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Dear Friends...

Fall really is coming soon, even though the only real indicators of it are kids going back to school and football games starting up again. When the temperature and humidity both remain in the 90s crisp autumn days are only a future hope rather than a present reality. However, God, who loves order, has ordered His creation such that those days will come soon, and, as we wait, I want to share a few things with you which are on the way at Providence Church this fall and going forward.

You may recall an email I sent out last week about a Vital Congregations initiative our presbytery is privileged to be one of the first to be part of. Yesterday, Sunday – August 26, Alice Wyatt and I went to Queen Memorial Church in Newberry to gather with the other churches in our presbytery to have a look at the two year plan for the initiative. What you can look forward to in the near term is a freshness in the way we view, plan, and practice worship while keeping the gospel message of Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

At the Officer Training event last month we discovered that we need to do a better job communicating with each other. One thing on the way soon is a web site which will provide information about events and meetings, prayer requests, a way of doing on-line giving, and a recording of the prior Lord's Day's sermon. You will also see information about the different activities going on with Christian Education here at Providence.

On the topic of Christian Education ... Rally Day is September 9. This is the beginning of the Sunday school year. The kids' program will be set out, as well as a new class for adults. Beginning the following Sunday, September 16, the adult class will meet in the Fellowship Build-

ing to begin a study of Henri J. M. Nouwen’s classic, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, which I will teach. This is a study of the gospel parable from Luke as Rembrandt interpreted it in his classic painting of the same name. Look for a request for book orders to come out soon. This class will last until just before Advent, when Ben Farley will begin a class. He and I will “tag-team” this class through the year, Ben teaching in Advent and Lent while I take the class the other days and seasons.

We will also begin Kirk Night on September 19 and will continue to meet each Wednesday. There will be a study group, which will meet 6 – 6:45, supper 6:45 – 7:15, followed by Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:15. Each week the study group will look at the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday with an eye toward how the sermon might arise from them. This is pure Bible study, so the only book needed is your Bible. We’ll meet in the sanctuary.

Look for other plans and events to come from the Fellowship and Families, Mission, Stewardship, and Worship ministries in the days ahead. It looks like a great year ahead, so let’s get busy.

Blessings,

Mike

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

Special Thanks

Providence Family,

As the summer months come to a close and I gear up for my second year of seminary studies, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for the generous support and love you have shown me over this past year. The cards, small gifts, monetary donations, genuine well wishes and prayers have sustained me in many ways, both physically and spiritually. This past year has required of me new strengths and a willingness to grow, new routines and a commitment to my education and preparation for ministry. It has been a welcomed challenge that has pushed me to find a certain balance in my life, each day. I want you all to know just how much I love each and every one of you, how much I truly feel your care and support as I am on this journey. A new school year is calling, with new challenges ahead. Many of you know that I will be traveling to South Korea this January as a part of my Contextual Education requirement for graduation. I hope to share those stories and pictures with you all...now, THAT will be a trip! It is with a great deal of joyful excitement that I can also announce that I have secured my Supervised Ministry internship for next summer, I will be working under the head pastor at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dr. Hunter Camp, in St. Augustine, Florida. But before then, I will have my nose buried in Theology books and will begin the process of completing Ordination Exams. Please continue to hold David and me in your prayers this year ahead. May you and your families have a wonderful school year, as you are in my thoughts and prayers as well.

Blessings to You All,

Emily

Music Notes

Welcome to the beginning of a new Program Year at Providence!

First of all, I want to give you the rehearsal plan for all of our Providence Musicians choirs. The main change from last year's schedule is that we will be having Wednesday evening Kirk Night again! Beginning on Wednesday, September 19, there will be a Study at 6:00, supper at 6:45, and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:15. Kirk Night is fun! I hope that you will all plan to attend.

Sunday afternoon rehearsals will resume on September 23. (September 16 is Meeting Day.) Instrument Group, Adult Handbell Choir, Young Singers, and Youth Ringers & Singers all meet on Sunday afternoons, except on Meeting Days, which are usually the third Sunday of the month.

I look forward to seeing all of our Providence Musicians again for the 2018-2019 Program Year. Also, we welcome new musicians in all choirs. Please let me know if you would like to join us as a new member, so that I can have music ready for you. Please talk with me about any questions that you may have, or you can send me an email at episcoterian@aol.com.

Following are the rehearsal times for all choirs:

Wednesday evenings:

6:00 Study
6:45 Supper
7:15 Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday afternoons:

4:00 - 4:30 Instrument Group
4:30 - 5:00 Adult Handbell Choir
Young Singers and Youth Ringers
& Singers - during regular Youth meetings.

I hope that you will make plans to include Worship, as well as the many other programs, choirs, and events here at Providence, in your year. As always, I am glad to be spending the year with you.

JOIN THE MUSIC !!!

Love,

Donna

Christian Education

Happy Fall Y'all!

Rally Day, the kickoff for kids' Sunday School is September 9th and our theme is "Favorite Things"! (What is your favorite Bible verse?) All kids are welcome to attend Sunday School at 9:45 each Sunday morning! We offer 2 classes, the younger class will be taught by Andrea Johnson, the older class will be taught by Kim Simmons.

This Fall we will explore a key Bible verse from the Old Testament each Sunday morning.

September 16 - Exploring the Old Testament Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

September 23 - Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God."

September 30 - Isaiah 43:1 "Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine."

Youth Club/Youth Group:

Sunday evenings except Meeting Days 5:00-6:45

(please make note of extended 15 minute time).

Our lesson at youth will continue the exploration of the key verse from Sunday School with activities including games, puzzles and other fun stuff. High Schoolers will have a special woodworking project that will be used throughout the year! We will continue to have dinner and music!

Adult Sunday School:

Pastor Mike will lead a class starting September 16th exploring the book "Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henry Nouwen in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:30.

All ages are invited to be a part of our Christian Education programs!

Take Care of Each Other!

Linda Nevling, DCE

Presbyterian Women

The PW Coordinating Team meeting will be on **Thursday, September 6th** at 6 pm.

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

Circle 2 will meet on **Thursday, September 13th** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 3 will meet on **Wednesday, September 19th** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 4 will meet on **Monday, September 10th** 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 **September 10th at 6:00pm** at The Indian Creek Association Boat Club.

Youth News

Parents and Youth,

I am excited about a new year of learning, fellowship, and good deeds! Look out for more information about service projects after worship on meeting Sundays!

- Lauren Finnegan



RALLY DAY

THEME - FAVORITE THINGS

PLEASE JOIN US!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
9TH

9:45AM

Bring the whole family
to kick off a new year of
Sunday School with
breakfast in the
Fellowship Hall!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE
BIBLE VERSE?

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Youth Club (4k-5th)

Sunday, September 9th
12-2 pm

Special Activity
(To be determined)
and

Lunch after church!

Please Bring your own picnic lunch and
a drink mix to donate for the year!

Youth Group (6th-12th)

Sunday, September 9th
5-7 pm

Pool Party at Dr. Mike's House!

Join us to grill out and swim to cele-
brate a new year of youth group!

Please Bring chips, soda, or a dessert!
Or all three!

For Your Information

Pay It Forward 2 Year Campaign Beginning April 2018

PAY IT FORWARD PLEDGES TO DATE	123,372
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AUGUST	3,263
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU AUGUST	48,844

KEEP-THE-CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

SUPERCOMMITTEE AND OTHER

CONTRIBUTIONS IN AUGUST	100
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU AUGUST	748

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS IN AUGUST	3,263
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU AUGUST	49,529
(INCLUDING KEEP THE CHANGE SINCE April 2018)	

OPERATING/PROGRAM BUDGET

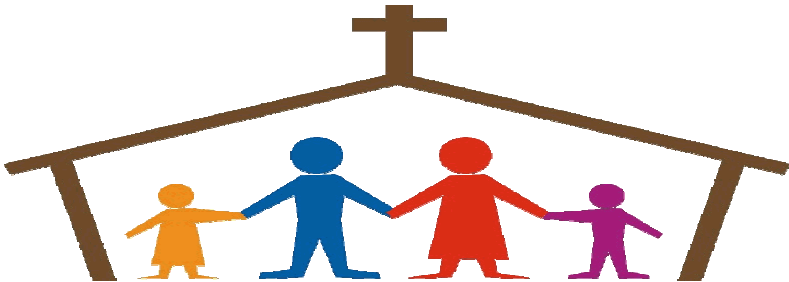
(Operating/Program budget is \$202,697.00. Divided by 52 weeks, the average weekly giving needed is \$3,898.00.)

GIVING IN AUGUST 2018	11,388.00
GIVING NEEDED EACH MONTH.....	15,592.00
TOTAL GIVING THRU AUGUST	118,714.00
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED THRU AUGUST	132,633.00



September News

Open house was well attended on August 27. The parents enjoyed their time in the classrooms and the teachers were excited to share their plans for the new school year. PPCDC's school year is off to a great start and we are excited about the activities and learning experiences planned for 2018-19.



CDC Sunday is September 16. All CDC families are invited to join the Providence Presbyterian Church family for a time of worship, fellowship and thanksgiving for Providence Child Development Center. Worship begins at 11 a.m. The CDC children, along with the Church children, will have "Chapel" with Dr. Mike and Mrs. Donna, just like Wednesday mornings at the CDC.

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

The PPCDC Team

<i>Date</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Book</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
09/02	Andrea Johnson	Gabe Hartley	Knox Robinson
09/09	Andrea Johnson	Fletcher Scarborough	Caroline Hartley
09/16	Andrea Johnson	Jedidiah Johnson	Morgan Swygert
09/23	Kim Simmons	Maddox Ashley	Laken Robinson
09/30	Kim Simmons	Naomi Finnegan	Jon Simmons
10/07	Kim Simmons	Arwyn Simmons	Christopher Bragan
10/14	Anne Marie Ashley	Caroline Cantrell	Duncan Scarborough
10/21	Anne Marie Ashley	Maddox Ashley	Sarah Bragan
10/28	Anne Marie Ashley	Jedidiah Johnson	Virginia Johnson
11/04	Rosie Robinson	Gabe Hartley	Caroline Hartley
11/11	Rosie Robinson	Caroline Cantrell	Knox Robinson
11/18	Rosie Robinson	Naomi Finnegan	Christopher Bragan
11/25	Andrea Johnson	Jedidiah Johnson	Morgan Swygert

!!!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>
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
10/07	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Sheri Gordon
10/14	Kathy Wuchenich	Kathy Wuchenich	Sarah Scarborough
10/21	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Tim Monetti
10/28	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Dave McCree
11/04	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Rosie Robinson
11/11	Kathy Wuchenich	Kathy Wuchenich	Tim Monetti
11/18	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Sarah Scarborough
11/25	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	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

09/02 Andy Simmons
09/09 Doug Carlisle
09/16 Cathy Monetti
09/23 Phillip Enlow
09/30 Cindy Enfinger

10/07 Fred Clas
10/14 Randy LaCons
10/21 Eddie Enfinger
10/28 Dan Culpepper

11/04 Ray Bullock
11/11 Judy Clas
11/18 Roy Rushing
11/25 Maria Swygert

Worship Directors

09/02 Judy Clas
09/09 Tim Hawks
09/16 Nancy Pilat Renner
09/23 Dotti Foreman
09/30 Eddie Enfinger

10/07 Kathy Wuchenich
10/14 Violet Hane
10/21 Roy Rushing
10/28 Nancy Pilat Renner

11/04 Randy LaCons
11/11 Fred Clas
11/18 Eddie Enfinger
11/25 Tim Hawks

Usher/Communion

SEPTEMBER 2018

Maria Swygert, Randy LaCons, Fred Clas, Roy Rushing

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDER

09/09 Tim Hawks, Violet Hane

OCTOBER 2018

Eddie Enfinger, Kim Simmons, Dotti Foreman, Mike Simmons

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

10/07 Anne Marie Ashley
Lauren Finnegan
10/14 Anne Marie Ashley
Lauren Finnegan

NOVEMBER 2018

Dan Culpepper, Nancy Pilat Renner, George Hayes, Laurie White

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

11/11 Roy Rushing, Simons Hane
11/25 Roy Rushing, Simons Hane

Special Offerings:

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Janice Culpepper Steve Jordan</i>
2	3 Labor Day CDC & Church Office Closed	4 Men's Prayer Group 7:00am <i>Bucky Masters</i>	5 Chancel Choir 6:15pm	6 PW Coordinating Meeting 6:00 pm <i>Olivia McCree</i>	7 <i>George Thrana</i>	8
9	10 Men of the Church 6:00 pm Circle 4 - 6:00 pm	11 Men's Prayer Group 7:00am Circle 1 - 11:00am	12 Chancel Choir 6:15pm <i>Anna Grace Pukl</i>	13 Circle 2 6:30 pm	14 <i>Pat Stubbs</i>	15
16	17 <i>Carolyn Coleman Audrey Edwards</i>	18 Men's Prayer Group 7:00am	19 Kirk Night Bible Study - 6:00 Dinner - 6:45 Chancel Choir - 7:15 Circle 3 - 6:30 pm	20	21	22
23	24	25 Men's Prayer Group 7:00am	26 Kirk Night Bible Study - 6:00 Dinner - 6:45	27	28	29
30	Instrument Group- 4 Adult Handbells- 4:30 Youth 5 - 6:45				<i>September</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

Carolyn Coleman	Jeanette Bragan	Mary Wood
Nellie Lee Rutland	Judy & George Thrana	Margaret Lankford
Don Canaday	Caroline Patton	Shirley VanKley
Don Morris	Veneta Renner	Maria Patton
Carol Tomlin	Bucky Masters	Gail Pukl
Carolyn Kay	Susan Hicks	Dot Wilson
Jean Rushing	Faye Daniel	
Al Montgomery	Betty White	

Our Family and Friends

Mary Grace Bozeman (<i>Johnson</i>)	Jason Wright (Enfinger)
Madeline (<i>Fallucca</i>)	Herb & Ann Kneece (Rawl)
Patsy Westall (Wactor)	Earl West (Rawl)
Shirley Smith (Rawl)	Charles & Susan Bentley (Rawl)
A CDC Parent	Kathy Rigg (Monetti)
Jazen Wallace (McCree)	Susan Bennett (Buxton)
Austin Carter	Joe McKinney (Pilat-Renner)
Sutton Rigg (Monetti)	Terry Rushing (Rushing)
Clyde Hendrix	Rebekah James (McLeod)
Conrad Dempsey	Roddy Bowman (Pilat-Renner)
Dee Davis & Family	Suzie Greene (Morris)
Erica Boone	Tammy Campbell (Culpepper)
Nate Simons	Edith Billingsley (Billingsley)
Debbie McGill (Thompson)	Joyce Tullis (Masters)
David Mills (Rawl)	Don Hagy (Pardue/Hicks)
Teri Mason	Janet Vehorn
Nancy McConnell (White)	Jaxon (Roy & Jean Rushing)
Chris	Landon Derrick (Donna Martin)
Gloria Gray (Curry)	Frankie & Sonia Riley (Enfinger)
David Ross (Morris)	Megan Sease (Donna Martin)
John & Cindy White (Billingsley)	Terri Barton (Barton)
Kenny Godwin (Enfinger)	Joyce Kistler (Montgomery)
Erika Browning (Woods)	Callie Simpson (Sandra Simpson)
Patsy Scott (White)	Brian Fallaw (Lindsey Fallaw, CDC teacher)
Thomas Ragan (Canaday)	Elena Carter (Patton)
Darby Hane (Hane)	Tom Johnson (Martin)
Iris Long (Hayes)	Katie Atkinson (Barton)
Kathy Shannon (Hayes)	Pat Causey (CDC Teacher)
Melanie Davis (Enfinger)	Military Service Members & Families
Gene & Flo Jordan	Eloise Sarvis (Jay & Teresa Coles)
Deborah Marthers (Enfinger)	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.

God's Helping Hands

Thank you for responding to the needs of this ministry. Your help is greatly appreciated. The suggested items for **September 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, September 30th

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, **September 30th** - "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

Mr. Eddie Enfinger.....	2021
Mr. Fred Clas	2021
Mr. Randy LaCons.....	2021
Mr. Ronnie Vehorn.....	2021
Mr. Dan Culpepper	2020
Ms. Maria Swygert	2020
Ms. Kathy Wuchenich.....	2020
Ms. Anne Marie Ashley	2019
Ms. Nancy Pilat Renner	2019
Ms. Kim Simmons.....	2019

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Nancy Pilat Renner

MISSION MINISTRY

Ronnie Vehorn

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Anne Marie Ashley/ Kim
Simmons

FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILIES

Maria Swygert

OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION

Susan LaCons

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES MINISTRY

Eddie Enfinger

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

MINISTRY

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