>Hayes</i>)	Terri Barton (<i>Barton</i>)
Kathy Shannon (<i>Hayes</i>)	Joyce Kistler (<i>Montgomery</i>)
Melanie Davis (<i>Enfinger</i>)	Callie Simpson (<i>Sandra Simpson</i>)
Gene & Flo Jordan	Brian Fallaw (<i>Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher</i>)
Deborah Marthers (<i>Enfinger</i>)	Elena Carter (<i>Patton</i>)
Jason Wright (<i>Enfinger</i>)	Tom Johnson (<i>Martin</i>)
Herb & Ann Kneeece (<i>Rawl</i>)	Katie Atkinson (<i>Barton</i>)
Earl West (<i>Rawl</i>)	Pat Causey (<i>CDC Teacher</i>)
Charles & Susan Bentley (<i>Rawl</i>)	Military Service Members & Families
Kent & Kathy Rigg (<i>Monetti</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.

God's Helping Hands

Thank you for responding to the needs of this ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated. The suggested items for **March 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, March 25th

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 25th** - "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

Program Ministries

Judy Clas	2018
Dotti Foreman.....	2018
Roy Rushing	2018
Michael Scarborough.....	2018
Anne Marie Ashley	2019
Nancy Pilat Renner	2019
Kim Simmons	2019
Dan Culpepper	2020
Maria Swygert	2020
Kathy Wuchenich.....	2020

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Tim Hawks/ Nancy Pilat Renner

MISSION MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Anne Marie Ashley/ Kim
Simmons

FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILIES

Maria Swygert

OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION

Dotti Foreman

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Roy Rushing

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES MINISTRY

Eddie Enfinger

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER MINISTRY

Stoney Patton



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