



**OUR MISSION:**

*TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE BY LOVING ONE ANOTHER AND BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES.  
NURTURING FAITH • SUPPORTING CHURCH • SERVING NEIGHBORS*

**Providence Prophet November 2022**

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***From our Pastor***

One of the things that I love most about being a parent is getting to relive and share some of things I love with Madeline. For fall break we spent a week down in Florida doing just that.

On the first day we canoed down the Silver River, which is a 6-mile-long spring fed river. It's absolutely beautiful! I grew up canoeing down that river and riding the glass bottom boats. I was able to share all of my knowledge of the river and all the plants and animals with her. We stopped over the historical sunken boat sites. One is a canoe used by the native peoples to transport fire prior to European contact, another is believed to be a Spanish exploration era rowboat. We pointed out turtles, and alligators; we saw the monkeys and I got to share with her the story of how they were released into the wild. We practiced identifying the difference between anhingas and cormorants. We talked about how to tell the difference between snail eggs that had hatched versus which still had baby snails in them. All things I had learned as a young person.

But there were some things that were different too. Some of the changes were negative. I pointed out all the algae that was choking the eel grass in places. While there's always been algae in the river, these days the algae has bloomed and taken over some spots because of fertilizer runoff. It's a sad and disappointing development that can hopefully be addressed. But most of the differences were positive, like the manatee that we saw. When I was a kid we NEVER saw manatees in the Silver River, there were impediments along the Ocklawaha river that prevented them from making their way into the river. But now, enough of those man-made barriers had been removed and we were able to experience the sight of that beautiful creature back where it belonged.

All in all it was an amazing day spent sharing a beautiful place with my daughter.

I share all that in a newsletter article because I think it's a great analogy for the church. Whether Providence has been your church home since before your childhood, or you're relatively new, there is an undeniable beauty about this place. The friendly smiles, and welcoming nature of this community of faith are some of my favorites and I LOVE sharing the experience of being here with others. What are some of the things you love most about Providence? What is the first thing you share with others about your experience as a member of this community?

Blessings,  
*Peter*

## Happening at Providence in November

- November 6 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – “FALL BACK” ONE HOUR**
- November 6 All Saints Sunday – We will remember our saints – loved ones who helped shape our faith that we remember individually and collectively. Please bring a photo of your loved one on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>
- November 12 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Providence Holiday Marketplace
- November 13 Veterans Remembrance – We will honor our Veterans. Please bring photo(s) of your Veterans this Sunday.
- November 13 12:00 PM All-Church Potluck Dinner
- November 13 12:45 PM Providence Board Meeting
- November 24 *Thanksgiving Holiday – the church office will be closed. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!*

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Linda Schweitzer	1
Ashley Waits	1
Jennifer Sumeracki	3
Tegan Anderson	5
Michael Doane	16
Maddie Toleman	18
Michelle Roberts	18
Blake Roberts	19
Travis Ward	30

#### Each Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM Worship Service

#### Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 PM *Simply the Solution* AA Group

#### Each Monday and Thursday

10:00 AM Bodies in Motion Exercise Class



Thank you to Gary, Charlie and Ertel for helping ensure Rose Hall's return home was smooth!

### SAVE THE DATE!

Holiday Marketplace is on Saturday, November 12! Invite your family and friends and plan to do lots of shopping! Remember to look around your home for gently used items you would like to donate to Granny's Attic and drop them off in the Narthex. Please remember no clothing or electronics are accepted.



**Providence Legacy Fund** - We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of our church legacy this year by designating Providence in your Will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and adding your name to our Legacy Book. You can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to go to the church upon your death. Everyone can participate and there is no minimum participation level.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Contact the church office to add your friends and loved ones to our prayer list. We love to hear when people on our prayer list are improving! Please review the list and give us updates.

#### **MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Susan Burdine, Charlotte Reid, Rose Hall, Jim G, Hannah Contini, Jack Morris, Martha Morrow, Sandy Henson, (Roberts), Chelsey, Crosby (Lanser), Virginia Long, Dora Sweaney (Doane), Mike Murphy (Anderson), Wally Temple (Whitt), Barry Newcombe, Gloria Landen (Morrow), Steven Newson, Breann Grissom (Lynch), Bert Wayne Walker, Neva Jean Allison, Ann Glass, Evan Whitaker (Walker), Billie Short (Cox), Brenda Holbrook, Jayne Mattingly, Barry and Nora Brown, Hadley Gayheart, Bruce, Jackie B. Miller (Waits); Susie Branham, our Hospice families. We pray for the loved ones and families directly impacted by the COVID pandemic.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION:**

We pray for peace, guidance for our country's leaders, our military and all who serve our nation: Oliver Jackson, Jonathan Haney, Dawson Simpson, Audrey Walden, Alex Pope, Michael Hagan, Jason Rutherford, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Noah Davenport, Stephen Rawlings, Takoda Hacker and First Responders.