

IN CASE YOU EVER WONDERED...

Is Human Trafficking a problem in East Tennessee?

How many people does it affect?

What is being done about it?

What can we do to help?

Find out the answers to these questions and more at a community awareness and education session on February 24, from 2-4 p.m. in Eastminster Hall.

For the last four years, New Providence has allocated our portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering to support the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCAHT). To help build a broader understanding of this issue, we'll host panelists including representatives from the FBI, TBI, Maryville Police Department, Alcoa Police Department, a clinical nurse educator from Blount Memorial Hospital, and the Director of Advocacy and Outreach for the CCAHT. A panel discussion will be followed by a question and answer session. Let us learn, so that we can be better equipped to help.

We hope to see you there!

Michelle Huntoon

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

In my short tenure here at NPPC I have experienced the excellent ways you support each other and the community. This note is a letter of encouragement to inspire you to keep up the good work.

The Bible says, "Pray without ceasing," in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. You pray without ceasing. You pray at the beginning of every meeting and at the end. We pray in our worship service. We pray in our Sunday Schools. We pray before we eat. We pray before the choir sings. There is a Centering prayer group that meets every Tuesday and their aim is to simply set quiet in the presence of the Lord and pray. Never stop praying for each other, our families, our nation and the world. For God indeed hears our prayers.

Your service is remarkable. Hebrews 6:10 says "... God will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Every Tuesday night at Welcome Table you show up in great numbers to take care of people who are hungry for food, fellowship and help in general. Getting to know our guest and their families has been very rewarding. The men's squares, the Community Benefit Sale and the work of the Church in the World Ministry Team are all the ways your services are shared with our church and the community.

Your hospitality is wonderful. The Bible says in Hebrews 13:2, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Your hospitality toward visitors and guests to our church is very good. I see it at Welcome Table

and I see it at the Sunday morning worship services. Know that you have welcomed my family and me with open arms and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I have not been able to reach all the organizations and see all the work you are doing, but know that I am on my way.

And lastly, continue to be encouragers to one another. Hebrews 13:3 says, "But encourage one another daily, if it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Encourage and affirm one another particularly when you see someone doing positive things in serving the Lord and when you see them loving one another.

Be encouraged!

Gloria Mencer

INQUIRERS' CLASS

Are you looking for a church home, or interested in finding out more about the New Providence Church family? Our Inquirers' class will start a new session on Sunday, February 24. Classes are in the Chapel on February 24, March 3, and 17 at 10:00 a.m. The Inquirers' Class brunch will be March 10 at 10:00 in Westminster Hall. If you have questions, please contact Kristi Weatherbee (kristibee128@aol.com), leader of Connections team.

Kristi Weatherbee



FROM THE PASTOR

"I love it when a plan comes together." If you're old enough, you may remember those words coming from Hannibal Smith, the cigar-chomping leader of the A-Team, played by actor George Peppard.

George Peppard and I shared a birthday, but that's where our similarities end.

Except that I, too, love it when a plan comes together. And the staffing plan that came out of our visioning work last fall is coming together.

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is the group you elected last August to guide us through the process of searching for and calling (now) two associate pastors: an Associate Pastor for Church Life and Family Ministries, and an Associate Pastor for Emerging Generations and Mission.

Thanks to the congregation's unanimous support of the staffing design at a January 6 congregational meeting, the APNC was able to write both Ministry Information Forms (MIFs) and secure appropriate approvals from the Session and the Presbytery of East Tennessee's Committee on Ministry last month.

They have done some very good work very quickly, and as of January 24th, our two MIFs have been posted to the Church Leadership Connection (think of it as the Presbyterian version of the eHarmony online dating site). Those MIFs will be matched with Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from candidates who gifts might meet our needs. We anticipate that they will receive several hundred PIFs, which will all be read, rated and discussed.

This positions us perfectly to be able to be in conversation with students graduating from seminary in May of this year, and we continue to hope that we might have both positions filled by the time school starts. Nevertheless, both the APNC and the Session agree that we want the right people, regardless of the time frame.

"I love it when a plan comes together."

I hope you will join me in praying for this process:

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for the APNC
- Pray for our future Associate Pastors, that they will read our MIFs and be intrigued at the possibilities.
- Pray for our current staff, as they anticipate working with new colleagues whom they do not yet know
- Pray for good intuition on the part of both those searching and those being sought
- Finally, pray for us as a congregation. We have said that we want to be changed. Pray that God will give us the courage to do that.

Next up, while the APNC continues their work, will be for us as a congregation to consider how we will implement our vision for our life together. While staff may help a congregation pursue goals and develop programs, at the end of the day, this is your church, and so it needs to reflect your understanding what God is asking us to do.

The APNC will be providing periodic updates on their progress. I know they would also welcome your input and thoughts as we move forward. Again, those people are: Dan Young (chair), Jimmy Beard, Jordis Blackburn, Jason Brooks, Arielle Kilday, Dianne Lashmit, Karen Paxton and Denise Vogado. Please feel free to contact any of them with your lots, and please give them each a pat on the back for the good and faithful work they are doing. They need our love and support!

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily Anderson

NEW PROV U

New Prov U is an opportunity for the congregation, especially those 55 and older, to find enrichment opportunities from a variety of presentations. Join us on Wednesday, February 13, for a program by Baird Todd. Baird is the head curator for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He will be talking about the newest building in the Park, the Park Archives. For the first time, all of the artifacts from the National Parks in Tennessee have been put under one roof. Also, all of the records are stored in the same place. It is an amazing treasure trove of history. He will touch on the genealogy of pioneering East Tennessee residents. The building is open for research on an appointment only basis. Come listen, bring friends and ask questions.

Contact Stephanie Bell (681-0493, stephaniebell47@gmail.com) by noon on Thursday, February 7, to make reservations for the 11:30 a.m. lunch (\$7) or just come for the program at noon.

Andy Simon

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

When bad weather strikes and you aren't sure if the church will be open, just remember that we follow the Maryville City Schools weather closure schedule. If the news announces that Maryville City Schools are closed, NPPC will be closed and all meetings cancelled for the day.

If the weather falls on the weekend, look on our website, Facebook page or in your inbox if you receive our electronic communications for announcements about services. If you'd like to receive our electronic communications and aren't currently on our list, contact Coco (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182 x102) in the church office and I'll add you to the list.

Coco Everett

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

PEAK & CLOUD 9 FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- 2/6 - PEAK & Cloud 9*
- 2/13 - PEAK & Cloud 9*
- 2/20 - PEAK & Cloud 9*
- 2/27 - PEAK & Cloud 9*

*Remember if Maryville City Schools close for inclement weather, NPPC is closed. NO PEAK or Cloud 9 on snow days.

MUSIC

On Sunday, February 17, at the FirstLight (9:00 a.m.) service, the PEAK and Cloud 9 kids will play handbells and sing.

PAINTING THE 2ND FLOOR

The 2nd floor is scheduled to be painted during Spring Break in March. If you'd like to help paint, e-mail Fairlena (children@newprovidencepres.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have some time on Wednesdays? Come help out with PEAK & Cloud 9. You can make snacks for the kids; welcome riders on the bus; or join the kids for day.

- Snacks: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084dafab2babfa7-snacks>
- Bus Rider: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084dafab2babfa7-20182019>
- Join us: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084DAFAB2BABFA7-peak>

Time on Sundays? To help in the nursery when needed, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084DAFAB2BABFA7-ocall>.

CLOUD 9 NEEDS YOU!!

Our Sunday school class for 4th & 5th graders needs one more teacher to join the team for the spring. We have new curriculum from *Feasting on the Word* that follows the lectionary. Contact Fairlena,

children@newprovidencepres.org, for more information. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084dafab2babfa7-201819> to sign up for dates.

MUCHAS GRACIAS!

A big thank you to those who joined me on January 6th - Ella Greene, Jenn Hardy, Claude Hardy, William Kerr, Blake Overton, Jordan Overton, and Jaime Newland. We had 25 kids ranging in age from Preschoolers up to 5th graders gathered in Westminster Hall during the congregational meeting. The kids enjoyed themselves with crafts, snack, and free play.

PLANETARIUM TRIP FOR CLOUD 9

All 4th & 5th graders are invited to the Muse planetarium on Sunday, March 3rd. You don't need to be a participant on Wednesdays to join the group. More details coming soon. Contact Ms. Leah or Ms. Fairlena for more information and to RSVP.

PALM BURNING

PEAK and Cloud 9 kids will gather at 5 p.m. on February 27 for the palm burning ceremony. The ashes from this ceremony are used for the Ash Wednesday service. Parents are welcome to join the burning ceremony. There will be no imposition of ashes on the 27, because Ash Wednesday is on March 6th (PEAK and Cloud 9 will be on spring break that week).

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDENTS - NEED SOME VOLUNTEER HOURS?

High Schoolers and College Friends- do you need volunteer hours? The Wednesday afternoon PEAK (K-3rd) and Cloud 9 (4th & 5th) programs have grown, and we could use your help. The program runs from January 9 through May 1, from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. Contact Leah Thomas (leah.thomas@blountk12.org), or Fairlena Googe (children@newprovidencepres.org), for more information.

Fairlena Googe

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

The Youth [6th-12th grade] will have a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 3, from kick-off to half-time at the Luttrell's home (1801 Oxford Drive). Each of the following groups are invited to bring the following snacks to share:

- iGroup - sweet
- 9th Grade - salty
- 10th grade - savory
- 11th grade - drinks
- 12th grade - your choice

Tracy Luttrell

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Souper Bowl of Caring special offering will be collected Sunday, February 3, following both worship services. New Prov Youth will be at all the exits at the end both services with soup pots labeled with the two Super Bowl football teams. Drop a donation in the pot of your choice to make a monetary donation to Blount County Community Action Agency's Meals on Wheels and cast a vote for your favorite team!

Tracy Luttrell

BARTLETT BUZZ

In February, Bartlett Adult Day Out will celebrate Valentine's Day, have visits from Terry, Ruth, Ex Libris and Harper and Janet. We definitely enjoy the different visits we have from the people who share their time and talent with us.

If you have a few hours to spare during the month, we could use more volunteers. You must love people and enjoy helping them. Please pray about spending some time with us as a volunteer. Contact Trish at 268-3810 to schedule a visit.

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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03 Souper Bowl of Caring Ordination and Installation of Officers 9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School (Chapel) 10:00AM Officers' Training (Sanctuary) 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 6:00PM Youth Super Bowl Party (Off Campus)	04 7:30AM Monday Morning Theologians (Off Campus) 8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH), (Kitchen) 8:03AM Headstart CPR Class (EH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Webelo 1 (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH) 7:00PM Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (Choir Room)	05 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH), (Kitchen) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:30PM New Prov Green Team (W202) 6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109) 6:30PM Bereavement/Nurture/TLC Committee (219) 6:30PM Facilities Committee (Parlor) 6:30PM Event Support Committee (215) 6:30PM Fellowship Committee (213) 6:30PM Transportation Committee (206) 7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109) 7:00PM Policy Committee (W201) 7:00PM Budget & Finance Committee (108) 7:15PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206) 8:00PM Admin Team (Chapel)	06 7:30AM BMH Leadership Development Inst (WH) 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109) 2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus) 3:00PM PEAK and Cloud 9 (206), (208), (212), (216), (217), (23), (Pavilion), (RWH) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Home School Theatrical Production Class (FEH) 5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:30PM Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	07 10:00AM Ruth Circle (W201) 10:00AM Leah Circle (Parlor) 10:00AM Martha Circle (Chapel) 1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202) 2:00PM Deborah Circle (Off Campus) 5:30PM Public Theology (Off Campus) 7:00PM Mary Circle (Off Campus)	08	09 1:00PM Youth Sunday Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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17 Money for Manna 9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Officers' Training (Chapel) 10:00AM Church School (Sanctuary) 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM iGroup (W201), (WH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (WH) 6:30PM PYC (W201), (WH)	18 New Prov Press Deadline 7:30AM Monday Morning Theologians (Off Campus) 8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH), (Kitchen) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA - Webelo 1 (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH) 7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs	19 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH), (Kitchen) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 6:00PM Leadership Development Committee (108) 7:00PM Session (Chapel)	20 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109) 1:00PM CBS Antiques & Collectibles Setup (FEH) 2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus) 3:00PM PEAK and Cloud 9 (206), (208), (212), (216), (217), (23), (Pavilion), (RWH) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Home School Theatrical Production Class (FWH) 5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:50PM Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FWH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	21 8:00AM CBS Setup (Kitchen), (RWH) 8:30AM CBS Antiques & Collectibles Sale (EH) 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 10:00AM PWC Coordinating Team Meeting (Chapel) 1:30PM Home School Chemistry Group (W202)	22 Youth Summit-G'burg 8:30AM CBS Antiques & Collectibles Sale (EH) 8:30AM CBS (WH), (Kitchen)	23 Youth Summit-G'burg
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RWH - Rear Westminster Hall

FWH - Front Westminster Hall

FEH - Front Eastminster Hall

REH - Rear Eastminster Hall

ACS/BCS/MCS - Blount County, Alcoa, and Maryville School Systems

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

These are the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound members whose birthdays occur during February. Shower them with birthday cards to remind them that they are special!

- Marian Stuart, 2/5
- Lillian Lyle, 2/11

Donnae Farley

DONATE TO THE ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SALE

Has the new year inspired you to purge and tidy up Marie Kondo style? We would love for you to donate any collectibles that no longer "spark joy" for you. Donations can be left in the Community Benefit Sale drop-off room located next to Westminster Hall. Donations are tax deductible and proceeds are given to local non-profits.

Once you have purged and made room for new treasures, come shop the Antiques and Collectibles Sale in Eastminster Hall, on Thursday, February 21st, from 1-5 p.m. and Friday, February 22nd, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. You are sure to find KonMari-approved, new-to-you items that will bring joy to you.

Contact Donna Booher at 865-384-7723 with questions. Thanks for your support of the Community Benefit Sale.

Donna Booher

TENDING OUR FLOCK

WE SHARE SORROW

- Charles (Chuck) Vinsant, 12/19
- Richard Rabe (Kim Kolarik's father), 1/2
- Carroll Shope, 1/14
- Don Douglas (Arlene Austin's brother), 1/15
- Helen Barras (Linda Dotson's mother), 1/19
- Frank Van Aalst, 1/21

Have a baby? Dad in the hospital? Someone graduate? Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Coco (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x102) to share your news.

SESSION SUMMARY

The Session met on January 22, 2019 and approved or discussed the following:

Session approved the following:

- Examined and approved the following Elders and Deacons for the class of 2021:
 - Elders: David Forester, Fred Metz, Teal Willoughby, Bill White, Claire Shamiyeh, Beth Smith, Stephanie Bell, Paula King, Bryce Luttrell
 - Deacons: Angel Lyles, Donna Ridge, Brown Tate, Gaines Lee, Liz Huffaker, Don Moore
- Approved the Ministry Information Forms (MIFs) for submission to the Church Leadership Connection database.
- Approval for Children's Committee to move forward on confirming details for an Intermediate Retreat (4th & 5th grades) to visit the Muse Plantation in Knoxville and have lunch together. They will attend a specific program related to Astronomy which dovetails nicely with our current Harry Potter curriculum for that age group. A majority of the cost will be covered by an existing line item in the children's budget. The date of the event will be March 3.
- Approved the following curriculum materials:
 - For Faith and Culture – *The Book of Joy*, Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama
 - For Women's Study group – *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*, Diana Butler Bass; *Grounded: Finding God in the World – A Spiritual Revolution*, Diana Butler Bass; *We Need to Talk*, Celeste Headlee; *Liturgy for the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, Tish Warren
- Request for Removal – Lorie A. Handler and Frank Joseph Handler have requested to be removed from the roll

- CITW requests approval of a \$100 donation for the NAACP Freedom Fund Scholarship. It is proposed this is taken from line 50500 CITW Wish List which has \$680 remaining for distribution this fiscal year. The donation to the scholarship fund is recommended in lieu of a request to purchase a table at the first annual Alcoa/Blount County NAACP Freedom Fund Gala scheduled for February 28 at the Airport Hilton. This event would have cost \$500 for a table for 10, with approximately 50% of that cost supporting the scholarship fund.
- Congregational Life wishes to establish a knitting group that would meet twice monthly from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and would be for anyone to join. A possible meeting time would be the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Items knitted, such as caps, lap blankets, or prayer shawls, could be donated to charity. Congregational Life unanimously approved the establishment of a knitting group at the church.
- Approved request to waive the facilities use fee for an event planned on March 2. Audrey Blackburn is planning to host a luncheon to address hunger in our community as a component to earn her Girl Scouts Gold Award. A soup lunch will provided with guest speakers Amelia Geis-Scott, Bob Haralson, and possibly a representative from Second Harvest Food Bank to talk about their backpack and summer kid programs. Audrey will be selling tickets or requesting contributions, with proceeds donated to support hunger relief in the community. She is also making hand made bowls for all ticket holders or contributors. Audrey would like to offer tickets to event on February 17 and February 24. Motion was approved.

DISCIPLESHIP TO LEADERSHIP

It's 7:00 pm on a Thursday night in June and the phone rings. You answer. The caller identifies herself as a member of the New Providence Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee and blind-sides you with a question you're totally unprepared for: "Will you consider serving as a Deacon at New Providence?"

This scene might sound familiar to many of you. If so, your initial reaction might have been one of surprise, or confusion. Often, those who are asked to serve as an officer of the church have many questions about what's involved in serving. "What am I getting into if I say yes?" is a common question that arises.

Well, now you're able to get the answer to this question and others before the phone rings. A new 6-week Sunday School class will let you discover what's involved in serving as a church officer. Led by our pastoral staff, Discipleship to Leadership examines a range of topics, from the biblical basis for service to how our ministry teams work to provide opportunities and care for our members.

Discipleship to Leadership begins March 31st and will be held in the Chapel. Join the class and "peek behind the curtain" before the phone rings. You'll be blessed by attending and learning how you can serve our congregation.

Please call the church office to reserve your spot.

Leadership Development Committee

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

- February 3: Jeremiah 1:4–10, Psalm 71:1–6, 1 Corinthians 13:1–13, Luke 4:21–30
- February 10: Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13), Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1–11, Luke 5:1–11
- February 17: Jeremiah 17:5–10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12–20, Luke 6:17–26
- February 24: Genesis 45:3–11, 15, Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40, 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50, Luke 6:27–38

NEW PROV KNITTING GROUP

Are you a knitter? Would you like to be? If so, please join us at NPPC for the first meeting of the NewProv Knitting Group on Monday, February 11, 6:30 - 8:00 in Room 109 (back of library). Our first meeting will be more of a Meet & Greet with snacks and conversation. If you are already a knitter, you are welcome to bring a project you are currently working on. For those who are not knitters yet, we have materials and a little expertise to help get you started. Crocheters or other needle workers are also welcome. If you have questions or want more details, contact Bobbie Briggs, 865-806-4512 or briggsb84@gmail.com.

Bobbie Briggs

LIFT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The LIFT (Let's Inspire Families Together) Program will begin the spring semester on February 28 at Rockford Elementary School. On six Thursday evenings this spring, you could spend an evening (5:30 - 7:00) sharing a meal, playing games, working puzzles, having conversations, and reading to/with Pre-K, Kindergarten, or First Graders. While you interact with these children, their parents will have meaningful and supportive conversations with the Rockford Pre-K teacher. No preparation is required for each tutoring session, just a generous heart and willingness to spend some time with a child who could benefit from some extra attention. To volunteer or if you want more details, contact Bobbie Briggs, 865-806-4512 or briggsb84@gmail.com.

Bobbie Briggs

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USHERS NEEDED

Ushers are a great boon to the worship experience by being the smiling person who greets people when they come in and makes sure they get that all important bulletin with which to navigate the service. We are also the direction-givers for visitors to our Sunday morning home when they need rest rooms or places like Westminster Hall. As large as it is, it's not always easy to locate.

We have an easy system of ushering: sign up for one Sunday a month for the whole year at the service of your choice. The year for ushers runs from February 2019 – January 2020. Months with 5 Sundays are ideal if you would prefer ushering quarterly instead of monthly. We also need substitutes for our regular ushers. That group of people is priceless.

If you are interested in ushering in this year, please contact Mot Krick (krickm51@gmail.com, 233-5286, 423-371-0673). It's going to be a good year. Please help usher it in.

Mot Krick

LIFE BEGINNERS

Life Beginners is a group of retired folks that take trips to local places of interest and share a meal while on the road. This month, Life Beginners will meet on February 15th at 10:00 a.m. to go to the Green McAdoo Cultural Museum. This museum tells the story of 12 African-American students who braved all to go to public school. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and go to the museum then have lunch (TBA). There will be a \$2 transportation fee. Contact *Stephanie Bell* (681-0493, stephaniebell47@gmail.com) to make your reservation.

MEDIC BLOOD MOBILE AT NEW PROV

On Tuesday, February 12, from 1-7 p.m., Medic Mobile will be at New Providence. Please share the love and donate blood.

SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR FEBRUARY

FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
3	Paula King, David Forster, Teal Willoughby	Please contact Mot Krick, krickm51@gmail.com if you can help usher in 2019.	Hayley Lynn
10	Claire Shamiyeh, Nick Bradford, Bobbie Briggs		Youth Sunday
17	Carrie Eaton, Laura Shamiyeh, Bryce Luttrell		Open
24	Hayley Lynn, Andrew Irvine, Maxey Long		Scout Sunday

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.			
	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
3	Stephanie Bell, Fred Metz, Bill Yarborough	Please contact Mot Krick, krickm51@gmail.com if you can help usher in 2019.	Hayley Lynn
10	Kate Clabough, Jane Morton, Jenifer Greene		Youth Sunday
17	John Pittenger, Beth Ragsdale-Smith, Maxey Long		Open
24	Tyler Johnson, Bill White, Andrew Irvine		Scout Sunday

* Head Usher

HEALTH TIPS

SEVEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Cultivating our faith life is an important part of wellness. Here are a few ways to gain a new perspective of yourself, others, and God throughout the year.

1. Try praying at different times during the day. You may notice that you pray differently at different times of the day.
2. Laughter and rejoicing need to be a part of our faith life. Think of something funny that has happened, and thank God for giving us humor in our lives.
3. Loving yourself is the first step in "Love your neighbor as yourself." Spend a few minutes writing about what it means to love yourself. Remember that God loves you.
4. Meditation or listening is a part of our faith life that we often neglect. Consider taking five minutes to sit quietly and breathe. Try to quiet your inner voice and just listen.
5. Go for a prayerful walk and remember that all of creation belongs to God, though it can be easy to forget that. The air you breathe and the ground you walk on belong to God.
6. Pray a movement prayer. Stretch our your arms. Touch your toes. Stretch your neck. Feel the brilliance in God's creation and the way that your body is put together.

7. Thankfulness comes in a variety of forms. Each day make a list of everything that you encounter for which you are thankful. At the end of the day, incorporate the list into a prayer.

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Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse



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- 3 Ordination and Installation of Officers
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- 10 Youth Sunday
- 17 Money for Manna
- 18 *New Prov Press* Deadline
- 21 Community Benefit Sale
- 22-24 Youth Summit in Gatlinburg
- 24 Scout Sunday

