



# New Providence

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## THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

On Saturday, April 15th, beginning at 7:00 p.m., we will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter. One of the oldest Christian traditions and the first service of Easter, the Vigil may be observed any time between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Sunday. It celebrates our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life.

This interactive service will begin outside with the kindling of the new fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle, followed by a congregational procession into the sanctuary where worship will continue with the retelling of our sacred history from the first creation story through the joyful proclamation of the resurrection and our new creation in Christ. The service will include celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Whether you are a seasoned theologian or just beginning your faith journey, an adult, a child or somewhere in between, the Easter Vigil is for you! Join us as we begin the celebration of this most joyful season of the year.

*Melanie Rasnake*

## FOOD DRIVE

The Community Food Connection is having a food drive on April 7-9 at the Maryville Food City on West Broadway.

Sign up between the services in the Atrium on Sunday, April 2, or log onto the CFC web site (cfcblount.org), click on the sign up logo just and sign up for your preferred activity and time. Contact *Bob Haralson* (bobharalson@icloud.com, 738-3347) for info.

*Bob Haralson*

## MARYVILLE COLLEGE EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Maryville College's annual Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 16, 2017 at 6:45 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*

## CONFIRMANDS JOIN

"The church nurtures those baptized as children and calls them to make public their personal profession of faith and their acceptance of responsibility in the life of the church." These words begin our *Book of Order's* instructions on confirmation, and remind us that confirmation is the culmination of the promises we make when we baptize children. These promises call us to nurture the developing faith of the children in our church, and teach them what they need to make that faith their own. For the last eight months our team of teachers has been helping prepare our confirmation students to make their public professions of faith as called for by our denominational constitution. This group of ninth graders has been hard at work learning about theology, polity, and the history of our denomination, as well as trying

to answer some very hard questions about what they believe and why.

On Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m., they will stand in front of their families, elder friends, the Session, and anyone else who would like to attend as they share some of the answers they have found, and probably some of the questions they still have, as they say what they believe in their own words. We invite all who would like to attend to this service of confirmation and the Lord's Supper.

*Jason Graffis*

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Mark your calendars for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party on April 9th!! The hunt is for preschool through 3rd grade but the lunch is for any and every one! The party will start with a free sub sandwich lunch immediately after the 11:05 service in the pavilion. Not only are we hunting Easter eggs, but there will also be stations set up to decorate cookies and get Easter tattoos as well as the chance to pet some adorable baby chicks and goats! If you and your family plan to attend please RSVP by e-mailing Jaclyn (jaclyn@newprovidencepres.org) by Tuesday, April 4.

We are also in need of candy and other small trinkets for to fill the eggs. No chocolate, please, it melts! These items can be dropped off in the office with Coco any day of the week.

*Jaclyn Beeler*

## COMMUNION

We will serve Communion on Maundy Thursday on April 13, during the Great Vigil of Easter on April 15, and during both services of worship on Easter Sunday, April 16.

## FROM THE PASTOR

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Ophelia said in Hamlet: "My lord, we know what we are now, but not what we may become." Martin Luther said the same: "We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road." The apostle John puts it this way: "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed."

But the way singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer writes it seems most right to me:

*Spring is humming*

*Bits of something*

*A melody the simple part*

*A song that I once knew by heart*

*Juniper, wild indigo*

*Foxglove, lupine, Queen Ann's lace*

*Will be coming any day*

*The restlessness*

*The quickening*

*The almost but*

*Not yet*

Early April seems to me "almost but not yet." As I write, green shoots outside my window are hesitating to see if they dare poke their heads out after an unseasonably warm winter followed by last week's bitter cold.

We live in the promise of a new administration in DC, and also the "almost but not yet" of what that will look like.

As God's people, we are still deep in the throes of Lent, while we still anticipate the resurrection alleluia of Easter.

But as we move from one meteorological season to the next, and one liturgical season to the next, I find myself in need of some spring cleaning.

Do you experience (as I call it) "house-blindness"? Those October birthday cards still sitting on the coffee table, or the New Years' calendars in the pile of

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mail that you've successfully ignored for 3+ months? I find papers on my desk at the office outlining Christmas Eve services or officers' training. All those things are done and it's time to move on.

But moving on is never as easy as it should be. Earlier this week, I was remembering my friend Melva

Knight, who finally retired after 50 years as the Senior Custodian at the last church I served. Melva could fix anything, and he did – even things that no longer needed to be fixed. There was an overhead projector in the youth room at that church – every time I turned it on, the bulb would blow. After half a dozen attempts at replacing halogen bulbs at \$10 apiece, I decided to just throw the projector away. Melva found it in the dumpster, repaired it, replaced the bulb, and brought it back to the youth room. I turned it on, the bulb blew, and I took it back to the dumpster. Melva found it, repaired it, replaced the bulb, and brought it back to the youth room. The cycle repeated 2 or 3 times before I just took it to my house and put it in the garbage can there. Not everything is meant to last forever.

I always welcome springtime and Easter as new beginnings – Easter as a new beginning for my soul, and springtime as a new beginning for my life. The metaphor of sweeping the ashes of winter out of the hearth (literally and figuratively), dusting away old cobwebs and cleaning the windows, helps me to clear my mind for what adventure beckons next.

One part of that inventory is thinking about where I will invest my time, my heart and my resources next. I'll be honest – some years, I give money

to organizations or people out of obligation – I feel like I just have to. But I get the most joy when I give because I can.

This month, I will gratefully fill out a card to indicate how I plan to support New Providence in the coming fiscal year, because I believe in what we're doing here. I believe in feeding hungry people; I believe that older adults should not be abandoned to time and loneliness; I believe that all students, regardless of their parents' ability to pay, should receive an excellent education that will give them a fair start on life.

So when my pledge card for our annual giving drive arrives this month, as yours will, here's what I plan to do: I'm not just going to sit down and decide how little I can afford to give away, nor do I plan to just make a token increase over what I've done before.

I'm going to sit down and think about all those faces at the Welcome Table, and all those Bartlett participants, and all the people I see when I look out from the pulpit every week. I'm going to think about the kid at Lanier who – for the first time in his life – got a report card with all As, Bs and Cs – no Ds or Fs. And I'm going to thank God that somehow, somehow, I was blessed to be in this place, with these faithful people who believe that they are making a difference in the world – and I'm going to give as generously as I possibly can. I hope that maybe you might do the same.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

## SERVICE OF HEALING

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A moment of quiet and peace is a precious thing these days, and Sunday evening, April 30 at 6 p.m., there will be another space for just this at New Providence. We will gather in the sanctuary for a brief Service of Healing, a time for contemplation, prayer, and calm reverence. We will celebrate together the healing peace we find in God's love through Christ our Lord and Savior. Join us.

Steve Musick

## THE ROAD TO NEW PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The "Faith That Works" stewardship campaign began recently by asking friends and members from many generations what brought them to New Providence Presbyterian Church. The reasons that members gave for joining are varied, but a single theme connects them all:

- "Best fit" for multid denominational families;
- Youth programs, Boy Scouts, Sunday school opportunities;
- Having both FirstLight and Traditional service options;
- Connection through Maryville College;
- Invited by a member;
- "By marriage" or family tradition;
- Pastors who speak to the heart, are welcoming, who provide meaningful sermons and who are always ready to help and support church members, our community and our world.

Having youth programs that engage families, providing different worship opportunities, serving with our community and taking care of each other are not things that happen without the work of many, and the faith of many.

It may have been a person, an event or the beautiful setting in which we worship together that brought each of us into the NPPC family. Faith is at work in each reason

In the Book of James we hear, "I will show you my faith by what I do." As we look toward another year as the family of Christ at New Providence Presbyterian Church, we ask that you prayerfully consider ways in which you can demonstrate your faith through donations of time, talent and tithes.

When you see the new logo with gears working around the NPPC rose

window, we hope that you will think about your contribution to that work. Each member of our congregation helps turn those wheels in the direction of serving God, through our work.

*Kate Clabough and Jane Morton*



## WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A group designed to help those who have recently lost a partner will begin meeting on Wednesday's this month (April) and continuing for six weeks. The sessions will be April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3 and 10 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Confirmation room. Alice Mansmith will lead the group through the process of working on grief and loss toward healing and wholeness and life renewed in a new perspective.

This group is for people struggling with the recent death of a spouse, and will guide the participants through discussion and handouts to focus on issues important in healing. For information or to make a reservation contact Alice Mansmith (856-2570 [h], 599-8361 [c]).

*Steve Musick*

## INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS

Join us for a four-week class on mindfulness and meditation, Thursday evenings April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Led by mindfulness instructor Elizabeth Perryman, participants will be introduced to the practice of mindfulness and learn several skills, that can help them manage their stress, sleep better, and enrich their lives. Contact Melanie Rasnake (melanie@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) if you have any questions.

*Melanie Rasnake*

## HABITAT BUILD BEGINS

Habitat for Humanity will begin a new build in April/early May. Build days will be Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays until noon. NPPC will be teaming up with other local businesses.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Steve Musick (steve@newprovidencepres.org) or Laura Shamiyeh (laura.shamiyeh@me.com).

*Laura Shamiyeh*

## JOHN 316 WORK DAY AND COMMUNITYWORX

New Prov has worked with John 316 for several years with the Community Closet (you might remember getting the supplies for Squeaky Clean Bags), community work days, and the huge ChristmasWishes celebration each December. According to their website, the fantastic volunteers at John 316 and CommunityWorx are working together to become a 501(c)3 non-profit agency to better divide their resources, tasks and volunteers.

So in the future, you'll see CommunityWorx as the name, but remember it is the same folks that we've worked with in the past. With that said, CommunityWorx will have a workday on Saturday, April 1. From yard work to seat work, there is something for everyone to do. If you would like more information or to sign up, go to [www.mycommunityworx.com](http://www.mycommunityworx.com).

*Laura Shamiyeh*

## 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 April 12 for a presentation from Ed Archer about Civil War surgery and medicine and the advances in these fields made possible by the war. Contact Karen (karen@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) by noon on Friday, April 7, to make reservations for the 11:30 a.m. lunch or just come for the program at noon.

*Andy Simon*

# CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2017

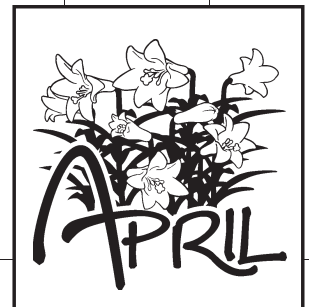
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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02 5th Sunday in Lent  9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Inquirers' Class (Chapel) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)	03  7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study(Vienna Coffee House) 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA - Bear Cubs (FWH) 6:30PM BSA - Wolf Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM BSA - Webelos 1 (Youth Rm.) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:00PM BSA - Webelos 2 (EH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	04  9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Rm.) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM BSA - Tiger Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206) 6:30PM Event Support Committee (211) 7:00PM New Prov Green Team (Confirmation Rm.) 7:00PM Personnel Committee (Chapel) 7:00PM Policy Committee (Youth Rm.) 7:00PM Budget & Finance (108) 7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109) 8:00PM Admin Team (Parlor)	05  8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:30AM Widow/Widower Support Group (Confirmation Rm.) 3:00PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Children's Choir (212) 5:15PM Cloud 9 (217) 6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm.)	06  10:00AM PWC Circles - Martha (Chapel) 10:00AM PWC Circle - Ruth (Youth Rm.) 10:00AM PWC Circles - Leah (Parlor) 2:00PM PWC Circle - Deborah 3:00PM LIFT Meal Prep (WH - Kitchen) 5:45PM Grace Notes (211) 6:00PM NAMI (FEH) 7:00PM PWC Circle - Mary (108) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	07  11:30AM Blount County CAA Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (WH)	08
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16 Communion Easter  6:45AM Sunrise Service (Maryville College) 9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)	17 <i>New Prov Press Deadline</i>  7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study(Vienna Coffee House) 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA - Bear Cubs (FWH) 6:30PM BSA - Wolf Cubs (FEH) 6:30PM BSA - Webelos 1 (Youth Rm.) 7:00PM BSA - Webelos 2 (EH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FWH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	18  9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:00AM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Rm.) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 5:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM BSA - Tiger Cubs (FEH) 7:00PM Session (Confirmation Class) (Chapel)	19  8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 10:30AM Widow/Widower Support Group (Confirmation Rm.) 3:00PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Off Campus) 4:15PM Children's Choir (212) 5:15PM Cloud 9 (217) 6:00PM Tai Chi Class (FEH) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Rm.)	20  9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 9:00AM PEO Work Activity (FEH) 10:00AM PWC Coordinating Team (Chapel) 3:00PM LIFT Meal Prep (WH - Kitchen) 5:45PM Grace Notes (211) 7:30PM NA Group (206)	21  10:00AM Life Beginners 10:00AM Blount CAA Matter of Balance Class (FEH) 10:30AM Maryville Babywearers Meeting (206)	22  8:00AM PWC Spring Gathering 2nd Pres Knoxville (Off Campus)
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RWH - Rear Westminster Hall

FWH - Front Westminster Hall

FEH - Front Eastminster Hall

REH - Rear Eastminster Hall



## LIFE BEGINNERS

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Life Beginners will meet at the church at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 21st to go to Cumberland Falls State Park in Corbin, Kentucky. Lunch will be at the park's restaurant, The Riverview, (order off the menu). The group will then go see the falls and drive around the park. There will be a \$3 transportation fee to be paid the day of the trip. Reserve your space with Karen in the church office (karen@newprovidencepres.org or 983-0182) by Thursday, April 20th.

*Stephanie Bell*

## TAI CHI AT NEW PROV

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Tai Chi has many benefits including increased energy, aerobic capacity, strength, flexibility, better mood, lower stress, anxiety, blood pressure, improved heart health, and fewer falls. We will be learning the popular Yang style of slow Tai Chi from Jeff Ward who has used it for 10 years to help overcome service-connected injuries. There's no charge for the classes. Loose clothing and shoes or slippers that can slide are recommended. Jeff assumes that most people will have no familiarity with the moves and will pace the class accordingly. We will be meeting on Wednesdays from March 29 - May 3, at 6 p.m. in Eastminster Hall.

*Don Myers*

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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Around the world people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. OGHS provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

OGHS, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

New Providence will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during both services of worship on Palm Sunday, April 9.

*Coco Everett*

## VBS PLANS AND DONATIONS

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Mark your calendars for this summer's VBS on June 25th-28th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join us as we invite children ages 3 through rising 6th graders (just completed 5th grade) to visit Paul and the Underground Church. Our sanctuary will be transformed into a Roman square and kids will learn what it was like to be a Christian in Paul's time. Children will explore the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-times projects, experience thrilling real-life dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music.

We hope to make this an intergenerational experience for all who attend and are excited about including as many members of the NPPC community as possible. Come talk with us in the Atrium starting in April during the Sunday school hour if you are interested in helping. We can find a place for you to volunteer no matter your age, skill level, or experience working with kids. For example, we will need leaders and assistants to shepherd kids throughout the evening, as well as people to help with crafts, singing, and recreation... not to mention several volunteers to help transform the church in the days leading up to VBS. Rome wasn't built in a day! We will also have a list of supplies to be donated or borrowed. Every bit of help is appreciated!

As an additional component to VBS, we hope to offer an optional meal starting at 5 p.m. each evening. We think that this could be a good service project for Geneva Groups, Circles, and Sunday school classes to consider donating food and/or time. We will need help with purchasing, preparing, and serving meals.

Finally, consider this as an ideal opportunity to reach out to all the kids in our community. Invite your friends, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. It should be a fun time for all!

E-mail Jennifer Hardy (jennifer@maryvillepsychology.com), and she will be sure to get your name on the volunteer list.

*The Children's Committee*

## MONEY FOR MANNA OFFERING

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The third Sunday of each month used to be Hunger Awareness Sunday at NPPC. But people are hungry every day, so our Money for Manna offering isn't just collected on the third Sunday of the month, it is collected any time you can help. The money from this offering is used to support the Welcome Table, our ministry to the community. Any surplus giving is sent to the Community Food Connection. With more people than ever out of work or working at less than full-time, help is needed now more than ever.

You may give money to the offering at any time by enclosing your gift with your regular giving in one of the envelopes in the pew racks. Just remember to fill in "Money for Manna" and the amount to be given on the "other giving" line of the envelope.

*Coco Everett*

## PATHFINDERS PARTY

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The Pathfinders Sunday school class will meet at Reneé Nasrollahi's (2027 Cochran Rd.) party on Sunday, April 9 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a salad, dessert or beverage to share and homemade pizza will be provided. Children are welcome and childcare will also be available at the church (contact Jaclyn Beeler, jaclyn@newprovidencepres.org). Party questions? Contact Reneé Nasrollahi (reeneenasro@aol.com, 385-1418).

*Leila Rogers*

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

- Charles Blackburn, 4/2
- Reba Chisam, 4/15
- Nan Laughmiller, 4/29

## DEBORAH CIRCLE

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Deborah Circle will meet at Judy Ackley's (2632 Brantley Park Blvd.) on Thursday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

*Liz Blackburn*

## HEALTH TIPS

Snacking, a nibble here, a bite there...

Snacking may seem harmless, but it can pad your waistline with a surprising number of sneaky calories. While dining out, you proudly resist the bread basket, order grilled chicken, and opt for fruit instead of cake for dessert, but then steal a bite of your husband's pie, just for a taste. Sound familiar? It turns out those teeny nibbles can really add up. Of the 200 or so eating decisions we make every day, many fall into the "mindless margin" or that 100-ish calorie area where you could over-or-under-eat without impacting whether you feel full or hungry. Eating 100 extra calories every day, however, can lead to a 10-pound weight gain over the course of a year.

### DISARM YOUR CRAVINGS WITH THE 5 D'S:

- **DELAY:** wait 10 minutes.
- **DISTRACT:** concentrate on something else.
- **DISTANCE:** do not keep temptation on hand; make yourself leave your environment to get the food.
- **DETERMINE:** think about how much you really want it.
- **DECIDE:** know how much to eat; if you choose to eat something you crave, remember to enjoy it.
- Taken from *Perspectives* at [www.churchhealthcenter.org](http://www.churchhealthcenter.org)

Trish Badgett

## DONATE NOW QR CODE



Use this QR code or go to [newprovidencepres.org/donate](http://newprovidencepres.org/donate). From there, choose where you wish your funds to go, click

on the donate now icon and follow the directions.

Coco Everett

## SESSION SUMMARY

The Session met on March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

- At approximately 66% into our budget year, pledged giving is at 66% and total income is at 66%.
- Congregational Life received Session approval for Tai Chi classes led by Jeff Ward.
- The Discipleship & Education received Session approval of the use of the following resources:
  - *Lost in the Middle! Theology and Ethics for Christians Who Are Both Liberal and Evangelical* by Wesley J. Wildman and Stephen Chapin Garner
  - *Found in the Middle! Theology and Ethics for Christians Who Are Both Liberal and Evangelical* by Wesley J. Wildman and Stephen Chapin Garner
  - *The Language of God* by Frances Collins
  - *Being Reformed Series: Church History- Those Who Shaped the Christian Faith*
  - *The Parables for Today* (from *For Today Series*) by Alyce M. McKenzie
  - Reformation Series (a PBS DVD)
  - History of New Providence Presbyterian Church: The way things change and stay the same- Material from Ed Best, Sr. and material from the archives
  - *This Book We Call the Bible: A Study Guide for Adults* by James E. Davidson
- The Discipleship and Education Committee received Session approval to combine the library, archives, and curriculum of NPPC into the Resource and Archive Center.

Carrie Eaton, Clerk of Session

## MANY THANKS!

Thanks to the many folks who sent cards, called, and prayed for me during my recent recovery.

Janice Wade

## TENDING OUR FLOCK

### CONGRATULATIONS

- Claude Hardy on earning tenure at Pellissippi State Community College.

### WE SHARE SORROW

- Tom Thorsen, Carolyn Crawford Thorsen's husband and Duncan Crawford's brother-in-law, 2/22
- LaVonne Lundell, 3/1
- Leda Ruth Wade, Gary Wade's mother, 3/3
- Donald Bean, Marc Smitherman's uncle, 3/14
- Barbara Neisser, Phil Neisser's mother, 3/17
- Loraine Hodges, Don Hodges' mother, 3/18

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

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL

- April 2: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45
- April 9: Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
- April 16: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
- April 23: Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31
- April 30: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

# SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR APRIL

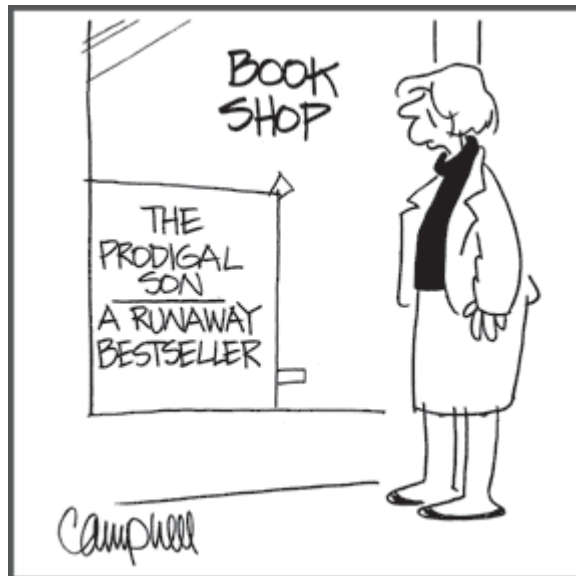
## FIRSTLIGHT SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
2	Beth Lazar, Bill Yarborough, Gabie Kerr	Peggy & Tom Raines*, Connie & Jack Jackson*, Bobbie Briggs	Olivia Lazar
9	Bryan Kilday, Hayley Lynn, Chad Rogers	Judy Woods*, Terry Woods, Paul & Denise Vogado	Laura Shamiyeh
16	Jenifer Greene, Harry Herrmann, Olivia Lazar	Chrissy Irvine*, Andrew, Jamie, & Will Irvine, Jeff & Marcy Ward	Melanie Rasnake
23	Bobbie Briggs, Bill Savell, Beth Lazar	Jenn Hardy*, Claude Hardy, Ron & DeAnne Gibbs, Bob & Sue Ramger	Jaclyn Beeler
30	Bill Yarborough, Gabie Kerr, Bryan Kilday	Gary Grinder*, Liz Huffaker	Hayley Lynn

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

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
2	Jane Morton, Karen Paxton, John Pittenger	Karen Paxton*, Ann Spencer, Linda Brakebill, Susan Young, Gail Bowlin	Olivia Lazar
9	Ann Bennett, Michelle Huntoon, Jason Brooks	Jason Brooks*, Andrea Franks, Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell	Laura Shamiyeh
16	Kate Clabough, Brian LaRose, Liz Britt	Bill Morton*, Jane Morton, Tom & Eva Carpenter, Mot Krick	Melanie Rasnake
23	Tracy Luttrell, Jane Morton, Karen Paxton	Stephanie Bell*, Dale Freeman, Mel Luttrell, Jeff Pezick	Jaclyn Beeler
30	John Pittenger, Ann Bennett, Michelle Huntoon	Sue Wood*, Kristi Weatherbee, Mot Krick	Hayley Lynn

\* Head Usher



## EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

If you would like to have an Easter lily placed in the church on Easter morning in honor or in memory of a special person, please fill out the form below and return it to the office. A contribution of \$10.00 will cover the cost of the lily. The deadline for ordering lilies is Monday, April 3, 2017.

Memory/ Honor of: (check one)

Given by:

Check one of the following:

- Will or  
 will not pick up after service

Name & phone number:

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## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR APRIL

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13	Maundy Thursday with Communion
15	Easter Vigil with Communion
16	Sunrise Service at Maryville College Easter Sunday with Communion
17	New Prov Press Deadline
23	Confirmation Sunday
28	Community Benefit Sale

