

Ας πάμε στην Αθήνα!

From June 9 – 12, the children will travel to Athens, Greece to meet the Apostle Paul and learn about his dangerous and exciting second missionary journey. We are thrilled to partner with St. Paul AME Zion and Highland Presbyterian whose children will join us at New Prov for Vacation Bible School!

Children from age 2 through rising 6th graders are welcome to join us for this adventure! Each day will begin with dinner served in the pavilion at 5:20. Then at 5:45 children will gather in the sanctuary for a celebration of singing and welcome. Afterwards, the festivities continue with Olympic games, a visit to a Greek market place, and visits with the disciple Paul.

Mark your calendars for this special event! Everyone from early preschool through adult volunteers will enjoy the journey to Athens while making new friends. Please contact Fairlena Googe (children@newprovidencepre.org) or Susan Young (youngsd79@aol.com) for more details or to volunteer. We look forward to the journey together!

Susan Young

GHOSTS IN THE GRAVEYARD PART DEUX:

It's official! Session has approved a second cemetery tour to be held on October 26 and 27, 2019. I am currently looking for volunteers to be graveside ghosts, tour guides, greeters, ticket takers, and other such roles. If you are interested in helping with this event or if you just want to know more, contact Kate Clabough (256-2329, kateclabough@gmail.com).

Kate Clabough

WHAT I WISH...

On the first Thursday of every month, a group of wanna-be theologians gather at the Public House on High Street for something we call Pub(lic) Theology. It's a free-wheeling discussion about current events, trends, personal experiences, and (most of all) how we respond to those as people of faith.

This year, Pub(lic) Theology will have a slightly different structure: each month will feature a guest or two who will lead a discussion on "What I Wish ____ Knew about ____." For instance, "what I wish Presbyterians knew about Baptists."

The series will continue with Frances Henderson and Katy Chiles presenting "What I Wish White People Knew About Systemic Racism."

The group begins arriving anytime after 5:30, and discussion starts at 6:00 p.m. Each presenter will offer 15 or so minutes of introduction, and then open it up for conversation. We always finish by 7:00.

Emily Anderson

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 be taking a trip to a nursery that specializes in native plants.

There will be a \$1 transportation fee. Lunch will be TBA and ordered off the menu. Contact *Stephanie Bell* (681-0493, stephaniebell47@gmail.com) to make your reservation.

Plans are underway for June and July trips, so keep an eye on the *New Prov Press* for more information.

Stephanie Bell

SCOUT HONORS

Congratulations to George Teffeteller, John Wilson Huffman and Bryce Luttrell on earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program. Since its inception in 1911, only 4% of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process. The Eagle Scout rank has been earned by over 2.5 million youth.

Congratulations as well to Audrey Blackburn for her GS Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest achievement within the Girl Scouts of the USA. Only 5.4% of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the Gold Award.

Coco Everett

BARTLETT BUZZ

In May, Bartlett Adult Day Out will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican meal, and visits from Ex Libris and Janet Kolarik and Harper!

If you have a talent or hobby to share, please consider coming to visit 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 (trish@newprovidencepres.org, 268-3810) to schedule a visit.

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

SUMMER EDITION NPP

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 all the exciting programs here at New Prov.

Coco Everett

FROM THE PASTOR

As I write, I am still basking in the glow of an amazing Easter Sunday, and I give all the credit to our musicians, who absolutely hit it out of the park at both services. It is a gift to work alongside such humble and talented colleagues.

But as we remember what is past, we also look forward to the future. And part of that future, at least in the short term (we hope), involves the

calling of two new Associate Pastors. I want to give you an update about what is happening in that arena.

In January, with the blessing of the congregation, the session approved Ministry Information Forms (MIFs) for two associate pastor positions. The MIF is the church's version of a resume, outlining both of the positions we have envisioned, as well as the type of candidates for whom we are searching.

To recap: our 2018 visioning process led to a staffing plan that includes:

- An Associate Pastor for Church Life & Family Ministry who will oversee our ministries with children, families and young adults (post-college-age), and will also direct our "welcoming" ministries.
- An Associate Pastor for Emerging Generations & Mission who will focus on our ministry to middle school, high school and college-age youth and young adults, as well as our mission outreach and social justice programs, and social media outreach.
- Once those two associate pastors are in place, we will search for a half-time Director of Care & Formation to oversee our ongoing pastoral care needs and support the adult education and discipleship programs.

...the candidates we are talking to are especially attracted to these positions because they are energized by the vision of team ministry communicated in our MIFs.

The APNC has been hard at work since last winter, and has made rapid progress. To date, they have received well over 125 Personal Information Forms, or PIFs (the individual version of the church's MIF). Each member of the APNC has read each of those PIFs, and to date, the team has conducted 17 interviews via phone, video-conference, or in person.

In March, Dan Young (APNC chair) and I spent a day at Columbia Seminary interviewing

and talking with graduating seniors. A week earlier, I did the same thing at Princeton Seminary – Dan was supposed to join me, but after a flu diagnosis, I thanked him for not being my traveling companion in close quarters!

The exciting part of all of this is that the candidates we are talking to are especially attracted to these positions because they are energized by the vision of team ministry communicated in our MIFs, and because they have heard of, or recognize New Prov as a healthy congregation engaged in faithful, forward-looking ministry and mission.

We continue to be hopeful that we will have new Associate Pastors in place sometime before fall, while at the same time being careful to listen to the Spirit's nudges about who God is calling to serve with us, even as we discern who God is calling us to be.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the APNC and their work, and for your passion and care about where God is calling us next.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily Anderson

TROUBLING THE WATERS FOR HEALING

On April 5-8, 2019, I attended the Annual National Gathering of Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) Conference. This is an ecumenical Christian community composed of Protestant and Catholic churches. The organization is grounded in biblical witness and shared traditions of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Its goal is to strengthen our Christian voice and to mobilize for advocacy on a wide variety of domestic and international policy issues. The organization's goal is achieved through worship, theological reflection and opportunities for learning and witness. Since its inception in 2003, EAD has addressed many issues which include but is not limited to: food justice, economy & livelihood, poverty & hunger, immigration & refugees, mass incarceration, climate change, racism, sexism, national & international security, and issues especially affecting women and children around the world.

The theme "Troubling the Waters for the Healing of the World" is based on the Gospel text, John 5: 1-9 (KJV), which reads: *After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.*

The thought of "troubling the waters for healing" can be seen in the

ways people resisted and engaged in systems to express their faith tradition. Some examples include: the midwives who resisted Pharaoh and preserved the lives of Hebrew baby boys, Moses challenging the authority of Pharaoh, Jesus overturned tables run by money changers, and native peoples resisted land theft and cultural assimilation through forms of resistance. Leaders such as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks influenced the world when they drew on their interpretation of scripture as they pioneered and inspired the Civil Rights movement.

As I reflected on the conference, my emotions were all over the place. I felt sad, awakened, thankful and hopeful. While I am aware of my own brokenness (to a great degree) I was blind to the magnitude of brokenness in the world. It seems so huge, great, and beyond reach. In the mix, all kinds of questions arose. What has God called me to in addressing my own and the brokenness in the world? How can we move from charity to justice? Are we called to feed or are we called to teach (based on feeding someone fish versus teaching them to fish)? With all of my heart, I believe God called the church to make a difference in our world, but at the same time, in my mind the "cause" (poverty, etc.) we undertake cannot supersede what the Bible teaches first and foremost and that is to love God and to love our neighbors. Everything we desire to do must be threaded with love for God and our neighbors. Love, love, and love some more is the call from God to us. When our well-intended actions are good, the question is... is it because of our love? So whether it's justice, poverty, feeding or teaching let us be "the man/woman" with love taking the needy to troubling waters for their healing and wholeness.

This was a fun and experiential conference. I gained new knowledge and resources from attending the workshops; was inspired by worship; and connected with old and new friends.

Lastly, while my feelings were all over the place ... I remain encouraged, thankful and hopeful for the work that God has done, is doing and will do through us.

Be encouraged! Gloria Mencer

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

PEAK & CLOUD 9 SCHEDULE

5/1 - PEAK & Cloud 9 Last day of Programming, 5 p.m. PEAKnic at the Pavilion

It is with great joy and sadness that I announce the last day of PEAK and Cloud 9 on May 1 before summer break. We have had a wonderful time together this year and have seen the number of children participating grow as friends are invited or find us on their own. Spring programming ends this year with the annual PEAKnic out on the Pavilion at 5 p.m. All participants of PEAK and Cloud 9 as well as their friends and families are invited to stay and join us in the celebration.

The 4th & 5th graders had a wonderful trip to the planetarium on April 28 discussing the Magi's search for the child, the star of Bethlehem, and the role of astronomy in the ancient world and learning about our night sky as part of the Harry Potter series. Cloud 9 closes this year's programming with the End of Year Feast on May 8 at 5:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall.

MUCHAS GRACIAS!

Thank you to everyone who gave egg fillers and helped to make the annual Easter Lunch and Egg Hunt such a success. While the weather forced us inside for the event, everyone had a wonderful time and plenty to eat. The kids had a plethora of eggs, and no one left disappointed.

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS THIS SUMMER

- June 9 through 12 - VBS
- June 17 through July 18 - AppleTree donations accepted
- July 21 - Service of Service & Appletree backpack stuffing
- July 28 - Blessing of Backpacks
- August 4 - Promotion Sunday

Fairlena Googe

REALM TIP

Did you know that you don't have to use the app to use Realm on your phone or tablet? Go to www.onrealm.org in the browser on your device and log in with your e-mail and password.

Also, if you'd like to list your address, phone number and e-mail in the directory, click on "Privacy" next to the little lock in your profile and you can control who sees what of your personal contact data.

Have questions about Realm or need help? Contact Coco Everett (coco@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182 x102).

Coco Everett

MEMORIAL DAY

The church will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Coco Everett

NEW PROV U ON HIATUS

New Prov U is an opportunity for the congregation, especially those 55 and older, to find enrichment opportunities from a variety of presentations.

New Prov U will begin meeting again in the fall, so look for more details in the August *New Prov Press*.

Andy Simon


MAY BIRTHDAYS

These are the "Taking the Love of Christ" (TLC) home-bound members whose birthdays occur during May. Shower them with birthday cards to remind them that they are special! If you know of any home-bound friends or members who would like to get birthday cards from the church, please contact Donnae Farley (dpfarley@att.net).

- Kathryn Twyford, May 15
- Lois Murphy will be 104 on May 23!

Donnae Farley

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>01</p> <p>7:30AM BMH Leadership Development Inst (WH)</p> <p>8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109)</p> <p>10:30AM Widow & Widower Support Group (W202)</p> <p>2:00PM P.E.A.K. (bus)</p> <p>3:00PM PEAK and Cloud 9 (206), (208), (212), (216), (217), (23), (Pavilion), (RWH)</p> <p>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)</p> <p>5:30PM Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor)</p> <p>5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00PM Habitat Set Up (WH)</p> <p>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)</p> <p>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>02</p> <p>9:00AM Homeschool Class (214)</p> <p>10:00AM Leah Circle (Shannondale)</p> <p>10:00AM Ruth Circle (W201)</p> <p>10:00AM Martha Circle (Chapel)</p> <p>11:30AM Habitat for Humanity Women Build Fund Raiser (WH)</p> <p>2:00PM Deborah Circle (Off Campus)</p> <p>4:30PM LIFT Steering Committee (Chapel)</p> <p>7:00PM - 9:00PM Mary Circle (Off Campus)</p>	03	04
<p>05</p> <p>Westminster Bells</p> <p>New Members Introduced</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00AM Church School</p> <p>10:00AM Discipleship to Leadership (Chapel)</p> <p>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>06</p> <p>7:30AM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)</p> <p>9:00AM Homeschool Class (214)</p> <p>11:30AM MHS AP Testing (WH)</p> <p>6:00PM Leadership Development Committee (108)</p> <p>6:30PM Scouts-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH)</p> <p>6:30PM Knitting Group (109)</p> <p>7:00PM Scouts-Troop 88 (FWH)</p>	<p>07</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH)</p> <p>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201)</p> <p>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)</p> <p>5:30PM New Prov Green Team (W202)</p> <p>6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109)</p> <p>6:30PM Bereavement/Nurture/TLC Committee (219)</p> <p>6:30PM Event Support Committee (215)</p> <p>6:30PM Fellowship Committee (213)</p> <p>6:30PM Transportation Committee (206)</p> <p>6:30PM Connections Committee (REH)</p> <p>6:30PM Facilities Committee (Parlor)</p> <p>7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109)</p> <p>7:00PM Budget & Finance Committee (108)</p> <p>7:00PM Policy Committee (W201)</p> <p>7:00PM Scouts-Troop 219 (FEH)</p> <p>7:15PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206)</p> <p>8:00PM Admin Team (Chapel)</p>	<p>08</p> <p>7:00AM MHS AP Testing (WH)</p> <p>7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109)</p> <p>10:30AM Widow & Widower Support Group (W202)</p> <p>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)</p> <p>5:30PM Cloud 9 End of Year Feast (WH)</p> <p>5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00PM NAMI Group 2 (206)</p> <p>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)</p> <p>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>09</p> <p>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)</p> <p>9:00AM Homeschool Class (214)</p> <p>10:00AM D & S Community Services Training (FEH)</p> <p>5:30PM Salvation Army's Behind the Red Shield Event (WH)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30AM MHS AP Testing (WH)</p>	11
<p>12</p> <p>Senior Recognition Sunday</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00AM Church School</p> <p>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>4:30PM iGroup and PYC End of Year Party (WH)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30AM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)</p> <p>8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH)</p> <p>9:00AM Homeschool Class (214)</p> <p>10:00AM Maryville Babywearers (206)</p> <p>6:30PM Scouts-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH)</p> <p>7:00PM Scouts-Troop 88 (FWH)</p> <p>7:00PM Women's Study Group (Renee Nasrollahi's)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30AM MHS AP Testing (WH)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>9:30AM Community Food Connection Board (Chapel)</p> <p>12:30PM Welcome Table Prep (WH)</p> <p>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201)</p> <p>2:00PM Daughters of the American Revolution (FEH)</p> <p>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)</p> <p>6:15PM Welcome Table Committee (109)</p> <p>6:30PM Worship & Arts Team (Choir Room)</p> <p>6:30PM Youth Committee (W201)</p> <p>6:30PM Children's Committee (215)</p> <p>6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (108)</p> <p>7:00PM Church in the World (Chapel)</p> <p>7:00PM Scouts-Troop 219 (FEH)</p> <p>7:30PM Discipleship & Education (216)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30AM MHS AP Testing (WH)</p> <p>8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109)</p> <p>10:30AM Widow & Widower Support Group (W202)</p> <p>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)</p> <p>5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>5:50PM Meditation Mindfulness Community (Parlor)</p> <p>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)</p> <p>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00AM Homeschool Class (214)</p> <p>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)</p> <p>12:00PM PWC Spring Gathering (WH - Kitchen), (RWH)</p> <p>7:00PM Piano Recital (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00AM Life Beginners</p>	18
<p>19</p> <p>Money for Manna</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00AM Church School</p> <p>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>2:00PM Information Sessions (FEH)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>New Prov Press Deadline</p> <p>BCS Last Day of School</p> <p>7:30AM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)</p> <p>8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH)</p> <p>9:00AM Homeschool Class (214)</p> <p>6:30PM Knitting Group (109)</p> <p>6:30PM Scouts-Troop 88 Badge Review (FWH)</p> <p>7:00PM Scouts-Troop 88 (FWH)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (WH)</p> <p>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201)</p> <p>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)</p> <p>7:00PM Scouts-Troop 219 (FEH)</p> <p>7:00PM Session (Chapel)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (W201)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109)</p> <p>10:30AM Widow & Widower Support Group (W202)</p> <p>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)</p> <p>5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)</p> <p>6:00PM NAMI (W201)</p> <p>7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>ACS Last Day of School</p> <p>8:00AM CBS Setup (WH - Kitchen), (RWH)</p> <p>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)</p> <p>9:00AM Homeschool Class (214)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30AM CBS (WH)</p>	25
<p>26</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>10:00AM Church School</p> <p>11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day - Church Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00AM CBS Sorting (WH)</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>12:00PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH), (WH - Kitchen)</p> <p>1:00PM New Prov Press Mailing (Chapel)</p> <p>1:45PM Centering Prayer (W201)</p> <p>5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)</p> <p>7:00PM Scouts-Troop 219 (FEH)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH)</p> <p>9:00AM PWC Bible Study Leaders (Chapel)</p> <p>10:00AM Lectio Divina Group (109)</p> <p>10:30AM Widow & Widower Support Group (W202)</p> <p>4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus)</p> <p>5:30PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00AM Quilters (FWH)</p> <p>9:00AM Homeschool Class (214)</p>	<p>31</p>	

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

HEALTHY EATING WITH DIABETES

Your body's cells need sugar for energy. Some of the food you eat breaks down into sugar (glucose) and travels in your blood to all your cells. Insulin from your pancreas helps the sugar move. When you have diabetes, your pancreas makes too little insulin or none at all, or your body prevents the insulin it does make from working the way it should. The energy your cells need stays in your blood, and you have high blood sugar. The kinds of foods you eat and eating schedules help to regulate blood sugar levels.

- Make meal plans. People stick to healthier eating when they plan ahead for what they'll eat. We need carbohydrates for energy, but the best carbohydrates for regulating blood sugar come from fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes and low-fat dairy rather than sugary foods. Include protein in your meals.
- Balance your plate. Fill at least half your plate with non-starchy vegetables and roughly a quarter with protein and a quarter with starch or grain.
- Eat on a regular schedule. Avoid wide swings in your blood sugar levels by not skipping meals. Keep snacks handy for when you feel like your blood sugar is dipping or if a meal is delayed.
- Eat foods you enjoy. You don't need to banish favorite foods completely, but you'll want to limit the portion size or how often you eat some foods because of how they affect blood sugar.
- Learn to count carbs. Your health care provider or registered dietitian will help you find the right number of carbohydrate grams you need for your daily meal plan. Then you can divide your carb count among your meals and snacks. Read labels, and learn the carb content of fresh foods. For example, fruit servings are different sizes, but each serving is 15 grams of carbs.

- Make a standard grocery list. What are the items you don't want to run out of so you can always put together a favorite meal that helps keep your blood sugar level in your target range?
- Give yourself grace. We all have setbacks. Just get back on track with the next meal or the next day.

Taken from www.chreader.org Check there for more information.

Trish Badgett, Parish Nurse

MANY THANKS!

Dear NPPC Staff and Members,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during my six week hospitalization at the Cleveland Clinic following extensive back surgery. I truly appreciated your keeping me on your prayer list. Although I was a long way away, I felt the love and warmth of NPPC!

Sincerely, Mary Wahl

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

- May 5: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20], Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19
- May 12: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30
- May 19: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35
- May 26: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

TENDING OUR FLOCK

WE SHARE SORROW

- Sally McNeill, 4/20
- Clara Hudson, Janice Wade's mother, 4/15
- Carl "Bud" Keeble, Ruth Durham's brother, 4/13
- Cindy Sugg's uncle, 4/3
- Frank Joseph Breunig, Jr., 3/22
- William "Bill" Brown, Mary Proffitt's father, 3/6

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.

SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR MAY

FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.		
	Elder Greeters	Children's Time
5	Maxey Long, Bobbie Briggs, Bill Yarborough	Susan Keller
12	Paula King, David Forster, Teal Willoughby	Vandy Kemp
19	Clair Shamiyeh, Nick Bradford, Jenifer Greene	Open
26	Carrie Eaton, Laura Shamiyeh, Bryce Luttrell	Susan Keller

TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 11:05 A.M.		
	Elder Greeters	Children's Time
5	Paula King, Mike Teffeteller, Stephanie Bell	Susan Keller
12	Stephanie Bell, Fred Metz, Mike Teffeteller	Vandy Kemp
19	Kate Clabough Jane Morton, Bill White	Open
26	John Pilttenger, Beth Ragsdale-Smith, Tyler Johnson	Susan Keller

* Head Usher

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

It is that time of year when school is coming to an end and kids are dreaming about summer vacation. Which means seniors are getting ready to graduate from high school and move on to the next stage of their lives! New Providence will be recognizing our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 12 at both services. There will also be a reception in the Atrium between services where you can chat with our high school seniors and wish them well. Curious about their plans next year? We asked our seniors a few questions, please read their responses below to find out more about their plans and memories!



Jordis Blackburn

Graduating from Maryville High School

What are your plans for next year?

I will be attending University of Tennessee entering the Engineering Honors program. At this time I am interested in studying Biomedical Engineering and Spanish.

Do you have a favorite experience or memory from growing up at New Providence?

One of my favorite memories from youth is when we went to Charlotte, North Carolina to help the homeless populations living there. We stayed in a church, so it was like one big, long sleepover with great friends. Even better than that was the actual service we did. I believe that each youth, including myself, took away lessons and love from that trip, and the people we met taught us more than I have learned in any classroom. After that trip, I knew exactly what the work of God meant. God's work is selfless, unbiased, and loving. I am so grateful to have gone on that trip, and I hope to be an example of the will of God just as the people we met.



Molly Culliton

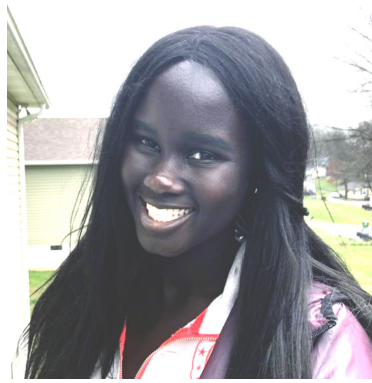
Graduating from Maryville High School

What are your plans for next year?

I will be attending MTSU for Liberal Arts or working in "show skating" for Disney on Ice. (She is currently going through auditions!)

Favorite thing growing up at New Providence?

My favorite times were just hanging out at youth group.



Ayak Cinkoc

Graduating from Maryville High School.

Plans for next year?

I plan to further my education, spending my next four years at Berea College. While I am not certain what the future holds, I hope to study Biology or Psychology with an emphasis on Pre-Medicine; my ideal

profession would be a Pediatrician.

Do you have a favorite experience or memory from growing up at New Providence? Or anything you would like to share with the congregation?

There are not enough words to express the gratitude I hold for my church family. Since 2005, you guys have welcomed me with so much love and so much support. While I am excited for these upcoming months, I know New Providence will always be a home away from home. I thank my youth family for sticking it out with me, always. We have truly been through it all, and I'm grateful to have been along for the ride. I thank my congregation for always looking out for me. I have never questioned that I am loved, endlessly. I will always remember mischievously flushing Legos down the toilet with my little sister, unable to understand English but living in our own little atmosphere. I will always remember choir practices on Wednesdays after school, learning (and dreading) to play hand bells. Most importantly, the memories I share and will continue to share here brought me closer to a sea of individuals who have made a lasting impact in my life. I cannot thank you all enough.



John Broyles

Graduating from Maryville High School

What are your plans for next year?

I plan to attend Bryan College where I will continue my baseball career as well as pursue my passion of becoming a future Physician Assistant. At Bryan, I will be getting my pre-requirements for a Physician Assistant in a Pre-Med biology major.

Do you have a favorite experience or memory from growing up at New Providence or anything you would like to share with the congregation?

My time at this church has had nothing but positive ramifications, but one of the things I have enjoyed the most is meeting some of the other members of my age group such as Ayak and Jordis. Before coming to this church I knew of them just because we went to the same high school, but after joining I can say that we all have become friends. Without my experience at New Providence Presbyterian, I know that I would not be the same person today and also believe that

I would not be as prepared for life as I am now. I hope that I have stressed my gratitude towards your constant support and love as I would not trade these memories for anything.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE SENIORS!

Andrew Thomas Bihl is graduating Magna Cum Laude from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Chemistry with a Biology minor. Andy will be attending medical school this fall at University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.



Andrew Franks is graduating from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville where he majored in Forestry with a concentration in Restoration and Conservation Science, and completed three minors: International Agriculture, Watershed Studies, and Wildlife and Fisheries Science. Andrew received a Fulbright Research Grant to study impacts of small-scale logging operations of forest soils in Slovenia, and will travel to Europe to start his work this fall.



Nathan Smith, son of Parrish Smith and Beth R. Smith, graduates the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. Nathan plans to pursue a career in television production, film editing and cinematography. In the meantime he will attend the UTC Archeological Field School this summer where he will study prehistoric, British colonial and civil war sites across the Georgia barrier islands. From kindergarten through college,

thank you to our NPPC family for all your loving support of Nathan!



Ella LaRose, daughter of Brian and the late Ginger LaRose will graduate in May 2019 from the University of Tennessee with a BA in Philosophy, summa cum laude. Ella is also a Baker Center Scholar. She has accepted a graduate teaching position in Philosophy at Colorado State University. She'll begin working on her Masters of Philosophy beginning August

2019, and plans to move to Fort Collins over the summer.

Elizabeth Keller will graduate from MTSU in Aerospace as a professional pilot. She has a contract to begin flying with Endeavor, a subsidiary of Delta Airlines, in August.

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12	Senior High Recognition at Both Services
19	Money for Manna
20	New Prov Press Deadline
24	Community Benefit Sale
27	Memorial Day - Church Closed

