



April 2024

New Providence News



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Field Notes:

Summer VBS: "Wade in the Water"

The Seedlings Children's Ministry at New Providence has had a great year, hosting multiple Storytime events, a mini-camp, egg hunt, and educational opportunities on Sunday mornings. We are excited for our Vacation Bible School which is taking shape for Monday, June 10 - Thursday, June 13. Our four-night program (for ages 4 to 10 years old) will run from 5:30 - 7:00 PM each evening and include dinner. The theme is "Wade in the Water" and we will explore the stories of Moses in the reed basket, Moses parting the sea, Jesus' baptism, and Jesus walking on water. We will have two evenings of crafts and two evenings of science and lots of play! If you are willing to help with food, we have Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday open. We also need extra hands for crafts, science projects, and keeping an eye on kids during recreation. If you are able to help, please reach out to Loren or Marguerite. Stay tuned!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Loren

Birthdays

- TENLEY MADDOX - April 6
- EDDIE PATTERSON - April 7
- JESSIE WILLIAMS - April 8
- ELLIE ENGLEMAN - April 11
- OWEN SANDRIDGE - April 15
- NAOMI PEDERSEN - April 17
- DORIS LUNSFORD &
KELLY BROWN O'CONNOR - April 18
- SUSANNA LUNSFORD - April 22
- DON ROLL, REGINA DONALD, &
LOGAN PATTERSON - April 24
- KATELYN LUNSFORD - April 25
- AVERY PATTERSON - May 1
- BEN PINER - May 3
- MARY PEDERSEN - May 6
- LINDA BEARD WOOD - May 9
- MARY LINDA WOLFE &
BROOKLYN JARRELL - May 10

Anniversaries

- BRIAN & WHITNEY SANDRIDGE - April 13
- PAUL & TAMI BIRD - April 16
- JARROMY & KELLY O'CONNOR - April 23

WEEKLY/MONTHLY OFFERINGS

- Mon:** Monday Manna in your inbox
- Tues:** Bell Choir Rehearsal 6 PM & Choir Practice 7 PM
- Wed:** Women's Circle 10 AM (2nd Wed)
- Thurs:** Son Salutations 9 AM FB Live
Session meeting 7 PM (1st Thurs.)
- Sat:** Seedlings Storytime 10 AM (1st Sat) *Exception:*
April's Storytime will be held Saturday, March 30 from 10-12 with lunch, an Easter Egg Hunt, and, weather permitting, a bounce house!
- Sun:** Adult Sunday School 10 AM & Worship 11 AM

VBS NEW PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"WADE IN THE WATER"

JUNE 10-13
5:30-7:00 PM
AGES 4-10
DINNER PROVIDED

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FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

The Fellowship Ministry of New Providence is responsible for planning fellowship activities including meals, refreshments after church, special activities, receptions for funerals when requested, providing assistance for members when needed, keeping contact with shut-ins and other members and reviewing the church rolls annually.

Recently we provided the soup luncheon on February 4 following worship and facilitated the creating of valentines as an outreach to those not able to attend services. We have provided the refreshments following church weekly. If you would like to be on the list to provide refreshments or to help provide for funeral receptions when requested by families, please let Mary Linda Wolfe know.

We have plans in the future for a Movie Night on May 31 and dedication of the relocated New Providence historical highway marker from Rt. 11 to the front of the church on April 14.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Kelly Kaufman & family (Her 7 year-old daughter, Maggie Joy Kaufman, died unexpectedly) • **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) • **Ray Brown** (pacemaker surgery recovery) • **Weekday Religious Education Program** • **All who are homebound, in nursing homes, & their caregivers** • **Our Nation, Leaders, & Military**

NURSERY SCHEDULE: April 7: Julie Sandridge; 14: Pam Burks; 21: Danielle Wolfe; 28: Marguerite Guilford

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

MISSION: Doris Fredricksen will be traveling to Honduras for a mission trip with Friends of Barnabas in June 2024! If you would like to contribute, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has set the annual congregational meeting for Sunday, April 21 following worship. At the annual meeting any business outlined in the Book of Order may be discussed. We will also receive updates on our financial accounts, the annual statistical report, and elect a Nominating Committee to serve for 2024.

DISCIPLESHIP MEETING: Sunday, April 14 following the marker dedication. Members are invited and encouraged to attend!

THESE DAYS: The devotional for April, May, and June is available on the hall and sanctuary tables.

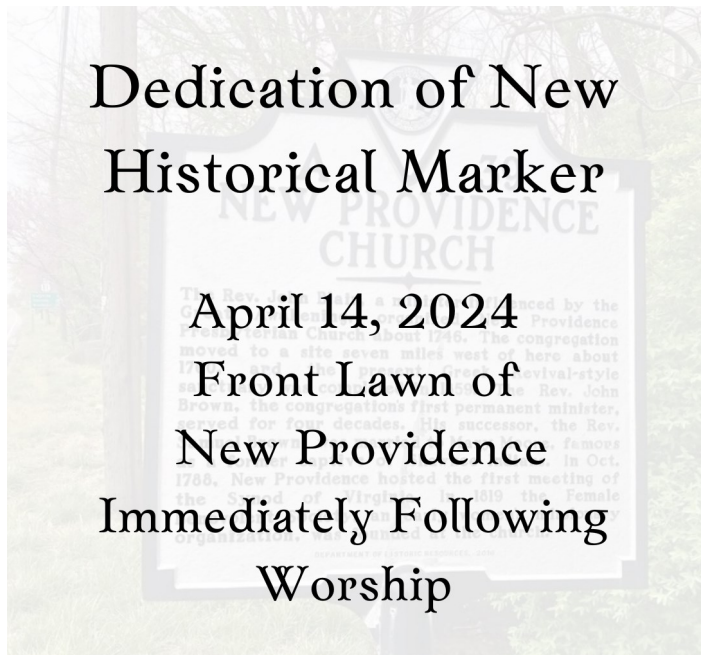
SCROLL PROJECT: Scrolls will be handed out on April 14, and you may bring the items on your scroll to church on April 21 & 28. Items will be donated to the Valley Mission Homeless Shelter in Staunton. Thank you for contributing to this ministry!

LITURGISTS:

April 7: Barry Chewning; 14: Sandy McLaughlin; 21: Marguerite Guilford; 28: Mary Linda Wolfe

May 5: Barry Chewning; 12: Isabelle Chewning; 19: MaryLynn Brown; 26: Bruce Patterson

June 2: Sandy McLaughlin; 9: Marguerite Guilford; 16: Mary Linda Wolfe; 23: Isabelle Chewning; 30: MaryLynn Brown



THE DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now available to children in Rockbridge County, Lexington, and Buena Vista. Parents of children age zero to five can register online at imaginationlibrary.com. Registered children receive a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book each month. New Providence is partnering with The Dollywood Foundation to bring the Imagination Library to area children.

Dolly Parton launched the Imagination Library in 1995 to instill a lifelong love of reading and to inspire children to dream and learn more. The Dollywood Foundation selects and mails the monthly books to registered children. New Providence takes the lead to register children and to fund book purchase and shipping costs, currently \$2.20 per book. We are thrilled that in the first two weeks seventy-four area children were registered to receive books. Tell your friends and family with young children about the Imagination Library and encourage them to register at imaginationlibrary.com. We have a big audacious goal to spread the love of reading by registering every eligible child in Rockbridge County, Lexington and Buena Vista to receive free books.



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