



# New Prov Press

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED

An annual meeting of the congregation of New Providence Presbyterian Church is hereby called to be held on August 21, at 11:30 a.m. Annual reports will be distributed. Copies of the report will be available on Sunday, August 14. The narrative budget will be reviewed. Changes in the terms of call for the Pastor/Head of Staff and the Associate Pastor will be presented for approval by the congregation. A new Deacon to fill an unexpired term will also be elected. Called by the order of Session on July 19, 2016.

Carrie Eaton, Clerk of Session  
Rev. Dr. Emily Anderson, Moderator

## ANNUAL MEETING AND QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION PLANNED

Session has called a congregational meeting for August 21, 2016. The morning schedule will be as follows. Sunday school will begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by time for coffee and fellowship from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. There will be one service at 10:30 in the sanctuary and then lunch and the annual meeting around tables in Westminster Hall.

The budget and Annual Report will be available to the congregation on August 14th. The Budget & Finance Committee will host a gathering August 18th at 7:00 p.m. in Eastminster Hall to answer any detailed questions regarding the budget. A representative from each ministry team will also be available.

## PROMOTION AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERS COMMISSIONING

Sunday, August 7th, is Promotion Sunday, the day that marks the official beginning of a new program year for our educational ministries. It is the day when our children and youth move up to their new Sunday school classes and our youth kick off the fall programming for iGroup and PYC. In that day we will be also be commissioning teachers and leaders for the 2016-17 year during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. worship services. If you serve in ANY capacity in the educational ministry of NPPC (children, youth, or adult Sunday school teacher, Bible study leader, circle leader, Discipleship and Education Ministry Team or Adult/Youth/Children/Leadership Development Committee Member, VBS leader, etc.) please make plans to attend one of the services.

## IT'S ICE CREAM TIME AT NEW PROV!

In conjunction with our promotion Sunday celebration, the Discipleship and Education Ministry Team will be hosting an ice cream social on Sunday, August 7th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the NPPC pavilion. Everyone is invited to come and bring a quart or two of their favorite ice cream to share. Homemade is encouraged, but store-bought is okay, too! If you have a small cooler to keep your ice cream cold, be sure to bring it along. Toppings, bowls and spoons will be provided.

Information on our current and upcoming educational offerings for all ages will be available, and representatives from the D&E Ministry Team and various classes will be there to answer questions. Registration forms

for fall youth and children's programs (PYC, iGroup, Cloud 9, and P.E.A.K.) will also be available.

So grab your ice cream and come on out to join this time of fun and fellowship as we get ready for another great year of learning at NPPC! For more information contact Cynthia Freeman (cpfree4@bellsouth.net) or Melanie Rasnake (melanie@newprovidencepres.org).

*Melanie Rasnake*

## INQUIRERS' CLASS PLANNED

Are you looking for a church home, or interested in finding out more about New Providence Church family? The Inquirers' class will start a new session on Sunday, August 28, during Sunday school time. We will meet in the Chapel.

What is the Inquirers' class? It is a 4-week program led by Steve Musick and Emily Anderson that provides a glimpse into programs and ministries of New Providence Presbyterian Church (NPPC) as well as what it means when we call ourselves Presbyterians.

Who is it for? Anyone who wishes to learn more about NPPC, whether you are a member or not. The topics include History of New Providence, Christian Heritage and order of Presbyterian worship, education and service ministries. At the end of the classes you will have the opportunity to formally join NPPC.

Dates of the classes are the following Sundays: August 28, September 11, 18, and 25. If you have questions, please contact Kate Clabough (kateclabough@gmail.com, 256-2329), team lead of Membership team.

*Kate Clabough*

## FROM THE PASTOR

If you've read this far in the *New Prov Press*, you've obviously already picked up the idea that the theme of this issue is "All Things Educational." With schools starting and vacations ending, we are back into another busy program year at NewProv, and nothing states that more clearly than our educational ministries.

On Sunday, August 7, we will commission leaders and teachers in our ministries (both those who teach within our walls and those who vocationally serve learners of all ages). We will "promote" children and youth to their new classes, and we will bless backpacks (as well as bookbags and briefcases).

But one of my favorite things about that Sunday is the beginning of W2W, our "Welcome to Worship" class for kindergartners and their parents. At New Providence, our practice is that beginning in kindergarten, children stay in worship for the full hour, rather than leaving after the children's time to go downstairs for extended learning and activity time.

At 5 or 6 years old, it is not easy to sit still anywhere for an hour. Heck, at 50 or 60 it's not easy! But at least most adults have learned some impulse control by that time.

The reason we want our children to be in worship is so they can learn what it means to be a part of the family of God, and that means in the sanctuary as well as on the mission trip. But worship may be the hardest piece of that.

The burden for children learning about worship – often – falls unfairly on the parents, who are as exhausted and beat up as anyone, and just need an hour to catch their breath. You who have been parents of young children

in worship know that it's a season that passes quickly, but also that it seems like an eternity when you're in the middle of it.

I've talked to parents about their children joining them for worship and

*Do you, the people of this congregation, promise to tell these children the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by your fellowship, to strengthen their ties with the household of God?*

use phrases like "I'm not sure" (on the positive end of the spectrum) to "I'm dreading it" (on the negative).

So how can we as a congregation help those young parents help their children learn how to worship? And how can we give those parents a little bit of a break?

Maybe you invite that young child down the pew to come and draw a picture for you. Maybe you tuck a roll of Lifesavers into your pocket or purse before worship. Maybe you offer to walk to the bathroom with the squirming 5-year-old so his dad can listen to the sermon. Or maybe you just lean over, pat the parents on the shoulder and say, "I remember when my kids were that age. How can I help?"

When we baptize children at New Providence, we always ask a question: *Do you, the people of this congregation, promise to tell these children the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by your fellowship, to strengthen their ties with the household of God? If that is your intention, please respond by saying, "We do."*

Every single time, we say "We do." Helping our children learn to worship – and giving their parents a chance to worship too – is just one way we can do that. I hope you'll join me.

It is a joy to be the church with you!



Emily J. Anderson

## LOUD WHISPERS- WORSHIPPING WITH CHILDREN

*My friend Rebecca Kirkpatrick is an Associate Pastor at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. More importantly, she's a mother of a small child. Here's an excerpt from her blog about worshipping with children.*

Two of my most vivid childhood memories of worshipping with my parents are of laying down on the pew with my head resting on my mom's lap and fishing Certs Wintergreen Mints from her purse. Despite the seeming shallowness of those worship memories, I also have the very strong memory of being in church every week, and I believe that this is one of the most important lessons we teach children when we worship with them.

**Frustration: when I worship with my children, I am not able to have my own worship experience**

There is no doubt that I experience worship differently when I am with my son. I can't help but be annoyed by his lack of attention or his seemingly intentionally difficult behavior. Yet, I try to remind myself that just as with everything that comes with parenting, this season will pass too quickly.

Choosing to raise a child in my faith tradition means that for a time my worship life is not all about me. It is possible to have authentic worship experiences with your children, but if you don't have them with you in worship (wiggles and all) and you don't work on it together, the chances are obviously reduced.

**Frustration: children are a distraction**

I have definitely been in the position of finding noisy children around me distracting. But I have also experienced people apologizing to me after a service for their distracting children whom I hadn't even noticed once. It must be a part of Einstein's theory of relativity that we inevitably find children to whom we are related way more annoying in worship than anyone else's children.

In my congregation, which has embraced the inclusion of children in our worship life, the noises of children in the sanctuary are not distractions,

but rather a sign that the congregation is vital and growing. Let's be honest: normal sounds of children's presence are not distracting. If people don't want to sit next to children, they can find another seat.

#### **Technique: provide distractions**

I am the queen of this technique and even keep small toys in the pockets of my clerical robe to give to my son during worship. Toys, books, note pads and crayons... each child is willing or able to be distracted by different things, and it took me a while to find just the right ones for my child.

On the flip side, I realized last Sunday as I helped my son work on his Lego minifigure sticker book during the sermon that the distraction I was providing was not only not teaching him how to worship, it was teaching him that worship is not important.

One Sunday this year, when I refused to or forgot to provide a distraction for my son, he pleaded with me in a loud whisper, "what am I supposed to do?!" "You are supposed to worship God Almighty," I snapped back at him. "Can't you do that for 15 minutes?!" This takes me to the next point...

#### **Technique: keep children out of the service**

The problem with the philosophy of dismissing children early is that they often don't hear the scripture readings for the morning, are not present for Communion, do not witness the commissioning of members, ordination of elders and deacons (some of whom are their parents) and confirming of young adults, miss the taking up of the offering, and even the chance to shake the Pastor's hand at the door.

When I ask children, and even some youth, what their favorite part of the worship service is, they most frequently say baptisms. I would argue that it is the favorite of children because it is something unusual, something beautifully liturgical, something visual and tangible that they can remember and relate to.

Last week I took my son with me to a friend's wedding planning to use my newest distraction technique – the iPhone. It was not as successful as I had hoped, and eventually I took it away and asked him to pay attention to the wedding with me. I should mention that

this was an hour and a half service, not your typical twenty minutes and done. But we suffered through it together.

Had I left him to the phone or even left him at home with a babysitter, I would not have had the opportunity towards the end of the service to walk with him to the baptismal font as the gathered congregation renewed their baptismal vows. I would not have had the chance to kneel with him at the pool because the line was too long at the font. I would not have had the chance to make the sign of the cross on his forehead and remind him of his own baptism 6 years ago, or to receive the sign from him on my forehead reminding me of my baptism 35 years ago. *All the fidgeting, grumping, taking off and putting on of shoes, and loud whispers every few minutes were worth it for that one moment.*

([www.breadnotstones.com](http://www.breadnotstones.com))

Emily Anderson

## **NPR**

New Prov Reads (NPR) will start our meetings again on Wednesday, August 10. We plan to continue meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Our first book will be *Peaceful Neighbor* by Fred Rogers. (In honor of Mr. Rogers, please wear your favorite sweater!) We did not discuss who would lead this first night, so if anyone wants to volunteer - speak up! Next we will read *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg. Several members of the group have already read this book in Sunday school but feel it is the type of book that will be well worth revisiting. Next on the list will be *How Jesus Became God* by Bart Erhman. Our group is always open to new members. Even if you haven't read the book, the discussions and fellowship are great fun.

Anne Van Pelt

## **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION KICKOFF**

On August 7th, we will begin our 2016-17 Christian Education program year. Children in grades K-5th and their parents are invited to gather in Westminster Hall at 10:00 a.m. for a very short Sunday school orientation meeting.

Elementary and Intermediate Teaching teams will be introduced at this time and children will be dismissed from this meeting to their classes.

Jaclyn Beeler

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

On Sunday, August 7th, we will begin this year's session of Welcome to Worship. This is an eight-week study for rising kindergartners and their parents designed to help them make the transition from children's church to regular attendance in worship. Any rising first or second graders who have not yet completed Welcome to Worship are also invited to participate.

Welcome to Worship will meet August through September, with the exception of September 4th, during the Sunday school hour (10:10 – 10:50 am) in the bell tower room, located adjacent to the balcony in the sanctuary. We ask that at least one parent attend with their child.

Beginning in October, Welcome to Worship participants will join the other elementary students in the Workshop Rotation Sunday School.

Jaclyn Beeler

## **P.E.A.K. AND CLOUD 9 KICK-OFF**

P.E.A.K (Pre-k through 3rd grade) and Cloud 9 (4th and 5th grade) will kick off on August 24th! P.E.A.K. will begin at 3:00 and end at 4:45, with choir practice being from 4:45 until 5:15 for both P.E.A.K. and Cloud 9 children.

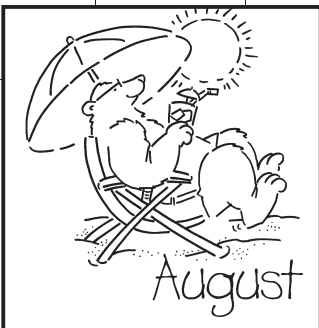
On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, we will have Cloud 9 following choir. This year P.E.A.K. will begin a 4-year curriculum based off of the book, *100 Things Every Child Should Know Before Confirmation* by Rebecca Kirkpatrick.

Cloud 9 will be going through the much loved Harry Potter curriculum that was written by our very own Melanie Rasnake. Watch your e-mails for registration paperwork coming soon!

Jaclyn Beeler



# CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>01 BCS 1st Day of School</p> <p>8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FEH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>02 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room - Front) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 6:30PM Congregational Life/Deacons (206) 6:30PM Event Support Committee (211) 7:00PM Admin Team (Parlor) 7:00PM Personnel Committee (Chapel) 7:00PM Policy Committee (Youth Room) 7:00PM Stewardship Committee (109) 7:00PM Budget &amp; Finance (108) 7:00PM New Prov Green Team (Confirmation Room)</p>	<p>03 MCS First Day of School</p> <p>8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 6:00PM Men's Lead Team (109) 6:00PM LIFT Steering Committee Meeting (Chapel) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>04 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 4:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM Girl Scout Troop #20487 (206)</p>	<p>05 Annual Report Deadline</p>	<p>06</p>
<p>07 Welcome to Worship Promotion Sunday Teacher Commissioning Blessing of the Backpacks</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM PYC/iGroup Kickoff (FWH) 6:00PM Church Ice Cream Social (Pavilion)</p>	<p>08 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FEH) 7:00PM Youth Committee (Youth Room - Front) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>09 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 9:30AM Community Food Connection Board Meeting (108) 1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room - Front) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 6:30PM Leadership Development Committee (206) 6:30PM Children's Committee (215) 6:30PM Adult Ed Committee (214) 7:00PM Church In the World (Chapel) 7:30PM Disc &amp; Education (216)</p>	<p>10 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (Youth Room - Front) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 7:00PM New Prov Reads 7:00PM New Prov Reads Kickoff (Parlor) 7:00PM Open Gym (WH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>11 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 10:00AM D &amp; S Community Services Training Meeting (FEH) 4:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM Girl Scout Troop #20487 (206) 6:00PM BSA - District Committee (FEH) 7:00PM BSA-District Roundtable (REH)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Welcome to Worship</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 1:30PM Cloud 9 Pool Party @ Luttrells (Off Campus) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)</p>	<p>15 New Prov Press Deadline</p> <p>7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 10:00AM PET Staff Meeting (Chapel) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FEH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>16 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room - Front) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH) 7:00PM Session (Chapel)</p>	<p>17 8:30AM Men's Building Square (Atrium) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 3:30PM Children's Music Camp Ages K-5th (Choir Room) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Chapel) 7:00PM New Prov Reads (Parlor) 7:00PM Open Gym (WH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>18 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 10:00AM PWC Coordinating Team (Chapel) 12:00PM PWC Gathering (WH - Kitchen) 4:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:00PM Girl Scout Troop #20487 (206) 7:00PM Budget Review (EH)</p>	<p>19 10:00AM Life Beginners 10:30AM Maryville Babywearers Meeting (Youth Room)</p>	<p>20 Presbytery Mtg - Rivermont PC 7:00AM Rebel Run/Rebel Ready Event Parking 8:00AM Community Connection Day (EH)</p>
<p>21 Money for Manna Welcome to Worship</p> <p>9:00AM Church School 10:00AM Coffee &amp; Fellowship (Atrium) 10:30AM Combined Service (Sanctuary) 11:30AM Annual Congregational Meeting/Lunch (WH) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)</p>	<p>22 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 6:00PM BSA - Wolf Cubs (FWH) 6:30PM BSA - Bear Cubs (REH) 7:00PM BSA - Webelos 1 (RVH) 7:00PM BSA - Webelos 2 (208) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FEH) 7:00PM Women's Study Group (Parlor) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>23 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 1:00PM New Prov Press Mailing (Chapel) 1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room - Front) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)</p>	<p>24 7:30AM Men's Witnessing Square (Youth Room - Front) 8:30AM Hulings Family Celebration (FEH) 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 3:00PM P.E.A.K (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Chapel) 5:15PM Cloud 9 Kickoff (217) 7:00PM Open Gym (WH) 7:00PM New Prov Reads (Parlor) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>25 8:30AM CBS Set Up (RWH) 9:00AM Quilters (FWH) 4:00PM FirstLight Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:45PM Grace Notes (211) 6:00PM Girl Scout Troop #20487 (206) 6:00PM CBS Evening Sale (WH)</p>	<p>26 8:30AM Community Benefit Sale (FWH)</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Welcome to Worship</p> <p>9:00AM FirstLight Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Church School 10:00AM Inquirers' Class (Chapel) 11:05AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 4:30PM iGroup (FWH) 6:00PM Youth Dinner (FWH) 6:30PM PYC (FWH)</p>	<p>29 7:30AM Men's Lectionary Bible Study 8:00AM CBS Sorters (WH) 7:00PM BSA - Troop 88 (FEH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>	<p>30 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 1:30PM Welcome Table Prep (FWH) 1:45PM Centering Prayer (Youth Room - Front) 5:00PM Welcome Table (WH)</p>	<p>31 9:00AM Bartlett Adult Day Out (REH) 3:00PM P.E.A.K. (16) 4:00PM Lectionary Bible Study (Chapel) 7:00PM New Prov Reads (Parlor) 7:00PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 7:00PM Open Gym (WH) 7:30PM NA Group (206)</p>			

RWH – Rear Westminster Hall

FWH – Front Westminster Hall

FEH – Front Eastminster Hall

REH – Rear Eastminster Hall

## LIFE BEGINNERS

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Life Beginners is a group of retired folks that travel to local areas of interest and share a meal while they are on the road. Life Beginners will meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2016 to tour the Blount County Historical Museum. Afterwards, we'll go to Olive Garden for lunch, where we'll order off the menu. Bring \$3 to get into the museum, and the transportation is free! Please make your reservations with Karen (karen@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) by Thursday, August 18 at noon. Hurry, space is limited!

*Stephanie Bell*

## CFC FOOD DRIVE

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The next Community Food Connection (CFC) food drive will be August 12, 13, and 14 at the Maryville Wal-Mart on 411. If you would like to volunteer, there are several ways to do so. Log on to the CFC web site (cfcbloount.org) and click on the "Volunteerspot" logo. This will take you to the Volunteerspot web page where you can sign up for the activity and time(s) of your choice. Alternatively you may visit the table in the Atrium on Sunday, July 31, and August 7, to sign up or contact Bob Haralson (738 3347, bobharalson@icloud.com) and he will sign you up.

*Bob Haralson*

## YOUTH EDUCATION KICKOFF

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The beginning of the program year is always exciting, as we look forward to new opportunities and prepare for what lies ahead. The youth committee and I have been working hard to pick great curriculum, and recruit teachers, and we can't wait to get started. We will have three different classes for youth this year that are divided by grade, and they will all start August 7. All youth will meet in the youth room that day, directly across from the glass entrance doors in the hallway between the new and old buildings, on the upper floor.

Sixth through eighth graders will meet together upstairs in the education wing, and will be using the *Feasting on*

*the Word* curriculum. This is a lectionary based curriculum, which means that it follows the three-year schedule of scripture called the Revised Common Lectionary. This schedule of scriptures gives a starting place for most of the preaching at New Providence, and so by using a Sunday school curriculum that follows it as well, the kids get a chance to unpack those scriptures a little further, and reinforce what they hear in church.

Ninth graders will be able to participate in our confirmation class. Confirmation is a class that prepares our youth to be confirmed as a full member of the church. They will spend the year learning about reformed theology, the history of the church, and how to start defining their own faith. This class will culminate in an opportunity, but not a requirement, to join New Providence as a full member, by presenting a faith statement to our session. If your child is in ninth grade, or older but not already confirmed, contact Jason for more information on this class.

The tenth through twelfth graders will be studying the letters of Paul. These letters offer so much wisdom and direction for us as individuals and also as a church family, so they make for great curriculum. All of the material for our Sunday school classes has been carefully chosen to provide the best Christian education possible for our youth, and is taught by a group of dedicated volunteer Teachers. If you have any questions at all about our opportunities for youth, you can email [jason@newprovidencepres.org](mailto:jason@newprovidencepres.org) to find out more. Here's to a great year!

*Jason Graffis*

## WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

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The Women's Study Group will resume on Monday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. with a fall kickoff celebration at the home of Melanie Rasnake (534 Mountain View Ave.). All women are invited to attend. Bring an appetizer or beverage to share, and come help us select our first book of the year. Regular meetings will begin in September. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the NPPC Parlor.

*Melanie Rasnake*

## MAN OF THE YEAR

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New Providence Presbyterian Men (NPPM) named Roy Fox as its Man of the Year on Sunday, June 26.

Roy joined the church in 1951, and after a career in civil engineering elsewhere, he returned to Maryville with his family about 20 years ago.

He is an ordained elder, has been Clerk of Session twice, and is an active participant in all aspects of the Men's organization - meals, church maintenance, football parking and the Wednesday morning Witnessing Square. He accepted the responsibility of coordinating the Men's Lead Team in late 2014 and has guided the group through the ensuing months.

One of his first actions was to develop a new square - the Chairs and Tables Square which assists the maintenance staff in preparing for events especially in Westminster Hall.

In addition to the men's group work, Roy also assists in the Community Benefit Sale and the Welcome Table, is a member of the Maryville Kiwanis, strongly supports the Empty Pantry Fund and is a faithful volunteer during Kin Takahashi Week at Maryville College.

He joins Ken Paxton, Sr., Ed Best Jr., Bill White, John Clark, and Bob Hutchison as well as the late Clarence Durham, Clay Pittman, Hubert Criss, and Ab Spencer as NPPM Man of the Year recipients.

## BARTLETT BUZZ

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August is a busy month at Bartlett Adult Day Out. We will have Ex Libris visiting us as well as Jason Graffis, Brenda, and Skip & Lou. We also plan to cook our lunch one day and have a tailgate party.

As always, if you have a gift or talent that you could share with us, we would love for you to come visit. Contact Trish (trish@newprovidencepres.org, 983-0182) to arrange a time.

*Trish Badgett, RN, Parish Nurse*

## NEW PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN MEN (NPPM)

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The Lead Team of NPPM has approved donations to support two local individuals, National Disasters, and International Disasters.

A total of \$550 was approved for two concerns. One donation was to help defray the cost of purchasing two window air conditioners for a local disabled individual who works from their home. The second donation to another individual was to pay a portion of the cost of a new bathroom sink and provide labor to make the repair.

A donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) of \$1,000 was approved to aid in recovery after West Virginia Flood. In May, a donation to PDA of \$2,000 was approved to aid in recovery after the Ecuador earthquake.

Funds to make these donations possible came from the fall Football Parking Square proceeds. The men parks cars in our lots during Maryville High School Football games. Other programs of NPPM include the Witnessing Square, the Chairs and Tables Square (CATS), and the Building Square. If you are interested learning more or interested in participating in any of these NPPM activities, please contact Roy Fox at 984-1030 or jamesfox@yahoo.com.

Roy Fox

## MANY THANKS!

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Thanks to everyone for their calls, prayers, and concern during his recent illness, surgery and now recovery. I am doing much better.

Pete Preston

## HEALTH TIPS

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### EVERYDAY ERGONOMICS

Ergonomics is a science that helps determine how individuals will perform best, be most comfortable while working and reduce injuries that may result, especially from repetitive motions. Whether your job involves sitting or standing for the majority of the day, ergonomics can help prevent

health problems such as obesity, metabolic syndrome, carpal tunnel, and pain in the back, neck and shoulders. Here are a few simple tips anyone can put into practice.

### IF YOU HAVE A SITTING JOB:

- Sit Straight - Make sure your chair gives you the proper lumbar support. You should be able to sit comfortably, with your back supported, while placing your feet flat on the floor or on a footrest.
- Relax Wrists and Arms - When typing on a computer, your arms should be close to your body and flat on your desk or the armrests on your chair. Keep your wrists straight or supported by a wrist rest.
- Center the Screen - The position of your computer is important too. Keep it centered and directly in front of you, about an arm's length away. The top of the screen should be just below eye level.
- Get Moving - Take frequent breaks to stretch, walk around the office, and rest your eyes. A little movement goes a long way!

### IF YOU HAVE A STANDING JOB:

- Be Aligned - If you are using a standing desk, keep your legs, torso, neck, and head in a straight line.
- Keep Your Feet Happy - Wear comfortable shoes with the proper support. Standing all day takes a toll on the feet and the rest of the body!
- Do Not Reach - Keep all frequently used items close by. Stretching to pick up your phone, stapler or pen could cause pain in the back, neck and shoulders.
- Change It Up - If there are tasks you can do while seated, use the opportunity to sit and rest. It is important to alternate between standing and sitting throughout the day.

Article taken from Spring, 2016 *Church Health Reader*. For additional information, check out [chreader.org](http://chreader.org).

Trish Badgett, RN, Parish Nurse

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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- August 7: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40
- August 14: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
- August 21: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
- August 28: Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

## SESSION SUMMARY

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The Session of NPPC met on July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room.

- The majority of the July session meeting was spent finalizing the budget for fiscal year 2016-2016. A balanced budget was approved.
- The baptism of Eliza Grace Salerno, daughter of Jeff and Sarah Salerno on July 31, 2016 was approved.
- The Adult Ed Committee received approval for the use of the following books:
  - *Toxic Charity; How the Church Hurts Those They Help and How to Reverse It* by Robert D. Lupton
  - *Convictions; What Matters the Most* by Marcus Borg
  - *Divine Dance; the Trinity and Your Transformation* by Marcus Borg
  - *How Jesus Became God* by Bart Erhman

Session called a congregational meeting for August 21, 2016. There will be one service at 10:30 in the sanctuary and then lunch and the annual meeting around tables in Westminster Hall. The budget will be available to the congregation on August 14th, and the Budget & Finance committee will host a gathering August 18th to answer any detailed questions regarding the budget. A representative from each ministry team will also be available.

## TENDING OUR FLOCK

### CONGRATULATIONS!

- Walker Maxwell Penn, born Wednesday, June 22, weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. Walker is the son of Marie & Mark Penn.
- Mae Collier Kilday, born Monday, July 18, weighed 9 pounds 9.9 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Mae is the daughter of Arielle & Bryan Kilday and little sister to Boone.

### WE SHARE SORROW

- Lew LaForce, Sharon Chapman's brother-in-law, 6/4
- Rev. Paul Brewer, Dan Brewer's father, 6/28
- Skip Murrin, Mike Goins' uncle, 7/8
- Madhang Cinkoc, Adumel Cinkoc's younger brother, 7/10
- Rev. Jacqueline Pierce Maze, niece of Betty Pierce, 7/20

### HAVE FAMILY NEWS?

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 office.

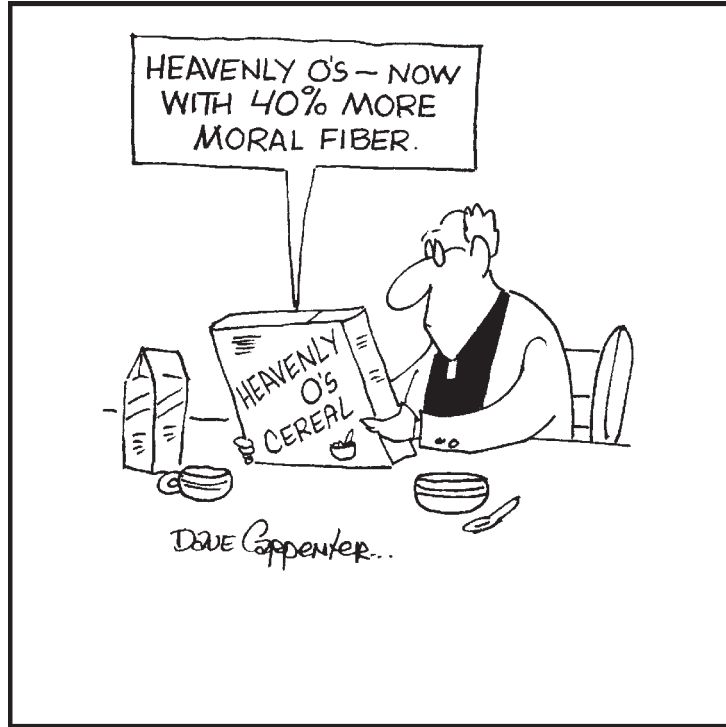
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## SUNDAY MORNING LEADERSHIP FOR AUGUST

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

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
7	Bill Savell, Bill Schult, Chris Combs	Liz Huffaker*, Peggy & Tom Raines, Connie & Jack Jackson	Jaclyn Beeler
14	Harry Herrmann, Gabie Kerr, Bryan Kilday	Margaret Kidd*, Denise & Paul Vogado, Judy & Terry Woods	Jenifer Greene
21	Beth Lazar, Hayley Lynn, Shelby Middleton	Terri Carroll*, Jenifer & Walt Greene, Paula & Wes King	Susan Young
28	Chad Rogers, Bill Savell, Bill Schult	Sue Clark*, Jenn & Claude Hardy, Ruth & Don Moore	Lee Franks

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

	Elder Greeters	Ushers	Children's Time
7	Karen Paxton, Phil Reilly, Bob Beard	Jason Brooks*, Jane & Bill Morton, Susan Young, Gail Bowlin	Jaclyn Beeler
14	Ann Bennett, Liz Britt, Jason Brooks	Karen Paxton*, Ken Paxton, Jr., Bud Gangwer, Barbara Hall, Jeanne Ezell	Jenifer Greene
21	Michelle Huntoon, Janet Kolarik, Brian LaRose	Brian LaRose*, Eva & Tom Carpenter, Diane & Jeff Pezick	Susan Young
28	Tracy Luttrell, Karen Paxton, Phil Reilly	Stephanie Bell*, Linda Brakebill, Ann Spencer, Mel Luttrell, Dale Freeman	Lee Franks

\* Head Usher



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7	Teacher Commissioning Promotion Sunday Blessing of the Backpacks Welcome to Worship Begins
15	<i>New Prov Press</i> Deadline
21	<b>Annual Meeting of the Congregation:</b> Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Coffee Time at 10:00 a.m. One Combined Service at 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting and Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Money for Manna
26	Community Benefit Sale