



# Providence Pres

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## Dear Friends...

Vera Epps sat just to the right of center in the third pew from the back of the sanctuary at Indiantown Presbyterian Church. Preachers of less-than-megachurches can do a pretty good job of taking attendance by looking out at the empty spaces which usually are occupied by parishioners. But Vera's rare absence wasn't marked by an empty space. Vera was in church most Sundays, but on the rare occasion when she was not there her absence was marked not so much by the empty space in the pew as it was by the pillow she kept there.

About six months ago I was walking through our sanctuary and noticed a pillow in one of the pews and immediately had a pretty good idea whose it was by where it was. The next Sunday I looked and, sure enough, the one I thought was seated there. It was only a few weeks later that another pillow showed up in another place in the sanctuary and again I knew exactly who had placed it there. My guess was verified the next Sunday. Then early this week as I walked out of the sanctuary, I noticed a third pillow! I began to wonder what was going on here ... why is there this growing wave of pillows in church? The pews all have cushions, so it couldn't be that. Maybe they are for lumbar support. Or maybe they are for those Sundays when the sermon is more of a sedative than a stimulant.

I have grown to like seeing those pillows in the sanctuary, because for whatever different reason each of those folks had for bringing a pillow to church they each have a deeper reason in common with each other and with Vera Epps. In a very significant way, the saint who placed each pillow is proclaiming, "This is my church, and this is my place in it. This is where my spirit rests and enjoys God and His Christ for about 60 minutes once a week. This is where I come to hear what Jesus has for me to do this week. I will come back to this place, so I will leave this pillow here for each time I return."

I like seeing pillows in church! Maybe a few more will show up.

Blessings,  
Mike

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

# *Music Notes*

The beginning of Lent, which is Ash Wednesday, is March 6, and Easter Day is April 21. Easter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. This year, that full moon, called the Paschal Moon, is a month past the spring equinox. Ash Wednesday is 40 days before Easter Day (not counting Sundays). It's an amazing plan, I think.

Providence Musicians are working on music for the season of Lent, as well as for the season of Easter. I hope that you will observe Lent in ways that you find spiritually enriching and that our special music and service music during Worship will assist and inspire you. I hope that you will plan to be at Providence for everything.

I wish you a blessed Lent.

Donna

# *Youth News*

- March 3:** Sunday School 9:45-10:30am Verse: Matthew 25:40  
First Sunday Lunch after Worship (bring a dessert)  
***Youth Club and Group 5-6:45 pm***
- March 10:** Sunday School 9:45-10:30am Verse: Galatians 5:22-23  
Jellies with Jesus for Middle Schoolers 9:45-10:30am  
***Youth Club and Group 5-6:45 pm***
- March 15:** WINTER JAM!!! 7pm. More details to follow.
- March 17:** Sunday School 9:45-10:30am Verse: Romans 14:10-12  
Coffee with Christ for High Schoolers 9:45-10:30am  
Youth Group Service Project 12-3pm (Volunteering at Presbyterian Home)  
***No evening youth activities***
- March 24:** Sunday School 9:45-10:30am Verse: Colossians 3:23  
***Youth Club and Group 5-6:45 pm***  
\*\*\*Please bring in 2 canned goods by April 7 for us to donate to Harvest Hope for our April service project. We will be delivering them after the Easter Egg Hunt.\*\*\*
- March 31:** Sunday School 9:45-10:30am  
***Youth Club and Group 5-6:45 pm***

***Blessings, Lauren***

*Please join us for a*  
**SHROVE  
TUESDAY  
PANCAKE  
DINNER**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019**  
**5:30 - 7:00 PM**

All proceeds will help a youth go to Montreat  
Youth Conference this summer.

# *Christian Education*

The Holy Spirit can really surprise you sometimes. I am thrilled and excited to be working in the church setting again. It has been 13 years since I was a DCE in another local church here in Columbia.

I thought this would be a great opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me all that well. I am a preacher's kid who grew up in Marietta, GA and graduated from Presbyterian College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in Religion with a concentration in Christian Education. I met my husband, Eric, at PC. Eric grew up at Providence, so it was a natural fit for our family to join Providence 12 years ago. We have three children, Wyatt (17), Laken (15), and Knox (12). Our kiddos are very active in the music programs at Irmo Middle and High School. Wyatt is a design team leader for Lexington Richland 5 School District's robotics team. Knox and Laken are both active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Knox takes Karate and Laken is on the Irmo High School Girl's Lacrosse Team. Eric works for Lexington One School District as a Senior System Analyst in the IT Department. I work full time for the SC Nurses Association as the Assistant to the CEO. I will be working with the Education Ministry program here part time. The children and youth ministry team have welcomed me with open arms, and I am looking forward to great things happening here at Providence.

Lent begins this month and I hope you will participate in the many activities being planned. Many Christians add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily *devotional* or fasting to draw themselves near to God. I often like to add a discipline to my Lenten journey. For several years I have crocheted a special prayer shawl during Lent. One year I took a 6-week long class on mindfulness, meditation, and yoga. This year I am planning on adding a service project and I have challenged the entire Robinson family to participate. **Forty Days – Forty Items** will begin March 6<sup>th</sup>, the first day of Lent. Each day of Lent you remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into a trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who really needs them. The Robinsons hope to give away 200 items. Will you join us in this challenge?

***Blessings to you and your family,  
Rosie Robinson***



St. Patrick's Day is always loads of fun at the CDC! That pesky

Leprechaun makes a huge mess around here every year. We all look for the pot of gold, but it seems always to be just out of reach! Maybe one day the great traps the children help create will catch that pesky guy. And when we do we will all share in the treasure at the end of the rainbow.



Our 4K children have been visiting residents of the Presbyterian Communities over the past several months. We are thankful for this opportunity to share our love and to learn from the residents of this Presbyterian Community.

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

The CDC Team

## *Presbyterian Women*

**Circle 1** will meet on **Tuesday, March 12th** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

**Circle 2** will meet on **Thursday, March 14th** at 6:30 pm.

**Circle 3** will meet on **Wednesday, March 20th** at 6:30 pm.

**Circle 4** will meet on **Tuesday, March 12th** at 10:45 am 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, **March 11th at 6:30pm.**



# *Holy Week*

## **Palm Sunday**

April 14  
Worship 8:45 & 11:00 am  
Sanctuary

## **Maundy Thursday**

April 18  
Agape Feast and  
Holy Communion  
6:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

## **Good Friday**

April 19  
Stations of the Cross  
6:00 pm  
Sanctuary

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 20  
Light Breakfast  
Fellowship Hall  
9:30 am  
Easter Egg Hunt  
10:00 am

## **Easter Sunday**

April 21  
Sunrise Worship 7 am  
behind the Fellowship Hall  
  
Easter Breakfast  
after Sunrise service  
Fellowship Hall  
  
Easter Worship 11:00 am  
Sanctuary



# *For Your Information*

## **Pay It Forward 2 Year Campaign Beginning April 2018**

PAY IT FORWARD PLEDGES TO DATE .....	123,372
CONTRIBUTIONS IN FEBRUARY.....	11,312
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU FEBRUARY.....	105,025

### **KEEP-THE-CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS**

CONTRIBUTIONS IN FEBRUARY.....	0
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU FEBRUARY.....	235
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL 2018.....	235

### **SUPERCOMMITTEE AND OTHER**

CONTRIBUTIONS IN FEBRUARY.....	0
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU FEBRUARY.....	1,050

### **TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

CONTRIBUTIONS IN FEBRUARY.....	11,312
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU FEBRUARY .....	106,310
(INCLUDING KEEP THE CHANGE SINCE April 2018)	

### **OPERATING/PROGRAM BUDGET**

(Operating/Program budget is \$208,076.00. Divided by 52 weeks, the average weekly giving needed is \$4,001.00.)

GIVING IN FEBRUARY 2019 .....	10,224.00
GIVING NEEDED EACH MONTH.....	16,006.00
TOTAL GIVING THRU FEBRUARY.....	22,187.50
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED THRU FEBRUARY.....	32,012.00

<i>Date</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
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	Morgan Swygert
04/07	Jedidiah Johnson	Jon Simmons
04/14	Caroline Cantrell	Christopher Bragan
04/21	Maddox Ashley	Sarah Bragan
04/28	Avery McCree	Virginia Johnson
05/05	Arwyn Simmons	Laken Robinson
05/12	Naomi Finnegan	Morgan Swygert
05/19	Caroline Cantrell	Jon Simmons
05/26	Jedidiah Johnson	Christopher Bragan

*!!!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**

# *Volunteers Needed!*

**Needed:** Nursery Volunteer for Easter Sunday  
on **April 21st** .

We are in need of a volunteer to welcome and watch any nursery aged children who might be visiting on Easter Sunday!

The volunteer would need to be here at **10:30am** to start watching any children who may arrive early!

**IF INTERESTED:** Contact Emily Mooneyhan via email at [Emilys4PPY@hotmail.com](mailto: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>
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
04/07	Anne Marie Ashley	Sheri Gordon
04/14	Anne Marie Ashley	Tim Monetti
04/21	Anne Marie Ashley	Rosie Robinson
04/28	Andrea Johnson	Dave McCree
05/05	Andrea Johnson	Sheri Gordon
05/12	Andrea Johnson	Rosie Robinson
05/19	Andrea Johnson	Sarah Scarborough
05/26	Kim Simmons	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*

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

04/07 Fred Clas  
 04/14 Randy LaCons  
 04/21 Ronnie Vehorn  
 04/28 Kim Simmons

05/05 Cindy Enfinger  
 05/12 Steve Gordon  
 05/19 Ronnie Vehorn  
 05/26 Kathy Wuchenich

## *Usher/Communion*

### **MARCH 2019**

Randy LaCons, Laurie White, Judy Clas, George Hayes

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDER**

03/10 Violet Hane, Tim Hawks

### **APRIL 2019**

Eddie Enfinger, Nancy Pilat Renner, Kathy Wuchenich, Kim Simmons

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS**

04/14 Michael Scarborough, Maria Swygart

04/21 Michael Scarborough, Maria Swygart

### **MAY 2019**

Ronnie Vehorn, Kim Simmons, Fred Clas, Judy Clas

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS**

05/12 Anne Marie Ashley, Jay Coles

## *Worship Directors*

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

04/07 Lauren Finnegan  
 04/14 Kathy Wuchenich  
 04/21 Violet Hane  
 04/28 Maria Swygart

05/05 Eddie Enfinger  
 05/12 Fred Clas  
 05/19 Randy LaCons  
 05/26 Ronnie Vehorn

## *Special Offerings:*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Gifts of Women Sunday Lunch after Worship Instrument Group- 4 Adult Handbells- 4:30 Youth 5 - 6:45 <i>Sarah Bragan</i> <i>Gayl Curry</i> <i>Mike Simmons</i>	4 <i>Caroline Hartley</i>	5 Men's Prayer Group - 7:00 am  Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 - 7:00 pm <i>Susan Penland</i>	6 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm  <i>Joanne Masters</i>	7 <i>Christian Huggins</i>	8	9 <i>Veneta Renner</i>
10 Girl Scout Sunday Communion Instrument Group- 4 Adult Handbells- 4:30 Youth 5 - 6:45	11 Men of the Church 6:30 pm	12 Men's Prayer Group - 7:00 am Circle 4 - 10:45 am Circle 1 - 11:00am	13 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	14 Circle 2 - 6:30 pm  <i>Melissa Gore</i>	15 Winter Jam - 7:00 pm  <i>Tyler Helms</i>	16 <i>Cassie Stewart</i>
17 Session & Committee Meetings Youth Service Project 12:00	18	19 Men's Prayer Group - 7:00 am	20 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Circle 3 - 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24 Instrument Group- 4 Adult Handbells- 4:30 Youth 5 - 6:45 <i>Linda Nevling</i> <i>Maria Swygert</i>	25	26 Men's Prayer Group - 7:00 am	27 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	28	29	30
31 Instrument Group- 4 Adult Handbells- 4:30						
					1	2 <i>Lauren Finnegan</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

Linda Hudson	Jean Rushing	Faye Daniel
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

## Our Family and Friends

Glenn Sproul (Pardue)	Jason Wright (Enfinger)
Danett Nelson (Woods)	Herb & Ann Kneece (Rawl)
Robert Adams (Carlisle)	Earl West (Rawl)
Doug Billingsley (Billingsley)	Charles & Susan Bentley (Rawl)
John & Cindy White (Billingsley)	Kathy Rigg (Monetti)
Paulette Martin-Aguilera (Master)	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)	



## *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: 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 31st*

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 31st** - "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
Rosie Robinson.....	Director of Christian Education
Donna Martin .....	Music Director
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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