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Dear Friends...

I'm sure you've heard the expression that someone has taken the wind out of someone else's sails. You've probably used that expression. It has maritime origins. Sailboats depend on the force of the wind in their sails to move and maneuver. If there is no wind, they are at the mercy of the seas. That expression is based on what happens when one sailboat moves into a place near, and upwind, of another. As long as the single boat has the wind in its sails, it travels over the water. When the other boat moves into a position upwind of the sailboat, it blocks the wind and the sailboat slows ... because it had the wind taken out of its sails. It is a metaphor for getting slowed down by some outside event that pulls your energy away from the task at hand and diverts it somewhere else. Your purpose in life suffers while you pay attention to whatever has 'taken the wind out of your sails'.

The purpose of the Church of Jesus Christ is to do everything Jesus tells us to do in the 25th chapter of Matthew. We are to feed the hungry, water the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, visit the prisoner, and attend to the sick, knowing that when we minister to the "least of these", we are ministering unto Christ, Himself. But it takes material resources to do those things. And so we gather together in worshiping communities to pool our resources and do them. Because of the faith and generosity of this church family, many have been fed, watered, clothed, welcomed, visited, and attended to over the years. But something called a

mortgage is taking the wind out of our sails, and we need to get rid of it!

In 2007 we entered freely and happily into this obligation and have enjoyed our new facility very much. But the shine of newness has been worn off through the use we have made of it and the Fellowship Hall has become a part of the life of this church ... but the mortgage remains. The original cost of the building was \$720,000. The remaining balance on the mortgage is about \$200,000. We need to get rid of it! It's taking the wind out of our sails!

Many of you have given sacrificially over the years to bring that balance to the place where it is. Others of you have not had the opportunity. We all use it and I am asking all of us to join together in a final push to pay it off. That is the only way to make it go away. We need to get rid of it, and it will take all of us ... those who have already contributed and those who have not ... to let the sails of this church fill again with the wind of the Spirit. Make plans to come to the dinner on April 14. We have a slide show of the old building and the new one under construction, and a story to tell. It is a story of how God's grace continues to find a place in this church, and wants us to get back about the business of feeding, watering, clothing, welcoming, healing and visiting that Jesus calls us to do. The mortgage holder does NOT need our stewardship any longer ... God does!

Now, I'm going to go out on a limb by myself, but I think I'm pretty safe. If anyone would like to go ahead and write a check and pay it off, we'll be happy to name the Fellowship Hall after you, or anyone you choose.

Blessings,

Mike

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

Music Notes

Dear Friends,

Please accept my deepest thanks for your participation in Bethany's Gift for 2017. As many of you know, Providence began receiving Bethany's Gift on Christmas Eve of 2009. Our daughter, Bethany, joined the Church Triumphant in October, 2008. She was sixteen years old. In 2009, Marty and I met, gratefully, with Dr. Mike, Cathy Monetti, and Teresa Coles to discuss a possible offering in Bethany's memory. Having had quite a lot of experience with short- and long-term hospital stays in the past, my family and I know that there is a very real need among families who find themselves in the position of having a child in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. Thank you for your understanding of that situation and for your help. Your contributions make possible a generous gift from Providence to the PICU fund of Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. (The Church of the Good Shepherd, my family Parish, also receives Bethany's Gift on a designated Sunday following the Advent/Christmas season.) The letter we receive from Palmetto Health Foundation states the following:

"Every day, Children's Hospital admits seriously ill children for treatment. These children suffer from many illnesses including cancer, heart defects or injuries from accidents that cause terrible suffering and fear. Contributions help create and enhance many programs and services that will provide comfort and hope to these children and their families."

This past Christmas Day would have been Bethany's twenty-sixth birthday. Thank you so much for honoring her life and memory with your loving gifts and with this ministry to families of seriously ill children in our area.

"I thank God upon every remembrance of you." -Philippians 1:3

Love,

Donna

Youth News

Youth Club and Youth Group meet April 8, 22, and 29 from 5-6:30 pm. We will be working towards Youth Sunday.

Youth Group and any Youth Club members that would like to participate will be completing an Earth Day project after church on April 15! We are working together with the Buildings and Facilities committee to make this happen! If someone from the church could graciously provide lunch for the youth, that would be very much appreciated!! :)

Youth Group and Youth Club:

April 1	No Youth	-	Happy Easter
April 8	5-6:30	-	Youth group
April 15	12:00	-	Earth Day Project
April 22	5-6:30	-	Youth group
April 29	5-6:30	-	Youth group

Blessings,
- Lauren Finnegan

Christian Education

He Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! What a wonderful season of Lent and Easter this has been! I am blessed by sharing it with my PPC family!

Our children have been busy in Sunday School exploring this Season in the life of the Church! We have heard the Easter story, made Easter Snack Mix, Resurrection Gardens and Prayer Beads, we hope you've had a chance to see our displays on the table in the Narthex. Our Workshop Rotation this Spring will be "The 10 Commandments". Our Sunday School Workshops for kids will continue through May and will then break for the Summer. Look for our start-up date in the Fall when the Christian Education Committee will introduce a new set of Workshops!

Throughout the Summer we will continue Children's Sermons, Children's Worship Bulletins and Jr. Church.

Congratulations to our Communicants and Confirmation participants! Look for our new Acolytes and Book Bearers!

Many thanks to all who have helped in so many ways to make our Christian Education programs the successes they are!!!

Take Care of Each Other!
Linda Nevling, DCE



Family
PICNIC
Sunday
at

Sunday, April 8, 2018

After church.

Bring your favorite picnic side.

Fried chicken will be provided.

Youth families will provide desserts.



April

SPRING has arrived and the teachers and children are busy preparing for Easter. The 2's class and the 4k class are excitedly watching as their caterpillars go through the process of becoming beautiful butterflies. Easter egg hunts are planned and Spring art projects are on display throughout the building. The story of Jesus, the cross and the resurrection is being shared in age appropriate language in all the classes.



Our after school age children will be at the CDC all day for their spring break the week of April 2—6. Field trips to the zoo, the park, Chuck E Cheeses, the movies and the Ausome Gym are planned .

We thank you for your continued support and prayers for this ministry of Providence Presbyterian Church.

The PPCDC Team

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on **April 5th** at 6:00pm in the church library.

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

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

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

Circle 4 will meet on **Monday, April 9th** 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 **April 9th at 6:00pm** at Wellmore to enjoy dinner with Bucky Masters.

200 Wellmore Dr. Lexington, SC 29072



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



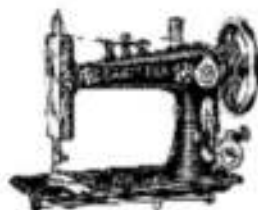
When: 3rd Saturday of each Month

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 MARCH	1,945
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU MARCH	196,508

KEEP-THE-CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

SUPERCOMMITTEE AND OTHER

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MARCH	285
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU MARCH	35,439

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS IN MARCH	1,945
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU MARCH	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 MARCH 2017	13,422.00
GIVING NEEDED EACH MONTH.....	15,592.00
TOTAL GIVING THRU MARCH	48,938.00
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED THRU MARCH	46,776.00

<i>Date</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
04/01	Andrea Johnson	Avery McCree	Sarah Bragan
04/08	Andrea Johnson	Jedidiah Johnson	Virginia Johnson
04/15	Kim Simmons	Fletcher Scarborough	Christopher Bragan
04/22	Kim Simmons	Caroline Cantrell	Laken Robinson
04/29	Kim Simmons	Gabe Hartley	Morgan Swygart
05/06	Rosie Robinson	Youth Sunday	Youth Sunday
05/13	Kim Simmons	Colby Carter	TBD
05/20	Rosie Robinson	Jedidiah Johnson	TBD
05/27	Rosie Robinson	Arwyn Simmons	TBD
06/03	Rosie Robinson	Summer Break	Summer Break
06/10	Andrea Johnson	Summer Break	Summer Break
06/17	Andrea Johnson	Summer Break	Summer Break
06/24	Andrea Johnson	Summer Break	Summer Break

!!!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>
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
06/03	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Sheri Gordon
06/10	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Dave McCree
06/17	Kathy Wuchenich	Kathy Wuchenich	Sarah Scarborough
06/24	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Rosie Robinson

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

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 Hic ks
 05/21 Dotti Foreman
 05/27 Andy Simmons

 06/03 Philip Enlow
 06/10 Maria Swygert
 06/17 Roy Rushing
 06/24 Cindy Enfinger

Worship Directors

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

 06/03 Violet Hane
 06/10 Nancy Pilat Renner
 06/17 Kim Simmons
 06/24 Eddie Enfinger

Usher/Communion

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

JUNE 2018

Simons Hane, Maria Swygert, Tim Hawks, Judy Clas

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDER

06/10 Eddie Enfinger, Mike Simmons

Special Offerings:

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Communion <i>Nancy Canaday</i>	2 Church Office Closed	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	4 NO Chancel Choir	5 PWCT Meeting 6:00 pm	6 <i>Sue Ackerman</i>	7
8 Communion Lunch After Worship	9 Men of the Church 6:30 pm Circle 4 - 6:00 <i>Erin Sproul</i>	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	11 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	12 Circle 2 - 6:30 pm <i>Staci Chitty</i>	13	14 Stewardship Dinner
15 Session and Committees	16	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	18 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Circle 3 - 6:30 pm	19 <i>Knox Robinson</i>	20 <i>Chase Carter</i>	21
22 <i>Andy Simmons</i>	23	24 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	25 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm <i>Cindy Engfinger</i>	26	27	28
29 Keep the Change Sunday	30 <i>Linda Hudson</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

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 Kneee (<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.

Gods Helping Hands

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

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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