

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

October 2014



From the Pastor's Study...

The new Fall season of 2014 ushers in a brand new chapter in the history of Providence Presbyterian Church. Homecoming this year comes on October 12th where we will come together as God's people joined by our extended family and community to celebrate a new thing ... a new building! We will begin our new building project last year and put our shovels in the ground to celebrate growing God's Kingdom here on earth. And so, it is with great joy and excitement we embrace the cooler temperatures of fall for there is much work and celebrating to do!

This month begins with World Communion Sunday on October 5th - a celebration of the unity and mission 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 Acts 2:42-47 which gives us a snap shot of the growing early church of Jesus Christ and that we are called to the same mission and ministry. We do not do this alone, for we are in the presence of God our Father and we stand on the shoulders of all those who've gone before us. In the shadow of All Saints Sunday on the 26th, we give thanks for all those who have done so much for us ... especially when they did so without invitation but from their hearts - out of love. I am often convicted by so many the saints who have gone before us, who have done so much for God's family, whose actions still serve so many posthumously and resonate with us in the present. Let us come together in the days and weeks to come and joyfully remember what God has done in our lives.

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October Scripture Passage

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.
Acts 2:42-47

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May we reflect on how God has grown us in mind and spirit this past year so that we may be all the more encouraged to invite God even closer in the life and people of Providence Presbyterian Church. Let us pray the turning of 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!



Beginning in October the children and youth of LOGOS will be collecting items to make shoeboxes as part of Operation Christmas Child, through the Samaritan's Purse ministries.

How can you help?

1. Please bring items for shoeboxes and place in the bins located in the fellowship hall by November 2nd. The children will be packing shoe boxes during their November LOGOS meetings.
2. Donate your own premade shoebox by November 16, please include \$7.00 per box (Check payable to Samaritan's Purse - OCC on memo line)

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Circles meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The Day Circle will meet at 10:00 AM and the Evening Circle at 7:30 PM. All women of the church are invited to participate.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

There will not be a luncheon for the October Senior Luncheon due to so many of the Churches having their Homecoming the month of October. The Luncheons will resume Nov. 11th at White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Homecoming

Homecoming at Providence is planned for Sunday, October 12. This will be another exciting Homecoming for us, as we are well underway with the new building project. There are several exciting activities being planned for this special day. The Reverend Gene Pierce will be our guest preacher.

Church Surveys

A reminder the surveys that were distributed or mailed by the Long Range Planning Committee to Providence members and regular visitors ages 12 and older are due. Surveys may be returned to Nathan Dry and Pete Booth or left in the Long Range Committee mailbox in the hallway behind the Sanctuary. Please fill out one as this is an important part of the church's planning for the future.

Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Circle at PPC meet on the first Tuesday of each month, starting. They meet at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome.

Mission and Outreach

There are several things going on with lots of opportunity for volunteers. To help with any of these events, please contact Margie Taylor at 919-207-0149.

- We need volunteers to deliver the Backpack Buddy bags to the schools on Fridays.
- When putting those summer clothes away and getting out those winter wooleys, remember Harbor Shelter for abused women and children. Gently used clothing will be taken to Pizazz that sells them to support the shelter or gives them to residents at the shelter. We will be going to work on a Saturday again soon.

Church Skiing Retreat

Friday, January 23-Sunday, January 25, 2015 WINTER RETREAT to Winterplace Ski Resort, Flat Top, WV. This retreat is open to the whole church. A minimum of 40 people (a person is considered ages 6 and up) will be required to have the retreat. Youth are only permitted to go with parental supervision. Costs are ESTIMATED as follows:

Lodging (for persons 6 years and older) \$90 per person for the weekend. This payment (for lodging only) will be nonrefundable and due by Sunday, October 12th.

Skiing is ESTIMATED as follows:

Lift Ticket: 6-12 years \$49 all day on Saturday, Over 12 \$65 all day on Saturday

Ski Rental:

6-12 years \$25 all day on Saturday
Over 12 \$33 all day on Saturday

Snow Tubing: The cost has not been posted.

You do not have to ski or tube, please join us for the fellowship and fun! Please contact Stephanie Bagley
snbagley@gmail.com or [919.868.2756](tel:919.868.2756).

Deadline for November Newsletter Items

is Thursday October 27. If you have news or announcements you would like to see included in the newsletter, please send them to Dave Nelms at dnelms44@gmail.com.

Youth Spotlight

LOGOS

The youth were excited to start our new Logos program on Sunday nights. They are excited about the 4 parts to the program, and it's fun to hear them talk about their favorite parts. Ask a youth to tell you what they are doing and learning in their program, they will be excited to tell you! Remember Logos is the first and third Sunday nights of each month. October's meetings are Sunday, October 5th & Sunday, October 19th.

Kickball & Lunch

We had a successful Sunday afternoon of kickball and pizza. A fun time was enjoyed by everyone, adults included! At our outings, the youth do their own devotion, and we sing in addition to our fun activity.

Busch Gardens

We will have 14 youth and 5 adults going to Busch Gardens on Saturday, October 4th. Please keep our group in your prayers for safe travels.

Youth Campout

The youth are invited to a campout at the home of Steve & Kelly Nordan on Friday, November 7th beginning at 7:30 pm and ending Saturday, November 8th, at 8 am. Please feed your youth supper before coming. We ask each one to bring a snack to share. RSVP to Stephanie Bagley by Sunday, November 2, 2014. We need to make sure everyone has a place to sleep!

Youth Mission Project

S.A.F.E Drive (Stuffed Animals For Emergencies) : The youth will collect new or gently used stuffed animals for our local emergency centers during the month of October Boxes for collection will be in the fellowship hall. Any donations would be appreciated.

Youth Newsletter – anyone is interested in receiving the Youth Newsletter “*IGNITE*”, please contact Stephanie Bagley at snbagley@gmail.com

The church website's **Youth Calendar** has been updated to reflect the new year and the exciting plans for the all youth. This can be accessed directly at http://providencepresb.org/Children_Youth%20Ministry/youth_calendar.html

September Session Highlights

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a stated session meeting on September 8, 2014, at 7:00pm at the church. The elders present were Pete Booth, Wayne Lamm, Jeff Wood, Margie Taylor, Gary Phillips, Beth Breeden, Steve Nordan and David Nelms. Nathan Dry and Kristy Stephenson were excused.

- Motion passed to allow the Youth Christian Education committee to spend up to \$300 to purchase paint for the walls in the front room and to remove the carpet in that room in the manse.
- Discussion of the facilities plan going forward in the new facility. Facilities committee to have the furnishings sheet and plans by next session meeting.
- Preliminary work on a use policy for the new fellowship hall will be deferred until the new committee chair is in place with the next Session.
- Nominating committee has begun its work and should have a report by next session meeting.
- Session decided against making any changes to the copier contract until we see if adding security codes cuts down on excessive usage.
- Long range planning to appoint someone to track the furnishings campaign receipts and the memory or honor that is attached to the donation.

Next stated session meeting will be held October 13, 2014 at 7pm

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson at Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield, **Lacy and Marilyn Johnson** at Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield, **Pauline Jones**, at Liberty Commons in Benson, **Grant Joyner, Bobbie Langdon**, and **Frances Schmidt** at home.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Vicky Austin, community, **Sherry Baker**, friend of **Laura Langdon**, **Cheryl Beckham**, friend of **Laura McLamb**, **Jerry Benson**, **Randy Benson's** cousin, **Nancy Biernacki**, friend of **Bob Zattiero**, **Patsy Bowman**, member of church family, **Edith Bowser**, friend of **Bob Zattiero**, **Mickey Carroll**, cousin of **Kelly Nordan**, **Kathy Durocher**, friend of **Mark Nelms**, **Ann Hargis**, member of community, **P.B. Jernigan**, relative of **Sheila Dupree**, **Joey Johnson**, friend of **Randy Benson**. **Paula Johnson**, friend of **Dave and Edythe Natrass**, **Keith Langdon**, member of church family, **Carol Mayben**, **Sandy Kopanski's** sister-in-law, **Stacy Meadows**, friend of **Beth Wolak**, **Jackie Parker**, friend of **Amy Dupree**, **Judy Clifton Smith**, friend of **Mary Langdon**, **Ben Snelling**, friend, of **John Kopanski**, **Randy Stephenson**, **Jon Nooney's** cousin, **Chad Talley**, friend of **John Pickens**, **Karen Tew**, friend of **DeEtta Wood**, **Wayne Toler**, **Dorothy Nesselrodt's** brother-in-law **Tammy Vann**, friend of **Sandy Kopanski**, **Cory Watt**, friend of **Jeff Wood**, **Kenneth Weathers**, brother-in-law of **Wendy Stephenson**, **DeEtta Wood**, member of church family, and **Hannah Youngblood**, friend of **Kristy Stephenson**

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Levon and Nancy Allen, **Sheila Dupree's** parents, **Mary Bass**, **Rev. Davis's** mother, **Velma and Ray Bost**, grandparents of **Heath White**, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, **Steve Wolak's** parents, **Skylar Duquette**, **Wendy Stephenson's** great niece, **Ed Fontana**, **Mary Langdon's** father, **Fred Ipock**, **Cathy Creech's** father, **Melinda Kendall**, member of church family, **Norbert Kopanski**, **John Kopanski's** father, **Stuart Kremer**, friend of **Andrea Jones**, **Vic LaSaxon**, **Chris Nooney's** brother-in-law, **Wanza Mayben**, **Sandy Kopanski's** mother, **Sue Nicholson**, **Chris Nooney's** sister, **Jon Nooney**, member of church family, **Chellie Poston**, former member, **Jennifer Price**, step-sister to **Andrea Jones** **Kathy Rose**, friend of **Kim Schmidt**, **Kathy Ryals**, community, **Donald Salmon**, **Wendy Stephenson's** brother-in-law, **Gwen Walton**, member of church family, and **John Wright**, **Chris Nooney's** father

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES OF

Elaine Andrews, mother of **Andrea Jones**,
Robert and Melba McGee, **Allison Nelms's** great uncle and aunt
Carolyn Sue Johnson Raynor, member of the community
John Cooke, brother of **LaVette Morgan**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

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

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2014

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

Class of 2015

Kristy Stephenson - Finance
Jeffrey Wood - Youth Christian Education
Margie Taylor, Mission and Outreach

Class of 2016

Beth Breeden - Children's Christian Education
Pete Booth, Personnel
David Nelms - Worship, Clerk of Session
Steve Nordan - Property

Church Staff

Secretary Group

Ann Stephenson, Margie Taylor,
Mary Ann Booth, Heather White,
LaVette Morgan, David Nelms

Accounting Treasurer

Ann Stephenson

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

DeEtta Wood

Website

David Nelms

Newsletter

David Nelms

Usher Coordinator

Russell Wood

OCTOBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 5 Beth Pickens & Jonathan Breeden
 12 Carolyn Stuart & Lisa Nelms
 Andrea Jones
 19 Chris & Kristy Stephenson
 26 Sue Bryant & Barri Martin

USHERS

- 5 Atlee Roberts & Carlos Bagley
 12 Jimmy Stuart & Russell Wood
 Tony Bryant and Scott Martin
 19 Don Dupree & Ken Lordi
 26 John Daniel & Austin Benson

ACOLYTE

- 5 Silas Porter
 12 Mary Elaine Wood
 19 Riley Wood
 26 Graycen Murray

CHILDRENS CHURCH HELPER

- 5 Joyce Lamm
 12 Karen Morrow
 19 Laura Langdon
 26 Jonathan Breeden

CHILDRENS CHURCH TEACHER

Jennifer Crocker

KIDS KRUSADE

Amy Dupree

ELDER

David Nelms

October Upcoming Events

- 1 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
 2 Personnel Committee at 6:30 pm
 2 Mission & Outreach Committee at
 7:30 pm
 5 World Communion Sunday
 5 Logos at 5:00 pm
 6 Congregational Care Committee at
 10:00 am
 7 Prayer Shawl Group at 10:00 am
 8 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
 11 Church clean-up day and
 Homecoming prep
 12 Homecoming at 11:00 am
 13 Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 pm
 14 PW Daytime Circle at 10:00 am
 PW Evening Circle at 7:30 pm
 15 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
 19 Logos at 5:00 pm
 21 PW Daytime Circle at 10:00 am
 PW Evening Circle at 7:30 pm
 22 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
 26 All Saints Sunday at 11:00 am
 27 Deadline for November Newsletter
 Submissions
 29 Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
 30 Fellowship Committee at 7:00 pm in
 the Nesslerodt Classroom