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Dear Friends...

Last week a man was arrested for mailing pipe bombs to 13 people, apparently because they had political views he disagreed with. Fortunately, none of the bombs exploded and no one was killed. On Saturday a man went into the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and began shooting people, apparently because they had religious views he disagreed with. Sadly, 11 of them were killed. These events are only the most recent in a string of events over the past months and years which reveal a spirit of anger, bigotry, and hatred which seems to be alive and well in our culture. It is a spirit that inflames our biases and divides us from each other. It is a spirit that seduces angry people into becoming even more angry as it feeds on them. It is also the very antithesis of what Jesus teaches us and wants for us when he tells us to love God first and neighbor second. So, how shall we respond? I think the least helpful thing to do is assign blame. Naming a cause only adds its own form of inflammation to what is already there without fixing anything. Naming a cause only points out the things that already divide us and makes them more deeply entrenched. There is a better way.

First, let us refuse to participate in any rhetoric of division. Jokes that belittle people and names that divide us into groups only add to the problem. Demeaning others is the cheapest way of building ourselves up, because it is at the expense of someone else. Let us not participate in any of this. Second, we need to fol-

low a bit of advice Miss Lib Daniel freely dispensed to her children when they would get into an argument. She would tap them on their head with her thimble on her finger and tell them, “You’ve got to learn to disagree without being disagreeable!” We cannot control the behavior of others, but we are in charge of our own.

We can also follow God’s word as it comes to us in the form of Paul’s counsel to the Christians at Philippi. Paul writes, “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about those things ... put those things into practice.” This is the way of Christ. Let’s let all these things Paul sets before us govern our lives. Love is always stronger than hate.

Blessings,

Mike

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

Introducing GivePlus Church

The logo for GivePlus Mobile features the word "GIVE" in a large, bold, grey sans-serif font, followed by a yellow plus sign, and then the word "Mobile" in a smaller, grey sans-serif font. The background of the logo is a blurred image of a person's hand holding a white smartphone.

You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

We are excited to share with you a new way to give to the church. **GivePlus Church** is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for “**GivePlus Church**” to download the app for free. Then you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.

Music Notes

It's November, already! I hope that you will plan to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service, as part of your Thanksgiving celebrations. It's always good, and it is a blessing to be together in worship to begin the holiday weekend. This year, the service will be at 7:00 on Tuesday evening, November 20, at All Saints' Episcopal Church on 12th Street. Watch for details in emails and bulletins. As always, choirs from several different churches in our area will sing together in a joint choir. (Choirs will meet to rehearse before the service.) We will have Providence Chancel Choir singers there. I hope you will join us.

Best wishes for a happy, safe autumn and a joyful Thanksgiving.

Donna

Youth News

Here is a peek of our upcoming youth activities:

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| November 4 | Lunch following worship (parents to bring desserts to fundraise for Montreat)
Youth Group & Youth Club 5-6:45pm |
| November 11 | Youth Group & Youth Club 5-6:45pm |
| November 18 | Youth Group service project following worship. No evening youth activities. |
| November 25 | No Youth activities! Enjoy Thanksgiving Break! |

Blessings, Lauren

Christian Education

Our Fall activities were awesome! Pumpkin carving and cookie decorating was fun-and messy! Trunk-or-Treat turned into Table-or-Treat because of rain. My folks adapted beautifully and they looked great! Congratulations to the "Frozen" table who won a Krispy Kreme Gift Card for their ceiling and table decorations, interactive games, singing and dancing! Many thanks to our Middle and High Schoolers who ran the games for Trunk-or-Treat. Thank you to everyone who helped with food, set up trunks (on tables) and all hands that helped clean up! The event was a big success!

Sunday School continues to go well! Our kids are learning key Bible verses from the Old Testament. Please see their display on the table in the Narthex! On Sunday November 11th the Middle Schoolers will go for Jellies With Jesus (and Linda). We'll meet in the office at 9:45. On Sunday November 18, the Senior Highs will go for Coffee With Christ (and Linda). We'll meet in the office at 9:45. Our Kids' Sunday School Class meets each Sunday morning at 9:45! (We'll take a break from Sunday School on November 25th).

Stay tuned for Advent/Christmas activities!!!

Take Care of Each Other!
Linda Nevling, DCE

Operation Christmas Child

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



"WOW" ITEM

- outfit
- shoes
- musical instrument
- soccer ball with pump
- stuffed animal
- doll

TOYS

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

ACCESSORIES

- socks
- hats
- sunglasses
- hair clips
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, and sharpeners
- crayons and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

A PERSONAL NOTE

- a message to the child
- a photo of yourself, your family, or group

If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

QUALITY CRAFTS

- hair bows
- finger puppets
- friendship bracelets

Check out the Operation Christmas Child boards on Pinterest for specific suggestions.



Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



1

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.

4



Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

2



5



A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.*

Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

3



6



Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

To Follow Your Box, visit samaritanaspurse.org/occ

Please bring your packed shoebox gifts
to the church by

Sunday, November 18.

There will be a designated place in the Narthex to put them.

They will be taken to the pick up point

Monday, November 19.

Presbyterian Women

Circle 1 will meet on ***Tuesday, November 13th*** at 11:00 am at the Presbyterian Communities.

Circle 2 will meet on ***Thursday, November 8th*** at 6:30 pm at the home of Maria Patton.

Circle 3 will meet on ***Wednesday, November 21st*** at 6:30 pm.

Circle 4 will meet on ***Monday, November 12th*** at 6:00 pm at the church.

Men of the Church

As a reminder to the men of Providence, ***Men's Prayer group*** 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*** meetings! Our next meeting will be Monday, ***November 12th at 6:30pm at the church.***

For Your Information

Pay It Forward 2 Year Campaign Beginning April 2018

PAY IT FORWARD PLEDGES TO DATE	123,372
CONTRIBUTIONS IN OCTOBER	1,453
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU OCTOBER	58,286

KEEP-THE-CHANGE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

SUPERCOMMITTEE AND OTHER

CONTRIBUTIONS IN OCTOBER	100
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU OCTOBER	848

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS IN OCTOBER	1,553
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THRU OCTOBER	59,134
(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 OCTOBER 2018	10,428.00
GIVING NEEDED EACH MONTH.....	15,592.00
TOTAL GIVING THRU OCTOBER	144,104.00
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED THRU OCTOBER	167,615.00



November News

October was a blast with all the fun activities! The West Columbia Fire Department came out and the children were so excited. They learned about fire safety, climbed on the big Fire Truck and were allowed to spray the water hoses! Then, all the children went home with their own fire hat. We are very grateful for these community helpers and



their willingness to spend time teaching our little ones.

We are very excited about the work that was completed on the Toddlers/Twos Playground! The

playground was levelled, landscape fabric was installed from fence to fence, and playground grade bark chips were spread throughout. These are the first steps in the process of improving and upgrading our play areas. Be on the look out soon for a fund raiser to help raise money for new outside play equipment!

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

The CDC Team

<i>Date</i>	<i>Children's Sermon</i>	<i>Book Bearer</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
11/04	Rosie Robinson	Jedidiah Johnson	Jon Simmons
11/11	Rosie Robinson	Arwyn Simmons	Knox Robinson
11/18	Rosie Robinson	Naomi Finnegan	Christopher Bragan
11/25	Andrea Johnson	Maddox Ashley	Morgan Swygart
12/02	Andrea Johnson	Caroline Cantrell	Virginia Johnson
12/09	Andrea Johnson	Jedidiah Johnson	Laken Robinson
12/16	Kim Simmons	Arwyn Simmons	Jon Simmons
12/23	Kim Simmons	Fletcher Scarborough	Duncan Scarborough
12/30	Kim Simmons	Avery McCree	Christopher Bragan
01/06	Rosie Robinson	Naomi Finnegan	Sarah Bragan
01/13	Rosie Robinson	Caroline Cantrell	Morgan Swygart
01/20	Rosie Robinson	Maddox Ashley	Laken Robinson
01/27	Anne Maria Ashley	Jedidiah Johnson	Virginia Johnson

!!!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>
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
12/02	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Sheri Gordon
12/09	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Rosie Robinson
12/16	Sandra Simpson	Sandra Simpson	Tim Monetti
12/23	Maria Patton	Maria Patton	Sarah Scarborough
12/30	Lauren Finnegan	Lauren Finnegan	Dave McCree
01/06			Sheri Gordon
01/13			Tim Monetti
01/20			Sarah Scarborough
01/27			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

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

12/02 Randy LaCons
12/09 Linda Nevling
12/16 Phillip Enlow
12/23 Michael Scarborough
12/30 Dan Culpepper

01/06 Jay Coles
01/13 Dan Culpepper
01/20 Cindy Enfinger
01/27 Tim McKeever

Worship Directors

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

12/02 Kim Simmons
12/09 Randy LaCons
12/16 Kathy Wuchenich
12/23 Violet Hane
12/30 Tim Hawks

01/06 Lauren Finnegan
01/13 Maria Swygert
01/20 Nancy Pilat Renner
01/27 Judy Clas

Usher/Communion

NOVEMBER 2018

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

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

11/04 Roy Rushing, Simons Hane
11/25 Roy Rushing, Simons Hane

DECEMBER 2018

Anne Marie Ashley, Michael Scarborough, Maria Swygert, Judy Clas

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDER

12/09 Lauren Finnegan, Kim Simmons
12/24 Lauren Finnegan, Kim Simmons

JANUARY 2019

Fred Clas, Randy LaCons, Dotti Forman, Roy Rushing

EXTRA COMMUNION ELDERS

01/06 Laurie White, George Hayes
01/13 Laurie White, George Hayes

Special Offerings:

*PW Thank Offering
(November 11)*

PW Thank Offering

Over the years, Presbyterian Women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings with those in need at home or abroad. The Thank Offering funds programs which provide education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, justice for women and so much more.

Women have supported these programs since 1888. Women were initially urged to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the church as a "thank offering to her Lord." Women have been credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church. Since then, PW have granted support to thousands of ministries worldwide, and have raised tens of millions of dollars for mission.

Of the 16 projects chosen for support this year, two are in our synod, the Synod of South Atlantic. One is in Beaufort SC and the other in Decatur Georgia.

Presbyterian Women in Providence are encouraged to give as you have been blessed this past year. Checks should be made out to "PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN."

The PW Thank Offering will be collected on November 11th.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Communion Chili Cook Off Chancel Choir - 3:00 NO Instrument Group Adult Handbells- 4:30 Youth 5 - 6:45 <i>Morgan Swygert</i>	5 <i>Margaret Lankford</i>	6 Men's Prayer Group 7:00am	7 Kirk Night Bible Study - 6:00 Dinner - 6:45 Chancel Choir - 7:15 <i>Michael Finnegan Kathryn Helms Al Montgomery</i>	1 <i>Susan Hicks Dee Pukl</i>	2	3 <i>Wyatt Robinson</i>
11 PW Thank Offering Chancel Choir - 3:00 Instrument Group- 4 Adult Handbells- 4:30 Youth 5 - 6:45	12 Men of the Church 6:30 pm Circle 4 - 6:00 pm <i>Wilson McCree</i>	13 Men's Prayer Group 7:00am Circle 1 - 11:00am <i>Loretta Davison</i>	14 Kirk Night Bible Study - 6:00 Dinner - 6:45 Chancel Choir - 7:15 <i>Madelyn Smith</i>	15	16 <i>Ellie Bragan</i>	17 <i>Teresa Coles</i>
18 Youth Service Project Session & Committee Meetings	19 <i>Phillip Enlow Rosie Robinson</i>	20 Men's Prayer Group 7:00am Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm	21 NO Kirk Night NO Chancel Choir Circle 3 - 6:30 pm <i>Tim Monetti</i>	22 Church & CDC Closed	23 Church & CDC Closed	24
25 Communion NO Youth Activities	26	27 Men's Prayer Group 7:00am	28 Kirk Night Bible Study - 6:00 Dinner - 6:45 Chancel Choir - 7:15	29	30	

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

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

Jamila Jones' Family
Jamiee Scott's Family
Family of Barbara Kahler
Families of Mark King & Debbie Ryan
(*Thrana*)
Family of David Mills (*Rawl*)
Family of Coach Gus Allen (*Rawl*)
Family of Gary Alexander (*Rawl*)
Madeline & Cathy (*Fallucca*)
Morris & Margaret Freeman (*White*)
Mary Grace Bozeman (*Johnson*)
Patsy Westall (*Wactor*)
Shirley Smith (*Rawl*)
A CDC Parent
Jazen Wallace (*McCree*)
Austin Carter
Conrad Dempsey
Nate Simons
Teri Mason
Chris
Erika Browning (*Woods*)
Thomas Ragan (*Canaday*)
Darby Hane (*Hane*)
Jason Wright (*Enfinger*)
Herb & Ann Kneece (*Rawl*)
Earl West (*Rawl*)
Charles & Susan Bentley (*Rawl*)
Kathy Rigg (*Monetti*)
Susan Bennett (*Buxton*)

Joe McKinney (*Pilat-Renner*)
Terry Rushing (*Rushing*)
Rebekah James (*McLeod*)
Roddy Bowman (*Pilat-Renner*)
Edith Billingsley (*Billingsley*)
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 **November 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, November 25th

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, **November 25th** - "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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Anne Marie Ashley/ Kim
Simmons

FELLOWSHIP AND FAMILIES

Maria Swygert

OUTREACH AND ASSIMILATION

Susan LaCons

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Kathy Wuchenich

BUSINESS AND FACILITIES MINISTRY

Eddie Enfinger

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

MINISTRY

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