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## Dear Friends...

Easter was Great! It always is. What could possibly be better than Jesus coming out of the grave, turning all the bad guys who thought they had won into losers, and forgiving us for all our sins? Top it all off with a big Sunday lunch with the relatives and friends and an Easter egg hunt and it is Easter perfection!

Then dawns Monday morning. Little tufts of plastic Easter basket grass are lying about. The baskets that held all those eggs yesterday need to be put away for another year. The leftover ham needs to be divided up and frozen. Everything looks a little weary from the day before. Even the flowers on the cross are starting to wilt, and by the end of the week they'll need to be recycled. Easter has come and gone, and the Easter bump has turned into the post-Easter slump.

Ministers have come to expect this. On Easter Sunday the choir sings the joyous music it has been working on for weeks, the Confirmation Class makes their public professions of faith, there may be a baptism or two, the Eucharist is celebrated and the preacher tries to wedge a pretty fair meditation in somewhere. The church is full with families bringing visiting family and friends, and visitors who picked Easter Sunday to try to begin the church-going habit. All the once-a-monthers and every-two-weekers are there on the same Sunday along with the Chreasters (Christmas-Easter). The sanctuary is a crowded celebration! Then the next Sunday arrives and it is clear that the post-Easter slump has set in

... ecclesiastical Post-partum depression. God has just given birth to the best news human ears can hear! Why in the world would there be this slump? I think Jesus's disciples can help us understand and know what to do with it.

In John's gospel, several days after Jesus had risen from the grave and appeared to them and many others, six of them were standing beside the Sea of Galilee. They probably weren't sure what to do. Jesus was gone and their ministry with him seemed over. Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." The others said, "We'll go with you," and off they go. These people were fishermen before their walk with Jesus began. Now, they are returning to being fishermen. They are returning to business as usual.

Fishing wasn't very good that night. But as the sun came up the next day, some guy up on the shore called to them and gave them some well-meant, but probably not very good, advice. They were professionals, after all. He said, "Put your nets on the other side of the boat." Why not? Nothing else seemed to be working, so they did. And about the time they discovered the net was too full of fish for them to bring it in was when they realized who the voice on shore was, and business was no longer as usual. That is when the Church began.

We post-Easter people need to keep paying attention in this post-Easter world where we live. The voice of Jesus calls to us from every corner, but Easter had to happen for Him to be able to do that. Post-Easter is when life in the world gets really busy for the Church ... and there is no more slump.

Blessings,

Mike

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

# *Music Notes*

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, a group of Providence adults and youth/children will be traveling to Montreat, NC, in June, to attend the 2018 Montreat Conference on Worship and Music. This year, the theme is "Sacraments and Seasons"; we attend Week 1, which is June 17-22, 2018. This annual conference, which is presented by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, is always amazing: extremely well-done, informative, and inspiring. There are classes in various areas of worship and church music, choirs for all ages (vocal, instrumental, handbell), worship services, concerts, and much more. Conferees come from many states to attend. Attending from Providence this year are Mike, Fran, Donna, Linda, Cindy, Cathy, Debbie, Alice, Michaela, Lauren, Kim, Virginia, Jon, Laken, Knox, Christopher, Sarah, Caroline, Morgan, Arwyn, and Naomi - a total of twenty-one! We will fill up two houses. I ask your prayers for our week, for all of us who are attending, for safe travel, and for our loved ones at home while we are away. We are excited about participating in this excellent conference, and we look forward to bringing back music and worship ideas to share with you. There have already been several fund-raisers, and a few more are planned, to assist the youth/children with housing expense, and I want to thank you for your support, both financial and spiritual, of our Providence Musicians.

Instrument Group and Adult Handbell Choir will take a summer break after the May 6 afternoon rehearsal and playing for 11:00 Worship on Sunday morning, May 13 - unless I call on you to play during the summer. Chancel Choir continues Wednesday evening rehearsal during the summer, with 4 or 5 planned Wednesdays free. As always, I deeply appreciate the beautiful music, wonderful worship leadership, and joyful dedication of all of our Providence Musicians, including adults, youth, and children. Thank you!

Love,

Donna

# *Youth News*

Church family,

We would love to have as many of you as possible to come to worship on Sunday, May 6 for Youth Sunday! Our Youth are working hard behind the scenes to get this together and will be proud to show off their work!! :) Also, there will be a lunch after worship, served by the youth, and an auction in an effort to raise enough money for housing for our Montreat Music and Worship trip!

Dates to Remember:

- May 6 - Youth Sunday
- May 13 - No youth. Happy Mothers Day!
- May 20 - End of Year Celebration after worship

*Blessings,*  
*- Lauren Finnegan*

## *Christian Education*

We have run our new Sunday School program “The Workshop Rotation Model” (WoRM) for 5 months now and it has gone very well! Many thanks to our wonderful Workshop Leaders and children! We will run Workshops through May 20<sup>th</sup>, then we’ll take a break from Sunday School this Summer. The CE Committee will be working this Summer to make plans for new Workshops starting in the Fall!

Vacation Bible School will be July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with the children singing their Bible School songs in Worship at 11:00 on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is “Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus”!

Take Care of Each Other!

Linda Nevling, DCE



# May Fun

May is a very busy time at Providence CDC. We celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week May 7—11 with something special for the teachers every day. Chuck Carter, a PPCDC Board Member, will cook up hamburgers and hot dogs for staff on Friday. We are very thankful for the wonderful and dedicated teachers here at PPCDC.

The 4K class is very excited about the 4-K graduation on May 18. It is a special time at the CDC as we prepare to send this class off to elementary school in the fall. All the graduates receive a Bible from PPCDC during the graduation ceremony. The program begins at 6:30 and lasts around 45 minutes.



The dance recital for the CDC children is scheduled for May 24 and is held in the Fellowship Hall at the church. It's always a fun experience seeing what the little dancers have learned over the year and the dancers enjoy dressing in their fancy costumes for their friends and families.

Thank you for your support of this ministry of Providence Presbyterian Church. Please keep the CDC children, teachers, parents and staff in your prayers as we move forward to a very busy summer!

**The CDC Team**

## *Presbyterian Women*

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on **May 3rd** at 6:00 pm.

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

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

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

**Circle 4** will meet on **Monday, May 14th** 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 **May 14th at 6:00pm** at the home of George Hayes.



*Presbyterian Women*

*Ladies' Spring Tea*

*Saturday, May 5th*

*12 o'clock*

*Fellowship Hall*

*Launelle*





## 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



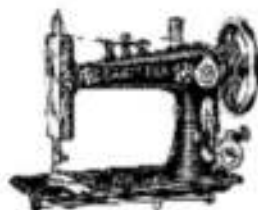
When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each Month

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 APRIL .....	460
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU APRIL .....	196,508

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

CONTRIBUTIONS IN APRIL .....	
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU APRIL.....	2,346
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL 2011 .....	5,504

## **SUPERCOMMITTEE AND OTHER**

CONTRIBUTIONS IN APRIL .....	
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU APRIL .....	47,164

## **TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

CONTRIBUTIONS IN APRIL .....	2,615
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU APRIL .....	269,193
(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 APRIL 2017 .....	14,767.00
GIVING NEEDED EACH MONTH.....	15,592.00
TOTAL GIVING THRU APRIL .....	67,461.00
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED THRU APRIL .....	66,266.00

<i>Date</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Book</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
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
07/01	Kim Simmons	Summer Break	Summer Break
07/08	Kim Simmons	Summer Break	Summer Break
07/15	Kim Simmons	Summer Break	Summer Break
07/22	Rosie Robinson	Summer Break	Summer Break
07/29	Rosie Robinson	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 &amp; Toddlers</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
05/06	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Youth Sunday
05/13	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Dave McCree
05/20	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	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	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Sarah Scarborough
06/24	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Rosie Robinson
07/01	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Tim Monetti
07/08	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Sheri Gordon
07/15	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Dave McCree
07/22	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Sarah Scarborough
07/29	Kathy Wuchenich	Kathy Wuchenich	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*

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

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

07/01 Doug Carlisle  
07/08 Tim Hawks  
07/15 Nancy Pilat Renner  
07/22 Laurie White  
07/29 George Hayes

## *Worship Directors*

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

07/01 Judy Clas  
07/08 Maria Swygert  
07/15 Violet Hane  
07/22 Michael Scarborough  
07/29 Tim Hawks

## *Usher/Communion*

### **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

### **JULY 2018**

Laurie White, Kim Simmons, Roy Rushing, Dotti Foreman

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS**

07/08 Roy Turner, Ray Bullock

*Special Offerings:*  
*Birthday Offering*  
*Pentecost Offering*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am <i>Jeanette Bragan</i> <i>Lorraine Carter</i>	2 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	3 <i>Emily Mooneyhan</i>	4 <i>Sharon Enlow</i>	5 PW Ladies' Tea 12:00 pm <i>Nancy Pilat Renner</i>
6 Youth Sunday Lunch after worship	7	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	9 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	10 Circle 2 - 6:30 pm	11	12
13 Mother's Day Birthday Offering <i>David Yarbrough</i>	14 Men of the Church 6:30 pm Circle 4 - 6:00	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	16 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm Circle 3 - 6:30 pm	17 <i>Violet Hane</i>	18 <i>Dan Culpepper</i> <i>Becky Wactor</i>	19 <i>Jay Swygert</i> <i>Roger Woods</i>
20 Communion Pentecost Offering	21	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am <i>Kathryn Helms</i> <i>Joe Rawl</i>	23 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	24	25	26 <i>David McCree</i>
27 Communion Keep the Change Sunday	28 Memorial Day CDC & Church Office closed	29 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:00 am	30 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm <i>Colby Carter</i> <i>David Starkey</i>	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*

Nellie Lee Rutland	Ralph Barton	Betty White
Don Canaday	Jeanette Bragan	Mary Wood
Family of 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*

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

## *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 **May 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, May 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, **May 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*

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

## *Program Ministries*

### **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

# *Lost & Found*

Looking for something? Multiple items have been left in the church office such as:

- ⇒ Hot pink kids jacket
- ⇒ Pair of jeans
- ⇒ Magnifying glass
- ⇒ Umbrella
- ⇒ Reading glasses
- ⇒ Set of keys
- ⇒ Miscellaneous jewelry
- ⇒ Miscellaneous serving dishes

Please come by the office if you think any of these items may be yours. If they are still in the office by the end of the month we will be donating these items.

Thanks!

Cassie



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