

# Providence Pres

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## Dear Friends...

Nature abhors a vacuum. It's one of the oldest and most basic laws of physics. It means nature would rather fill empty spaces with something than leave them empty. That law explains why you can drink through a straw and why a vacuum cleaner works. An empty space is created, and whatever is available that can find its way in fills it. In our culture this law seems to apply to silence, also. We have a hard time with silence.

There's a game I play sometimes with groups of people. I tell everyone that I am going to time a minute and I want them to raise their hand when they think the minute is up. The rule is that silence must be kept until the last person has raised his or her hand. It usually takes about twenty seconds for the first hand to go up, and almost never does the whole minute go by in silence before all the hands in the room are in the air. We have a hard time with silence. Maybe we need to redefine it.

If asked to define silence, my guess is most folks would say silence is the absence of sound. That's true. If you take away sound, you are left with silence. But silence is not an empty space waiting to be filled like that vacuum that nature abhors. Silence is a thing in the same sense that sound is, and

a definition of sound could just as appropriately be the absence of silence. Sound and silence are two different things, and each has a place in our lives ... especially in our faith lives. Without silence we could not hear the voice of God. Throughout the scriptures God's presence is associated with earthquakes and violent winds and claps of thunder, but those things tend to announce God's presence. God's message doesn't come until the noise is over and things have grown silent (see 1 Kings 19:11-19). We would do well to get comfortable with being silent before the Lord, as well as making a joyful noise in His presence. Both have a place in worship.

Blessings,

Mike

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

## *Music Notes*

We had a wonderful week at the Worship and Music Conference last week! We heard and participated in lots of beautiful music, inspiring teaching and Worship, and fun fellowship. The choirs (adult, elementary, middle school, and high school) were amazing! Montreat and the surrounding mountains were magical, as always. It was all joyful and meaningful beyond description! I want to thank you for your prayers for our group of 22 and for our loved ones back home. We have lots of things to share with you in the coming months.

I hope that you are having a happy, safe summer.

See you at church!

Love,

Donna

# *Youth News*

What a fun week we had at the Montreat Music and Worship conference last week! So glad to spend it with 11 of our youth group and youth club kids!! We spent the week taking choir, handbells, Bible, photography, and two from our group took an Improv class. In our free time we did some paddle boating, rock hopping and chilling out at the Huckleberry! I hope the youth have a fun rest of their summer! Before we know it, we will be gearing up for a new school year!



*Blessings,  
- Lauren Finnegan*



**SAIL AWAY WITH US!**

**VBS AT PROVIDENCE**  
**JULY 27 - 29**

**Friday 6-8 pm - Saturday 9-11 am - Sunday**  
**Morning Worship**

**Ages:**  
**4 year olds- 16 year olds**

# *Christian Education*

What a wonderful week it was in Montreat at the Worship and Music Conference! This was a first for me, I've attended many conferences in the past, but not this one, I've now added it to my list of favorites!

Our Children's Sermons continue through the Summer along with our Children's Bulletins. Jr. Church is still running too!

Jesus is with us wherever we are! To symbolize this and to have some fun, we're taking pictures with "Flat Jesus" everywhere, even with Pikachu! Check them out in the Narthex and keep sending them in to [providencepres@aol.com](mailto:providencepres@aol.com). If you haven't gotten your "Flat Jesus" or need another one, you can pick one up from the table in the Narthex! Adults are encouraged to participate too!

Please mark you calendars for Vacation Bible School! Our theme is "ShipWrecked". The dates are: July 27-29!

Take Care of Each Other!  
Linda Nevling, DCE



## July News

It is a very busy summer! The after-school children are enjoying trips to Riverbanks Zoo, Saluda Shoals, Showtime Carousel, Chuck E Cheese's, and many other fun and interesting places.

All the children are beginning to learn songs from the Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School program. VBS is scheduled for **July 23-27** and leads directly into the Church's Vacation Bible School on July 27 and 28. VBS Sunday is **July 29** and all the CDC children and Church children are invited to come to church and sing the songs from VBS during the worship service.

Water play is a big hit with all the younger children. They love splashing in the water tables, running through the sprinklers, and slipping and sliding down the Slip and Slides.

The CDC is working to upgrade the playground area used by the one and two-year-old children. Chuck Carter and Stoney Patton have torn down the old pump house, removed old wooden play structures and moved the fence to create more play room. We are very thankful for all their hard work and the time that they have dedicated to the CDC.

Thank you for your prayers. The PPCDC Team

## *Presbyterian Women*

*Enjoy Your Summer!*

Presbyterian Women Circle meetings will pick back up in September with the exception of Circle 2 which will pick back up in August!

## *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.

*Enjoy Your Summer!*

Men of the Church meetings will pick back up in September!





## 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



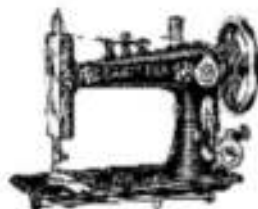
When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each Month

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](mailto:npilat01@yahoo.com)



# *For Your Information*

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

PAY IT FORWARD PLEDGES TO DATE .....	123,372
CONTRIBUTIONS IN JUNE .....	7,293
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU JUNE .....	42,993

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

CONTRIBUTIONS IN JUNE .....	173
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU JUNE.....	173
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED SINCE APRIL 2018 .....	173

### **SUPERCOMMITTEE AND OTHER**

CONTRIBUTIONS IN JUNE .....	
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU JUNE .....	475

### **TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

CONTRIBUTIONS IN JUNE .....	7,466
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU JUNE .....	43,641
(INCLUDING KEEP THE CHANGE SINCE April 2018)	

### **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 JUNE 2018 .....	11,659.00
GIVING NEEDED EACH MONTH.....	15,592.00
TOTAL GIVING THRU JUNE .....	91,587.00
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED THRU JUNE .....	97,450.00

<i>Date</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Book</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
07/01	Kim Simmons		
07/08	Kim Simmons	S	B
07/15	Kim Simmons	U	R
07/22	Rosie Robinson	M	E
07/29	Rosie Robinson	M	A
08/05	Anne Marie Ashley	E	K
08/12	Anne Marie Ashley	R	!
08/19	Anne Marie Ashley		
08/26	Andrea Johnson		
09/02	Andrea Johnson	Gabe Hartley	Knox Robinson
09/09	Andrea Johnson	Fletcher Scarborough	Caroline Hartley
09/16	Andrea Johnson	Jedidiah Johnson	Morgan Swygart
09/23	Kim Simmons	Chase Carter	Laken Robinson
09/30	Kim Simmons	Naomi Finnegan	Jon Simmons

*!!!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>
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
08/05	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Sheri Gordon
08/12	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Tim Monetti
08/19	Kathy Wuchenich	Kathy Wuchenich	Dave McCree
08/26	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Rosie Robinson
09/02	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Sheri Gordon
09/09	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Sarah Scarborough
09/16	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Tim Monetti
09/23	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Dave McCree
09/30	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	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*

07/01 Doug Carlisle  
07/08 Tim Hawks  
07/15 Nancy Pilat Renner  
07/22 Laurie White  
07/29 George Hayes  
  
08/05 Lauren Finnegan  
08/12 Rosie Robinson  
08/19 George Hayes  
08/26 Ray Bullock  
  
09/02 Andy Simmons  
09/09 Doug Carlisle  
09/16 Cathy Monetti  
09/23 Phillip Enlow  
09/30 Cindy Enfinger

## *Worship Directors*

07/01 Judy Clas  
07/08 Maria Swygert  
07/15 Violet Hane  
07/22 Michael Scarborough  
07/29 Tim Hawks  
  
08/05 Maria Swygert  
08/12 Eddie Enfinger  
08/19 Lauren Finnegan  
08/26 Laurie White  
  
09/02 Judy Clas  
09/09 Tim Hawks  
09/16 Nancy Pilat Renner  
09/23 Dotti Foreman  
09/30 Eddie Enfinger

## *Usher/Communion*

### **JULY 2018**

Laurie White, Kim Simmons, Roy Rushing, Dotti Foreman

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS**

07/08 Roy Turner, Ray Bullock

### **AUGUST 2018**

Anne Marie Ashley, Nancy Pilat Renner, Tim Hawks, George Hayes

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS**

08/12 Maria Swygert,  
Michael Scarborough

### **SEPTEMBER 2018**

Maria Swygert, Randy LaCons, Fred Clas, Roy Rushing

### **EXTRA COMMUNION ELDER**

09/09 Tim Hawks, Violet Hane

## *Special Offerings:*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Eddie Enfinger</i>	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Kathy Hayes</i>	4 No Chancel Choir Church Office & CDC Closed	5	6	7
8	9	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Donald Canaday</i>	11 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm <i>Macie Davis</i>	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Nancy Hudson</i>	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Andrea Johnson</i>	18 NO Chancel Choir	19 <i>Jay Coles</i>	20	21
22	23	24 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Craig Bullock</i>	25 Chancel Choir 6:15 pm <i>Hunter Helms</i>	26	27 VBS	28 VBS
29 VBS	30	31 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am <i>Doris Simmons</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

Susan LaCons  
Nellie Lee Rutland  
Don Canaday  
Don Morris  
Carol Tomlin  
Carolyn Kay  
Jean Rushing  
Al Montgomery

Ralph Barton  
Jeanette Bragan  
Judy & George Thrana  
Caroline Patton  
Veneta Renner  
Bucky Masters  
Susan Hicks  
Faye Daniel

Betty White  
Mary Wood  
Margaret Lankford  
Shirley VanKley  
Maria Patton  
Gail Pukl  
Dot Wilson

## Our Family and Friends

Patsy Westall (Wactor)  
Bruce Canaday (Canaday)  
Shirley Smith (Rawl)  
A CDC Parent  
Jazen Wallace (McCree)  
Austin Carter  
Sutton Rigg (Monetti)  
Clyde Hendrix  
Conrad Dempsey  
Dee Davis & Family  
Erica Boone  
Nate Simons  
Debbie McGill (Thompson)  
David Mills (Rawl)  
Teri Mason  
Nancy McConnell (White)  
Chris  
Gloria Gray (Curry)  
David Ross (Morris)  
John & Cindy White (Billingsley)  
Kenny Godwin (Enfinger)  
Erika Browning (Woods)  
Patsy Scott (White)  
Thomas Ragan (Canaday)  
Darby Hane (Hane)  
Iris Long (Hayes)  
Kathy Shannon (Hayes)  
Melanie Davis (Enfinger)  
Gene & Flo Jordan  
Deborah Marthers (Enfinger)  
Jason Wright (Enfinger)

Herb & Ann Kneece (Rawl)  
Earl West (Rawl)  
Charles & Susan Bentley (Rawl)  
Kent & Kathy Rigg (Monetti)  
Susan Bennett (Buxton)  
Joe McKinney (Pilat-Renner)  
Terry Rushing (Rushing)  
Rebekah James (McLeod)  
Roddy Bowman (Pilat-Renner)  
Suzie Greene (Morris)  
Tammy Campbell (Culpepper)  
Edith Billingsley (Billingsley)  
Joyce Tullis (Masters)  
Don Hagy (Pardue/Hicks)  
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)  
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 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, **July 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*

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 - LAST CALL*

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.

What  
once  
was

**L** Now is  
**FOUND**  
**S**  
**T**

Thanks!

Cassie



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