

NEW PROVIDENCE NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM REV. YOUNG

Dear Friends,

What the Pastor Nominating Committee needs from you is to continue to keep them in your prayers. God has a pastor for you, just as you have always had. That's quite a record—all the way back to 1746. God will continue to care for you and all this congregation.

Hebrews 12:1-2: "Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with persever-

ance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Betty Jean Young

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE STATUS

The PNC wants to thank the Session and congregation for their continued support. This support was most clearly expressed in the week of prayer and prayer meeting during the week of August 28. It is very helpful to know that many prayers are going up in support of our efforts.

We continue to review Pastor Personal Information Forms (PIFs), and have now reviewed 284.

Since our last update, we have had in-depth discussions with another candidate. Alas, this candidate did not sense the call to New Providence.

You may ask, why have we not yet been

successful in obtaining the commitment of a candidate. The answer, we think, centers on opportunities for the candidate's spouse. The spouses of the candidates we have been in serious discussion with have jobs outside the home. These jobs have ranged from minister in their own right to technical writer. Our seriously considered candidates thus far have not felt their spouses would be able to easily continue their careers.

We continue to request sample sermons and have a follow-up teleconference with potential candidates.

Please continue your prayers not only for us, but for the minister God has selected for NP.

THANK YOU FROM . . .

DON ROLL & FAMILY. I would like to express the gratitude of our entire family for the love and support provided to Julie and myself over the last 13 months. Your prayers, cards, friendly caring smiles, food, and love warmed us and helped us through a very difficult time.

Julie loved this congregation, and particularly the children here. The support they provided her through the prayer quilt they made, was felt at every doctor's appointment and every treatment she had, and I will cherish the new quilt the VBS made for me this year.

Our challenge as we go forward is to live fully Julie's favorite Bible verse, Matthew 5:16, "May your light so shine before men, that 'they shall see your good works, and glorify' your Father which is in heaven."

SUE GLENN & FAMILY. Thank you to the loving, caring people who are New Providence for the cards and telephone calls in the wake of my mother's death. She led a full and productive life and always appreciated attending services here in this beautiful church.

RUTH ROLL. Dear Members of New Providence Presbyterian Church, I just have to say "thank you" to all of you. Don and Julie were welcomed so graciously into your church, and now you have shown him great love and support in his time of grief. As Don's mother, how I appreciate your acts of love for him. Thank you!

RUTH BEARD. Thank you all for the cards,

visits, prayers, and calls in regards to my pacemaker surgery. Every kindness has been so greatly appreciated.

MARY KATHRYN BLACKWELL. Thank you so much for all the lovely birthday cards that made my day so special. May God always bless each of you.

MISSION COMMITTEE. Many thanks to all who gave to the King's Way Food Basket in August. We delivered 19 cans of fruit; 12 jars of peanut butter; 6 cans of meat; 5 jars of applesauce; 3 boxes each of macaroni and spaghetti; 3 jars of spaghetti sauce; 2 cans of soup; 2 cans of beans; and a 2 pound bag of dry beans. Thanks so much!

*Food for September will be
peanut butter, jelly, or "anything goes"
Delivery date will be September 14*

CAROLYN HEMP & LESLEY PINER. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with Vacation Bible School, and to Mary Glenn for all her help with the food. We appreciate everyone's hard work and enthusiasm to make the VBS a success!

LOGOS Begins September 15

"Welcome Back to LOGOS," the first meeting of the Fall Session of LOGOS, will be Wednesday, September 15, starting at 4:15 p.m. For more information or if you have questions, contact Cindy Kelly.

PRAYER CONCERNS*Please keep in your prayers—***AUDREY HOLLINGSWORTH****GLENDIA JACKSON****ORA LOTTS**

(cornea & lens transplant)

BUD MARTIN**CAROLE SMYER****W. R. E. PROGRAM****OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS****OUR NATION, LEADERS,
& MILITARY*****SERVING IN THE MILITARY:*****JORDAN SNARR****GAIL SMITH***(Missionary Work)***KEVIN BROWN**

September 3

EVA McMANAMA

September 5

JEFF GORDON

September 6

BETSY ANDERSON

September 11

EDNA PAINTER

September 15

**RACHEL KOENIGER &
LOCKWOOD McLAUGHLIN**

September 21

BUD MARTIN

September 30

SARAH & MICHAEL RICHEYSeptember 1 - 9th anniversary**CHANGES OF ADDRESS****VICKI MILLER**

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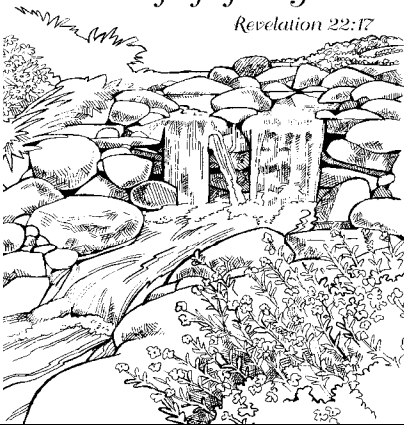
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**Home Bible Study
Resumes on September 14**

The home-based Bible Study will resume on Tuesday night, September 14, at 7 p.m. in the home of Pat and Alice Patterson. Our study of the gospel of John picks up with chapter 6. All are welcome even if you did not participate last winter.

*And whosoever will,
let him take the
water of life freely.*

Revelation 22:17



NEW STUDY OF REVELATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

New Providence Presbyterian Women will sponsor a monthly (2nd Wednesday of each month) Bible study on the book of Revelation. The first meeting will be

SEPTEMBER 8 AT 7:30 P.M.

NEW PROVIDENCE FELLOWSHIP HALL

All—men, women, friends, & neighbors—are invited to attend. A nursery can be provided. Contact Betsy Reid, 348-4345, to request babysitting services or if you have other questions.

Mark your calendars—this is going to be a great year!

2ND SUNDAY BREAKFAST RESUMES SEPTEMBER 12

The Saints and Sinners Sunday School Class will serve breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 8:45-9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 12. The menu will include pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Donations will be accepted to help cover expenses. Come enjoy the good food and fellowship.



LOYALTY DAY PIG ROAST

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2010
5 P.M.**

Come—bring your favorite dish, and enjoy food, fellowship, and special music as we kick off the stewardship season.

Pulled pork will be provided along with lemonade and iced tea.

Entertainment will feature the NP vocal and bell choirs plus other church talent. If you would like to share your talent, please contact Diane Bates or Betsy Reid.

ReHabitat/Mission Next Door House Dedication for the Strowbridge Family on August 29



In the photograph above, the “New Providence Five” (Diane Bates, Isabelle Chewning, Sarah Richey, Roy Fauber, and Milton Reid) sing before guests toured the renovated Strowbridge home.

Left, Brandon and Mildretta Strowbridge, Sandy McLaughlin, Roberta Fauber, and India Martin are pictured at the housewarming held for the Strowbridge family at the Glasgow Community Center.

MISSION NEXT DOOR FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 2

Mark your calendars! We will be having a fundraiser for our Mission Next Door work on Saturday, October 2, from 2 p.m.-7 p.m. Barbecue chicken halves, decorated pumpkins, and harvest table items will be on sale beginning at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and beginning at 5 p.m., we will have Dorsey Hostetter and his Blue Grass Band playing for our cake walk. Ham sandwiches and hot dogs will be available during the cake walk.

You can help...we will need lots of cakes, items for the harvest table and help painting the pumpkins. Please think about what you can do to support our Mission Next Door efforts. This will be a day of fun and fellowship. Our MND work depends on support from our church for our fundraising activities, and we hope you'll plan to be a part of this—your help is greatly appreciated. Contact Roberta Fauber (rfauber@yahoo.com, 261-1975) for more information.

SHENANDOAH PRESBYTERY'S GIFT OF THE HEART KIT PROGRAM

Shenandoah Presbytery's Gift of the Heart Kit Program began August 21. All congregations are asked to provide Clean-up Buckets. With the many floods occurring now, especially here in the U.S., these buckets will be in great demand. A church can either gather the items and assemble the buckets following the guidelines, or send a check for the cost of a bucket (\$56 + \$3 processing) to Church World Service. **The COLLECTION DEADLINE for this special drive is Sunday, September 12.** Some buckets are available in the hallway outside the Secretary's office for you to fill.

At New Providence we will have an **ongoing** project of collecting kits and the items to add to the kits. Collection boxes will be located at the rear of the sanctuary. Add exactly the type and number of items listed in the directions—no extras! The countries receiving these items require all packages to have the same items included in each. If you want to bring items to add to the kits, such as cloth diapers (available at Wal-Mart or Target), soap, toothbrushes, washcloths, hand towels, etc., these will be assembled into kits by the Presbyterian Women. Do NOT include money for processing the kits inside the kit. Please place in an envelope and tape to the OUTSIDE of the kit or give to Mary Linda Wolfe.

TO ASSEMBLE A CLEAN-UP BUCKET (VALUE \$56 + \$3 PROCESSING) YOU WILL NEED:

1 five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid; 5 scouring pads; 7 sponges, assorted sizes; 1 scrub brush; 18 cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®); 1 50-78 oz. box of dry laundry detergent; 1 12-oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®); 1 24-28 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®); 1 package of 48-50 clothespins; clothesline, 2 50 ft. or 1 100 ft.; 5 dust masks; 2 pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®); 1 pair work gloves; 24- to 28-bag roll of heavy-duty 30-45 gallon trash bags (may remove from carton); 1 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops, or lotion, NOT aerosol). Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. Be sure to send only new materials. Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

TO ASSEMBLE A SCHOOL KIT (VALUE \$15 + \$2 PROCESSING) YOU WILL NEED:

1 pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip); 3 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper); 1 30-centimeter ruler (12"); 1 hand-held pencil sharpener; 1 large eraser; 6 new pencils with erasers; 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24); 1 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles. (Please no reusable shopping bags or backpacks). Pack all items inside the bag. Bag patterns are available online at www.churchworldservice.org or by calling 888-297-2767.

TO ASSEMBLE A HYGIENE KIT (VALUE \$10 + \$2 PROCESSING) YOU WILL NEED:

1 hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels); 1 washcloth; 1

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NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- **LIBRARY**—The results from the Christian Education Survey on the use of the library shows that the congregation is still interested in keeping the library in use. We are currently looking at purchasing new reference books. If you have a preference for books that you would like to see in the library, please contact a member of the Library Committee—Terri Gordon, Karen Gordon, or Sue Smiley.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**—A list of the Sunday School classes offered at New Providence will be printed in the bulletin and newsletter over the next few weeks. There will also be information on other Christian Education activities. Check over the list and come join one of the classes or try out different ones to find the one that suits you best.
- **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**—Two Bible studies will be offered this year. Pat and Alice Patterson will be hosting a Tuesday night study class at their home. Meetings will be held weekly at 7 p.m., beginning September 14. Contact Pat or Alice for more information.

The Presbyterian Women will sponsor a monthly Bible study on the book of Revelation. This class will meet in the NP Fellowship Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., beginning September 8. All members and friends—men and women—of New Providence are welcome. Rev. Young will lead the first class. For more information, contact Betsy Reid.

- **NEW PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH**—The Christian Education Committee is implementing a new program for our Sunday School Youth (Nursery through High School). We will provide an age-appropriate Bible to each active Sunday School student. The goal is to increase knowledge and understanding of basic Biblical truths (Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, Books of the Bible, Twelve Disciples, Apostles' Creed). Please contact the Sunday School Superintendent for more information.



LETTER FROM OUR ORPHAN AT THE GORE CHILDREN'S HOME

For the last several years, New Providence has been supporting a child residing at the Gore Home for Children in Ethiopia through the Presbytery's iCare Project. The young lady we currently sponsor is Zerthihun Befeqadu, age 16. She did not pass the qualifying exam to receive college education and is therefore enrolled in vocational training to learn teaching skills for working with young children. Printed below is the latest letter we have received from her.

Date 25/06/2010

Dear Family, First of all I would like to say Hello my Family. I am fine thanks Lord. I'm sorry that I'm late to write the letter to you.

I have finished my 1st year teachers training and I'm waiting for graduation and certifying day on this training your never departed from me. God bless you. For your good activities this is the good opportunity for me to make my future bright after this graduation I will try to find job as much as possible. And to the future I will continue to study.

For all of your support God Bless you.

Yours in the Lord, Zerithun Befikad

Please keep Zerthihun Befeqadu (unsure why the spellings are different), the staff and residents at Gore Home and the iCare Project in your thoughts and prayers.

Mary Linda Wolfe, iCare Contact Person

GIFT OF THE HEART KITS ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES *(continued from page 6)*

wide-tooth comb; 1 nail clipper; 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper); 1 toothbrush (in original packaging); 6 standard size Band-aids®. Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to the kits just prior to shipment.

TO ASSEMBLE A BABY CARE KIT (VALUE \$39 + \$2 PROCESSING) YOU WILL NEED:

6 cloth diapers; 2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies); 2 washcloths; 2 gowns or sleepers; 2 diaper pins; 1 sweater or sweatshirt (can be hand-knitted or crocheted); 2 receiving blankets (1 can be hand-knitted or crocheted). Items must be new and **under 12 months** in size. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins. Patterns for many of the Baby Care Kit components are available online at www.churchworldservice.or or by calling 888-297-2767.

Mini-Minutes for July 1 Regular Session Meeting

- **Financial Report:** The Treasurer reported that the checking account is in a much better position than several months ago, even though income is about \$16,000 behind budgeted amount.

Committee Reports

- **Worship** - Approved motion to move communion from July 11 to July 18
- **Christian Education** - Approved middle school VBS curriculum and VBS teachers
- **Property** - The committee is awaiting the arrival of parts for the new sound system so installation can be scheduled, and they also have plans to renovate the shower in the master bedroom in the manse.
- **Mission** - It was reported that volunteers are needed for Mission Next Door projects. The fall fundraiser is planned for October 2.
- Approval was given to canceling the August Session meeting
- Prayer concerns were shared.

Mini-Minutes for August 1 Called Session Meeting

- Approved a request from New Monmouth Presbyterian Church for transfer of the membership of Susan Kathleen Bender (Quist).
- Received approval for LOGOS leaders: Cindy Kelly, Director; Carolyn Hemp, Co-Director; Terri Gordon, Pat Patterson, Lesley Piner, and Rick Gordon.
- Decision was made to have a special "Week of Prayer" for New Providence and the Pastor Nominating Committee. It will be held the week of August 22-28, with plans to be made by Pastor Young and Mary Linda Wolfe.

*Pray for
Our Church* 



SEPTEMBER

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| 2 nd | Session Meeting @ 7 P.M. |
| 5 th | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday School @ 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship @ 11 A.M. Fellowship Time - following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall |
| 6 th | Labor Day , church office closed; Bell Choir Practice @ 7 P.M. |
| 8 th | PW Bible Study on Revelation @ 7:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall |
| 12 th | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday School @ 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship @ 11 A.M. - Rally Day 4¢-a-Meal & King's Way offerings received Fellowship Time - following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall |
| 13 th | Bell Choir Practice @ 7 P.M. |
| 14 th | Home Bible Study @ 7 P.M. , Pat & Alice Patterson's home |
| 15 th | LOGOS from 4:15-7 P.M. |
| 19 th | 25^h Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday School @ 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship @ 11 A.M. Fellowship Time - following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall |
| 20 th | Bell Choir Practice @ 7 P.M. |
| 21 st | Home Bible Study @ 7 P.M. , Pat & Alice Patterson's home |
| 22 nd | Highnooners @ the Wooden Spoon in Fairfield; LOGOS from 4:15-7 P.M. |
| 26 th | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday School @ 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship @ 11 A.M. Fellowship Time - following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall Loyalty Day Picnic @ 5 P.M. |
| 27 th | Nursing Home Visitation @ 9:30 A.M.; Bell Choir Practice @ 7 P.M. |
| 28 th | Home Bible Study @ 7 P.M. , Pat & Alice Patterson's home |
| 29 th | LOGOS from 4:15-7 P.M. |

MINISTRY TEAMS & LECTIONARY READINGS

SEPTEMBER OFFERING TEAM

Pat Patterson, Isaac Wolfe, Karen Gordon

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Ray & Rosemary Bodley

SEPTEMBER 5

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Beadle: Cindy Kelly **Liturgist:** Lee McLaughlin, Jr.

Greeters: Jeanne Alexander, Frank Rott, Herbert Hamilton

Nursery: Miles & Gratia Bobbitt

Offering Counter: Richard Anderson

SEPTEMBER 12

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Beadle: Frank Smiley **Liturgist:** Jim Glaspey

Greeters: Terri Gordon, Alice Patterson, Barbara Roepe

Nursery: Mike & Julie Sandridge

Offering Counter: Gary Gearhart

SEPTEMBER 19

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Beadle: Barbara Roepe **Liturgist:** Gary Gearhart

Greeters: Richard Anderson, Walter Lunsford, Doris Lunsford

Nursery: Sandy Francis & Betsy Reid

Offering Counter: Georgie Young

SEPTEMBER 26

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Beadle: Sue Glenn **Liturgist:** Doris Fredricksen

Greeters: Mary Glenn Davis, Karen Gordon, Sue Glenn

Nursery: Ruth Beard & Linda Wood

Offering Counter: Dick Glenn

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010