

## GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Over the last three years, as a member of the Budget & Finance committee, I have come to know and appreciate how far a pledge of any size can go - especially during the stewardship season. The session plans the church's entire budget around the pledges that are received from the congregation, and while we do take into account unpledged gifts, those are difficult to predict and any prediction can be hit or miss. This coming Sunday, April 29, is Generosity Sunday and we will be dedicating our pledges during both services. Please take some time to consider what gift you can make and know that it is very much appreciated. Thank you!

*Bryan Kilday, Budget & Finance*

## SHIPWRECKED!

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. You'll experience thrilling "real-life" dramas, play high-energy games, enjoy some great crafts, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

This year our journey will take place Sunday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 13. Check-in and dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m., with Opening Assembly at 5:30 p.m. in the NPPC sanctuary.

Classes are available for children ages 2 years through rising 6th graders. Childcare is available for volunteers with children younger than 2.

Register and volunteer on our website today at [newprovidencepres.org/vbs](http://newprovidencepres.org/vbs). Contact Fairlena Googe (983-0182 x119, [children@newprovidenceprew.org](mailto:children@newprovidenceprew.org)) if you have any questions.

## VBS NEEDS

Decoration items needed - sand colored tarps, inflatable palm trees, Tiki torches, greenery, Hawaiian (island) table skirts, empty toilet paper rolls, craft/fish tank sand, empty water bottles, battery powered tea lights, stick-on jewels. Please let us know if any of these items will need to be returned after VBS.

Help with food - If you can't volunteer for VBS, but you want to help, you or your group (i.e. Sunday school class, Geneva group), can provide the meal or the snacks for one night. Please contact Jenny Troyer ([jjtroyer@gmail.com](mailto:jjtroyer@gmail.com)), for more information.

*Fairlena Googe*

## SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

This is the season of Resurrection, the season of life and light. As we watch new life appear on the landscape we can ponder the joy of it all, but also the need for rebirth, restoration, renewal. On Sunday evening, May 6, at 6 p.m. there will be such a space for just this at New Providence. We will gather in the sanctuary for a brief Service of Healing and Hope, a time for contemplation, prayer, and calm reverence. There will be opportunities to pray and be prayed for, to hear words of comfort and hope from scripture, and to find a renewed strength in a pause from our busy lives. We will celebrate together the healing peace we find in God's love through Christ our Lord and Savior. Please join us.

*Steve Musick*

## PEAKNIC PLANNED

Our annual end of year PEAKnic is scheduled for May 2nd from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the NPPC Pavilion. There will be music, food and fellowship for the kiddos! All children preschool through 3rd grade and their families are invited to attend (whether children have been attending PEAK this year or not). Help us finish up this awesome year with lots of fun! If you and your family plan to attend please RSVP to Fairlena Googe (983-0182 x119, [children@newprovidencepres.org](mailto:children@newprovidencepres.org)). Chicken nuggets will be provided. Please sign up to bring a side dish at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49aead28a5fc1-peaknic>

*Leila Rogers*

## PENTECOST – BUILDING FAITH-FILLED FUTURES

A gift to the Pentecost Offering, on May 20, helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

- Young Adult Volunteers
- Ministries for Youth
- Children-at-Risk
- Pentecost Offering Financials

## MEMORIAL DAY

The church will be closed, Monday, May 28 to observe Memorial Day.



## FROM THE PASTOR

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What's the best question you've ever been asked?

- Will you marry me?
- Would you like to attend our college?
- Can I buy you a cup of coffee?
- Want to play quarterback, or the leading role, tonight?
- How can I help?

All of those questions are lead-ins to conversations or circumstances that can change the course of a life.

Questions are important, and we will be asking a lot of them at New Providence in the coming months.

In March, I wrote in this space about a visioning process that we are launching to do the soul-stirring work of discerning our future together. Beginning this June, we will enter into a time of envisioning that future by asking questions about who we are, and the directions we believe God may be calling us for the next 5+ years.

Between June 1 and August 15, you will be invited to participate in a 90-minute listening group to talk with other members of the congregation, as well as hosts and facilitators from the session. The questions asked in those listening groups will challenge us to think about the gifts God has given us, the needs of our church and community, and the hunches or nudges we feel from the Holy Spirit about what this next season of our life together might look like.

Our hope is to engage more than 300 NPPC members and friends in those conversations, and so I am asking you to sign up to attend one of the gatherings (specific times and registration procedures for those events will be sent out later in May).

But the questions won't be limited just to listening sessions. In the month of May, we want to "prime the pump" by giving you one question each week to discuss with other NewProv members or friends. We will post those questions on social media, as well as in the e-news and weekly bulletin. These

are simply discussion starters: maybe you can open a Sunday school class or committee meeting by asking the "question of the week." Perhaps it's something your family or friends talk about one night at the dinner table. If your youth group or Life Beginners group is out in the bus for an activity,

*When have you had an "Aha" moment at New Providence?*

share your answers to that week's question with one another. And yes, that means that we're actually encouraging parking lot conversations!

In other words, what we want is for the NewProv family to be talking together about what matters to us, and who we believe the Spirit is calling us to be in the next five or so years of our life together.

And so, here's the question of the week for this first week of May: When have you had an "Aha" moment at New Providence? (that is, a moment of sudden realization, inspiration, or insight)

I speak for the Visioning Team in saying we hope you'll use that question to inspire some conversation this week. We'll keep providing you with questions, so that we can all explore the answers!

It is a joy to be the church with you!



*Emily J. Anderson (along with the Visioning Team: John Pittenger, Chrissy Irvine, Wes King & Tyler Johnson)*

## SUMMER EDITION NPP

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Since the June/July newsletters are traditionally light on news as we all take a breather for the summer, I combined the two editions into one. So, on June 1, you'll receive a Summer Edition with information for both June and July. Then on August 1, you'll receive the regular edition brimming with news of Sunday school, New Prov U, Life Beginners, NPR, PYC, iGroup, P.E.A.K., and all the other exciting programs here at New Prov.

Coco Everett

## UPDATE ON THE GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

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THANK YOU to all who have given generously to our Guatemala Mission Trip. So many of you donated goods and services to our silent auction last fall and turned out in great support at our chili supper; you purchased Christmas trees, wreaths, and ornaments; you participated in our envelope wall; and you've shared countless prayers and blessings and words of encouragement... we are overwhelmed by your support! We met our fundraising goal, we have plane tickets in hand, and we are leaving in less than 60 days on June 2. While our goal may be simply stated to spread God's light, there's a strong feeling we'll receive God's light as well.

To help understand and prepare for our trip, Dianne Lashmit and Eric Minton arranged an experience for our group to serve together locally at the Lost Sheep ministry in Knoxville. On two evenings in March, we headed to downtown Knoxville where we saw first-hand the tent city where Knoxville's homeless congregate under I-40, and a block or two down where the Lost Sheep converts empty gravel space under the highway into a place for fellowship, a meal, and where people can get clothing. For two hours we helped distribute clothing to those in need. Afterward, we spent time processing and discussing our experience together. Most were struck how this empty, gravel space was converted for two hours into a bustling gathering place even on a very cold night. And after two hours, the folding tables were put away, trash was collected, and the people disappeared into the night leaving once again an empty gravel space. Where do the people go? How did they get here? What more can we do? Thoughtful discussion ensued on our bus ride back to NPPC that challenged us to examine ourselves and our roles as Christ's hands and feet.

On April 15, Dianne and Eric again arranged an experience for the team to challenge our thinking about the journey to Guatemala ahead of us. We enjoyed a meal at La Lupita, a popular market and restaurant on East



Broadway in Maryville. As the name suggests, La Lupita caters to the Latino population in Blount County. Most of their staff are Spanish speakers and their market carries many ingredients native to Mexico and Central and South America for making authentic cuisine. Much of the signage in the store and the communication you hear is in Spanish.

We also want everyone to know that during Worship on Sunday, May 27, our team will be officially commissioned by you for our trip. This will be a meaningful, memorable day for the travel team, but hopefully for the whole congregation at NPPC as we send a small group of people out into the world beyond our borders to share God's love. We hope you can mark your calendars and be sure to attend.

Thank you, again, for making this incredible opportunity to serve a reality.

*Ashley Watkins*

## ABOUT YOUR MOMMY...

In honor of Mother's Day, we decided to ask our Littles (preschoolers) questions about their mothers. Here are some of the answers we got, the rest will be posted in the preschool wing.

What is your Mommy's name?

- Sunny - Her name is Stephanie.
- Emily - umm... I can't remember.

How old is your Mommy?

- Boone - I don't know. She's a big number and I can't even say it.
- Clara - My mommy is turning 14 and my daddy is turning like 100.

How does your Mommy help you?

- Josie - She takes care of us.
- Boone - She gives me hugs when I'm sad.

What does your Mommy always say?

- Clara - I love you.
- Emily - She says lots of words. Sometimes she says 'We are getting ice cream today!' That's very special for me and Josie.

What's your Mommy's favorite song?

- Josie - It goes 'ha lala LA LOOO!'
- Sunny - She has one. I can't sing it.

The NPPC Preschool celebrates moms and all those incredible women who have helped to raise us!

*The Children's Ministry*

## ONE LOVE! ONE HEART! LET'S GET TOGETHER AND FEEL ALRIGHT!

Summer is a time for vacations; visiting with the people we love and catching up on all their news. Summer is also a time for adventure, when we take a step away from the ordinary. For the last several years, we have enjoyed Bluegrass Sunday in July. It has been well received at both services. More than that, we have also heard comments that those who faithfully attend one service rarely get to see those who faithfully attend the other. With all that in mind, your Worship & Arts Ministry Team has decided to invite the entire New Providence family on a mini-vacation of our own. While our Chancel Choir enjoys a much-deserved break, we have an opportunity to host some great musicians who will lead us in 5 unique worship experiences during the month of July. Whether traditional or contemporary, old or new, this is a wonderful opportunity to unite the two services with great music and great company. Join us during the month of July. You can catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

The Sunday morning schedule in July will be 9:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m. coffee and fellowship and 10:30 a.m. combined worship service.

Mark your calendars and watch the *New Prov Press*, bulletins, and social media for more details.

*Beth Ragsdale-Smith*

## NEW PROV READS

We will have our next meeting on Wednesday, May 9 in room W201 (the youth room in the Westminster Wing). Since there are a lot of things going on at the end of May we will discuss the rest of the book that night then take a break.

*Anne Van Pelt*

## COMMUNION PLANNED

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Pentecost, May 20, 2018 at both services of worship.

*Coco Everett*

## 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, May 9 when Alcoa City Planner, Jeremy Pearson, will bring us up to date on new construction and development with plans, drawings and slides. With all the new construction and development that we pass each day in Alcoa, this will give us a chance to see the vision and how it will affect our community. Please bring your questions!

Contact Ashley (ashley@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182, x101) by noon on Thursday, May 3, to make reservations for the 11:30 a.m. lunch (\$7) or just come for the program.

*Andy Simon*

## LIFE BEGINNERS

Life Beginners is a group of retired folks that travel to local places of interest and share a meal while on the road. Life Beginners will meet at the church at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 18, to travel to the ghost town of Elkmont in the Smoky Mountains National Park. Breakfast will be at Elvira's in Wears Valley, then over the mountain to the Sugarland Visitors Center and then on to Elkmont.

There will be a \$2 transportation fee, and we'll order from the menu. Contact Stephanie Bell (call or email stephaniebell47@gmail) with your reservation by Thursday, May 17. I will confirm each call and e-mail.

*Stephanie Bell*

## MAY BIRTHDAY

Lois Murphy, one of our "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) members, will turn 103 on May 23. Shower her with birthday cards to remind her that she is special!


*Donnae Farley*

## MARY CIRCLE

Mary Circle will meet at Alida Graves' home (114 Wilson Ave.) on Thursday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m.

*Margaret Ellen Crawford*

# CALENDAR FOR MAY 2018

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday                                       |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
|  |  | 01<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)<br>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201 Front)<br>5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br>6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109)<br>6:30PM Congregational Nurture/TLC (219)<br>6:30PM Event Support (215)<br>6:30PM Connections Committee (Bride's Room - Narthex)<br>6:30PM Facilities Committee (Parlor)<br>6:30PM Fellowship Groups (213)<br>6:30PM Transportation (206)<br>7:00PM Budget & Finance (108)<br>7:00PM Personnel Committee (Chapel)<br>7:00PM Policy Committee (W201)<br>7:00PM New Prov Green Team (W202)<br>7:15PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206)<br>8:00PM Admin Team (Chapel) | 02<br>8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium)<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>3:00PM PEAK (WH)<br>3:15PM Cloud 9 (217)<br>3:15PM P.E.A.K. (16)<br>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br>5:00PM PEAKnic (Pavilion)<br>5:30PM Meditation Group Foothills Mindfulness Community (Parlor)<br>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)<br>6:00PM Line Dancing (FWH)<br>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)<br>7:00PM New Prov Reads (W201)<br>7:30PM MC Choir Scholars Dessert Reception (Atrium) | 03<br>National Day of Prayer<br>10:00AM PWC Circle - Ruth (W201 Front)<br>10:00AM PWC Circles - Martha (Chapel)<br>10:00AM PWC Circles - Leah (RWH)<br>2:00PM PWC Circle - Deborah<br>7:00PM - 9:00PM PWC Circle - Mary (108)  | 04   | 05   |
| 06<br>Celebration of Music and Westminster Bells (11:05am)<br>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)<br>10:00AM Church School<br>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)<br>6:00PM - 7:00PM Service of Faith, Hope, and Healing (Sanctuary) | 07<br>7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study<br>8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH)<br>6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH)<br>6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (WH)<br>7:00PM BSA - Webelo 1 (W201)<br>7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs (FEH)<br>7:00PM Youth Committee (W202)<br>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH)<br>7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH)<br>7:00PM - 8:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH)  | 08<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>9:30AM Community Food Connection Board (Chapel)<br>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)<br>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201 Front)<br>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br>5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br>6:15PM Welcome Table Committee (109)<br>6:30PM Worship & Arts (Choir Room)<br>6:30PM Children's Committee (215)<br>6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (108)<br>6:30PM Leadership Development Committee (206)<br>7:00PM Church In the World (Chapel)<br>7:30PM Disc & Education (216)   | 09<br>7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201)<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>11:30AM New Prov U (FWH)<br>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br>5:15PM Cloud 9 - End of Year Feast (EH)<br>6:00PM Line Dancing (FWH)<br>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)  | 10<br>Ascension of the Lord<br>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)<br>10:00AM D & S Community Services Training (FEH)  | 11   | 12<br>10:00AM Kilday Birthday Party (Pavilion) |
| 13<br>Senior Recognition Sunday<br>Mother's Day<br>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)<br>10:00AM Church School<br>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)   | 14<br>7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study<br>7:30AM Maryville High AP exams<br>10:00AM Maryville Babywearers (206)<br>12:00PM 4-H Blount County (Sanctuary)<br>6:00PM BSA-Wolf Cubs (REH)<br>6:30PM BSA-Troop 88 Badge Review (WH)<br>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH)<br>7:00PM BSA - Webelo 1 (W201)<br>7:00PM BSA-Bear Cubs (REH)<br>7:00PM BSA-Webelos 2 (RWH)<br>7:00PM BSA-Tiger Cubs (FEH) | 15<br>Presbytery Meeting (Bethel)<br>8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH)<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>1:00PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)<br>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201 Front)<br>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br>5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br>6:00PM Leadership Development Meeting (108)<br>7:00PM Session (Chapel)  | 16<br>7:30AM Maryville High AP Exams (WH)<br>8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium)<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)<br>5:50PM Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor)<br>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)<br>6:00PM Chancel Choir End of Year Potluck (WH)<br>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)<br>7:00PM New Prov Reads (W201)  | 17<br>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)<br>10:00AM PWC Coordinating Team (Chapel)<br>12:00PM PWC Gathering (WH - Kitchen)<br>5:30PM Public Theology (Off Campus)<br>5:30PM Salvation Army Behind the Red Shield Event (WH)<br>7:00PM - 8:30PM Piano Recital for Peggy Rogers' Students (Sanctuary) | 18<br>MCS & BCS Last Day for Students<br>7:30AM Maryville High AP Exams (WH)<br>10:00AM Life Beginners | 19   |
| 20<br>Communion<br>Day of Pentecost<br>Money for Mana<br>8:30AM Mariya Troyer Baptism at first light<br>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)<br>10:00AM Church School<br>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)                          | 21<br>New Prov Press Deadline<br>7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study<br>8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH)<br>7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH)   | 22<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)<br>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201 Front)<br>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br>5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)   | 23<br>7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201)<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)<br>6:00PM NAMI (206)  | 24<br>ACS Last Day for Students<br>8:30AM CBS Set Up (WH)<br>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)   | 25<br>8:30AM Community Benefit Sale (FWH)  |  |
| 27<br>Mission Trip Commissioning Service Both Services<br>Trinity Sunday<br>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)<br>10:00AM Church School<br>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  | 28<br>Memorial Day - Church Closed   | 29<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH)<br>1:00PM New Prov Press Mailing (Chapel)<br>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201 Front)<br>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)<br>5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)   | 30<br>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)<br>9:00AM PWC Bible Study Leaders (Chapel)<br>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)   | 31<br>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)  |                   |  |

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



## HEALTH TIPS

Regular eye exams are an important part of good eye health. But some signs and symptoms can indicate a medical emergency that can't wait for your regular checkup. Seek treatment immediately if you experience the following signs and symptoms in one or both eyes:

- Sudden vision loss, including hazy or blurred vision
- An increase in the number or size of floaters
- Eye pain
- Redness or swelling of your eye or eyelid
- Flashes of light
- Sudden appearance of halos or rainbows that form around lights
- Loss of your peripheral vision
- A curtain-like appearance over your field of vision

(Taken from John Hopkins *Health After 50.*)

## BARTLETT BUZZ

In May, the Bartlett Adult Day Out group will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo and a cook out lunch. We will also enjoy visits from Terry Bunde and Ex Libris. If you have a talent or hobby to share, we would love for you to visit with us. Contact Trish (983-0182 x106, trish@newprovidencepres.org) to set up a time!

*Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse*

## SESSION SUMMARY

The Session met on April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and approved the following:

- Curriculum requests for Adult Education for *The Righteous Mind*, by Jonathan Haidt.
- Disbursement of \$625 from the CITW wish list for support of programs that had been cut in last year's budget:
  - \$325 to Maryville College
  - \$300 to UKirk Presbyterian Ministry at UT Knoxville Campus.
- Request from the Worship and Arts Committee to have one service at 10:30 a.m. (Sunday School at 9 a.m.) during the month of July. The committee will be working to put together some variety of music during the month
- Request of the men's group to award the Man of the Year during the 11:05 a.m. service on 6/17/18
- Purchase of blinds for the four windows on the south side of Westminster Hall by the PWC. The cost will be \$3,249 installed.
- Collection of a special offering during the concert by the Maryville College Concert Choir on 4/29/18.
- At approximately 75% into our budget year, pledged giving is at 86% and unpledged giving at 98%. Expenses are at 71%.

*Beth Lazar, Clerk of Session*

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

- May 6: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17
- May 13: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19
- May 20: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- May 27: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

## TENDING OUR FLOCK

### WE SHARE SORROW

- Katie Nelson, 3/23
- Ellen Johnson, Tyler Johnson's grandmother
- Shasta Bode-Brown, friend of Melanie Rasnake, 4/6

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) to share your news.

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## SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR MAY

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

|    | Elder Greeters                              | Ushers  | Children's Time |
|----|---|---|-----------------|
| 6  | Bill Savell, Hayley Lynn, Bryan Kilday      | Tom Raines*, Peggy Raines, Sally Daley, Terry & Judy Woods            | Susan Keller    |
| 13 | Bill Yarborough, Chad Rogers, Bobbie Briggs | Judy Woods*, Connie & Jack Jackson, Ron & DeAnne Gibbs                | Hayley Lynn     |
| 20 | Jenifer Greene, Gabie Kerr, Maxey Long      | Chrissy Irvine*, Will Irvine, Jamie Irvine, Vandy Kemp, Bobbie Briggs | Stephanie Bell  |
| 27 | Laura Shamiyeh, Nick Bradford, Ayak Cinkoc  | Jenn Hardy*, Claude Hardy, Roy & Ruth Fox, Martha Cobb                | Susan Keller    |

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

|    | Elder Greeters                                   | Ushers  | Children's Time |
|----|--|---|-----------------|
| 6  | Tracy Luttrell, John Pittenger, Michelle Huntoon | Jason Brooks*, Ann Spencer, Lynne Musick, Phil Mummert, Susan Young | Susan Keller    |
| 13 | Tyler Johnson, Mike Teffeteller                  | Karen* & Ken Paxton*, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell       | Hayley Lynn     |
| 20 | Jane Morton, Carrie Eaton, Laura Shamiyeh        | Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, Mot Krick           | Stephanie Bell  |
| 27 | Nick Bradford, Ayak Cinkoc, John Pittenger       | Stephanie Bell*, Dennis & Ann Cherry, Jack Bell, Jeff Pezick        | Susan Keller    |

\* Head Usher



## OUR 2018 GRADUATES



SNOW COULTER

Graduating from Maryville High School

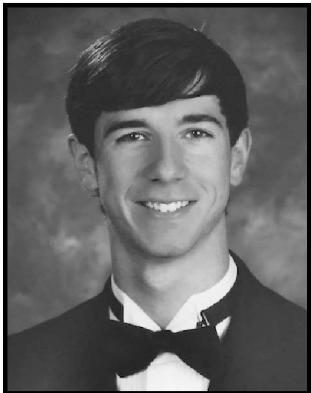
Future Plans: Planning to attend college at Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA

Favorite experience from your time growing up at New Providence? There are lots, but when we

would go tubing at the lake for SOFAS is probably my favorite memory.

One way your New Providence family can support you moving forward? You can support me by supporting my sister and being a foundation for her and accepting of her.

What's one thing you'd like to share with either the congregation at large or students behind you here at New Providence? To the adults, thank you all for watching me mature and for all the kind words as I have grown up in this congregation. To the children, be inclusive of one another so you become a close bonded, dedicated church group.



CADE IRWIN

Graduating from Maryville High School

Future Plans: I will be attending Pellissippi State Community College

Favorite experience at New Providence? Being able to hang out with my friends in youth and going to help people in Guatemala.

One way your New Providence family can support you moving forward? Provide an opportunity for college kids to stay connected to the church!



OLIVIA LAZAR

Graduating from Maryville High School

Future Plans: I will be attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to earn a BS in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Leadership Studies. I will be a part of the Honors Leadership Program and the Cook Grand Challenge Engineering Honors Program.

Favorite experience? Some of my favorite experiences have been going to John Knox Center and Gatlinburg for Middle School Retreat and Youth Summit because they are times of just the youth hanging out and having fun.

One way your New Providence family can support you moving forward? I would simply ask to be kept in the thoughts and prayers of the congregation as I move forward in my life!

What's one thing you'd like to share with either the congregation at large or students behind you here at New Providence? I have absolutely loved being a part of this church for the past 18 years, it has helped me grow into the person I am today. Everyone here has affected me in some way, whether it be listening to my meditation on Youth Sunday, being on Session with me, or to being a Sunday School teacher. I only hope that every student that goes through this church and this youth program has the same experience that I have had.



MADDIE REDD

Graduating from Maryville High School

Future Plans: Going to University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to study Theatre Education

Favorite experience at New Providence? My favorite experience from New Providence was a retreat we did at Camp Montvale for our confirmation. We had a lot of fun just playing games and all talking about how God has influenced our lives

and I feel like that trip made me feel closer to everyone.

One way your New Providence family can support you moving forward? New Providence can help with my journey to becoming a drama teacher by just giving me a lot of love, support and prayers for me and family and our new beginnings ahead.

What's one thing you'd like to share with either the congregation at large or students behind you here at New Providence? One thing I would like to share with students behind me at New Prov is, although going through High School can be rough sometimes, you can always get through it with help from God. I know I couldn't do it without Him.



AVERY SUGG

Graduating from Maryville High School

Future Plans: Attending East Tennessee State University and studying chemistry

Favorite experience at New Providence?

I remember during Children's time several years ago we got little cubes of the left-over wood from the cross in the front of the sanctuary with the USB in it. I still wear that necklace all the time.



What's one thing you'd like to share with either the congregation at large or students behind you here at New Providence? I just want to share that I have truly cherished my time here growing up. Although I did not go to New Providence my entire childhood, it is where I have the most memories of church and I really appreciate all the people who have had an impact on me.



GEORGE TEFFETELLER

Graduating from Clayton Bradley Academy

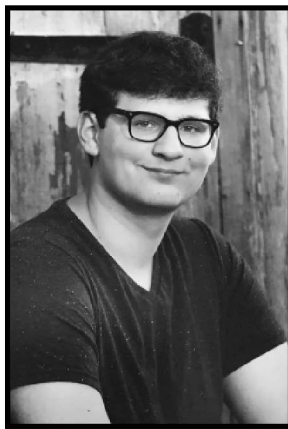
Future Plans: Attending Maryville College for a degree in biology

Favorite experience at New Providence? One of my favorite memories at NPPC was VBS. Every year I was excited to go and learn about God's love and forgiveness. Both me and my family have been very involved in VBS throughout the years. VBS and Christian teachings

have laid a foundation for my life's compass.

What's one thing you'd like to share with either the congregation at large or students behind you here at New Providence? Pray for me. I am not nervous about starting college, but I will definitely will need prayer and support as I transition to another part of my life.

"Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away! You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." - Dr. Seuss, *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*



JOSH WELLS

Graduating from Maryville High School

Future Plans: East Tennessee State University

Favorite experience at New Providence? Montreat

What's one thing you'd like to share with either the congregation at large or students behind you here at New Providence? Prayers and well wishes. I would like to thank the congregation as a whole for always making me feel welcome at New Providence.

Congratulations, too, to our Maryville College Scholars who are graduating this year.



RACHEL BRITT



MADDY CARPENTER



CORRINNE MCCLURE



JORDAN MCCULLOUGH



CLARA MUSICK



KELSEY O'DELL



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- 21 New Prov Press Deadline
- 25 Community Benefit Sale
- 27 Mission Trip Commissioning during both services  
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- 28 Memorial Day - church closed

