

# Providence Pres

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## Dear Friends...

What is a patriot? This is a good question to think about as we approach Independence Day. The easy and essentially correct answer is a patriot is someone who loves his or her nation. But it really goes a bit deeper than that. On this holiday weekend, and in this month when that holiday falls, when grills will be working over time and recreation hours compete with work hours, it may be a good time to consider what that word 'patriot' means and how we can bring it to square with our Christian faith.

The first characteristic of patriotism is understanding that we are each a part of a greater whole. Our identities have not been lost in the merging of the many into the one. Identities remain very much intact, yet there is a oneness to the whole we have chosen to be part of. Together we work for the good of that whole. Some of the states which were part of the original ones when our nation was young still bear the name which reflects our commitment to work for the common good. Virginia and Kentucky take pride in referring to themselves with the word 'commonwealth'.

The next step into patriotism comes when the individual becomes committed to that greater whole. To become committed to a nation means to understand at least two things. One is that the commonwealth is not static. It consists of people. People are born and they think and create and they die. The thinking and creativity of each new generation brings new challenges and requires new ways of serving their common good. The patriot is not content to fade into the background noise of saying that if things were good enough for Grandmomma and Granddaddy, they ought to be good enough for us. Neither is the patriot content to defend a position simply because it bears a party label. This

is what divides us against ourselves.

The other thing patriotic commitment means is sort of a paradox. It means submitting some self-identity to the identity with the whole. The paradox for a nation such as ours which is built on freedom is that it means giving up some of the very freedom we are willing to fight to defend. No patriot is free to do completely as he or she pleases. A patriot freely decides to submit some freedom to the common good.

Now comes what is perhaps the toughest part of patriotism. Everyone has some standard against which he or she measures the world. God has placed it inside us and it is refined by the faith we confess. For the Jew it is Torah. For the Muslim it is Coran. For the Christian it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ ... any and all of which we are free to identify with. The problem comes when we, in our commitment to our nation, do not use that standard and advocate correction where it is indicated, as long as it is done with mutual respect. So often people are declared unpatriotic when they disagree with national public policy. The truth is that those who would limit anyone's freedom to disagree are the ones who are limiting patriotism when those voices of disagreement come from spirits who are committed enough to the commonwealth to disagree with it, work toward correcting it, and then in the end embrace what the majority rule is.

Sounds a little like the Church, doesn't it?

Grace and peace,

Mike

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered below the printed name.



COMING SOON  
TO A GALAXY  
NEAR YOU

**VBS at Providence**

**July 28-30**

FRIDAY PM- SATURDAY AM- VBS SUNDAY  
WORSHIP

**Come join us for a weekend full of  
fun! Interested in Volunteering?  
Contact Anne Marie Ashley**

# *Music Notes*

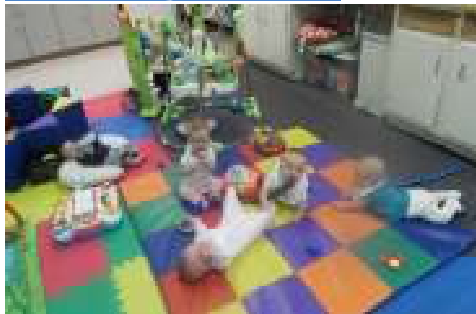
Thank you for the many ways that you assisted and supported our attendance at the Worship & Music Conference in Montreat, NC. Thank you for your prayers for our week, for safe travel, and for our loved ones at home while we were away.

Once again, the Conference was exceptional. Children/youth and adults participated in a wide variety of opportunities including choirs, classes, activities, Worship, and fellowship. Children's Choir, Middler Choir, Adult Choir, and Adult Handbell Choir (as well as a few other groups), all of which included Providence musicians, presented beautiful and life-enhancing music during daily Worship and the Closing Concert. We look forward to sharing ideas, inspirations, and music with you at Providence.

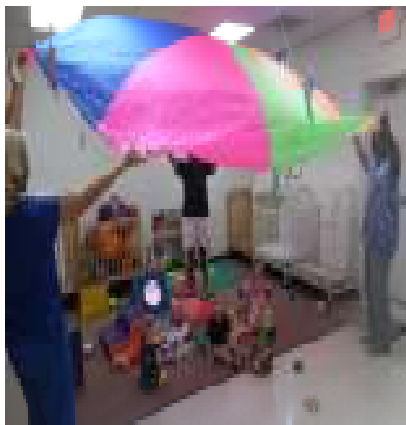
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# Montreat Moments









<i>Date</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
07/02	Kathy Hawks	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
07/09	Andrea Johnson	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
07/16	Emily Mooneyhan	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
07/23	Rosie Robinson	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
07/30	Kim Simmons	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
08/06	Andrea Johnson	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
08/13	Andrea Johnson	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
08/20	Rosie Robinson	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
08/27	Rosie Robinson	SUMMER BREAK	SUMMER BREAK
09/03	Anne Marie Ashley	Chase Carter	Sarah Bragan
09/10	Anne Marie Ashley	Jedidiah Johnson	Jon Simmons
09/17	Anne Marie Ashley	Gabe Hartley	Hunter Helms
09/24	Kathy Hawks	Avery McCree	Julian Coles

*!!!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](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>Sunday School Nursery</i>	<i>Worship Nursery &amp; Toddlers &amp; Worship Toddlers</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
07/02	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Rosie Robinson
07/09	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Sarah Scarborough
07/16	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Tim Monetti
07/23	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Anne Marie Ashley
07/30	VBS Sunday	VBS Sunday	VBS Sunday
08/06	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Dave McCree
08/13	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Sheri Gordon
08/20	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Rosie Robinson
08/27	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Anne Marie Ashley
09/03	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Tim Monetti
09/10	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Sheri Gordon
09/17	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Anne Marie Ashley
09/24	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Dave McCree

# 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*

07/02 Jerry Hicks  
07/09 Michael Scarborough  
07/16 Nancy Pilat Renner  
07/23 Violet Hane  
07/30 VBS Sunday  
  
08/06 Cindy Enfinger  
08/13 Simons Hane  
08/20 Tim Monetti  
08/27 Tim Hawks  
  
09/03 Dottie Foreman  
09/10 Cindy Enfinger  
09/17 Michael Scarborough  
09/24 Andy Simmons

## *Worship Directors*

07/02 Kim Simmons  
07/09 Roy Rushing  
07/16 Dottie Foreman  
07/23 George Hayes  
07/30 Anne Marie Ashley  
  
08/06 Tim Hawks  
08/13 Violet Hane  
08/20 Kim Simmons  
08/27 Roy Rushing  
  
09/03 Anne Marie Ashley  
09/10 Lauren Finnegan  
09/17 Violet Hane  
09/24 Laurie White

## *Usher / Communion Elder*

### **JULY 2017**

Roy Rushing, Mike Simmons, Michael Scarborough, Kim Simmons

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS**

07/09 Doug Carlisle, Laurie White

### **AUGUST 2017**

Anne Marie Ashley, Nancy Pilat Renner, Lauren Finnegan, Judy Clas

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS**

08/13 Roy Rushing, Laurie White

### **SEPTEMBER 2017**

Roy Rushing, George Hayes, Laurie White, Dottie Foreman

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS**

09/10 Rosie Robinson, Tim Hawks

## *Special Offerings:*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Eddie Enfinger</i>	3 <i>Kathy Hayes</i>	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am	5 No Chancel Choir	6	7	8
9 Communion	10 <i>Donald Canaday</i>	11 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Macie Davis</i>	12 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm <i>Andy Wactor</i>	13	14	15
16 <i>Nancy Hudson</i>	17 <i>Andrea Johnson</i> <i>Don Morris</i>	18 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am	19 No Chancel Choir <i>Jay Coles</i>	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Craig Bullock</i>	25 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Hunter Helms</i>	26 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm	27	28 VBS	29 VBS
30 VBS	31 <i>Doris Simmons</i>				<i>July</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

Don Morris  
Doris Simmons  
Carolyn Kay  
Jean Rushing  
Al Montgomery  
Kathy Hawks  
Ralph Barton  
Jeanette Bragan  
Judy & George Thrana

Caroline Patton  
Veneta Renner  
Bucky Masters  
Susan Hicks  
Tom Wyatt  
Faye Daniel  
Bob Dennis-Leigh  
Graham White  
Betty White

Mary Wood  
Margaret Lankford  
Shirley VanKley  
Maria Patton  
Frances Julian  
Gail Pukl  
Dot Wilson  
Betty Jackson

## Our Family and Friends

Carmen Alvarez (*Pilat-Renner*)  
Terry Rushing (*Rushing*)  
Chris Wolfe (*Wyatt*)  
Doris Wheeler (*Morris*)  
Dianne Connell  
Erika Browning (*Woods*)  
Dan Miranda (*Curry*)  
Chris  
Ken Martin (*White*)  
Rebekah James (*Mcleod*)  
Roddy Bowman (*Pilat-Renner*)  
Suzie Greene (*Morris*)  
Tammy Campbell (*Culpepper*)  
Mike Merck (*Wyatt*)  
Mallory Gilbert (*Rawl*)  
Edith Billingsley (*Billingsley*)  
Joyce Tullis (*Masters*)  
Avie (*Billingsley*)  
Don Hagy (*Pardue/Hicks*)  
Crystal Hawks (*Kathy Hawks*)  
Bob & Jane Harris (*Rawl*)  
Ken Akin (*Wyatt*)

Janet Vehorn  
Jaxson (*Roy & Jean Rushing*)  
Landon Derrick (*Donna Martin*)  
Frankie & Sonia Riley (*Enfinger*)  
Megan Sease (*Donna Martin*)  
Terri Barton (*Barton*)  
Joyce Kistler (*Montgomery*)  
Callie Simpson (*Sandra Simpson*)  
Chuck Curry  
Brian Fallaw (*Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher*)  
Elena Carter (*Patton*)  
Tom Johnson (*Martin*)  
Katie Atkinson (*Barton*)  
Pat Causey (*CDC Teacher*)  
Military Service Members & Families  
Eloise Sarvis (*Jay & Teresa Coles*)  
John Coles (*Jay & Teresa Coles*)

## *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 **July 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, July 24th*

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, **July 24th** - "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 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

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

## Program Ministries

### **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

### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER MINISTRY**

Stoney Patton



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