

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

August 2019



From the Pastor's Study...



May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

August Scripture Passage

⁷ Accept one another, then just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For the I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs ⁹so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name." ¹⁰ Again, it says, Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to Him, all you peoples." ¹² And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in Him." ¹³ 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.

Romans 15:7-13

CHURCH OFFICE



Office Hours
Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am -
1:00 pm and by appointment

Office phone number is 919.894.4063

Providence Presbyterian Church

Our Mission Statement

*To disciple others in Christ by sharing the gospel
Through our words and actions,
To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith
by worship, fellowship and Christian education,
To prayerfully serve God by worshipping Him
Through Jesus Christ
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbors as Jesus taught us.*



Encourage Each other and build each other up.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



SECRETARY

Cindy Lynch is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please send your bulletin prayer requests, updates, announcements, email distribution additions/deletions or other messages for broadcast via email to the congregation to: ppcsecretary@gmail.com or call the office number, 919-894-4063.



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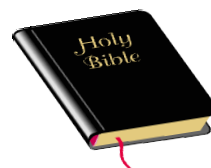
FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

Jonathan Kershaw would like to thank the groups who have volunteered for fellowship time, and wants to extend an invitation to anyone or group if they would like to volunteer for the fourth Sunday this year to please contact him. You can reach him at 908-698-2501 or ilucask222@gmail.com



LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY

August 4 Mary Ann Booth
August 11 David Collier
August 18 Kevin Creech
August 25 Eric Faircloth



FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

If you request to use either of our Fellowship Halls you will be required to complete a form and the approval will come from the Committee or Session. New requests can be made through the church office (Cindy Lynch) at ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com or call 919-894-4063. Your request will be placed on the calendar as "Reserve" until it is "Approved". If you have questions on this policy please contact:
Jonathan Kershaw at 908-698-2501 or ilucask222@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone that needs to be on the prayer list or someone that needs to be removed please let Cindy Lynch know by email at ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com or call the church office at 919-894-4063.



Men's Fellowship Group Assistance

Small chores & household assistance is available by the Men's Fellowship Group. To schedule, contact Jonathan Kershaw or the Secretary with your needs.



It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

So says any store that sells school supplies! Last year M&O sponsored a drive to collect supplies; they were given to members of our church who teach in Johnston County schools. We are doing a modified version of that drive this year.

** We ask teachers in our congregation to send us an email identifying themselves as a teacher (we don't want to miss anyone, so please let us know via email that you are a teacher). <dms6330@gmail.com>

** Teachers, no later than 15 Sept, via email, please provide a list of the top five supply items that some families are not able to provide for their children. <dms6330@gmail.com>

** Congregation, could you consider donating \$\$, we will do the shopping for you! (Place in the offering plate checks, or cash in an envelope marked "HOT." Put HOT on the memo line of the check.) Donations are being accepted up to and including 15 Sept.

** If you couldn't resist the current sales and have already purchased supplies, we will gladly accept those. Please place them in the container marked "HOT," located in the Choir Rm, under the mail center.

** Thank you so much for participating. We are helping both the students, and our teachers, who regularly dip into their own pockets to help the innocent ones.

Most Sincerely, The M&O School Squad!



Volunteers Needed for Homecoming 2019

We are still in need of volunteers for the 2019 Homecoming Committee. There will be a Homecoming Committee Meeting, Monday, August 5 at 7:00 pm in the UFH. We are still in need of volunteers to assist with Homecoming, October 13 plans for decorating and invite youth and adults to attend. For questions contact Jonathan Kershaw at 919-639-0447 or email jlucas222@gmail.com



SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held at Mount Zion Methodist Church at 12 noon on Tuesday, August 13. If you plan to attend, please let Margie Taylor know by the evening of Thursday, August 8, so that the cooks know how much food to prepare.

Contact Margie at margieataylor@aol.com or 919-207-0149.



The Congregational Care Committee supplies Prayer Shawls for anyone who may be in need of physical warmth during the Worship Service. The shawls are located in the Narthex. ** After the service, please leave the used shawl on the end of the pew - they are cleaned after each use.*



If there are members of the congregation or regular attendees that would like a member of the Congregational Care Committee to visit with them, please get that information to Carolyn Johnson at cmoorejohnson2012@gmail.com



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

There will Not be a Men's Fellowship Breakfast in August. All men are encouraged to attend the Men's Breakfast in September.



FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group invite you to do something healthy for yourself and walk with us. We end each meeting in prayer for our church family and each other. We meet Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am in the UFH.



CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will meet on Tuesday, August 6 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team II will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on Thursday, August 15 at 1:00 pm.



M&O

Universal Assisted Living Visit

Our visit this month is on Tuesday, August 13 at 1:00 pm.

M&O Committee Meeting

Is Monday, August 26 at 11:00 am UFH



PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl Circle will Not meet
in
June, July or August

We will reconvene on Tuesday, 24 Sept.,
10:00am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy the summer!



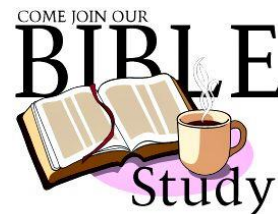
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women had its last circle meeting on May 14 for the 2018-2019 study year.

There will be a PW Coordinating Team Meeting on Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 pm in the UFH.

We will then kick off the 2019-2020 study year at the Tuesday, September 17, 2019 PW Joint Circle Meeting at 7:00 pm.

All are Welcome!



Food Pantry

Please bring your food donations for these worthy ministries and place them in the blue bins near the foyer doors leading into the Upper Fellowship Hall.

While all donations are appreciated, the most needed items are given below.

BACKPACK BUDDIES MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- 1) individual serving/packets of 100% fruit juice
- 2) fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears)
- 3) individual serving packets of oatmeal/grits
- 4) soup

FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

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| 1) sugar | 3) paper towels | 5) clothes washing detergent |
| 2) flour | 4) toilet paper | 6) dish washing detergent |



EPC Presbyterian Women's Fall Retreat 2019



AT

**CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER AND CAMP
4756 CARAWAY MOUNTAIN ROAD
SOPHIA, NC 27350**

All Women Are invited to join us for a time of worship, fellowship, fun and breakout sessions to help us do amazing things with our churches!

Registration for overnight attendees ends August 29, 2019;

For day guests only, registration ends October 16, 2019

At <https://www.pmawomen.org>

If you would like to know more, please contact Ann Benson or Lisa Nelms.

Highlights of Minutes from July 8, 2019 Stated Session Meeting

Correspondence

- The Rev. Dr. William Enns of EPC who assists the denomination with Transitional Pastor placements will teleconference with the Session on Tuesday, July 16 at 7pm.
- Results of the Congregational vote on the Terms of Dismissal were sent to the Executive Presbyter and the PET of New Hope Presbytery. The settlement was accepted by the Coordinating Body (CB). The CB will meet in August and prepare for the October Presbytery meeting and vote.

Open and Actionable Items

Personnel – A recommendation was made by the committee that copies of the EPC Book of Order be purchased for the Session and offered for sale to the congregation. Rather than purchase, the Session agreed to ask David Nelms, the Webmaster, to place a link to the EPC website where the full Book of Order is available as a PDF document. It can be read or downloaded.

Children's Christian Education – The Session approved by consensus accepting an offer from Susan Rudd to lead the rehearsals for the children's Christmas program. A written report was received from the Sunday School Superintendent, Jeff Wood. Sunday School Teacher Appreciation will be held on August 25, 2019. A request was made to approve establishing a Sunday School class for our 18 – 29 year-old members. Session approved by consensus.

Worship

- Campbell University Choir will sing during worship on October 27, 2019. A Love offering collection was approved.
- Head Usher – A new Head Usher is needed. A job description will be prepared and efforts made to solicit a volunteer from the congregation.
- Supply Pastors – Progress is being made in identifying supply pastors for the coming months.

Committee Updates

Congregational Care – Carolyn Johnson shared that she and Reverend Davis served communion to 11 individuals at Classic Care, including Mr. Brack Johnson, and to Ms. Marilyn Johnson at Barbour Court on June 19, 2019.

Financial – Copies of the June 2019 financial report were reviewed. An \$8,000 CD at Edward Jones matured and was added to the Money Market Fund. A motion was unanimously approved to designate the funds to the "Development Fund" for the purposing of paying the settlement with New Hope Presbytery. The General Fund outlook improved in June as the result of increased giving and donations from both the Presbyterian Women and Men's Fellowship.

| | <u>General Fund Revenues</u> | <u>General Fund Expenses</u> |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| June 2019 | \$40,526.64 | \$20,783.50 |
| Year to Date | \$153,494.95 | \$138,050.85 |

Mission & Outreach – A new Girl Scout Troop (Brownies) will begin meeting in the Lower Fellowship Hall on July 16th They will meet the first and third Tuesdays thereafter. Meeting time will be from 5:45 until 7:15 pm.

Property – A solution is needed to solve the bottleneck at the organ. Session approved swapping pews if needed.

Youth Christian Education – Several of the church youth will leave for Camp Caswell on August 5, 2019.

Other Business - A second-hand welcome center was purchased with funds provided by a member of the congregation.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Davis reported on a visit with the Penny's and informed Session that he is preparing for his departure. Rev. Davis asked Cathy Simmons to assume responsibility in his place for the secretary's report of hours worked.

Highlights of Minutes from July 16, 2019 Called Session Meeting

The Session of Providence Presbyterian Church held a called meeting on July 16, 2019 at 7:00pm at the church. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Reverend Dr. William (Bill) Enns via teleconference and conduct business related to the employment of a Transitional Pastor.

Meeting with Reverend Dr. Bill Enns

Dr. Enns left the PCUSA in 2009 and is a former senior pastor of Hope Church in Raleigh. He currently serves as a leadership coach and organizational consultant to the EPC, and for the past 19 years has mentored ministerial students and pastors. Dr. Enns works with the EPC to assist with appointments of Transitional Pastors.

Dr. Enns shared with Session the objectives of a Transitional pastor. He stated that a transitional pastor is especially desirable for Providence given our dual transitions – to a new denomination and a new pastor. One of the major activities of the transitional pastor will be assisting the church in discerning what God's preferred future is for Providence. The transitional pastor will serve in all ways as the pastor during the transition to EPC and search for a permanent pastor. He stated that Providence should expect a transitional pastor to be with us for 18 to 24 months.

Dr. Enns was asked if Providence should expect to see a decline in giving and attendance. In his experience, he stated, a church normally will see attendance and giving increase as a vision for the future emerges.

He stated that the Session is the search committee for a transitional pastor but that a sub-committee of the Session members can be appointed to conduct the search and present a recommendation to the Session.

Dr. Enns offered his assistance with finding supply pastors in the interim.

Transitional Pastor

1. A discussion was held regarding the need to employ a transitional pastor. It was agreed by consensus that a transitional pastor from the EPC should be hired.
2. Session agreed that a Transitional Search Committee (TSC), a sub-committee of the Session, should be appointed to review candidates and make a recommendation, including a contract, to hire a candidate. It was agreed that the sub-committee could ask one or two inactive elders to participate. A motion was made and approved to form the ISC sub-committee.
3. Transitional Search Committee - A motion was made and approved for Donna Stolle, Vickie Faircloth, Scott Martin and Carolyn Johnson to form the sub-committee.

Update: The TSC has been joined by Jeff Wood, inactive Elder of Providence Presbyterian Church.

The Book of Order

of

THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC)

The Book of Government

The Book of Discipline

The Book of Worship

2018-2019



Now Available On PPC Website

<http://www.providencepresb.org/>

Look for link "EPC BOOK OF ORDER"

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Prayer List of Joys and 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; **Virginia Moore**, at The Pearl in Fort Mill; **Bobbie Langdon**, at Highland Village in Cary.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Sherry Baker, friend of Laura Langdon; **Joanne Boyle**, Bob Zattiero's niece; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Sherri Cox**, friend of Carolyn Johnson; **Earl Guss**, cousin of Andrea Jones; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of Wendy Stephenson; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, Joe Hawkins' mother; **Tommy Lee** (and his wife Judge Jackie Lee), friends of the Jones Families; **Judy Morris**, community; **Norman Nelms**, brother of Tom Nelms; **Jamie Harris**, friend of Andrea Jones; **David Ryan**, coworker of John Pickens; **Abby Stanley**, coworker of John Pickens; **Randy Stephenson**, Jon Nooney's cousin; **Debbie Sturgis**, member.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, Sheila Dupree's mom; **H. A. Andrews**, father of Andrea Jones; **Sara Barber**, Vickie Faircloth's mother; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Patricia Chapin**, friend of Carolyn Johnson; **Larry Creech**, Father of Kevin Creech; **Pamela Collier**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of Sue Bryant; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Kelly Daniel**, member; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of Georganna Phillips; **Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman**, friends of Providence; **John Harris**, friend of Andrea Jones; **Brian Johnson**, cousin of Don Dupree; **Jamone Johnson**, friend of church; **Harley Kremer**, Andrea Jones niece; **Vic LaSaxon**, Chris Nooney's brother-in-law; **Tommy and Judge Jackie Lee**, friends of the Jones Families; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Bill McClandless**, friend of Bob Zattiero; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Judy Nemeth**, friend of Miriam Lambert; **Sue Nicholson**, Chris Nooney's sister; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Ginny Parker**, friend of the church; **Ed & Lou Penny**, members; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of Beth Wolak; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of Andrea Jones; **Stephen Southers**, community; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father and **Eva Younts**, Nadine Reed's Aunt.

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families and friends of those who were lost this past month.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



August Anniversaries

- 14 Nathan and Kay Dry
18 David and Pamela Collier
Stephen and Samantha Nordan
21 Darren and Joan Stuart
23 Ron and Lynn Cross
Don and Brenda Dupree
29 Dave and Edythe Nattrass
30 Kevin and Mary Powell

August Birthdays

- 1 Dick Embrey
Macie Wood
3 Brenda Dupree
Grace Martin
LaVette Morgan
4 Emma Phillips
Eva Stephenson
5 Robert Stolle
9 Richard Jones
10 John Rogers
12 Ann Stephenson
13 Bob Reed
16 John Mott
19 Stewart Pickens
Nadine Reed
23 Patsy Bowman
26 Natalie Nordan
27 Emily Paige Smith
28 Charleigh Murray
Elaine Wood
29 Tyler Nordan
30 Lauren Collier Bellissimo
31 Randy Benson

Session

Class of 2019

*Mary Ann Booth - Clerk
Donna Stolle - Worship
Vickie Faircloth - Children C.E.
John Kopanski - Mission & Outreach*

Class of 2020

*David Collier - Adult C. E.
Kevin Creech - Youth C. E.
Steve Newnam - Property
Cathy Simmons - Personnel*

Class of 2021

*Sam Stephenson - Financial
Jonathan Kershaw - Fellowship
Scott Martin - Long Range Planning
Carolyn Johnson - Congregational Care*

Church Staff

Secretary

Cindy Lynch

Accounting Treasurer

Wendy Stephenson

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist/Pianist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

Angie Searcy

Newsletter

Cindy Lynch

Website

David Nelms

AUGUST EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

4 Jennifer and Roger Gilbert
 11 Elaine Wood
 18 Liz Annis and Alisha Bradley
 25 Jennifer and Roger Gilbert

USHERS

4 Johnny Wood, Riley Wood and Pete Booth (Back)
 11 Tony Bryant, David Collier and Kevin Creech (Back)
 18 John Daniel, Ronnie Creech and Eric Faircloth (Back)
 25 Todd Frickman, Richard Jones and John Kopanski (Back)

ACOLYTE

4 William Stephenson
 11 Gavin Annis
 18 Meadow Creech
 25 Phoebe Creech

CHILDRENS WORSHIP

4 No Children's Worship
 11 Kristy and Chris Stephenson
 18 Kristy and Chris Stephenson
 25 Barri and Scott Martin

ELDER

Steve Newnam

SAFETY/SECURITY ASSISTANT

TBD

August Upcoming Events



Aug 1 End of VBS – “Roar”, Safari Celebration
 Aug 2 No Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group
 Aug 4 Communion Sunday
 Aug 5 Homecoming Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm UFH
 Aug 6 Card Ministry 10:00 am UFH
 Aug 7 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Aug 9 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Aug 11 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
 Aug 12 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
 Aug 13 PW Coordinating Team Mtg., 7:00 pm UFH
 Aug 14 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Aug 15 Card Prep Team II at LaVette's Home, 1:00
 Aug 16 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Aug 18 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Aug 21 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Aug 23 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Newsletter Deadline
 Aug 25 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
 Aug 26 M&O Comm. Mtg. 11:00 am Seekers Room
 Aug 28 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 Aug 30 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00