



# New Providence Press

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## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Join us for our Maundy Thursday service with Communion at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

## **MARYVILLE COLLEGE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

Maryville College's annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. on Lloyd Beach. Lloyd Beach is located behind Lloyd Hall, on the southeastern end of the campus, and offers a spectacular view of the sun rising over the Chilhowee Mountains. The service is casual, and attendees who are not able to stand during the service are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. All are invited to enjoy coffee, pastries and conversation on the porch of Willard House following the service. In the event of rain, both the service and the breakfast will be held in the Samuel Tyndale Wilson Center for Campus Ministry.

Anne McKee

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

April 8th will be Children's Sunday for the 2017-18 year. Children 5th grade and younger are invited to join us in leading the 11:05 a.m. service that day. Interested parties (or their parents) need to contact Leah Thomas or Fairlena Googe before April 3rd to be included. There are still positions available to collect the offering, distribute bulletins and greet at the doors. Contact Fairlena and Leah (children@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182x119) for more information or to sign up.

Fairlena Googe,  
Interim Children's Coordinator

## **POTLUCK DINNER PLANNED TO REMEMBER MLK**

On April 4, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis. His impassioned speeches and nonviolent protests against segregation and injustice were the hallmark of his leadership of the civil rights movement.

On April 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., Blount County United will host a potluck dinner to mark the 50th anniversary of that event. We will give thanks for Dr. King's life and celebrate his vision, as we continue our work towards creating the Beloved Community right here at home. The dinner will be held at NPPC, and all are invited. The meat will be provided by Blount County United, and everyone is asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

## **FEBRUARY MEETINGS IN APRIL?**

Maryville College's February Meetings, will be held on Monday, April 9, and Tuesday, April 10.

Dr. Laura Hartman will present *What Would Jesus Buy? (And Other Puzzles of Consumption)* on April 9, at 7:00 p.m., at the Lawson Auditorium in Fayerweather Hall. She will also present *Walk or Drive? (Personal Policies for Ethical Consumption - and Their Limits)*, on April 10, at 1:00 p.m., in the Samuel Tyndale Wilson Center of Campus Ministry.

Dr. Hartman is an assistant professor in the Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin, and author of *The Christian Consumer*.

These events are free and open to the public. We hope that community members will take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual and intellectual growth.

## **COMMUNITYWORX**

Calling all members seeking service opportunities!

CommunityWorx has a Volunteer Workday scheduled for April 14, 2018

Save the Date! There is something everyone can do to help!

The Church in the World Ministry Team is excited to partner with CommunityWorx for a day of fun and service set for April 14, 2018. CommunityWorx coordinates Volunteer Workdays to assist Blount County agencies and their families with needs such as organizing, sorting, painting, writing letters, home repair, making kits, cleaning, landscaping, outside cleanup, cleaning gutters, ramp building, etc. Visit [www.mycommunityworx.com](http://www.mycommunityworx.com) for more information about this faith based service organization, and visit <https://preview.tinyurl.com/cwx-4-15-2018> to sign up. In addition, there will be tables set up in the Atrium between the services on Sunday, April 8. Stop by for information on specific projects, or to sign up the old-fashioned way. Questions can be directed to *Michelle Huntoon* (citw@newprovidencepres.org).

Michelle Huntoon

## FROM THE PASTOR

Stewardship season is always an uncomfortable time in the church. It forces us to talk about (ick) unspiritual things like money, and giving, and budgets. Wouldn't Jesus prefer that we discuss healing and serving and loving our neighbors as ourselves?

After all, Jesus healed the man born blind, fed the five thousand, and told us that the test of discipleship is to love as God has loved us. So yes, in the world of the Bible, that's exactly what we're called to do.

But I think it's a false dichotomy to assume that Jesus was all about ministry, and stewardship is all about money. Because while we'd like to think that Jesus whipped up those miracles out of nothing, the reality is that someone had to come up with the funds to carry out his mission.

At the end of Mark 15, in between stories about the crucifixion and the resurrection, the gospel writer mentions that among those watching at Golgotha were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. Verse 41 explains: "These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee."

In other words, even Jesus needed people who would support his ministry, and the same holds true today.

But in 2018 dollars, feeding those 5000 people would have run Jesus something like \$15,000. Our Welcome Table estimates that we feed between 250 and 300 people, 52 weeks out of the year. Sometimes donations offset the cost of that, but Chef Amelia tells me that we need to plan on \$3 each for those (approximately) 15,000 meals. That's \$45,000 per year.

In Luke's gospel, the Good Samaritan binds up the wounds of the traveler on the road to Jericho, and puts him up in an inn until he is well enough to resume his journey. For the sake of argument, let's assume that's 5 days. Here in Blount County, five days of lodging would run at least \$200. One of NPPC's budget commitments is to support the work of Good Neighbors,

which is sometimes called upon to provide emergency help for families or individuals experiencing homelessness.

Given the explosion of health care costs, I won't dare to estimate what restoring sight to a blind person might entail.

Truth be told, that is "easy money" to raise. Everyone likes to feed the hungry and heal the sick and house the homeless. No one

minds having their charitable donations support those ministries.

But as a friend of mine says, "Nobody wants to pay for the copier contract." It's hard to get excited about giving money to the church for the light bill, or FICA matching for employees, or batteries for wireless microphones.

There are also other "hidden" expenses. We are able to offer a ministry like the Welcome Table in large part because a decade ago, New Providence broke ground on an ambitious building project that included gathering space to seat 500+ people. At that time, we hadn't even begun to comprehend the need in this community for that ministry, but clearly the Spirit was leading us in the right direction.

Our building is open 5 days a week, providing space for Scout troops, community agencies and ministry partners to carry out their own important missions, not to mention NPPC's own programs and outreach ministries.

Oddly enough, that all makes me think of Charles Blackburn: Charles was (literally) a lifelong member of this church. He was baptized and confirmed at NPPC, and when he died almost a year ago, he had been a member for 74 years.

Last May, when I met with Liz and her family to plan Charles' memorial service, she said something that resonated with me deeply. She said that Charlie Blackburn supported New Providence financially because he always wanted us to have enough money to keep the church running and the campus in shape.

Other people may be concerned

that our outreach, educational, and worship ministries are well-funded, and there's nothing at all wrong with that. But Charlie is the guy who worried about the building. He wanted to be sure there was enough to cover the light bill and maintain the facilities in good working order.

In other words, Charles Blackburn wanted to be sure the copier contract was paid.

A year or so ago, I shared a stewardship prayer with you that was written by the pastor of the Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, DC. In it, Dean Snyder said that just once, he'd like to hear an offering prayer that sounds something like this: "We offer to you, O God, this money and rejoice in all it will buy and pay for. We thank you that some of it will pay for salad dressing from Costco to feed hungry people. A portion will build a well to provide safe drinking water in Haiti. A few dollars will pay for the worksheets our children carry home after Sunday school. May what they learn here help shape their character and life values.

"Some of this offering will buy sheet music for the choir so that your name might be glorified. Some will pay the electricity and heat for this building where we come to worship you, where victims of domestic violence come for support, and where NA groups meet to help each other stay sober.

"We thank you that this offering will pay for the pastors' salaries and the salaries of the church staff who devote themselves to organizing this congregation to make disciples of Jesus to transform the world. May their work be wise and courageous. And a small portion of this money will help pay our [General Presbyterian's] salary and support the work of our [presbytery]. We pray that through all this, we might make a difference in our particular corner of the world."

And then he finishes with these words: "We also remember that some of us who have given the fewest dollars have been the most generous, and some of us who have given more dollars have not given as sacrificially. Still we rejoice in this money we present to you, God. We delight in it. We delight in what it will buy and what it will not buy because we didn't keep it for ourselves.

We love giving you this money, God. Thank you that the Word became flesh and began this earthly Christian movement of love, inclusion, justice, beauty and joy so that we might give our dollars to help fuel it. In gratitude for the blessing of being able to give our money, we pray..."

And to that, the preacher says, "Amen."

It is a joy to be the church with you!

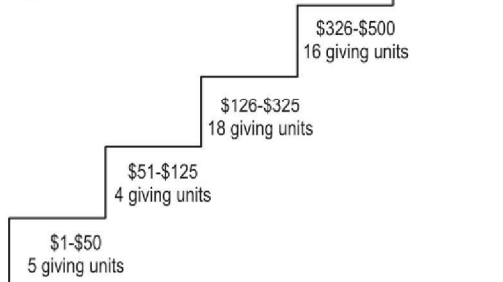
Emily J. Anderson

## GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

In the coming weeks, each member of New Providence Presbyterian Church will receive a letter from Emily along with a pledge card. Generosity Sunday is Sunday, April 29, 2018; that is our target date for turning in pledge cards at either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:05 a.m. service.

Our stewardship theme for 2018-2019 is GIFT: Growing In Faith Together. As a result of your generous pledged giving along with unpledged donations over the past year, we have been able to reach goals set by ministry teams, take care of our beautiful facility and grow in our outreach to our community and the world.

On the chart below, each stair step has a monetary value and a number of giving units. A "giving unit" is an individual or family and the steps show how many units give at each level to NPPC. Pledged giving to our annual budget supports local and world ministries, worship life, discipleship, leadership and education ministries, and provides the services that help make our life together joyful and



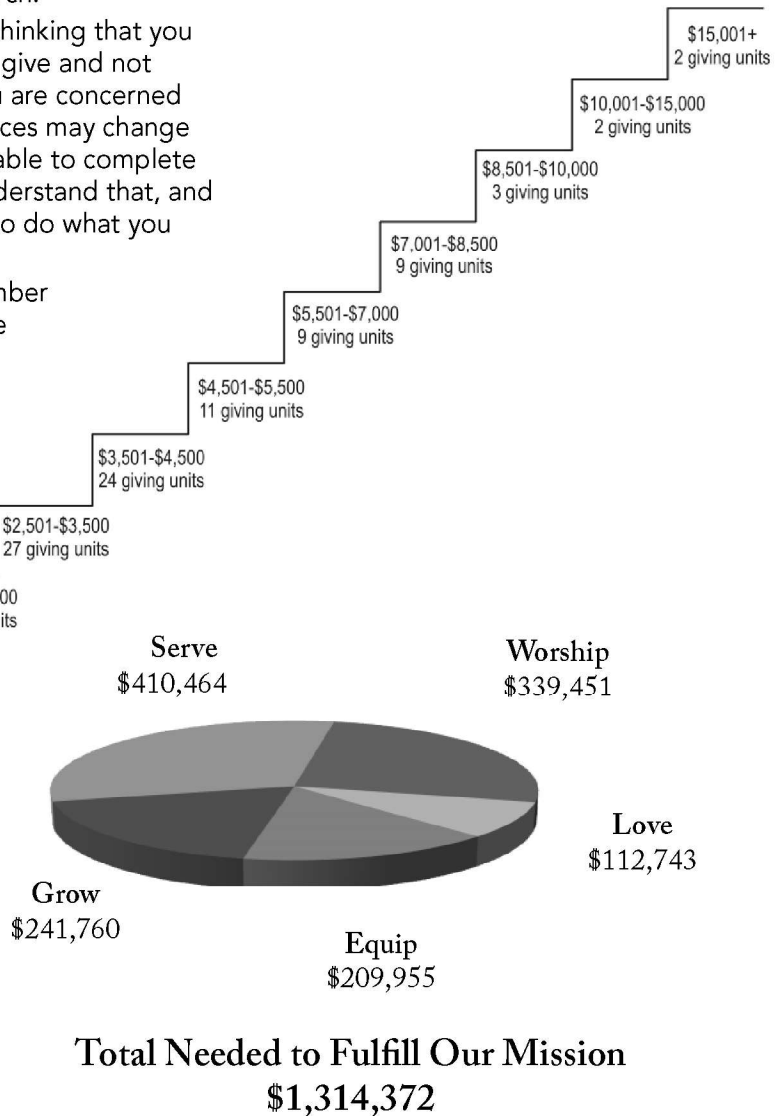
meaningful. Increasing giving as a family or an individual will help us reach beyond what has been accomplished this year in carrying out the work God calls us to do. We challenge you to "step up" your giving this year, and move up one step on the chart. That may feel ambitious to you, but know that every gift, and every increase is both needed and appreciated.

The pie chart represents the entire 2017-2018 budget. Each piece of the pie correlates to a specific ministry (or category of ministries). We hope this will help you see how our resources are allocated to operate a successful ministry.

Our local community and our church are blessed, by anyone's standards. Pledged giving is a way of returning a portion of our gifts to God. Growing In Faith Together is represented by a living tree with many branches, which symbolizes the part that each of us play in the life of our church.

Perhaps you are thinking that you would like to simply give and not pledge. Perhaps you are concerned that your circumstances may change and you will not be able to complete your pledge. We understand that, and no one will ask you to do what you cannot.

But please remember also that pledges are the session's best indication of how much NPPC might



expects to receive over the coming 12 months. Your session wants to be good stewards of our resources; the closer we can come to estimating income, the more accurate our budgeting process can be.

Your generous gifts each year mean that our church family is able to serve our neighbors close to home and around the world. We are able to offer programs and classes that help us grow in our faith. We are able to care for each other in good times and hard times. We are able to open our doors week after week for those who want to join us in worshiping God.

We hope that you will give joyously and generously as we Grow In Faith Together.

Jane Morton and Jeff Pezick,  
Stewardship Committee

# CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Communion Easter  9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	02 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (WH) 7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Webebo 1 (W201) 7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs (FEH)	03 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201 Front) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH - All) 6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109) 6:30PM Congregational Nurture/TLC (219) 6:30PM Event Support (215) 6:30PM Fellowship Groups (213) 6:30PM Transportation (206) 6:30PM Connections Committee (Bride's Room - Narthex) 7:00PM Personnel Committee (Chapel) 7:00PM Facilities Committee (Parlor) 7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109) 7:00PM Policy Committee (W201) 7:00PM Budget & Finance (108) 7:00PM New Prov Green Team (W202) 7:15PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206) 8:00PM Admin Team (Chapel)	04 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Faith Community Potluck MLK thing Set Up (WH - All) 3:00PM PEAK (EH) 3:15PM Cloud 9 (217) 3:15PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 5:30PM Meditation Group Foothills Mindfulness Community (Parlor) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 6:00PM Faith Community Potluck (WH - All) 7:00PM New Prov Reads (W201) 7:30PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)	05 10:00AM PWC Circle - Ruth (W201 Front) 10:00AM PWC Circles - Martha (Chapel) 10:00AM PWC Circles - Leah (Parlor) 2:00PM PWC Circle - Deborah 5:00PM BSA-All District Meeting (WH - All) 5:30PM Public Theology (Off Campus) 7:00PM PWC Circle - Mary (108)	06 6:00PM Parent's Night Out (WH - All)	07
08 Welcome New Members  9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)	09 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 9:00AM Headstart Pictures (EH) 10:00AM Maryville Babywearers (206) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (WH) 7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor) 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWI) 7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM Youth Committee (W202) 7:00PM BSA - Webebo 1 (W201)	10 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 9:30AM Community Food Connection Board (Chapel) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201 Front) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH - All) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (108) 6:30PM Children's Committee (215) 6:30PM Leadership Development Committee (206) 6:30PM Youth Committee (W202) 6:30PM Worship & Arts (Choir Room) 7:00PM Church In the World (Chapel) 7:30PM Disc & Education (216)	11 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 11:30AM New Prov U (FWH) 3:15PM Cloud 9 (217) 3:15PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 6:00PM Line Dancing (FWH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)	12 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 10:00AM D & S Community Services Training (FEH) 6:30PM Bridges Out of Poverty Training for LIFT (WH - All)	13	14 10:30AM Maxey McArthur Memorial Service (Sanctuary) 11:30AM Reception for Maxey McArthur (WH)
15 Money for Manna  9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Volunteer Fair (WH - All) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)	16 New Prov Press Deadline  7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (WH) 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH) 7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs (FEH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Webebo 1 (W201)	17 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201 Front) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH - All) 7:00PM Session (Chapel)	18 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)  3:00PM PEAK (WH - All) 3:15PM Cloud 9 (217) 3:15PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 5:30PM LIFT Tutors Reception (Parlor) 6:00PM Line Dancing (FWH) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM New Prov Reads (W201) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)	19 8:30AM Antiques & Collectibles Mini-Sale Set Up (FEH) 9:00AM Quilters (REH) 10:00AM PWC Coordinating Team (Chapel) 12:00 p.m. Community Action Council Event (WH) 2:00 PM CBS Set Up (RWH) 5:30PM Public Theology (Off Campus)	20 8:30AM Community Benefit Sale (FWH) 8:30AM Antiques & Collectibles Mini-Sale (FEH)	21
22 9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:00PM MC Choir Concert (Sanctuary) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)	23 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (WH) 7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Webebo 1 (W201) 7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs (FEH) 7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor)	24 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:00PM New Prov Press Mailing (Chapel) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201 Front) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH - All)	25 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201 Front) 9:00AM PWC Bible Study Leaders (Chapel) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 2:00PM Weavings (W201) 3:00PM PEAK (WH - All) 3:15PM Cloud 9 (217) 3:15PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 6:00PM NAMI (206) 6:00PM LIFT Committee Meeting (Chapel) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm)	26 9:00AM Quilters (FEH) 2:00PM Community Food Connection Event (WH)	27 10:00AM Life Beginners	28
29 Generosity Sunday  9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM Youth Fifth Sunday Family Night/End of Year Party (WH) 6:00PM Service of Faith, Hope, and Healing (Sanctuary)	30 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (EH) 6:30PM BSA-Pack Meeting (WH) 7:00PM BSA-Troop 88 (EH)					



RWH - Rear Westminster Hall

FWH - Front Westminster Hall

FEH - Front Eastminster Hall

REH - Rear Eastminster Hall

## CBS SWAP

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Please mark your calendars! The Community Benefit Sale and Antiques and Collectibles Mini-Sale in April has been moved to the third Friday, April 20. Many thanks to the Community Benefit Sale workers for being so flexible and understanding and moving heaven and earth and the sale to accommodate the Community Food Connection's major fundraiser. Well done, good and faithful servants!

*Coco Everett*

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

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The Fellowship Committee is planning a Parent's Night Out for Friday evening, April 6, 2018, from 6-9 p.m. The committee will provide childcare, dinner (pizza), a movie and games. The cost will be \$10 per child. Contact Stephanie Bell ([stephaniebell47@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniebell47@gmail.com)) to sign up.

*Bethany Russell*

## PEAK-NIC

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The end of the 2017-18 year is upon us, and we are going to wrap up the P.E.A.K. (Presbyterians Educating Awesome Kids) program on May 2nd at 5 p.m. in the pavilion.

All participants, their families, and guests are invited to join us as well as anyone curious about the program. The Children's Committee is providing the Bar-B-Q, and is asking for parent's to sign up to bring a side dish. The Sign-up sheet will be available upstairs during check out on each Wednesday for the month of April. You can also RSVP through Fairlena Googe ([children@providencepres.org](mailto:children@providencepres.org), 983-0182 x119).

*Fairlena Googe,  
Interim Children's Coordinator*

## APRIL BIRTHDAY

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This is the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound member whose birthday occurs during April. Shower her with birthday cards to remind her that she is special!

■ Nahn Laughmiller, April 29

*Donnae Farley*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LEAD

The Children's Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers this summer and/or for the 2018-2019 school year. We have openings in K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 (Cloud 9) teaching teams. Sunday school teachers help the children's ministry by developing relationships with the children, modeling an authentic Christian faith, and teaching them the essentials of following Christ.

An in-depth knowledge in the Bible or issues of faith are not required. A curriculum and training for volunteers will be provided. If you would be interested or want to learn more, contact Fairlena Googe at [children@newprovidencepres.org](mailto:children@newprovidencepres.org) or Jessica Swett at [jjm\\_pooh@yahoo.com](mailto:jjm_pooh@yahoo.com). Thank you for considering this need!

*Lelia Rogers*

## CFC FOOD DRIVE

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The Community Food Connection is having a food drive on April 14 and 15 at the Maryville Wal-Mart. There will be a sign up table in the Atrium on Sunday, April 8, or log onto the CFC web site ([cfcblount.org](http://cfcblount.org)), click on the sign up logo just and sign up for your preferred activity and time. Contact *Bob Haralson* ([bobharalson@icloud.com](mailto:bobharalson@icloud.com), 738-3347) for info.

*Bob Haralson*

## NEW PROV U

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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, April 11, for a program by Mike Miller who will be speaking about the Elkmont Community. Mike's family had a home in Elkmont and he will relive the history from the 1930s - 1970s with photos, memories and will bring with him several past residents of the community.

Contact Ashley ([ashley@newprovidencepres.org](mailto:ashley@newprovidencepres.org), 983-0182, x101) by noon on Thursday, April 5, to make reservations for the 11:30 a.m. lunch (\$7) or just come for the program.

*Andy Simon*

## LIFE BEGINNERS

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Life Beginners will meet at the church at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 27, to go to Crescent Bend House and Gardens.

***(Please note that this is the fourth Friday of the month and not the normal third Friday.)***

Crescent Bend House is an historic eighteenth-century house with beautiful gardens that go down to the river. We will leave the church at 10 a.m. for a tour starting at 10:30. Afterwards we will go to the Italian restaurant, Bravo, on Bearden Hill. Cost is \$5 to tour the house, \$1 transportation fee, and we'll order from the menu. Contact Stephanie Bell (call or email [stephaniebell47@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniebell47@gmail.com)) with your reservation by Thursday, April 26. I will confirm each call and e-mail.

*Stephanie Bell*

## MARY CIRCLE

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Mary Circle will meet at Alida Graves' home (114 Wilson Ave.) on Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m.

*Margaret Ellen Crawford*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS!

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VBS will be June 10th-13th this year. We'll need plenty of volunteers to help as well as donations of things. Watch next month's *New Prov Press* for more information.

*Fairlena Googe,  
Interim Children's Coordinator*

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL

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- April 1: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
- April 8: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31
- April 15: Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48
- April 22: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18,
- April 29: Acts 8:26-40, Psalms 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

## EGG-CELLENT EASTER CELEBRATION!

The children's ministry had an Eggcellent Easter celebration for March 25th. We had face painting, tattoos and cookie decorating in addition to the egg hunt. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success. Congregation members donated fillers and cookies. The older youth stuffed eggs and did face painting at the lunch. Cloud 9 hid the eggs. Facilities shuffled setup plans with the weather. The Children's Committee and other volunteers prepped, served, and cleanup after the event. Over 600 eggs were stuffed and then collected by 50+ children at the event. All of the children left proud of how many eggs they were able to collect.

*Fairlena Googe, Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator*

## THANKS, NEW PROV!

Thanks for all the prayers and concern for my son. He is on the mend and back at work.

*Lou Ann Orlowski*

I have not said thank you enough - not even sure that I can - for embracing John 316's work as you have. You have graciously shared your space with us for the use of the Community Closet and the ChristmasWishes preparations. You have sponsored children through our programs. You have given time and donations. Coco and Ray have always been more than accommodating to help when needed. The combination of these parts and pieces have come together beautifully, rousing your love for the community in which we live. Thank you for being a part of John 316!

*Carol Lucas*

To all the beautiful people at New Providence Presbyterian Church, we were just surprised, excited, grateful to say the least receiving such a generous donation from the "Souper Bowl." This is enough to serve home-delivered meals for 313 seniors. On behalf of these seniors... thank you!

Amazing!

*Smoky Mountain Meals on Wheels*

## TENDING OUR FLOCK

### CONGRATULATIONS

- Ayak Cinkoc has been granted a full scholarship to Berea College in Kentucky! Congratulations, all that hard work has paid off!

### WE SHARE SORROW

- Maxey McArthur, 3/16
- Helmut Herrmann, Harry Herrmann's father, 3/17
- Arline Teal, 3/19

Have a new baby? Dad in the hospital? Someone graduate? Your church family would love to share your joys and your sorrows. Contact Ashley (ashley@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x101) or anyone in the church office to share your news.

## SOCIAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

Keep up with all the happenings at New Prov, do one or all of these:

- Friend us on our Facebook page @newprovpres
- Follow us on Twitter to get our tweets at @newprovpres
- Follow us on Instagram at newprovidencepres
- Hashtag any post with #NewProvPres to keep in the loop
- Subscribe to the E-news, our weekly electronic newsletter of last minute church news
- Get our Adult Ed E-news, our monthly newsletter concerning all things Adult Education
- Sign up to receive Advent Devotions written by New Provers each morning of Advent by subscribing to our E-votions
- Sign up for the Financial News, our monthly newsletter with financial information
- Check out our website at Newprovidencepres.org
- Contact Coco (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x102) and get signed up today!

## SESSION SUMMARY

The Session met on March 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and approved or discussed the following:

- Curriculum requests for Adult Education: *Everything Happens for a Reason: and Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler - Women's Study Group and *The Dance of the Dissident Daughter; A Woman's Journey from Christian Tradition to the Sacred Feminine* by Sue Monk Kidd
- For Seekers of Seven: *What is the Bible, Sabbath Resistance, Walking the Bible (DVD), Psalms for Today, God is not One, The Great Spiritual Migration, and Sinning Like a Christian*
- The Session approved a disbursement of up to \$200 for anticipated costs associated with the upcoming Volunteer Fair. Anticipated costs include display boards and food. Organizers are planning to request food donations but it is not yet known if this will be successful. Approved to take it from the CITW wish list (50500) in the budget.
- At approximately 66.6% into our budget year, pledged giving is at 80% and unpledged giving at 89%. Expenses are at 63%.
- The Session approved the following requests for baptism: Audrey Jean Tate, daughter of Brown Tate, Jr & Jessica Tate on 3/18/18; and Mariya Rose Troyer, daughter of Jason & Jennifer Troyer on 5/20/18
- Approved the following new members: Becky Brown, Blake Brown, Eliza Conatser, Judd Conatser, Shirley Dixon, Tom Dixon, Brittany Fowler, Gaines Lee, Karen Lee, Joann Maitland, Mike Maitland, Daniel McMahan, Lehla McMahan, Jaime Newland, Sarah Small, Thomas Small, Janet Vail, and Conni Williams.

*Beth Lazar, Clerk of Session*

# SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR APRIL

## FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
1	Ayak Cinkoc, Jenifer Greene, Bill Savell	Tom Raines*, Peggy Raines, Sally Daley, Terry & Judy Woods	Hayley Lynn
8	Hayley Lynn, Bryan Kilday, Gabie Kerr	Judy Woods*, Connie & Jack Jackson, Ron & DeAnne Gibbs	Susan Keller
15	Chad Rogers, Bobbie Briggs, Jenifer Greene	Chrissy & Andrew Irvine*, Vandy Kemp, Bobbie Briggs	Bryce Luttrell
22	Bill Yarborough, Maxey Long, Laura Shamiyeh	Jenn Hardy*, Claude Hardy, Roy & Ruth Fox, Martha Cobb	Vandy Kemp
29	Tyler Johnson, Ayak Cinkoc, Carrie Eaton	Judy Woods*, Terry Woods, Lee & Liz Huffaker	Hayley Lynn

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
1	Kate Clabough, Bobbie Briggs, Tracy Luttrell	Jason Brooks*, Ann Spencer, Lynne Musick, Phil Mummert, Susan Young	Hayley Lynn
8	John Pittenger, Michelle Huntoon, Kate Clabough	Karen* & Ken Paxton*, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell	Susan Keller
15	Tyler Johnson, Mike Teffeteller, Jane Morton	Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, Mot Krick	Bryce Luttrell
22	Andrew Irvine, Michelle Huntoon, Bill Yarborough	Stephanie Bell*, Dennis & Ann Cherry, Jack Bell, Jeff Pezick	Vandy Kemp
29	Jenifer Green, Maxey Long, John Pittenger	Dan Cox*, Liz Heid, Sarah & Hardy DeYoung	Hayley Lynn

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Easter Sunrise Service at Maryville College
- 6 Parent's Night Out
- 8 Welcoming New Members
- 15 Money for Manna
- 16 New Prov Press Deadline
- 20 Community Benefit Sale
- 29 Generosity Sunday

