

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

October 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

October Scripture Passage

¹ Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to Him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him – ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:1-5



CHURCH OFFICE



Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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: ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com or call the office number, 919-894-4063.



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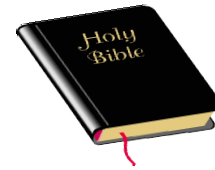
FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

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 jlucask222@gmail.com



LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 6 Mary Ann Booth
October 13 David Collier
October 20 Kevin Creech
October 27 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:
Carolyn Johnson at 919-880-1272 or cmorejohnson2012@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.



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOMECOMING 2019

15 September 2019

Our Providence Family and Friends,

Can you believe it? It is that time of year again – time to mark your calendars in anticipation of attending our 92nd Homecoming! We sincerely hope you and your family members can join us on Sunday, 13 October 2019.

Worship Service - 11:00am, in the Sanctuary; overflow in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

Food, Fun & Fellowship - After Worship; all in the climate-controlled Upper Fellowship Hall.

We are very much looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Don't forget to sign the guest book that will be available in the Upper Foyer. The Providence family spans many years. It is a great pleasure and honor to host and visit with everyone who can attend. Our past, present and future all together, "back home," enjoying our delicious covered-dish spread together--this is an exciting thought and a wonderful blessing.

Providence Church has had a unique year. After years of research, discovery, examination and prayerful consideration, we have succeeded in arriving at a gracious dismissal from PC(USA). All that is left is the final vote by New Hope Presbytery on Saturday, 26 Oct 2019. The benefits that we will reap include, absolute, sole, legal ownership of all our property at the corner of Old Fairgrounds Road and NC Hwy 210. We are most excited about being dismissed to and aligned with the like-minded Christians at the EPC Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. This is a denomination that holds dear the same convictions that we do.

There was another big change this year. In August our called relationship of almost twelve years with Reverend Jim Davis was mutually dissolved. We wish him and his wife, Pat, our Lord's blessings as they endeavor to work, live and play closer to their grandchildren.

The change in denomination and the gap in the pulpit come with related expenses. Over the years PPC has been blessed at Homecoming with generous financial gifts. They have funded special projects, as well as allowed us, when needed, to meet existing responsibilities. As the stewards of PPC, Session believes it is important to make sure we operate within budget. To that end, any gifts received this year will be used to meet any shortfall in the 2019 budget. Anything above and beyond will be applied to our mortgage payments. We are humbly grateful and feel blessed for every gift received each year. Nothing is assumed, but we do thank you in advance for any consideration.

Sharing the good news from the pulpit this year will be Mr. Clyde Wiley. Many of you know him already as a friend of our church. He served as a supply pastor to Providence several years ago. We are so sure you will be well-fed by Mr. Wiley's message. Please join us and find out!

We ask you to keep Providence Church in your prayers. We humbly seek to do the work our Lord would have us do. We also desire new and existing neighbors in our ever-expanding community visit us and find in Providence a church home and family they would feel very welcome to join.

We look forward to celebrating life with you at Homecoming 2019!

The message, and green beans, are gonna be great!

In His Service,

PPC 2019 Session and
The Homecoming Committee

Family Fall Festival Hosted by: Children's Christian Education

Sunday, October 27th 5:30pm -7:30pm

Come join us for food, fun, prizes and fellowship!!! We will have games, activities and crafts, all located in the new educational wing

Dinner of hotdogs and fixings will be served in the Upper Fellowship Hall! Invite your friends, family and neighbors!!!

Cost of Admission is items for Backpack Buddies!



Costumes are encouraged for all to wear (even adults!)! Please no scary costumes; a great idea is to dress as your favorite Bible hero!!

Sign-up sheets are located next to the Upper Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Vickie Faircloth 919-902141407, vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed for Homecoming 2019

We are still in need of volunteers for the 2019 Homecoming Committee. We are still in need of volunteers to assist with Homecoming on October 13; plans for decorating, clean-up crew, food prep and invite youth and adults to help. For questions contact Jonathan Kershaw 919-639-0447 or email jlucas222@gmail.com and Carolyn Johnson at 919-880-1272 or cmoorejohnson2012@gmail.com



CARD MINISTRY

The next Card Ministry meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 am** in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team I will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on **Thursday, October 17 at 1:00 pm.**



PPC Cooking Class

Let's get cooking!

The First Cooking Class is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th, 2020.

Due to my automobile accident and the November and December holidays I am going to postpone the 1st cooking class until January 7th, 2020. I apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused. More information coming soon!

Donna Walker, PPC Cooking Class.

(For the meeting, please enter the building through the kitchen door if you do not have a key. There will be a follow-up reminder.)





SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

There will not be a Senior Citizen Luncheon in October due to church Homecomings.

We will resume the Senior Citizen Luncheons in November on **Tuesday, November 12** at White Memorial Presbyterian Church.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

October 15

The Presbyterian Women's Day Circle meets at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Presbyterian Women's Night Circle meets at 7:00 pm also in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

All women of Providence are invited to join us. You can join in any given month in the year.



PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

**Please Join Us
On**

Tuesday, October 22

The Prayer Shawl Circle will meet in the Upper Fellowship hall.

Don't do needle craft? Come out for fellowship anyway. The items we recreate are prayed over and given to those who are infirmed.

We look forward to seeing you at any of our scheduled meeting times!



M&O

Universal Assisted Living Visit

Our visit this month is on Tuesday,
October 8 at 1:00 pm.

M&O Committee Meeting

Is Monday, September 28 at 11:00 am



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.



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

Providence Women's November Event

Providence Women's November Event: Upcoming play at Neuse Little Theatre in Smithfield: *Father Knows Best*, **November 17 (Sunday) 3:00 p.m.** If you are interested in going to see *Father Knows Best*, please let Cathy Simmons know at 919.275.4399 or email cesimmons112@gmail.com.



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 |



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"

EPC BOOK OF ORDER

Highlights of Minutes from September 9, 2019 Stated Session Meeting

Correspondence

- Letter of resignation from Elder Cathy Simmons,
- Email from Elder Jonathan Kershaw announcing his resignation as Elder,
- Email from New Hope Presbytery with approval to move forward with interviews of two candidates for transitional pastor, and
- Email on August 30, 2016 from Bucky Hunsicker, Administrative Director the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic (PMA). He informed us Providence is currently a “Transitional” member and will become a full member upon examination and acceptance of our Elders in accordance with the EPC Book of Order.

Open and Actionable Items

Finance – The August 2019 financial report was reviewed. Giving continues to be weak. General Fund giving continues to track below expenses. Overall receipts currently are slightly ahead of expenses due to \$24,108.62 in gifts from the Presbyterian Women and Men’s Fellowship received during the spring.

	<u>General Fund Additions</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
August 2019	\$15,756.08	\$22,457.77
Year to Date	\$183,217.35	\$182,662.58

Budget Meeting – Session agreed to meet on Monday, September 16, 2019 to prepare a budget for 2020.

Homecoming Letter – A draft of the Homecoming letter was reviewed. A few modifications were approved by common consent. The letter will be updated and mailed out the week of September 15th.

Motion to Receive Resignations – A motion was approved to receive the resignations of Cathy Simmons (effective December 31, 2019) and Jonathan Kershaw (effective August 15, 2019).

Session Vacancy – The need for an elder to assume leadership of the Fellowship Committee was discussed. A motion was approved to allow Carolyn Johnson to assume the responsibility for both Fellowship and Congregational Care through December 31, 2019.

Officer Nominating Committee – The size of the Nominating Committee was discussed. Five members of the congregation have agreed to serve on the committee – 1 from each of the 5 adult Sunday School classes. Session agreed that a larger representation from the congregation than from the Session is desired. A motion was approved to include 2 Elders from the Session class of 2019 on the committee. One of the two elders will chair the committee. It was agreed to ask the congregation to recommend active members for consideration as nominees for vacancies on the Session. Mary Ann Booth and Donna Stolle will serve on the committee.

Relay for Life Team – A motion was approved for the formation of a church-sponsored **Relay for Life** team. Cathy Maddux would be the organizer and team captain.

Invitation to Attend the EPC Presbytery of Mid-Atlantic Meeting – Session is invited to attend as observers on Saturday, September 28, 2019. The meeting will be at Myrtle Grove EPC in Wilmington, NC. Several Elders expressed an interest in attending.

Committee Updates

Mission & Outreach – Appropriate hurricane response was discussed. A motion was approved to place a flyer in the Sunday bulletin informing the congregation that donations were being accepted during September and forwarded to Samaritan’s Purse for hurricane relief in the Bahamas.

Personnel – Committee members will be scheduling time to work on detailing the procedures of the Personnel Committee. Revisions to the Secretary’s desk manual are being made to better organize and streamline instructions.

Worship – The church will hold Communion on Sunday, October 6, 2019.



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*; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Jamie Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **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*; **David Ryan**, coworker of *John Pickens*; **Tim Scarbouough**, friend of *Wade and Carolyn Johnson*; **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 Jone's*; **Lauren Collier Bellissimo and family**, members; **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; **Linda DaLessio**, friend of church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman**, friends of *Providence*; **David Guss**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **John Harris**; friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Emma Hass**, granddaughter of *Bob and Donna Stolle*; **Brian Johnson**, cousin of *Don Dupree*; **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; **Ken and Sharon Passe, Ed & Lou Penny**; members; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Stephen Southers**, community; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **Charles Tadlock**; friend of *Pamela Collier*; **Donna Walker**, member; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father and Eva Younts, Nadine Reed's Aunt*.

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of:

Harold, neighbor of Carolyn and Wade Johnson
Kay Bernier, sister - in - law of Pamela Collier
Jane Wright, Mother of Lisa Nelms



Birthdays & Anniversaries



October Anniversaries

- 1 Mac and Peggy Jones
Tyler and Natalie Nordan
- 6 Bob and Nadine Reed
- 7 Richard and Miriam Lambert
- 19 Leon and Janice Parrish
- 20 Gary and Georgeanna Phillips
- 26 Scott and Barri Martin
Don and Debra Sturgis
- 28 Eric and Lorie Smith

October Birthdays

- 2 Heather Ennis
- 3 Frankie Whitley
- 4 Allison Phipps
- 6 Dylan Jones
Amanda McLamb
Quinn Searcy
- 7 Eunice Newnam
- 8 Carolyn Johnson
- 9 Sally Allen
- 10 Chad Cross
- 11 Robbie Wood
- 13 Adam Stuart
- 16 Rebeccah Jackson
- 17 Abigail Wood
- 18 Susan Rudd
Paul Sherrill
- 21 Andrea Jones
- 22 Emily Langdon
- 23 Doug Sonderfan
- 24 Tim Nooney
- 28 Joan C. Stuart
- 29 David Breeden

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
Scott Martin - Long Range Planning
Carolyn Johnson - Congregational Care*

Church Staff

*Secretary
Cindy Lynch*

*Accounting Treasurer
Sam Stephenson*

*Collections Treasurer
Ann Benson*

*Music Director/ Organist/Pianist
Brittany Jones*

*Pianist
Angie Searcy*

*Newsletter
Cindy Lynch*

*Website
David Nelms*

OCTOBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

October Assisting In Worship

NURSERY

6	Kristy and Chris Stephenson
13	Elaine Wood
20	Stephanie and Rob Wood
27	Liz Annis and Alisha Bradley

USHERS

6	John Daniel, Eric Faircloth and Todd Frickman
13	Tony Bryant, Scott Martin, Jimmy Stuart and Johnny Wood
20	Pete Booth, John Kopanski and Wayne Lamm
27	David Nelms, Ryan Nelms and Joseph Phillips

ACOLYTE

6	Landon Gilbert
13	Gavin Annis
20	Meadow Creech
27	Gavin Annis

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

6	Annah and Kevin Creech
13	Kristy Stephenson & Chris Stephenson
20	Jeff Wood and Haley Jones
27	Kristy Stephenson & Chris Stephenson

ELDER

Carolyn Johnson

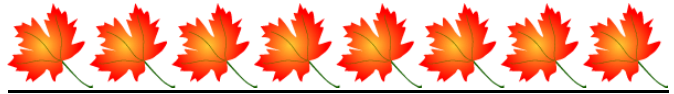
SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE

Steve Newnam

UFH GREETER

Pete Booth, Kay Dry
And Vickie Faircloth

October Upcoming Events



- Oct 1.** Card Ministry 10:00 am UFH
- Oct 2.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 4.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 6.** World Communion
17th Sunday After Pentecost
- Oct 8.** M&O Monthly Visit to Universal 1:00 pm
No Senior Luncheon in October
- Oct 9.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 11.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 13.** HOMECOMING
18th Sunday After Pentecost
- Oct 14.** Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 15.** Presbyterian Women's Day Circle Meets
Upper Fellowship Hall, 10:00 am
Presbyterian Women's Night Circle
Meets Upper Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm
- Oct 16.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 17.** Card Ministry Prep Team I
1:00 pm at LaVette Morgan's home
- Oct 18.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 20.** 19th Sunday after Pentecost
- Oct 22.** Prayer Shawl 10:00 am LFH
- Oct 23.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Newsletter deadline
- Oct 25.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Oct 27.** All Saints Sunday
20th Sunday after Pentecost
Family Fall Festival 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- Oct 28.** M&O Comm. Mtg. 11:00 am, Seekers Rm.
- Oct 30.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm