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New Providence News

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Mission Next Door Completes Its 16th Year of Service

In December of 2023 Mission Next Door completed 16 years of assisting some of the neediest Rockbridge area homeowners with critical home repair needs. The venture was initiated in 2007 by six area churches led by Roberta Fauber of the New Providence Mission Committee. Since the initial project in 2007, MND has completed over 280 projects with predominantly volunteer labor, and at a cost to us of approximately \$242,000. These costs have been principally for materials. Approximately 90% of this total has come from charitable fundraising and private donations to assist neighbors in need.

Our projects have been distributed across a wide array of communities primarily in Rockbridge County. We have also ranged further afield to assist in Bath, Nelson, and Washington counties, as well as providing flood damage repair in West Virginia. Of the more than 284 projects, 263 have required more than \$100 in costs and/or 4 or more hours of labor. In addition, we have been involved on nine occasions where our primary function was to advocate for the homeowners on financial or legal issues.

Currently, we are completing about 20 projects per year with much of the work involving carpentry to replace or repair damaged floors, stairs, porches, and railings as well as frequent repair of plumbing failures. One of our most frequent and urgent needs involves providing handicapped folks with wheelchair ramps and accessible showers. Our plans for the future involve focusing more on these efforts. This work is the most critically needed of all that we do and provides excellent opportunities for Christian fellowship among teams of workers with only modest skills. Hopefully when, in the future, you are provided with the opportunity to sign up for a minimal time commitment to participate in one of these projects, you will do so and share the joy.

Friends of Barnabas Honduras Mission

Doris Fredricksen will be traveling to Honduras for a mission trip with Friends of Barnabas in June 2024! The trip will cost \$1,900 per individual. In addition to this the team is seeking to raise \$11,000 for other expenses and supplies. The New Providence Apostleship Team has committed \$500 to support Doris' mission efforts.



If you would like to contribute as an individual donor, please make checks payable to "Friends of Barnabas" with "Doris, Fredricksen, Rockbridge Team" in the memo line.

You may donate online at

<https://www.fobf.org/>

or mail to:

Friends of Barnabas

PO Box 4804

Midlothian, VA 23112.

New Providence to Bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Rockbridge County Families

Beginning this spring New Providence will partner with The Dolly Parton Foundation to bring new books to the homes of area children between the ages of zero and five. Children enrolled in the program will receive a high-quality age-appropriate book mailed to their home every month providing countless opportunities for parents and children to bond through reading and for parents to cultivate an early love of reading in their child.

Books mailed to families are selected and paid for by The Dolly Parton Foundation. Our responsibility is to promote the program and sign up families in Rockbridge County, Lexington, and Buena Vista and to pay the shipping costs for the books. Augusta County children have access through an existing program. New Providence has recently received a donation designated to fund our participation.

Dolly Parton founded her "Imagination Library" in 1995 in her home county in East Tennessee. She wanted to inspire a love of reading and encourage imagination in the children of East Tennessee. Today the Imagination Library is available across the country and internationally. Total books gifted now exceed 229 million and counting!

Stay tuned for more information on how to enroll and when to expect our first mailing. To learn more about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, visit: <https://imaginationlibrary.com>.



SAVE THE DATE

SEEDLINGS

SUMMER VBS

JUNE 10-13

5:30-7:00 PM

WADE IN
THE WATER

A MINISTRY OF NEW PROVIDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family & friends of Rev. Nancy Whitely (died Feb. 24) • **Preston Engleman** • **Samuel Golladay** (Pam, cancer) • **Abe Ruggiero** (Donna's brother-in-law; cancer) • **Keelin Wolfe** (Doug's daughter; thyroid cancer) • **Brenda Lotts** • **Cathy Bartley** (Wally & Neatie's daughter, liver cancer) • **Rev. Carl Pattison** (cancer) • **Kathy Thomas** (Isabelle's friend, brain cancer) • **Henry Schreiber** (author of *Matters of Honor*, cancer) • **Helen Sandridge** (fractured pelvis) • **Newbill family** (health concerns) • **Pam Schnake** (cancer) • **Keith Roberts** (Pastor Loren's friend, pancreatitis & gallstones) • **Weekday Religious Education Program** • **All who are homebound, in nursing homes, & their caregivers** • **Our Nation, Leaders, & Military**

LITURGISTS: March 3: Marguerite Guilford; 10: Mary Linda Wolfe; 17: Barry Chewing; 24: Isabelle Chewing; 31: Marylynn Brown

NURSERY SCHEDULE: March 3: Danielle Wolfe; 10: Marguerite Guilford; 17: Pam Burks; 24: Doris Fredrickson; 31: Marguerite Guilford

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE March 15: Submit items for the April issue to Kimberly (call 540-348-5881 or email newprovchurch@gmail.com).

FLOWERS FOR EASTER may be purchased in memory of OR in honor of a loved one and names will be listed in the Easter bulletin. The cost is \$10 with checks made payable to New Providence Presbyterian Women and given to Linda Jean or Mary Linda by March 17.

KINGSWAY OFFERING March 3 & 10: Please note "Kingsway" on an envelope or your check's memo line.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY OFFERINGS

Monday: *Monday Manna* in your inbox

Tuesday: Men's Group 5 PM (2nd & 4th Tues.)
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6 PM & Choir Practice 7 PM

Wednesday: Women's Circle 10 AM (2nd Wed.)

Thursday: *Son Salutations* 9 AM FB Live
Session meeting 7 PM (1st Thurs.)

Saturday: Seedlings Storytime 10 AM (1st Sat.)

Sunday: Adult Sunday School 10 AM & Worship 11 AM

Birthdays

QUINN SANDRIDGE - March 3

KRISTI BROWN - March 5

ANNA COLEMAN CAMPBELL - March 6

ROBBIE BEARD - March 10

KEN COLEMAN & CASH KOENIGER - March 16

PETER GUILFORD - March 19

JACK HARRISON - March 21

LEE McLAUGHLIN III &
JIMMY MARTIN - March 26

PAULINE PATTESON & SUE HECHT - March 27

LINDSAY F JARRELL - March 31

TENLEY MADDOX - April 6

EDDIE PATTERSON - April 7

JESSIE WILLIAMS - April 8



*Reminder:
Don't forget to 'spring forward'...
Daylight Saving Time begins March 10.*



March 2 2024
10:00-11:00



Seedlings Storytime
at New Providence

1st Saturdays
10:00 am

All Ages
Welcome



Easter Worship

March 31, 2024

7:00 @ Sterrett Hill

11:00 @ New Providence

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