

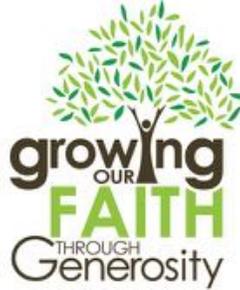


The Providence Press

*'Come Worship With Us
as We Grow in Wisdom and
Grace'*

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"Jesus was sitting in the temple near the offering box and watching people put in their gifts. He noticed that many rich people were giving a lot of money. Finally, a poor widow came up and put in two coins that were worth only a few pennies. Jesus told his disciples to gather around him. Then he said: 'I tell you that this poor widow has put in more than all the others. Everyone else gave what they didn't need. But she is very poor and gave everything she had. Now she doesn't have a cent to live on.'" (Mark 12:41-44).

Dear Friends,

As the days grow shorter and the year begins to near its end, we look ahead with something approaching the excitement of a child as we anticipate first Thanksgiving, then Advent, then Christmas. But these waning days also mark an end to our church financial year, and therefore lead to our annual stewardship season.

How awful that we have reduced the notion of stewardship to a specific time on the calendar, to a specific Sunday on which we present our pledges. How terrible that we spend most of the year focused not on what we might do with our dollars to usher in Christ's kingdom, to strengthen the church, to nourish our faith, but on what those dollars might buy for us, on what doors they might open, on what influence they might wield.

The New Testament reflects that Jesus spoke about money more than anything else – more than love, more than sin, more than just about any "hot" topic we might identify. And many times, when Jesus spoke about money, he spoke about the poor. He drew others' attention to the needs around them, just as he highlighted for his disciples the sacrificial giving of the widow in the text above from the Gospel of Mark.

What might we be able to accomplish if we were to focus our spending away from ourselves and onto the needs of the community around us? What message might we send our children if we were to focus not on giving to them, but on giving to those in true need?

What might it mean if we truly put God first in our lives and in our pocketbooks?

In Christ,
Terri



Building & Grounds

Hello everyone! Miriam got her river rocks in the Prayer Garden. Thank you to all who came out and helped with the rocks.

God's grace, Randy Parker

Christian Education

Sunday School is a great time to get to know your Providence family! See you **Sunday mornings at 9:45!**

The Belk Charity Day Event is just around the corner and your Providence youth would love to help you take advantage of this sale. See any of the youth for a ticket. The event will be **November 4th** at all Belk's stores. Your \$5 ticket will get you in the event at Belk's and you'll receive a \$5 discount off your purchase. All proceeds from ticket sales will go toward the Youth group retreat for next year. Thanking you for your purchase and happy shopping!

Blessings, Cyndi Everette

Evangelism/Nurture

We mourn over the recent loss of yet another church member. Betty Miller died October 21, 2017. She lived in Greenville, SC. Our sympathy and prayers go out to her loved ones. Please pray for our sick and those having surgery.

With God's grace and peace we care,

Lowry Wilson

Making a Difference in Missions



We have several offerings to report from the month of October. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) - Hurricane Disaster Relief, Providence collected and donated \$240.00. Providence

received \$55.00 for the Peace Offering. Lastly, The Transformation Walk yielded donations of \$320.00. This was great, thanks in large to Providence's Youth....a big shout out to them, Thank You, You're Awesome! This means that next year we need more adults out there walking and we need to strive for more than this year's amount. Actually, United Ministries asked us to pledge \$500.00 this year but due to our size, we pledged \$100.00. So, we can do this next year!!!

We have a busy November starting out by extending our Warm Outerwear Clothing Drive, which is looking good so far, until **Dec. 3rd**. Then a delivery can be made to Family Promise later that week. This is a great start so let's continue!

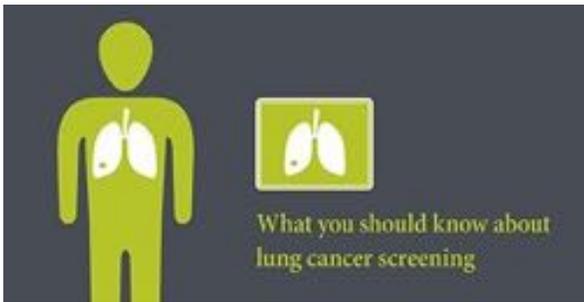
We will be participating in Good Samaritan's Operation Shoebox this year with National Collection Week being **Nov. 13th** through **Nov. 20th**. Look for further notices/announcements on this. Lastly, on **Nov. 19th**, be on the lookout for an envelope in your bulletin for the annual Thornwell Offering. This important Offering goes to the Children's Home in Clinton, S.C. We will be trying to exceed last year's Offering of \$246.50!

Oh geez, how could I almost forget.....November is our annual PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY CHALLENGE!! CLEMSON has been the long-running winner by bringing in the most PEANUT BUTTER but if you really love the GAMECOCKS you better try to get the most JELLY in. At least you might make a difference in narrowing the margin. And, remember, if you're just not a big football fan.....you better bring the BREAD!!! PERC will gladly take that too.

Thank you and Blessings, The Mission Team (Sherrie, Stefanie, Shaun, Peggy, and Linda)



Parish Nurse – Lung Cancer **Awareness Month**



Lung Cancer is the leading cause of cancer death and the second most common cancer among both men and women in the U.S. The most important thing you can do to lower your lung cancer risk is to quit smoking and avoid second-hand smoke. For help quitting, visit smokefree.gov, call 1(800)Quit-Now (784-8669), or text "QUIT" to 47848 from your cell phone. People who have smoked for years may want to talk to their doctor about lung cancer screening and the possible benefits and harms. Lung cancer screening is not a substitute for quitting smoking. Lung cancer begins in the lungs and may spread to lymph nodes or other organs in the body such as the brain. Cancer from other organs also may spread to the lungs. When cancer cells spread from one organ to another, they are called metastases.

Risk Factors

Research has found several risk factors that may increase your chances of getting lung cancer.

- Smoking
- Second-hand Smoke
- Radon: Radon is a naturally occurring gas that comes from rocks and dirt and can get trapped in houses and buildings. The EPA recommends testing homes for radon and using proven ways to lower high radon levels.
- Other substances: Examples of substances found at some work places that increase risk includes asbestos, arsenic, and some forms of lead and chromium.
- Personal or Family History of Lung Cancer
- Arsenic in drinking water (primarily can increase the risk of lung cancer).

Symptoms

Different people have different symptoms for lung cancer. Some people have symptoms related to the lungs. Some people whose lung cancer has spread to other parts of the body (metastasized) have symptoms specific to that part of the body. Some people just have general symptoms of not feeling well. Most people, with lung cancer don't have symptoms until cancer is advanced. Lung cancer symptoms may include:

- Coughing that won't go away
- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing
- Coughing up blood
- Feeling very tired all the time
- Weight loss, with no known reason.

Other changes that can sometimes occur with lung cancer may include repeated bouts of pneumonia and swollen or enlarged lymph nodes (glands) inside the chest in the area between the lungs. If you have some of those symptoms, talk to your doctor.

How is Lung Cancer Diagnosed?

Most lung cancers are first diagnosed based on symptoms. Symptoms of lung cancer are not very specific and generally reflect damage to the lungs' abilities to function normally. Unlike mammography for breast cancer or colonoscopy for colon cancer, a widely accepted screening tool for early-stage lung cancer has not been available until recently. Regular chest x-rays are not reliable enough to find lung tumors in their earliest stages, when many doctors believe the tumors are at their smallest and most curable state.

Screening for Lung Cancer

Recent guidelines from the American Society of Clinical Oncologists suggest annual screening with low dose computed tomography (LDCT) for smokers and former smokers at high risk of developing lung cancer. High risk factors include being between the age of 55 to 74, having smoked for 30 years or more, and either continuing to smoke or having quit within the past 15 years. At this time, yearly screening with LDCT is

recommended for high-risk individuals after careful discussion with their physicians.

Stay well, Julia Palmer

Presbyterian Women

The Morning Group of Presbyterian Women will meet at Foothills on November 7, 2017 at 11:00 in the private dining room. All are invited to have lunch.

If you have questions about this group please call Julia Palmer at (864)630-5030.

Providence Preschool



November! The month of THANKS! The students have been busy doing all things pumpkin! They looked so cute all dressed up for our annual costume parade.

To celebrate Thanksgiving at the preschool, our K5 and K4 classes will get to enjoy a feast at the school with their families on **Nov. 15th** and **16th** between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm. We'll have dressed up pilgrims and Indians, real turkey, dressing and all the fixings to eat...and some fun Thanksgiving songs as well! The preschool will be closed from **Nov. 20th** through **Nov. 24, 2017**. On **Nov. 30th** we will take pictures with Santa!

The staff at Providence Preschool wants to thank each and every one of you for supporting our ministry and providing such a wonderful environment for our students to 'learn and play the creative way'. Much appreciation! Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

~ Sheree Beal, Director



Nov. 5, 2017



Providence Care offers a monthly grief support group led by Chaplain Andre Kroneman.

If you or someone you know needs this service, please feel free to attend. It is open to everyone!

Date: First Tuesday of every month (Nov. 7th)

Location: Ellenburg Hall

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00 pm

Cost: FREE

<http://providencanhelp.com/>

Serving the Church in November



Liturgists

Nov. 05 Dennis Olenwine
Nov. 12 Robin Bell
Nov. 19 Lewis Clapp
Nov. 26 Leah Bagwell

Acolytes

Nov. 05 Communion Sunday
Nov. 12 Braden Rochester
Nov. 19 Mary L. Metcalf
Nov. 26 Erika Clark

Flowers None

Nov. 05
Nov. 12
Nov. 19
Nov. 26

Greeters

Nov. 05 Vicki & Joey Ford
Nov. 12 Marian Graham & Becky Kay
Nov. 19 Peggy & Gary Morris
Nov. 26 Cyndi Everette & Jennifer McCalla

Ushers

November Terry Clark, Sam Ricker, Shane Metcalf,
Donnie Robertson

Nursery

Nov. 05 Wanda Witmer & Hanna Clark
Nov. 12 Becky Warner
Nov. 19 Angie Rochester
Nov. 26 Amy Metcalf

Children's Church

Nov. 05 Alora Holloway
Nov. 12 Suzette Garland
Nov. 19 Melissa Clark
Nov. 26 Shane Metcalf

Time with Children

Nov. 05 Debbie Spence
Nov. 12 Jennifer McCalla
Nov. 19 Becky Kay
Nov. 26 Jennifer McCalla

young
at heart

Young @ Heart enjoyed good food and fellowship during October. 20 were in attendance. Plans are to go to "Smoke on the Water" on **Nov. 28th** at 5:00 pm. The address is 1 Augusta St., #202, Greenville, SC 29601. Please mark your calendar. For more information, please contact *Julia Palmer*.

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on the water
a saucy southern tavern

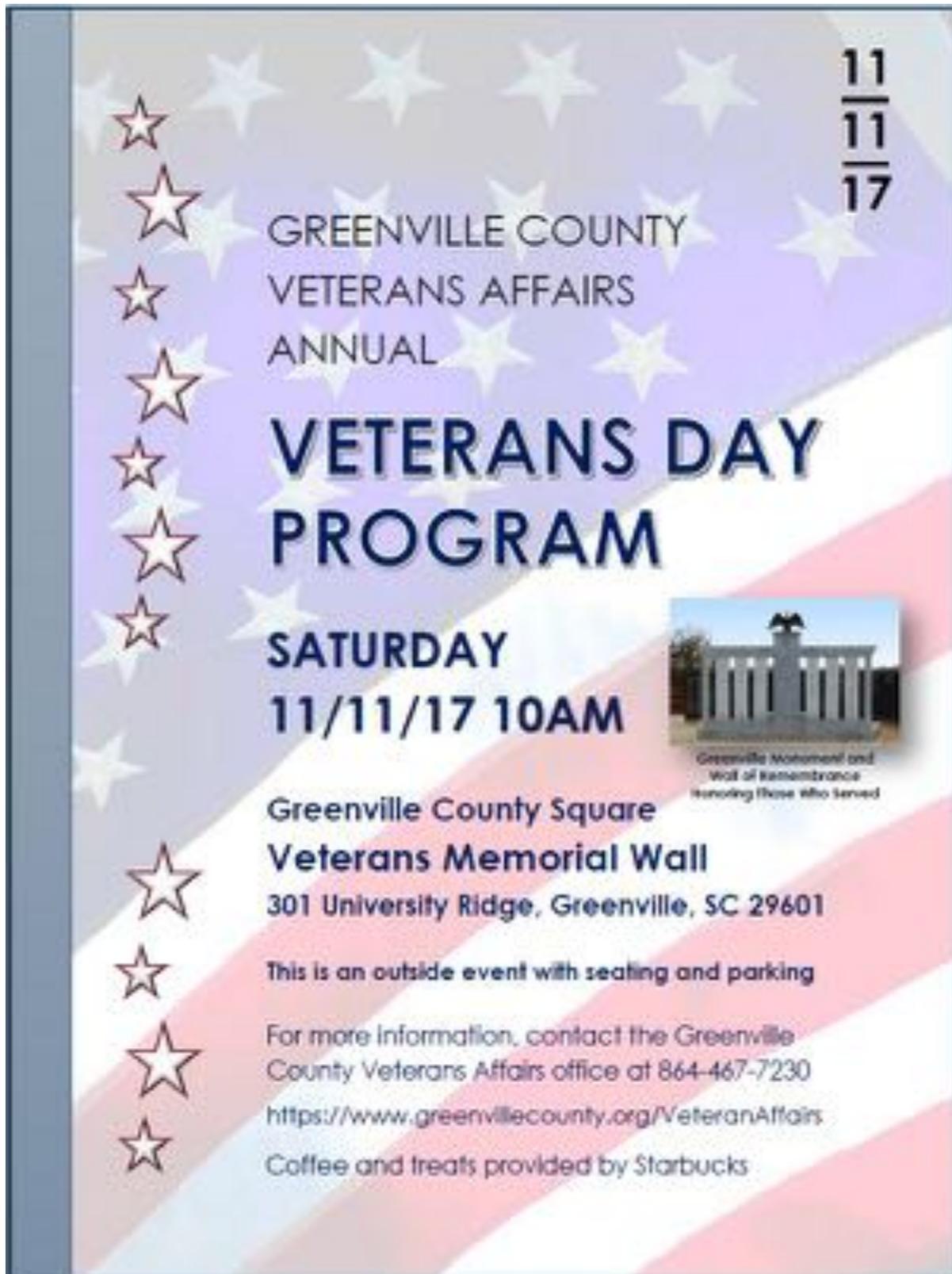




PRAYER
GARDEN



VETERANS DAY PINNING CEREMONY is Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 from 10:00 am until 11:30 am. Special guest speaker US Senator Tim Scott.



The flyer features a background with a stylized American flag, including stars and stripes. On the left side, there is a vertical column of seven stars. In the top right corner, the date '11/11/17' is displayed in a large, bold font. The main text is centered and reads: 'GREENVILLE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM'. Below this, the date and time are listed: 'SATURDAY 11/11/17 10AM'. To the right of the date and time is a small photograph of the Greenville Monument and Wall of Remembrance, with the caption 'Greenville Monument and Wall of Remembrance honoring those who served'. Below the photograph, the location is given as 'Greenville County Square Veterans Memorial Wall 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC 29601'. Further down, it states 'This is an outside event with seating and parking'. For more information, it provides the contact details for the Greenville County Veterans Affairs office: '864-467-7230' and the website 'https://www.greenvillecounty.org/VeteranAffairs'. Finally, it mentions 'Coffee and treats provided by Starbucks'.

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ANNUAL

**VETERANS DAY
PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY
11/11/17 10AM**



Greenville Monument and
Wall of Remembrance
honoring those who served

Greenville County Square
Veterans Memorial Wall
301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC 29601

This is an outside event with seating and parking

For more information, contact the Greenville
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Serving You at Providence

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Class of 2017 – Jill Champion, Stephen Cromer, Erick Nicholson, Randy Parker

Class of 2018 – Larry Brock, Cyndi Everette, Peggy Ragsdale, Linda Threatt

Class of 2019 – Jane Broderick, Shane Metcalf, Jennifer McCalla, Lowry Wilson

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream another dream."

~C.S. Lewis~

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