

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

June 2018



From the Pastor's Study...

June is here once again and we have another opportunity to celebrate Communion Sunday, Graduate Sunday, Father's Day, and warm days filled with all the opportunities that Summer brings with it. Our church family also blesses and sends another Youth mission team to minister to God's people in need by offering their hands, hearts, elbow grease, smiles, laughter, grace filled conversation, and Christian witness. Please pray for their safe journey and a truly life changing mission opportunity for our entire mission team.

This month's scripture passage Ephesians 4:11-16, where the Apostle Paul writes a letter to the church at Ephesus. In this passage, Paul reminds us that we all have our own unique God given gifts for mission and ministry and that only together can we truly be the body of Christ – the Church as the extension of the Kingdom of God here on earth. We are reminded that through: working together – building each other up – discipling one another ... can we become mature as Christians. Paul uses words to describe such a relationship as: love, truth, faith, knowledge, grow, together, supporting, and work. These are all words which describe actions of Christian discipleship – where we learn how to be fed in such things and then ... feed others. All healthy relationships are built on these things. Some relationships take more work than others, but anything which has true worth always requires effort. May we pray for the courage and strength to make the effort required in a healthy relationship with: ourselves, God, and others.

All too often the world we live in relegates Christians to Sunday mornings and when the bell strikes twelve we Christians supposedly run for the local restaurant pushing and shoving along the way. This is the image that has been bestowed upon us ... right or wrong. It seems as if every day we hear of one more way God, and God's people, have been excluded, ridiculed, or even persecuted for the morals and integrity that we are held to by living a life centered on Christ and living a repentant life ... going... discipling ... baptizing ... and teaching each other the abundant gracious love of God Almighty.

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June Scripture Passage

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:11-16



CHURCH OFFICE

Pastor's Office Hours

The pastor will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, with varying additional hours in the afternoons. All hours are subject to pastoral demands.

The office number is 919-894-4063
Rev. Davis may also be reached at
919.264.4324(m).

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Let us encourage one another in the Love of God, the truth of the power of the Holy Spirit, and trusting in Our Redeemer may we grow and mature in our faith of a God who sends forth into this world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us pray for Christ's church universal to stand up and go where God calls it to go and let us also pray for each other here at Providence. May we all be prayerful disciples eager to do the will of God as we discern God's will for our church and ourselves.

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. Amen.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Jim Davis

Please Note The Bulletin Deadline Change

The Deadline for announcements and updates is now the end of the business day on **Wednesday**. If you would like an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday please email it by Wednesday the previous week to the secretary at ppcsecretary@gmail.com



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.



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Invites you to be part of a lifesaving journey, Donate blood.

Mark your calendar for

Saturday, June 16.

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com to sign up or sign up on the American Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org and enter Angier in the sponsor code.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women had its last circle meeting on May 15 for the 2017-2018 study year. There will be a PW Coordinating Team Mtg. on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm in the UFH. We will then kick off the 2018-2019 study year at the Tuesday, September 18, 2018 PW Joint Circle Meeting at 7:00 pm. All are Welcome!



Mark Your Calendars!



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Invites you to attend Vacation Bible School
July 22, 2017 – July 26, 2017
6:25 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

VBS is for children ages 3 through middle school. Adult Bible Study is offered as well! Registration for children is now available on the church website or you may complete the registration form in the bulletin insert.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 22nd through Thursday, July 26th and volunteer for an island adventure where kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms! Or Signup Electronically at <http://bit.ly/PPCVBS2018>

We have incredible Bible-learning experiences in which kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! There are also team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats as just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

Please sign up for fellowship times on the bulletin board located in the kitchen of the new fellowship hall. You may also sign up by sending an email to David Collier at davidcollier123@yahoo.com or you can call him at 919-625-3026.



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 ppcsecretary@gmail.com or call the church office at 919-894-4063.



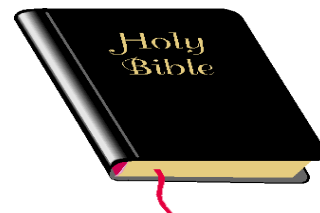
FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

If you need to request to use either of our Fellowship Halls you will be required to complete a form and the approval will come from the Session. New requests need to be made through the church office (Cindy Lynch) as soon as possible to prepare forms to be presented to the next Session meeting.

If you have questions please contact Cindy Lynch at 919-894-4063 or David Collier at 919-625-3026 or davidcollier123@yahoo.com.

LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 3	Doug Sonderfan
June 10	Justin Wood
June 17	Kevin Creech
June 24	Eric Faircloth



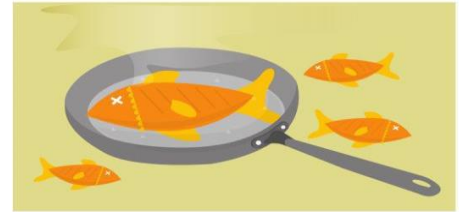
SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The June, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, June 12 at 12:00 (noon), here at Providence Presbyterian Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, June 7, so that the cooks will know how many to prepare food for. You may contact Margie at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.



MEN'S FISH FRY Fish Fry Thank You!

The Men's Fish Fry Committee sends a "Thank You" to every person who donated time and work participating in the Fish Fry event to achieve a successful goal. The dedication to come together as a Church family in endless hours of working together with positive attitudes strengthens the bonds of Providence Church.



CARD MINISTRY

The PPC Card Ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 5 at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

The Card Ministry Prep Team I will meet at LaVette Morgan's home at 1:00 on Thursday, March 21.



BAKE SALE RESULTS AND THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who baked and donated baked goods and worked to make the Bake Sale a huge success. Results of baked items, knives and flavorings totaled \$1347.00!



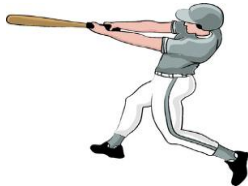
FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

We will be meeting in the lower parking lot under the trees by the manse when the temperature is below 80' and no rain. When the temperature is above 80' or rainy, we will meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your patience during this time of weather changes.



Men's Softball 2018

Providence Presbyterian Church Softball Team – Games go through Mid-June. We play at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church off Hwy 401 just a few miles north of Fuquay. The Ballfield is on Hilltop Needmore Road which is just past the Ford dealership coming from Fuquay. Address: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 10005 Lake Wheeler Road, Fuquay. Come join the fun and support our Team!



PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

We **do not** meet in June, July or August. Meet with us again on Tuesday, September 25, at 10:00 am in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

We hope everyone has a fun summer!



PPC Women's Fellowship June Outing –

Play: The Charitable Sisterhood of the Second Trinity Victory Church, Comedy by Bo Wilson at Neuse Little Theatre at The Hut, Smithfield, NC (**June 1&2 – 8 pm; June 3 – 3 pm; June 8&9 – 8 pm**) Tickets \$10

Roads are flooded, bridges are washed out, and less generous souls are staying safely indoors, but it takes more than a little rain to keep the ladies of the Charitable Sisterhood from fulfilling their sworn mission. When these ladies meet to organize a relief effort for homeless Guatemalans, they are greeted with a mountain of community donations—but one woman's junk is another woman's treasure, and that pile of stuff in this little church basement is hiding a thing or two. Our angels of mercy will leave you breathless with laughter as they do their best to help the victims of global disaster, spiritual deprivation and, most of all, one another.

Contact: If you have interest in attending the play, please email Cathy Simmons your preferred dates/times at cesimmons112@gmail.com or call 919-275-4399. Date/time will be decided by majority. Please feel free to pass on info for any future outings you are aware of.

M&O Outreach Universal Assisted Living Visit

Our visit this month is on Tuesday, June 26 at **2:00 pm.**



CONGRATULATIONS 2018 GRADUATES!



Congratulations to our High School and College Graduates! They will be recognized on Sunday, 10 June during Worship.

High School Graduates

Chad Cross -- West Johnston HS, June 2018; to attend UNC Pembroke.

Robert Nooney -- Harnett Central HS, June 2018; to attend Wake Tech Community College.

Holden Swanson -- Harnett Central HS, June 2018; to attend ECU.

College Graduates

Kaitlin Faircloth -- ECU, Dec 2017.

Haley Jones -- ECU, May 2018.

Samuel Stephenson -- NCSU, May 2018.

Congratulations to the graduates, and their parents, too!!



Highlights from Minutes of Stated Session Meeting on May 16, 2018

Correspondence

The clerk informed the Session of the receipt of a letter from the New Hope Presbytery Committee on Ministry citing acceptance of the change to terms of call of the Pastor for 2018.

Open and Actionable Items

Presbyterian Women – Request to hold a bake Sale during Youth Barbeque – Youth leader Kevin Creech stated that it would be fine with them for the women to hold a bake sale during the youth fundraiser.

Donations – The Session is glad to receive gifted items but retains the right to approve acceptance of such gifts.

Children's Worship – It was confirmed that the plan for this year is to take a break in July. Several elders expressed interest in preparing a learning opportunity for the children on one or more of the Sunday's in July.

Worship – A draft plan for an early service was reviewed. Several items remain to be resolved. The potential for an early service to help grow the church was discussed. The goal is to have everything in place to begin holding an early service in September.

Congregational Care – A motion to name Carolyn Stevenson as outstanding older adult from Providence was unanimously approved.

Gracious Dismissal – The Session responded to a request from the Special Committee of the Congregation to provide additional financial information to the Presbytery Engagement Team (PET). The ability of Providence to pay New Hope Presbytery a settlement on separation from PCUSA depends in part on our financial status. Revisions to the 2018 budget to reflect the current level of giving were reviewed.

Committee Updates

Fellowship – The Homecoming committee will meet on May 29, 2018. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin to invite those interested in participating in the planning.

Finance – The treasurer reported that giving picked up in April, in part due to a gift of \$7,054 from the Presbyterian Women to pay the monthly mortgage.

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
April	\$35,776.97	\$21,820.80
YTD	\$84,533.64	\$95,153.32

Youth Christian Education – The youth mission trip to the Gatlinburg, TN area has six participants, all female. There are three chaperones, two female and one male, who are signed up to go. The question was raised as to the need for the man to go. It was decided to contact the parents of the participants to determine if they had an objection to the girls traveling without a male presence. On June 9, 2018, the youth will travel to Smithfield, NC to the Miracle League for games. The youth will present a check to the Miracle League representing donations received at the Souper Bowl this year.

Worship – The committee met and had two additional members in attendance. They both had responded to an invitation to the congregation to participate if interested in the committee.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Davis provided a copy of his report.

Highlights include:

- Angie and Payton Searcy plan to join on June 3, 2018
- Upcoming Events: Men's Fish Fry on May 18; May 20 – LOGOS end of year celebration; Communion Service on June 3; Graduate Sunday – June 10; Father's Day – June 17; EPC General Assembly gathering – June 18-22 in Cordova, TN; VBS – July 22-26
- Upcoming Personal Leave/Staff
 - June 24 – July 7 – Vacation – Pulpit coverage: Kent Walton June 24 and Joe Martinelli July 1
 - Cindy Lynch – Vacation – May 21-24

Next stated session meeting will be held June 11, 2018 at 7pm.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson at *Classic Care in Smithfield*; **Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court in Smithfield*; **Pauline Jones**, at *Liberty Commons in Benson*; **Virginia Moore**, *The Laurels in Pineville*; **Bobbie Langdon**, at *Highland Village in Cary*.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Sherry Baker, friend of *Laura Langdon*; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Ashley Faircloth**, niece of *Beck McLamb*; **Becky Hall**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy and Sam Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Laura McLamb**, member; **Ben Snelling**, friend of *John Kopanski*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Dakota Boyd**, niece of *Elaine Wood*; **Brianna Bryant**, 9 month old daughter of friend of *Stephanie Wood*; **Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's mother*; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Lynn Cross**, member; **Joyce and Jim Crowson**, friends of *Dick Embry*; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Mike Kefauver**, *Brittany Jones' father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's mother*; **Bill McClandless**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Marie Rouse Reed**, *delivery driver's wife*; **Barbara Walton**, 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.**

God is our refuge and strength... Psalm 46: 3





Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Anniversaries

- 1 Robert and Donna Stolle
- 9 William and Yun Blair
Candace and Trey Bullock
- 12 Rosyval and Barbara Walton
- 13 Stephanie and Frankie Whitley
- 14 John and Kelly Daniel
Israel and Karen Morrow
- 20 Chris and Kristy Stephenson
- 22 Phil and Christy Cross
Paul and Karen Sherrill
- 24 Steve and Kelly Nordan
- 24 Kent and Gwen Walton
- 28 Jim and Pat Davis

June Birthdays

- 1 Daniel Stephenson
- 4 Connor Reed
- 5 Chance Ennis
Connor Frickman
- 6 Pam Nelms
Riley Wood
- 7 Wayne Ennis
- 8 Don Dupree
Chic Folkman
- 9 Debbie Greene
Lisa Nelms
- 11 Austin Benson
- 13 Kay Dry
- 14 Rob Nooney
- 16 Eric Smith
- 17 Peggy Jones
- 18 Tripp Nordan
- 20 Joshua Lynch
- 23 Chase Faircloth
- 24 Molly Breeden
Eric Faircloth
- 25 Lauren Langdon
Emma Roberts
- 26 Barri Martin
- 27 Hamilton Greene
- 30 Pamela Collier

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2018

Sam Stephenson - Finance
Kent Walton – Congregational Care
Russell Wood – Long Range Planning
Atlee Roberts – Adult Christian Education

Class of 2019

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

Class of 2020

David Collier - Fellowship
Cathy Simmons - Personnel
Kevin Creech – Youth C. E.
Steve Newnam - Property

Church Staff

Secretary

Cindy Lynch

Accounting Treasurer

Sam Stephenson

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Music Director/ Organist/Pianist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

Angie Searcy

Website

David Nelms

Newsletter

Cindy Lynch

Usher Coordinator

Russell Wood

JUNE EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

NURSERY

- 3 Richard and Andrea Jones
 10 Elaine Wood and Grace Martin
 17 Kevin and Annah Creech
 24 Sue Bryant and Emma Phillips

USHERS

- 3 Pete Booth, Scott Martin, & Jeff Wood (Back)
 10 Tony Bryant, David Collier, & Kevin Creech (Back)
 17 Ronnie Creech, John Daniel, & Eric Faircloth (Back)
 24 Todd Frickman, Richard Jones, & John Kopanski (Back)

ACOLYTE

- 3 William Stephenson
 10 Ava Wood
 17 Charlotte Wood
 24 Gavin Annis


CHILDRENS WORSHIP LEADERS/HELPER

- 3 Kristy Stephenson
 10 Liz Annis
 17 Barri Martin
 24 Kaitlyn Faircloth

ELDER

Vickie Faircloth

June Upcoming Events

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- June 1 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 June 3 2nd Sunday After Pentecost
 Communion Sunday
 Men's Fellowship Meeting 7:30 am UFH
 June 4 Men's Softball at 6:30 pm
 Congregational Care Meeting 7:00 pm
 June 5 Card Ministry 10:00 am
 June 6 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Long Range Planning 7:00 pm
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 June 8 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 June 10 3rd Sunday After Pentecost
 Graduate Sunday
 June 11 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
 June 12 Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 at PPC
 June 13 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 June 15 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 June 16 Blood Drive 9am – 2 pm UFH
 June 17 4th Sunday After Pentecost
 Father's Day
 June 18 Personnel Com. Meet 7:00 Seekers Rm.
 June 20 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 June 21 Card Prep Team I at LaVette's Home 1:00
 June 22 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00
 June 24 5th Sunday after Pentecost
 Rev. Jim on vacation
 June 26 M&O Universal Visit
 June 27 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
 June 28 M&O Committee Meeting 11:00 am
 June 29 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am