

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

June 2020



From the Pastor's Study...

Worship in the Time of COVID

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” - 2 Timothy 1:7

There are a lot of things to be frightened of in our world: diseases, war, alien clowns ready to invade at any given moment and overwhelm us with puppy dogs that will suffocate us like Tribbles on the Enterprise...okay, that might just be my personal fear; but you get the point—it can be scary out there! And fear can be healthy—it can keep us from doing unhealthy things for our body, mind and soul. God wants his children to be safe and therefore has put certain “security alarms” in us in order to keep us safe. I’m sure many of you have had the experience of almost touching a hot stove, but the feelings of the heat as you got closer kept you from actually burning yourself. It was the “fear” of being burnt that set off your security alarm that said, “Don’t Touch That!”

But there is also a fear that isn’t of the Lord; a spirit of fear that keeps us from doing something that the Lord is leading us to do. In the wake of COVID-19, there has been a lot of information and some of it has unfortunately created a spirit of fear among some people. This is not the healthy sense of fear that reminds us to wash our hands, wear our facemasks and social distance, but the spirit of fear that tells us not to reach out when we’re feeling alone or depressed by our current situation. An unhealthy spirit of fear can also keep us from moving forward as safety measures allow. It is this spirit of fear that can and desires to harm the church body.

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At Providence Presbyterian Church, I want you, the congregation member, to know that Session is doing everything in its power to make sure that as we assess moving back into the church building that we are doing so by discerning the mind of Christ as it relates to the CDC and state guidelines for medium to large gatherings in an enclosed area. We want to make sure that as we do not act with the incorrect spirit of fear that we also do not act without love and self-control. Our love for PPC's congregation is at the heart of our decisions because YOU are at the heart of God's will for his congregation at PPC.

Session may seem to move very fast in reentering the church building to some; to others not fast enough. That's okay. Everyone has their own personal sense of pace at which he or she will want to reengage society. As Christians though, I would ask that we all remember the spirit which we have been given: one which gives grace to us and others as they discern their own level of social interaction; love which calls us to be together when the time is right; and a power to overcome fear which says "No" to God's movement.

Now, be careful out there; you never know when the alien clowns and puppies could land!

Blessings and to God be the Glory,

Pastor Nadia Stropich

CHURCH OFFICE



Pastor's Office Hours

Session approved to close the Church offices through the quarantine starting March 30, 2020.

Pastor Nadia can be reached by cell phone, email or schedule a Zoom meeting while she works at home Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and by appointment.

Office phone number is 919-894-4063.

If you would like to reach Rev. Nadia Stropich after office hours, please call 937-903-9487 or email her at nstropich@hotmail.com

SECRETARY

Cindy Lynch will be receiving email and can check voicemail on the office phone Monday - 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.



Worship at Providence Presbyterian Church

While we are unable to meet in person, sermons will be broadcast on our Facebook Page "Providence Presbyterian Church at McGee's Crossroads, Inc. EPC" as well as the audio found on our website providencepresb.org.

Please note that sermons, anthems and services no longer auto-play when clicking on the link. You must press the play button once you are on the page. Also, it takes a few seconds to begin since it is pre-loading to prevent buffering when listening.

Website Changes - Please be aware of recent changes to the church website. Audio (Services, Sermons, Anthems), Bulletins and Newsletters are now under one menu item on the website called "Media".

Please note that Pastor Nadia's phone number has a Dayton, OH area code and therefore if you get a call from 937-903-9487, it is not a spam call. You are also more than welcome to call her at this number or email her at nstropich@hotmail.com

We have merged our Bulletin Announcements and Friday Reminder into one document so please make sure you get all information in by the deadlines.

Elder Contact Information



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CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES!



“May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.” Psalm 20:4

High School Graduate

Emma Phillips

Emma is the daughter of Gary and Georgeanna Phillips. She is a 2020 graduate of West Johnston High School. Emma plans to attend JCC this fall and will transfer to UNCW to pursue a degree in the medical field.

College Graduates

Alex Hamrick

Alex is the grandson of Carolyn Stevenson and the son of Sharon and Danny Hamrick. He is a 2020 graduate of North Carolina State University. He graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Alex was in ROTC for 2 years and participated in campus sports.

Ryne Jones

Ryne Jones is the son of Richard and Andrea Jones. He received his MPA - Master of Public Administration degree from North Carolina State University. Ryne plans to continue public administration consulting with hopes to join an advocacy team for education, community development, or nonprofit management. Stay tuned for further education plans.

Daniel William Stephenson

Daniel is the son of Sam and Wendy Stephenson. He is a 2020 graduate of North Carolina State University. He received his BS in Biology with a minor in Business Entrepreneurship. He graduated with honors from the NCSU Honorary Program. He will be applying to Veterinary Schools of Medicine in the fall.

Ashton Allene Stuart

Ashton is the daughter of Darren and Joan Stuart and the granddaughter of Jimmy and Carolyn Stuart. She is a graduate of North Carolina State University, she graduated in December of 2019. She received her BS in Civil Engineering. Ashton was honored as the Valedictorian of her class and has decided to continue her studies and work towards her Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from NCSU.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! May all of your dreams come true!!!



Mission & Outreach

Food Pantry Donation Response Extension

During the months of April and May, the Mission & Outreach Committee accepted food donations for the West Johnston High School (“WJHS”) Food Pantry, which provides food assistance for the local population. The committee Thanks the congregation for their generous support of this mission response. Our church family, as part of a collaborative effort, has made a huge impact with assisting those in need. The WJHS pantry staff are very appreciative of your efforts. During these times, demand for food assistance remains high. Therefore, the M&O committee has extended the food donation response for the WJHS food pantry.

Thus, during the month of June, the committee will continue to accept food donations in the church parking lot at the cooking pavilion. Donations will be accepted from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: June 6th, June 13th, June 20th, and June 27th.

Food items most needed are as follows:

- **Canned fruits, vegetables, meats, and soups (pop-top lids a plus)**
- **Whole grain pasta, brown rice, dried beans, and cereal**
- **Fruit cups, juice boxes, granola bars, crackers, popcorn, and sugar-free puddings**
- **Peanut butter and other nut butters**
- **Hygiene items**

In addition, the committee will be accepting Bibles and Christian based books during the month of June. They can be donated on the dates and times designated for the food drive. The donations will be used to assist prison ministries worldwide.

God’s Blessings to All



Highlights of Minutes of Stated Session Meeting May 11, 2020

Examination of New Members – Session conducted a Zoom facilitated examination of new member candidates. Following their testimonials, and by unanimous approval of Session, Shawn Stropich, Frank Hughes, and Nicole Hughes were welcomed as new members of Providence.

Open and Actionable Items

Blood Drive – Following a presentation by Margie Taylor on behalf of the Red Cross, Session approved a motion to permit the Red Cross to hold the scheduled blood drive on June 5, 2020. Margie explained the protocol in use by Red Cross to protect workers and donors against the COVID-19 virus. Donations will be by appointment only.

Finance Report – The financial report for April was reviewed. First Citizens Bank was paid twice during April. April was the first month for payment under the new mortgage agreement. An automatic draft had not been discontinued as requested resulting in the duplicate payment. The second payment went in full against the principal of the loan. Funds in the amount of \$14,108.62 were from the Homecoming Designated Fund to cover both payments. The amount of \$7,663.92 remains in the Homecoming Fund.

Figures of Interest:

- Loan Balance \$692,344.30
- Development Fund Balance to pay New Hope \$22,089.08
- Checking Account Balance \$71,506.29
 - General Fund Balance \$6,823.15
 - Designated Fund Balance \$53,805.88

	<u>General Fund Additions</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
April 2020	\$29,917.13	\$23,255.44
Year to Date	\$114,602.22	\$118,234.13

Other Financial Business

- Session approved a motion to surrender the church’s community pool share and receive \$400 when the share is sold to someone else.
- Session approved a motion to pay the \$1,500 budgeted for the Presbytery in a single payment.

Old Business

Membership Review – A motion was approved to update the active member roll and to dismiss from the inactive roll those who have not participated in the life of the church for more than two years. Pastor Nadia will write letters to those dismissed to inform them of their change of status.

Personnel – Session approved Pastor Nadia’s vacation leave for Monday, May 18 through Thursday, May 21 and Sunday, May 24, 2020. Pastoral care will be handled through the Elder Care list. Pastor Nadia will prerecord her sermon for April 24.

Wednesday Night Drive-in Worship – Session approved a motion to add a Wednesday night drive-in worship service every other Wednesday beginning April 13, 2020 and continuing until the church reopens for worship.

Next Stated Session meeting – June 8, 2020

Helpful Information on Finance and Donations at PPC



Updated: On-Line Donations - We can now accept electronic checks as well as debit cards and credit cards. Processing costs are lowest with electronic checks. We have added a “GIVE” menu option on the top right of the main page of the church website, <https://www.providencepresb.org>. Selecting this menu option will open a page entitled “ONLINE GIVING.” Pressing the “DONATE” button on this page will open our donation web page. Please consider selecting the option to add 2% to your donation to help the church with processing costs. These processing costs are less when using a debit card compared to a credit card but donations of any type are always greatly appreciated. You can also access the donation web page directly by following this link: <https://pay.xpress-pay.com/?org=B5432DBFE5A94E6>. (You may also copy and paste the link into your browser.) Please contact Sam Stephenson at 919-757-5869 with any questions.

Finance - The finance committee would like to remind the congregation that you can mail your offering to the church: 14664 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501. Mailing your tithes and offerings will allow us to continue paying the mortgage and other monthly bills, like the light bill, without dipping into reserve funds. Providence will pick up mail directly from the post office.

Donation Options - Providence Presbyterian Church can accept donations of stocks and other securities. To make a donation or obtain more information, please contact Ann Benson, Collections Treasurer.



Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Marilyn Johnson at *Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield*; **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; **Dede Bumgarner**, friend of *Brittany Parks*; **Frank Camarda**, *Uncle of Nicol Hughes*; **Sherri Cox**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Becky Hall**, 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*; **Sherwood Johnson**, friend of church; **David Ryan**, coworker of *John Pickens*; **Tim Scarborough**, friend of *Wade and Carolyn Johnson*; **Tammy Sullivan**, mother of *Frank Hughes*; **Abby Stanley**, coworker of *John Pickens*; **Debbie Sturgis**, member.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **H. A. Andrews**, father of *Andrea Jones*; **Sara Barber**, mother of *Vickie Faircloth*; **Lauren Collier Bellissimo and family**, members; **Wilburn Berrier**, brother of *Patricia Forren*; **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*; **Chris Darden and wife**, friend of *Cathy Simmons*; **Don Dupree**, father of *Amy York*; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman**, friends of *Providence*; **David Guss**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Gary and Jean Hanlin**, friends of *Vickie Faircloth*; **John Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Ron Horgan**, clerk of *Presbytery*; **Michael J.**, friend of *Rich and Miriam Lambert*; **Brian Johnson**, cousin of *Don Dupree*; **Ken King**, friend of *Rich and Miriam Lambert*; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **Nancy Lange**, sister of *John Mott*; **Bill McClandless**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Judy Nemeth**, friend of *Miriam Lambert*; **Mary Tyler Nordan**, daughter of *Tyler and Natalie Nordan*; **Ed & Lou Penny**, members; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Finley Price**, daughter of *Dave and Theresa Price* and friends of *Travis Jones*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Doug Sonderfan**, member; **Stephen Southers**, community; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **Charles Tadlock**, friend of *Pamela Collier*; **Joy Wellons**, *Brandon Mott's mother-in-law*; **Austin Williamson**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; and **Eva Younts**, *Nadine Reed's Aunt*.

For Our Nation and Our World, including:

The governments of the world, our school and church safety, our military, and first responders.

*Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families and friends
who lost loved ones this past month.*

Olive Stone – *Sister of Linda Roberts*



FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank the groups who have volunteered for Fellowship time this year.

The Fellowship Committee wants to extend an invitation to anyone or group if they would like to volunteer for the fourth Sunday when we are back to our regular schedules to please contact Donna Stolle at 214-6698 or Dms6330@gmail.com



Prayer Shawls Available

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 call them, please get that information to Carolyn Johnson at cmoorejohnson2012@gmail.com



FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

If you would like to request to use either of our Fellowship Halls, Sanctuary or Class Rooms, you will be required to complete a form and the approval will come from the Session. This will apply to all requests. Requests need to be made through the church office with Cindy Lynch, Secretary (it will be marked as "Reserved" until approval is made at which time she will change "Reserved" to "Approved" on the Calendar), or Donna Stolle. If you have questions on this policy please contact Donna Stolle at 214-6698 or Dms6330@gmail.com

Men's Fellowship Group Assistance

Small chores & household assistance is available by the Men's Fellowship Group. To schedule, contact Eric Faircloth at ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com, or 919-201-2696.



CARD MINISTRY

The Card Ministry will Not meet **until further notice upon reopening.**

The Card Ministry Prep Team I will not meet at LaVette Morgan's home on Thursday, May 18 at 1:00 pm



Fellowship & Fitness Group

Please check for notices about continuation upon reopening!

The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group - walks from 10:00 to 10:30. Some time ago we added the PPC Prayer Group. Those of us who walk stay for prayer. We pray for all request listed in the bulletin. **If, however, you do not wish to walk but be a part of the prayer group please join us at 10:30 in the UFH as we reach out to God in prayer for our church family, the Session, the choir, the pastor, teachers, the governments of the world, school and church safety, our military, first responders and each other.**

All are welcome!



Gatherings have been suspended at this time but please continue to pray at 10:30.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

Senior Lunches are canceled until further notice.

This includes the Providence lunch scheduled for June 9th. We do not have one in July and a decision will be made later to see if we will resume in August. Stay safe so that we can all get together soon.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Please check for notices about continuation upon reopening!

The Chapter of Presbyterian Women's Day Circle and The Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle will not meet this month.



**Let's get cooking!
PPC Cooking Class**

Gatherings have been suspended at this time.

If plans resume; Tuesday, July 7th, Janice Parrish presents her Famous Cheesecake, August 4th; Annah Creech presents her White Chocolate Cherry Oatmeal Cookies, September 8th; Wendy Stephenson presents her Oyster Stew or Salmon Stew (they use the same base), October 6th; Sharon Passe presents Rosettes, and December 1st; Brenda Abbott presents her homemade Candy Turtles. If you have questions, please contact Donna Walker via text 910-985-1717.

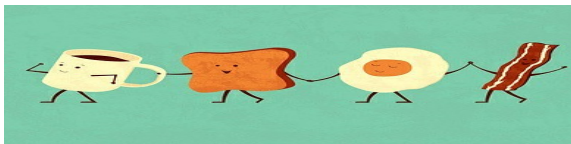
Please join us at 6:30 pm and enter through the kitchen door when the quarantine is over!



SOON!!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Men's Fellowship Breakfast will have a TBD date until reopening's continue. Please look for the date to be sent out at a later time. All men are encouraged to attend & invite others to join.



**M&O Outreach
Universal Assisted Living
Visit**

Our visits are usually on the 2nd Tuesday, at 1:00 pm.

All visits have been suspended at this time.

**Please be in prayer for all the residents
and workers at our Nursing Home
Facilities.**



PPC MEN'S FISH FRY



Men's Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser Postponed till further notice.

PPC KIDZ

Program for 2020



The “PPC KIDZ” program meets several times throughout the year, typically once a month. Check the PPC Calendar for more details on days and dates! This program is specifically designed for children ages Preschool (and fully potty trained) through 5th grade. This is an interactive program that includes a lesson, team building skill and mission activity. The program time is from 4:00 pm till 5:30 pm usually, and a light snack will be provided. We will meet in the UFH and then be dismissed to our classroom or activity. If you have any questions please see Vickie Faircloth or a member of Providence CCE. We hope to resume soon.

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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JUNE EVENTS AND SCHEDULES



Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Anniversaries

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

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 Robert Nooney
- 16 Eric Smith
- 17 Peggy Jones
Patricia Poole
- 18 Tripp Nordan
- 23 Chase Faircloth
- 24 Eric Faircloth
- 25 Lauren Langdon
- 26 Barri Martin
- 27 Hamilton Greene
- 30 Pamela Collier



June Upcoming Events



Please continue to check for updates.

- June 5 Blood Drive PPC 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm
- June 7 Sunday Worship via our website
- June 9 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- June 10 Wednesday Night Drive-in Worship
- June 14 Sunday Worship via our website
- June 21 Sunday Worship
Father's Day
- June 23 Newsletter deadline
- June 28 Sunday Worship

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the Event Schedule**

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June Service Schedule

ACOLYTES

14 Nadia DeJesus
21 Meadow Creech
28 Landon Gilbert

GREETERS

14 Kay Dry
21 and
28 Carolyn Johnson

LAY READERS

14 Doug Sonderfan
21 Wendy Stephenson
28 Beth Wolak

USHERS

14 Pete Booth, Johnny Wood and
Riley Wood
21 Tony6 Bryant, David Collier and
Kevin Creech
28 Ronnie Creech, John Daniel and
Richard Jones

ELDER

Steve Newnam

SECURITY

Kent Walton

**Please Continue To Check
For Any Updates To Our
Service Schedule**

Pastor

Rev. Nadia Stropich

Session

Class of 2020

Kevin Creech – Christian Education
David Collier – Personnel
Steve Newnam – Property

Class of 2021

Carolyn Johnson – Congregational Care
Sam Stephenson – Financial
Scott Martin – Long Range Planning

Class of 2022

Donna Stolle - Fellowship
John Kopanski – Mission & Outreach
Vickie Faircloth – Worship



Church Staff

Custodial

Ray and Jamone Johnson

Music Director/ Organist/Pianist


Brittany Jones

Pianist

Angie Searcy

Secretary

Cindy Lynch



Accounting Treasurer

Sam Stephenson

Clerk

Mary Ann Booth

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David Nelms