

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

June 2013



From the Pastor's Study...

June has come once again and that means as the Summer heat turns up so does the activity and mission of Providence Presbyterian Church. June 1st begins with participating in Relay for Life, on the 2nd we recognize our graduates this year, 9th is Communion Sunday and we will commission our Youth Mission Team for a week's worth of work in Savannah Georgia, 16th is Father's Day, and we will come together in fellowship and worship. June 30th we welcome Rev. Gene Pierce to the pulpit while Pat and I are away..

In June's scripture passage, Galatians 5:22-26, the apostle Paul speaks of the fruit of the spirit. Paul frequently steps up to the plate and gives us meaty texts that we can walk away from and put to use immediately as well as chew on for days, weeks, months or even a life time. In his letter to the church at Galatia he steps up and offers us a list of what it means to live in this world as a Christian in step with the Holy Spirit. Paul offers us important images of the fruit of the Spirit - where there are certain characteristics of God's Holy Spirit that we can identify in this life and seek some comfort and use as an example of what faithful Christian living looks like. The apostle Paul identifies that we are all creatures of passions and desires - yet we are reborn creatures in Christ - and so we are more than just passion and desire ... we creatures of: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control... as well.

Let us take time this month while we enjoy our air-conditioned spaces and give thanks to our Gracious God for all of God's blessings in this life.

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June Scripture Passage

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5:22-26

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Office phone number is 919.894.4063

Rev. Davis may also be reached at
919.264.4324(m).

May we also remember all those in our lives who care to take time in their lives to give us those things we could never achieve on our own. May God bless us with a deeper understanding of God's love through forgiveness purchased through the blood of Jesus. In days and weeks to come let us encourage each other to continue to support our church family and it's ministries in your thoughts, prayers, and actions.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

is planned for Sunday, June 9 through Saturday, June 15. Please be in prayer for the safe travel of our youth and their advisors, and for their spiritual growth and renewal as they fellowship with each other and reach out to serve those in need. Also, the Middle School Youth will be traveling to Massanetta Springs for their retreat from June 25 - June 28.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

is planned for Tuesday, June 11 at 12 noon at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join you for this special time of fellowship, food and entertainment. Please RSVP your attendance to Kay Dry by June 4 at 919.639.9784. Also, please be reminded that Providence will host this luncheon in July. Anyone who is available to help with set-up, decorations, food preparation, etc., should contact Kay Dry.



KINGDOM ROCK *Where Kids Stand Strong for God*

is the theme for Providence Presbyterian Church's Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2013. We will hold VBS in the evenings from Sunday, July 28 through Thursday, August 1, so go ahead and mark your calendars now! Volunteers are needed, so if you would like to help in anyway, please contact Kristy Stephenson or Beth Breeden. Please help spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors. On-line registration is now available at www.providencepresb.org. Please help with planning by pre-registering all children and youth who will be participating! Also, a VBS Informational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 14, immediately following Worship, in the Fellowship Hall. All volunteers/leaders are asked to attend this meeting. Lunch will be provided.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
DAYTIME CIRCLE**

will continue to meet during the summer at 10:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. The Evening Circle will resume their meetings in September. All ladies are invited to participate in the Daytime Circle throughout the summer if you'd like. If you have any questions regarding the Presbyterian Women, please contact Georgeanna Phillips.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES ARE
EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF**

Helen Creech, *Ronnie Creech's sister-in-law*
Marion Eaddy, *friend of Lisa Nelms*
Edna McLamb, *Pauline Jones' sister*
Norma Parsons, *member of church family*
Ann Woodall, *member of church family*

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

is held each Sunday from 10:25 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is simply a time of coffee/juice, a light refreshment, and an opportunity to connect with members of your church family! A sign-up sheet for providing the refreshments is posted on the bulletin board just beside the door to the kitchen. Please take a look at the schedule, and sign-up to host for an available Sunday!

8th ANNUAL MEN'S FISH FRY

was a huge success! Thanks to all those who volunteered their time on Thursday and/or Friday. Over 850 plates were served. Final numbers are still being gathered.

May Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on May 13, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Present were Moderator Reverend Jim Davis, and Elders Stephanie Bagley, Nathan Dry, Robert Joyner, John Kopanski, Wayne Lamm, Gary Phillips, Atlee Roberts, Kristy Stephenson, and Jeffrey Wood. Excused were Elder Atlee Roberts. A quorum was declared and Rev. Davis opened the meeting with prayer. Stephanie Bagley presented the devotional titled "Patience is a Virtue, So Hurry Up and Read" taken from Hebrews 6:15.

Correspondence included three letters from the Board of Pensions, one in response to Providence's inquiry about their Relief of Conscience program, a second expressing gratitude for Providence's support of the Christmas Joy Offering, and a third in regards to proposed changes to its dues structure for the Medical Plan of the PCUSA.

Committee reports were made from eight of the standing committees of Session. No Property Committee report was presented. The Pastor's Report was also submitted. The following actions were approved by Session:

- The minutes of the stated Session meeting conducted on April 8, 2013 were reviewed and approved.
- The closing elder will collect and distribute the pew pad information after worship each Sunday.
- The Long-Range Planning committee is to develop a written policy for funerals and other events held at the church as a part of a wider effort to establish an operations manual for the church.
- The April Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
- A money market account will be opened at First Citizens Bank in order to earn interest on the money that has been received for the capital campaign, directing approximately 75% of the funds to that account. Session members signed a letter to the bank indicating that the accounting treasurers, Ann Benson, Wayne Lamm, and Kristy Stephenson should have access to the account.
- A job description was approved for the Personnel Committee.
- A Personnel Policy for the church will be completed by the Personnel Committee and submitted to the Session for approval.
- Job descriptions for paid employees will be updated and presented in a format consistent with PCUSA guidelines by the Personnel Committee and submitted to the Session for approval.
- The Personnel Committee will handle quarterly reviews with Rev. Davis going forward, with an annual review conducted jointly with the Session in August.
- The Personnel Committee will handle the annual review for director of music and custodian on or before August 31, 2013.
- The Session conducted its annual review of the church rolls of membership. The active membership now stands at 180 persons.

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Rev. Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

We are thankful for those who have given their lives so that we might enjoy the blessing of freedom.

CONCERNS:

Joey Bullock, *friend of David Collier, recovering from car accident*

Rachel Thomas, *friend of Joe LaCerno, health problems*

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the family of:

Ethel Olivier, *Chris Nooney's aunt*

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson *at Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield*

Lacy & Marilyn Johnson *at Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield*

Pauline Jones *at Liberty Commons in Benson*

Grant Joyner, Bobbie Langdon, Bernard Parsons, and Frances Schmidt, at home

Our Nation's Leaders and All Persons Serving in the Armed Forces

All Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Carol Badalucco, *friend of Sue Bryant*, **Alvin Bagley**, *Carlos Bagley's uncle*, **Sherry Baker**, *friend of Laura Langdon*, **Nancy Biernacki**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*, **Shirley Bledsoe**, *member of community*, **Patsy Bowman**, *member of church family*, **Edith Bowser**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*, **Denise Brown**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Jennifer Councilman**, *friend of Karen Morrow*, **Bucky Gardner**, *friend of Christina Jones*, **Rowland Gilchrist**, *Becky Kleaver's brother*, **Ann Hargiss**, *member of community*, **P.B. Jernigan**, *relative of Sheila Dupree*, **David Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's brother*, **Leslie Lobaugh**, *friend of Chris Nooney*, **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*, **Harry Myers**, *friend of Ann Benson*, **Barbara Owens**, *friend of Laura Langdon*, **Jackie Parker**, *friend of Amy Reed*, **Barbara Shaw**, *Kathy Ryals' aunt*, **Bob Stephenson**, *Ann Stephenson's cousin*, **Bobby Stephenson**, *member of community*, **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*, **Crystal Stotter**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Kay Williams**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, and **Hannah Youngblood**, *friend of Kristy Stephenson*.

Other Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mother*, **Kim Anderson**, *friend of Georgeanna Phillips*, **Elaine Andrews**, *Andrea Jones' mother*, **Brenda Davis**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*, **Bill and Bobbie Ellis**, *Georgeanna Phillips' parents*, **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's father*, **Rose Hollingsworth**, *Ann Stephenson's sister-in-law*, **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's father*, **Melinda Kendall**, *member of church family*, **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*, **Stuart Kremer**, *friend of Andrea Jones*, **Jerome Langdon**, *member of community*, **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*, **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's mother*, **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*, **B.J. Parker**, *friend of Christina Nelms*, **David Raynor**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*, **Kathy Ryals**, *member of church family*, **Gary Schmidt**, *Kim Schmidt's brother*, **Pete and Brenda Skinner**, *friends of Sue Bryant*, **Nan Walker**, *Andrea Jones' grandmother*, **Marie Wellman**, *friend of Brenda Byrd*, **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*, and **Charles Young**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Anniversaries

- 1 Robert and Donna Stolle
- 12 Rosyval and Barbara Walton
- 13 Lacy and Marilyn Johnson
- 14 Israel and Karen Morrow
- 20 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 22 Phil and Christy Cross
Paul and Karen Sherrill
- 24 Steve and Kelly Nordan
Kent and Gwen Walton
- 27 Steve and Carol Wheltle
- 28 Jim and Pat Davis

June Birthdays

- 1 Daniel Stephenson
- 4 Connor Reed
- 5 Connor Frickman
- 6 Pam Nelms and Riley Wood
- 8 Don Dupree
- 9 Debbie Greene and Lisa Nelms
- 11 Austin Benson
- 13 Kay Dry
- 14 Rob Nooney
- 16 Eric Smith
- 17 Peggy Jones
- 18 Chellie Poston
- 20 Joshua Lynch
- 25 Lauren Langdon, Brandy Joyner,
and Emma Roberts
- 26 Grant Joyner and Barri Martin
- 27 Hamilton Greene
- 28 Molly Breeden
- 30 Pamela Collier

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2013

Stephanie Bagley - Worship
John Kopanski - Mission & Outreach
Atlee Roberts - Property

Class of 2014

Nathan Dry - Long-Range Planning
Wayne Lamm - Congregational Care
Gary Phillips - Fellowship

Class of 2015

Robert Joyner - Christian Education
Kristy Stephenson - Finance
Jeffrey Wood - Personnel, Clerk

Church Staff

Secretary

DeEtta Wood

Accounting Treasurer

Ann Stephenson

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

DeEtta Wood

Website

David Nelms

Newsletter

David Nelms & DeEtta Wood

Usher Coordinator

Russell Wood

JUNE EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 2 Israel and Karen Morrow
- 9 Mary and Lauren Langdon
- 16 Kent, Gwen and Abbey Walton
- 23 Christina Jones and Kendall Nelms
- 30 Haley Jones and Laura Langdon



USHERS

- 2 Pete Booth and Jonathan Breeden
- 9 John Kopanski and Gary Phillips
- 16 Mary Ann Booth and Joyce Lamm
- 23 Nathan Dry and John Daniel
- 30 Scott Martin and Jeffrey Wood

ACOLYTE

- 2 Charlotte Wood
- 9 Connor Reed
- 16 Ava Wood
- 23 Eva Stephenson
- 30 Emma Roberts



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 2 Jennifer Crocker and Amy Reed
- 9 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 16 Haley Jones and Kendall Nelms
- 23 Wendy and Hannah Stephenson
- 30 Ann Benson and Cathy Creech

KID'S CRUSADE

Children's Church and Kid's Crusade will combine for June, July & August

June Upcoming Events

- 1 Pioneer Clubs Year-End Celebration from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., with dinner being served at 5:00 p.m. The Adult Bible study will be led by Gary Phillips at 5:30 p.m.
- 2 Graduate Recognition during Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- 3 Long-Range Planning Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Prayer Shawl Group at 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Worship Committee meeting at 6 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm
- 9 Communion Sunday
- 9 Youth Mission Trip, returning Saturday, June 14
- 11 Senior Luncheon at 12 noon at White Memorial Presbyterian Church
- 12 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Happy Father's Day!
- 18 Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle at 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Middle School Retreat at Massanetta Springs, returning June 28
- 26 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Deadline to submit articles for the July newsletter