

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

October 2013



From the Pastor's Study...

Fall has officially come and October ushers in a very exciting and joyous moment in the historical fabric of Providence Presbyterian Church. Homecoming is October 13th where we will come together as God's community here at McGee's Crossroads and be joined by our extended family and community around us and celebrate a new thing! We will begin our new building project and put shovels in the ground to celebrate God's blessing upon the work of growing the Kingdom of God here in our community. What a true privilege it is to be part of Christ's church and to celebrate God's great big family.

Our Lord has given us so many opportunities to share God's blessings and God's grace, to nurture and serve each other and the larger world around us. This month begins with World Communion Sunday on October 6th - a celebration of the unity and a reminder of the awesome scope of Christ's Church!

World Communion reminds us that we are part of God's big family throughout the ages. It is also a time to reflect on what God is doing in the world and in our lives.

This month's scripture passage comes from 1 Peter 2:1-5 where Peter writes a letter of encouragement to the churches to rid the things that destruct the heart and to embrace Christ which bonds us together as family ... sisters and brothers together mutually supporting one another as the Church of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Peter calls us to be living stones of a spiritual house of God. He also calls us to be a Holy Priesthood ... spiritual sacrifices to God. In the Gospel accounts, Jesus sends the seventy disciples out into the land and

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October Scripture Passage

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-- ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:1-5

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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declares *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few..."* God calls us to go out into the world and get to work. We here at Providence take this calling to be "living stones of God's spiritual house" and to work in the harvest fields of our LORD and Master.

And so ... we joyfully come together and celebrate the new thing God is working through our hearts here at Providence Presbyterian Church. Let us pray that we continue to turn the eyes of our hearts toward our Lord God and follow our Creator's will and direction for our lives both corporately and individually.

May the Lord God bless you and keep you, the Grace of God comfort you, the power of God protect you, and the peace of God fill your hearts.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis

PS: Christmas is just 12 weeks away

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

will not be held this month due to Homecomings at our local churches. Please plan to participate in the next Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, November 12 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at 12 noon.

2013 HOMECOMING SERVICE AND GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Providence Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 86th anniversary with a Homecoming Service on Sunday, October 13, 2013. Homecoming is always a special time at Providence, but this year it will be extra special as we celebrate with a Groundbreaking Ceremony to begin construction on

Phases 1 and 2 of our Building Project. Please make plans to be a part of this very special day, as we praise the Lord for His many blessings!

Please make note of the many activities taking place, in addition to our Worship service:

- Homecoming Sunday is October 13, 2013
- No Fellowship Time following Sunday School
- Worship will begin with special music at 10:45 a.m., and will include a spirit-filled message by Rev. John Hartman
- The Homecoming Offering will go to support the Capital Campaign
- Following the Worship service, everyone will gather outside to celebrate as we "break-the-ground" for our new facilities.
- Dinner on the grounds will be enjoyed by all
- Church members are asked to bring extra food to share with our guests, family and friends!
- Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Congregational Meeting Notice

A congregational meeting has been called for **October 20, 2013** at the end of the morning worship service.

The congregational meeting is called for the purposes of election of church officers, change in the terms of call for the pastor and approving the loan for the completion of phases 1 and 2 of the building project.

ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE

will be held on Sunday, October 27 during the 11:00 a.m. Worship service. There will be a time during the service where the congregation will be able to come forward and light a candle in memory of someone who has passed away during the past year.

CHURCH CRAFT SALE

will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Craft Sale will be held as a fundraiser for the Youth Group. If you, or anyone you know, would like to participate as a vendor, please contact Robert and Brandy Joyner. Please plan to come out and shop, supporting not only our Youth Group but local area vendors

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This group is open to anyone - even if you do not know how to crochet - you can always learn, or simply be a part of this time of fellowship and ministry.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF

Athleene Johnson, *member of community*
Buster Johnson, *member of community*
Billie Sigmond, *Israel Morrow's grandmother*

YOUTH GROUP MISSION PROJECT

Thank you for helping the youth to collect school supplies for West Johnston and McGee's during our September mission project. The schools were very appreciative. For the month of October, the Youth are collecting "new and gently used small stuffed animals" for our Fire, Rescue, and Army Services. Any donations would be appreciated.

FALL FESTIVAL/HARVEST CELEBRATION

will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the home of Gary and Georgeanna Phillips. All members of the congregation are invited to come and be a part of this time of Fellowship! There will be games, activities, and a hayride, in addition to a delicious meal. Gary and Georgeanna will provide BBQ Chicken, and ask all those attending to please bring a side dish and dessert to share. If you have questions, please contact Gary Phillips at 919.207.0604.

**MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE
MONTHLY PROJECT**

will be *Bring Your Can to Church*. On the 4th Sunday of each month, members of the congregation are encouraged to bring in items to support our Backpack Buddies ministry and the Community Food Pantry.

There will be collection bins in the vestibule and Fellowship Hall on these Sundays for you to drop off your items. For a complete listing of items that are most needed for this ministry, please visit our website at www.providencepresb.org, Outreach Ministries, Community Care Cabinet.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

have kicked off a new year. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19 in the Fellowship Hall. The Daytime Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the Evening Circle will meet at 7:30 p.m. All women within the congregation are invited to attend! Also, the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering will be held on Saturday, October 5 at First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield. Registration and Refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting should contact Mary Ann Booth for additional information. If you have questions regarding any aspect of the Presbyterian Women, please contact Mary Ann Booth at maboorth1@gmail.com or 919.275.4564.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, in conjunction with Pioneer Clubs, at 5:00 p.m. in the Nesselrodt Classroom. Following the lesson, a meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

**Christian Education / Youth
Important Dates**

Oct 6 Pioneer/ Youth Group/ Adult Bible study all start at 5pm with dinner at 6:30pm.

Adult Bible study will be led by Pete Booth on 1 Peter 3:8-22.

Oct 13 Youth group 5:00-6:30pm

Oct 19 Fall Harvest Craft Sale sponsored by the Youth Group 8am-1pm

Oct 20 Youth Leader Meeting at 3:30pm

Pioneer/Youth Group/ Adult Bible Study to start at 5pm & dinner served at 630pm.

Adult Bible study will be led by MaryAnn Booth on 1 Peter 4:1-11.

Oct 26 Harvest Day Celebration at Gary & GeorgeAnna Phillips home 4-8pm; Fun for all, games, rides, food, and Trunk a Treat as well. Sign-up sheet for Trunk a Treat in fellowship hall on the Christian Education bulletin board.

Oct 27 Youth group 5-630pm

September Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on September 9, 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 Robert Joyner. A quorum was declared and Rev. Davis opened the meeting with prayer. Kristy Stephenson presented the devotional, reading a poem titled "From a Pile of Blocks" by Mrs. Edith Johnson.

Correspondence included a letter was received from the Board of Pensions informing of changes to the PCUSA medical plan. A letter of invitation was received from Mount Zion United Methodist Church for Stephen ministry group sessions.

Reports were received from Christian Education, Congregational Care, Fellowship, Finance, Long-Range Planning, Mission and Outreach, Nominating, Personnel, Property and Worship Committees and from the pastor. The following actions were approved by Session:

- The minutes of the stated Session meeting conducted on August 12, 2013 were reviewed and approved.
- The minutes of the called session meeting conducted on August 24, 2013 were reviewed and approved.
- The August Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
- Purchase two projection screens with necessary equipment and accessories not to exceed \$2,000 to be used for Homecoming and future needs of the church.
- Provide current financial information to the prospective banks for purposes of securing a loan for phases 1 and 2.
- Purchase a magnetic dry erase board for approximately \$260 to be used for children's church.
- John Kopanski will represent Providence as a commissioner at the October 26th meeting of New Hope Presbytery.

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Rev. Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

The successful surgery and recovery for Frank Bilbro, Mary Ann Booth's brother!

CONCERNS:

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson at *Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield*

Marilyn Johnson at *Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield*

Lacy Johnson & 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*, **Sherry Baker**, friend of *Laura Langdon*, **Nancy Biernacki**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*, **Patsy Bowman**, member of church family, **Edith Bowser**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*, **Kathy Durocher**, friend of *Mark Nelms*, **Ann Hargiss**, member of community, **P.B. Jernigan**, relative of *Sheila Dupree*, **David Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's brother*, **Keith Langdon**, member of church family, **Leslie Lobaugh**, friend of *Chris Nooney*, **Ann Lopp**, friend of *Andrea Jones*, **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*, **Jerry Penny**, friend of *Dick Embrey*, **Barbara Shaw**, *Kathy Ryals' aunt*, **Bob Stephenson**, *Ann Stephenson's cousin*, **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*, **Crystal Stotter**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*, **Tammy Vann**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*, **Kenneth Weathers**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*, **Betty West**, friend of *Randy Benson*, **Jimmy Wilkins**, member of community, **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*, **Tim Anderson**, member of community, **Elaine Andrews**, *Andrea Jones' mother*, **Mary Bass**, *Rev. Davis' mother*, **Shelton Benson**, *Randy Benson's father*, **Charlie Brannon**, friend of *Dick Embrey*, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*, **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*, **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*, **David Raynor**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*, **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*, **Kathy Ryals**, member of church family, **Danny Salmon**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*, **Gary Schmidt**, *Kim Schmidt's brother*, **Pete and Brenda Skinner**, friends of *Sue Bryant*, **Nan Walker**, *Andrea Jones' grandmother*, **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*, and **Charles Young**, friend of *Lisa Nelms*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Anniversaries

- 1 Mac and Peggy Jones
Tyler and Natalie Nordan
- 4 Jeffrey and DeEtta Wood
- 6 Bob and Nadine Reed
- 19 Leon and Janice Parrish
- 20 Gary and Georgeanna Phillips
- 26 Scott and Barri Martin
- 28 Eric and Lorie Smith

October Birthdays

- 1 Greenleigh Wheeler
- 4 Allison Tart
- 6 Dylan Jones and Amanda McLamb
- 7 Eunice Newnam
- 8 Carolyn Johnson
- 10 Chad Cross
- 11 Robbie Wood
- 13 Adam Stuart
- 17 Abigail Wood
- 18 Susan Rudd and Paul Sherrill
- 21 Andrea Jones
- 22 Emily Langdon
- 24 Tim Nooney
- 28 Joan Littleton
- 29 David Breeden

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

OCTOBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 6 Kent, Gwen and Abbey Walton
 13 Sue Bryant and Carolyn Stuart
 20 Christina Jones and Lisa Nelms
 27 Mark and Pam Nelms



USHERS

- 6 Pete Booth and John Kopanski
 13 Tony Bryant, Scott Martin
 Jimmy Stuart and Russell Wood
 20 Ken Lordi and Steve Wolak
 27 Wayne Lamm and Rick Taylor

ACOLYTE

- 6 Riley Wood
 13 Ava Wood
 20 Eva Stephenson
 27 Olivia White



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 6 Wendy and Hannah Stephenson
 13 Barbie Frickman & Brandy Joyner
 20 Barri Martin and Grace Martin
 27 Ann Benson and Cathy Creech

KID'S KRUSADE

Beth Breeden

Elder of the Month/Greeter

Robert Joyner

October Upcoming Events

- 1 Prayer Shawl Group at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 2 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 5 Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at First Presbyterian Church, Smithfield
- 6 World Communion Sunday during Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- 6 Adult Christmas Cantata Rehearsal from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 6 Pioneer Clubs, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.
- 7 Long Range Planning Committee at 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Christian Education Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Homecoming Celebration and Groundbreaking Ceremony at 10:45 a.m.
- 14 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Church Craft Fair from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 20 Youth Advisor's Meeting at 3:30 p.m. Pioneer Clubs, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.
- 22 Presbyterian Women Circle meetings at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- 23 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Fall Festival/Harvest Celebration at the home of Gary and Georgeanna Phillips
- 27 All Saints Day Remembrance during Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- 27 *Bring Your Can to Church* Sunday in support of the Backpack Buddies and Community Food Pantry ministries
- 27 Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.
- 27 Deadline for submitting articles for the November newsletter
- 30 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.