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Dear Friends...

On August 21 there will come an event in the heavens that most of us have not ever seen nor will ever have the chance to see again. At around 2:30 in the afternoon on that day the moon will move in front of the sun and cast its shadow on the earth in a shadow which will pass directly over Columbia. It should get dark enough for nocturnal creatures to begin some of their night time habits. While the crickets chirp and the locusts buzz, lights and other things with photo cells that make them come on at dusk will begin to operate. And for about two and a half minutes the added 600,000 people who are projected to descend on our fair city will stop what they are doing and experience the darkness of a complete solar eclipse ... and then go home and resume life as they have come to live it.

There was a day when a total solar eclipse had a far greater effect than that. Many prehistoric petroglyphs depict what were undoubtedly eclipses with drawings of all sorts of cataclysmic things happening because of them. In the gospels, when Jesus talks about the end times he quotes Isaiah and Daniel with words about the sun growing dark and warns that the end is coming and that everyone should be prepared. It sounds like the prophets were describing eclipses. The Book of Revelation contains similar language and warnings. All these things evoked a sense of awe among the people and they probably came away from them with a much greater sense of the Holy in their midst than they had be-

fore the eclipse.

Not so much these days. The sciences of astrophysics and astronomy have fully explained the mechanics of the event and can tell us precise days and times and places and durations. They can tell us when the next ones will occur and where they can be seen. If anyone has more money than they know what to do with, they can jump on a plane and go see one next week where ever one is scheduled to happen then. The sense of awe that an eclipse evoked is much harder to find because we can explain it. We need to find that sense of awe again. And we'll find it again when we remember that, even though we can explain the mechanics of something, it is the hand of a transcendent God who put it there to begin with.

On August 21, when the crickets begin to chirp and the locusts buzz in the middle of a briefly darkened day, think of the size and distance of the sun and moon. Then remember that in the scope of the universe even they are infinitely tiny, themselves. Then think of the immensity of this God who put them all in place and set them all in motion. Then think of your small self on the face of this globe pondering all this about a God who is infinite, yet knows you better than you know yourself. Sometimes we need to be reminded of our insignificance in order to be awe-stricken by God again.

Blessings,

Mike

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

Music Notes

August is here, and schools will be starting back in a couple of weeks. The beginning of the Church Program Year follows soon after. I am hoping, as you begin plans for the coming school/church year, that you will include Providence Program Year activities and events in your schedule. All of our Providence Musicians choirs will be rehearsing again beginning in September. Of course, Chancel Choir continues Wednesday evening rehearsals year-round, with a few summer breaks. I want to say thank you to our faithful Chancel Choir singers for your good work all summer. It's been fun! Instrument Group, Adult Handbell Choir, Young Singers, and Youth Ringers and Singers meet on Sunday afternoons during the Program Year. I look forward to seeing all of our musicians regularly soon. All choirs welcome new members. If you like to sing/play music and you are not in a choir, I hope you will join us. Let me know if you have any questions. Watch the newsletters, bulletins, and emails for scheduling details for the fall.

I look forward to beginning a new year with you. Thanks to all of you, my friends, for your support of our music ministry at Providence.

Happy rest-of-the-summer!

Donna

Men of the Church

Men of the Church will meet again on **August 14th** at **6:30pm** at the Indian Creek Association Boat Club located at:

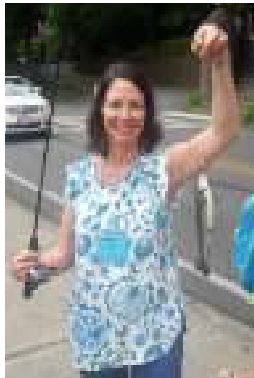
317 Indian Creek Circle Chapin, SC 29036

Presbyterian Women

Circle 2 will be meeting on **Thursday, August 10th at 6:30pm** at the home of Fran Bragan.

All other circles will not meet in August.

Montreat Moments





GALACTIC STARVEYORS BIBLE SCHOOL FUN AND BACK TO SCHOOL!

What a joy it is to see the children listening, singing, laughing, and talking “under the stars” in their Galaxy! Anne Marie Ashley has done a wonderful job of sharing Bible verses and Bible stories all week long and personally sharing her love for Jesus and His awesome love for children.

Judi Zehel has expertly taught the Bible School songs to the children during the music sessions that are full of hand motions and enthusiasm. Bible School week is always special at PPCDC and it has worked well to carry the same program on into the church weekend Bible School.

Following are dates and times of the events coming up in August.

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| Sunday, July 30 | Children sing at worship . |
| Friday, Aug. 18 | Last day of CDC summer program |
| Monday, Aug. 21 | CDC closed. It is teacher work day and Solar Eclipse Day. |
| Tuesday, Aug. 22 | CDC School Year begins |
| Tuesday, Aug. 29 | Open House at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary or CDC parents |

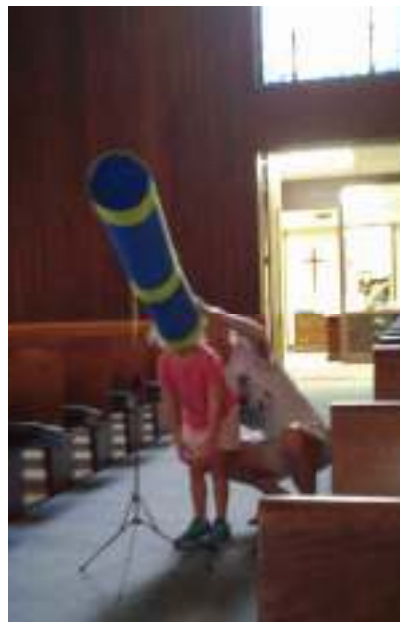
Thank you for your continued support of this ministry of Providence Presbyterian Church.

The CDC Team.



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
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
10/01	Andrea Johnson	Caroline Cantrell	Morgan Swygart
10/08	Andrea Johnson	Fletcher Scarborough	Duncan Scarborough
10/15	Rosie Robinson	Colby Carter	Christopher Bragan
10/22	Kim Simmons	Arywn Simmons	Virginia Johnson
10/29	Anne Marie Ashley	Maddox Ashley	Laken Robinson

!!!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 & Worship Toddlers</i>	<i>Jr. Church</i>
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
10/01	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Tim Monetti
10/08	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Sheri Gordon
10/15	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Rosie Robinson
10/22	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Sarah Scarborough
10/29	Kathy Hawks	Kathy Hawks	Anne Marie Ashley

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

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

10/01 Kathy Wuchenich
10/08 Dan Culpepper
10/15 Maria Swygert
10/22 Simons Hane
10/29 Phillip Enlow

Worship Directors

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

10/01 Nancy Pilat Renner
10/08 Dan Culpepper
10/15 Maria Swygert
10/22 Kathy Wuchenich
10/29 Judy Clas

Usher / Communion Elder

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

OCTOBER 2017

Kathy Wuchenich, Dan Culpepper, Eddie Enfinger, Maria Swygert

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

10/01 Tim Hawks, Steve Jordan

No Special Offerings in
August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7am <i>Ray Bullock</i>	2 Chancel Choir 6:15pm	3 PW Kickoff Dinner 6:30pm	4	5
6 <i>Gabe Hartley</i>	7	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7am <i>Mike Bragan</i>	9 Chancel Choir 6:15pm <i>Allison Turner</i>	10 Circle 2 6:30 pm	11 Officer Training 6:00-8:00 pm	12 Officer Training 9:00 am - 4:00 pm <i>Greyson McKinney</i>
13 Communion	14	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7am	16 NO Chancel Choir	17	18 <i>Shirley Van Kley</i>	19
20 <i>Stoney Patton</i>	21 <i>Wanda McKeever</i>	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7am	23 NO Chancel Choir	24	25	26 <i>Allison Gordon</i>
27 <i>Roy Rushing Sr.</i>	28 <i>Christopher Bragan Jr.</i>	29 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7am	30 Chancel Choir 6:15pm	31	August	

Church Family Prayer Requests

We encourage you to remember them in your prayers. If you know of any sickness

Our Members

Don Morris	Caroline Patton	Margaret Lankford
Doris Simmons	Veneta Renner	Shirley VanKley
Carolyn Kay	Bucky Masters	Maria Patton
Jean Rushing	Susan Hicks	Gail Pukl
Al Montgomery	Tom Wyatt	Dot Wilson
Kathy Hawks	Faye Daniel	Family of Betty Jackson
Ralph Barton	Bob Dennis-Leigh	
Jeanette Bragan	Betty White	
Judy & George Thrana	Mary Wood	

Our Family and Friends

Carmen Alvarez (<i>Pilat-Renner</i>)	Janet Vehorn
Terry Rushing (<i>Rushing</i>)	Jaxson (<i>Roy & Jean Rushing</i>)
Chris Wolfe (<i>Wyatt</i>)	Landon Derrick (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Doris Wheeler (<i>Morris</i>)	Frankie & Sonia Riley (<i>Enfinger</i>)
Dianne Connell	Megan Sease (<i>Donna Martin</i>)
Erika Browning (<i>Woods</i>)	Terri Barton (<i>Barton</i>)
Dan Miranda (<i>Curry</i>)	Joyce Kistler (<i>Montgomery</i>)
Chris	Callie Simpson (<i>Sandra Simpson</i>)
Ken Martin (<i>White</i>)	Chuck Curry
Rebekah James (<i>Mcleod</i>)	Brian Fallaw (<i>Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher</i>)
Roddy Bowman (<i>Pilat-Renner</i>)	Elena Carter (<i>Patton</i>)
Suzie Greene (<i>Morris</i>)	Tom Johnson (<i>Martin</i>)
Tammy Campbell (<i>Culpepper</i>)	Katie Atkinson (<i>Barton</i>)
Mike Merck (<i>Wyatt</i>)	Pat Causey (<i>CDC Teacher</i>)
Mallory Gilbert (<i>Rawl</i>)	Military Service Members & Families
Edith Billingsley (<i>Billingsley</i>)	Eloise Sarvis (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>)
Joyce Tullis (<i>Masters</i>)	John Coles (<i>Jay & Teresa Coles</i>)
Avie (<i>Billingsley</i>)	
Don Hagy (<i>Pardue/Hicks</i>)	
Crystal Hawks (<i>Kathy Hawks</i>)	
Bob & Jane Harris (<i>Rawl</i>)	
Ken Akin (<i>Wyatt</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 **August 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, August 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, **August 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

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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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