

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

October 2021



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*



... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

## Our Mission Statement

**Providence Presbyterian church is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church.  
We are a welcoming, nurturing church that shares Christ's Word  
through local outreach and global missions.**

# OCTOBER SCHEDULES AND EVENTS

## ACOLYTE

3	Isabel Roberts
10	Nadia DeJesus
17	Madeline Jones
24	Meadow Creech
31	William Stephenson

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

3	Doug Sonderfan
10	Annah Creech
17	Barri Martin
24	Kay Dry
31	Kristy Stephenson

## ELDER OF THE MONTH

Sam Stephenson

## GREETERS

Session

## NURSERY

3	Monica Jackson/Eva Stephenson
10	Lily Martin/Lilly Harrison
17	Carolyn Johnson/Phoebe Creech
24	Allison Nelms/Phoebe Creech
31	Arline Mott/ Eva Stephenson

## PRAYER TEAM

3	Barri Martin
10	Allison Nelms
17	Allison Nelms
24	Vickie Faircloth
31	Barri Martin

## SECURITY

Steve Newnam

## USHERS

3	Donna Stolle, Tony Bryant, and Vickie Faircloth
10	Pete Booth, John Kopanski, and Scott Martin
17	Vickie Faircloth, Steve Newnam, and John Pickens
24	John Kopanski, Pete Booth, and Kevin Creech
31	Tony Bryant, John Mott, and Eric Faircloth

## *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 Debbie Sturgis
28	Eric and Lorie Smith

### October Birthdays

2	Heather Ennis
3	Frankie Whitley
4	Allison Phipps
6	Dylan Jones Quinn Searcy Amanda Weaver
7	Eunice Newnam
8	Carolyn Johnson
9	Sally Allen
10	Chad Cross
11	Robbie Wood
13	Adam Stuart
17	Abigail Wood
18	Susan Rudd Paul Sherrill
21	Andrea Jones
22	Emily Langdon
23	Doug Sonderfan
28	Joan Stuart



## October Upcoming Events



- Oct 3 Sunday Worship  
World Communion Sunday  
Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm
- Oct 5 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Oct 6 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm UFH
- Oct 7 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Oct 10 Sunday Worship  
Homecoming
- Oct 11 Stated Session Meeting
- Oct 12 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Oct 13 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm UFH
- Oct 14 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Oct 17 Sunday Worship  
Harvest Festival 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Oct 19 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Oct 20 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Oct 21 Fellowship Committee Meeting 11:00 am  
Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Oct 23 Newsletter Deadline
- Oct 24 Sunday Worship  
Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm
- Oct 25 Mission & Outreach Comm. Mtg. 11:00 am
- Oct 26 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Oct 27 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm UFH
- Oct 28 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Oct 31 Sunday Worship  
Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm

### **Pastor**

Rev. Roger Korsten

### **Session**

#### ***Class of 2021***

Kent Walton - Congregational Care  
Scott Martin – Long Range Planning  
Sam Stephenson – Financial

#### ***Class of 2022***

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

#### ***Class of 2023***

Kristy Stephenson – Christian Education  
John Pickens – Personnel  
John Mott – Property



### **Church Staff**

#### *Custodial*

Elizabeth Stock

#### *Music Director/ Organist/Pianist*


Brittany Jones

#### *Pianist*

Angie Searcy

#### *Secretary*

Cindy Lynch



#### *Accounting Treasurer*

Sam Stephenson

#### *Clerk*

John Kopanski

#### *Collections Treasurer*

Ann Benson

#### *Newsletter*

Cindy Lynch

#### *Sunday School Superintendent*

Kristy Stephenson

#### *Website*

David Nelms

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOMECOMING

October 10, 2021

Please join us virtually on Facebook

Or

In the Upper Fellowship Hall

For our Worship Service

After Worship Service we will gather to eat in our individual family units with your prepared picnic lunches "tail gate" style. Tea, lemonade, and water will be provided, folding chairs, and a photographer, to take candid shots as well as other requested photos.

Rev. Roger Korsten will be presenting the sermon.



*Honoring our history  
....building our future*

## Communion Sunday



World Communion Sunday  
is Sunday, October 3rd.

VF/eml/ppCs



## All Saints Remembrance Day, Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Please submit the names of your loved ones that have passed this last year to the church office by Tuesday, November 2nd. We will have their names listed in the bulletin and displayed on the overhead screen. An Elder will be lighting the candles this year and all names will be read aloud. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Faircloth at 919-902-1407 or [vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com](mailto:vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com)

## All Hands Needed!

October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 am -  
12:00 pm

There will be a Church  
workday to trim bushes, etc. in  
preparation for Home Coming  
and Harvest Festival. Call John  
Mott at 845-401-3021 if you  
have questions.



### Please Note:

The floors in the Fellowship Hall and  
the Foyer area outside the Fellowship  
Hall will be stripped and waxed on  
Oct. 4th 9am- 3pm. That part of the  
building will be closed to access until  
Oct 5th. The chairs will be stacked and  
moved from those areas immediately  
following services on Oct 3rd. Contact  
John Mott with any questions  
845.401.3021.



### Anyone interested in volunteering:

Nursery or Children's Sunday School, please  
contact Kristy Stephenson, at  
[kstep74@gmail.com](mailto:kstep74@gmail.com)

For Children's Worship, Annah Creech at  
[annacreech@gmail.com](mailto:annacreech@gmail.com)

For Usher, please contact Vickie Faircloth, at  
[vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com](mailto:vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com)

For AV Team contact Vickie Faircloth or Sam  
Stephenson

For PPC Choir come on Wednesday night or  
contact Brittany Jones

### Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group

We would like you to walk and  
fellowship with us on Tuesday and  
Thursday mornings at 11:00 am in the  
UFH. All are welcome!



## PPC Harvest Festival Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

The Harvest Festival will be on October 17th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. This is a community outreach event and your help is needed. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer. Please contact Brittany Jones if you have any questions or want to learn more how you can help.



## PPC Christmas Program



Our program this year needs the help and participation of our children AND adults. We have roles for all ages. We need set designers, set builders, costumers, stage hands, and activity coordinators. Rehearsals began on Sunday September 12 and will take place during Sunday School (9:45-10:30). And while the children and youth will practice each week, the adults involved will NOT be needed at every rehearsal. Once all roles have been decided, a rehearsal schedule will be posted and sent out letting all involved know which rehearsals they will need to attend and what will be covered during those times. The program will be presented on the first **Sunday in December, 12/5, at 5:00 pm**. Anyone interested in participating in any capacity, please email Brittany Jones at [BLKefauver07@hotmail.com](mailto:BLKefauver07@hotmail.com) or find her on Sunday mornings.



## Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

### **Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:**

**Chic (Charles) Folkman** at Avendelle Assisted Living at Garner; **Marilyn Johnson** at Barbour Court Nursing and Rehab Center, in Smithfield; **Bobbie Langdon** at Litchford Falls in Raleigh.

### **Persons Living with Cancer, including:**

**Scott Barnes, Heather Benson**, (Christiane Wright); **Joanne Boyle**, (Bob Zattiero); **Lisa Bradshaw, Dede Bumgarner**, (Brittany Davidson); **Shepherd Byrd**, (Brenda Byrd); **Paula Coates**, (A. Benson); **Ann Hargis, Jamie Harris**, (A. Jones); **Sylvia Holbrook**, (C. Johnson); **Robert Holding, John Husuley**, (C. Johnson); **Daisy Knoll**, (J. Mott); **Terasha McChann** (Bob Reed); **Bill Rice**, (C. Johnson); **Andrew S.**, (Sonderfan); **Carol Sawyer**, (Ray Sawyer); **Thomas Stephenson**, (Haley Jones); **Wayne Stephenson** (S. Stephenson); **Natalie Stewart**, (Lamberts); **Mike Stropich**, (Shawn & Rev. Nadia).

### **Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:**

**H. Andrews**, (Andrea Jones); **Sara Barber**, (V. Faircloth); **Worth Bowman, Rufus Brown**, (V. Faircloth); **Evelyn Burdette**, (Matt and Delaina Faircloth, Mott); **Junior Cassidy**, (Eunice Newnam); **Elise Corona**, (S. Bryant); **JoAnn Creech, Chris Darden and wife**, (Cathy Simmons); **Brittany Davidson, Ricky Denning**, Community; **Pat Embrey, Norma and Charles Evans**, (C. Johnson); **Chic and Mary Lou Folkman, Pat Forren; John Franzen**, (A. Mott); **Ronda Fullenkamp**, (Rick and Margie Taylor); **David Guss**, (Andrea Jones); **Willie Hardison**, (Carol Sawyer), **John Harris**, (A. Jones); **Brandi Hayes**, (V. Faircloth); **Tony and Linda Herron**, (Kathy Wood); **Barbi Hyatt**, (Newnams); **Brian Johnson**, (Don Dupree); **Tonya Johnson**, (EPC, Galatia PC); **Jonathan Kershaw, Laura Kershaw**, (Jonathan and Carole Kershaw); **Harley Kremer**, (Andrea Jones); **Derusha Langdon** (Kevin Creech); **Cathy Maddux, Bill Massey**, (Bob Reed); **Bill McClandless**, (Bob Zattiero); **Ken McGee**, (A. Benson); **Elsie Nederhoff**, (Linda Roberts); **Judy Nemeth**, (Lamberts); **Daphne Noles**; (Christiane Nooney), **Mary Tyler Nordan**, (Nordans); **Ed & Lou Penny, Mary Powell, Page Powers**, (Lamberts); **Caleb Reese**, (A. Jones); **Lycia Reese**, (A. Jones); **John Rogers; Rev. Freddy Rupenthal**, (E. Faircloth); **Steve Sherwood**, (Motts); **Peggy Smith** (J. Mott); **Mitch Sonderfan**, (D. Sonderfan); **Stephen Southers, Ann K. Stephenson, Tasha**, (C. Johnson); **Charles Tadlock**, (P. Collier); **Calvin Thomas**, (C. Johnson); **James Vaughn**, (S. Bryant); **Angelia Walker** (Newnam's); **Austin Williamson**, (C. Johnson); **Jean Yeager**, (Rich Lambert); and **Eva Younts**, (Nadine Reed).

### **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.*



**Providence Presbyterian Church  
Minutes of Stated Session Meeting August 4, 2021**

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a Stated Session Meeting on August 4, 2021 at 7:00pm at the church. Elders present were: Vickie Faircloth, John Kopanski, Scott Martin, John Mott, John Pickens, Sam Stephenson, and Kent Walton. Elders Kristy Stephenson and Donna Stolle were excused. Also in attendance was Pastor Nominating Committee Chairperson, David Collier. Reverend Mike Weaver from Grove Presbyterian Church located in Dunn, NC. served as Moderator. A quorum was declared and Reverend Weaver opened the meeting with prayer.

The devotional was presented by John Pickens

**Review of Minutes and Omnibus Committee Reports**

The minutes of the July 12, 2021 Stated Session Meeting and the omnibus committee reports were reviewed by the Session. Committees that did not meet were: Congregational Care, Finance, Long Range Planning, Mission & Outreach, Personnel, Property, and Worship. John Kopanski made a motion to approved the minutes of the July 12, 2021 Stated Session Meeting. The motion was seconded by John Mott. The Session voted and the motion was approved. John Mott made a motion to approve the agenda and the omnibus committee reports. The motion was seconded by John Pickens. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

**Christian Education Committee Motions**

The Christian Education Committee presented the following motions:

- **Motion:** Approved the resumption of PPC Kidz in September. PPC Kidz will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:30 pm and includes themed lessons, Scripture supporting the lesson or theme, team building skills, and a mission activity for children ages pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Motion:** Approve Christian Education Committee hosting a Community Harvest Day event on Sunday, October 17, 2021 from 3:00-6:00 pm.
- **Motion:** Approve Christmas Hang Ups as the Children/Youth Christmas Program. Practices will be conducted during Sunday School September through November. The program date is scheduled for December 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
- **Motion:** Approve the reinstatement of the Youth Barbecue fundraiser to be conducted on September 24, 2021. *The event will be drive-through/take-out only.*

The Session voted and all four (4) motions were approved.

**Pastor Nominating Committee**

Pastor Nominating Committee (“PNC”) Chairperson, David Collier, was at the meeting to convey that the PNC has a unanimous recommendation of a pastoral candidate to be the next Called Senior Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church. The Chairperson provided each Session member with an information packet which conveyed the following:

- An overview of the committee’s reasoning for the pastoral candidate recommendation.
- The pastoral candidate’s personal information form which provided an overview of the candidate’s educational background, ministerial experience, ministry gifts/skills/strengths and ministry vision.

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- Candidate's terms of call.
- Candidate evaluation process conducted by the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic's Ministerial Committee and associated timelines.

It was reported, that as a result of the candidate evaluation process, the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic's Ministerial Committee, has approved the pastoral candidate recommended by the PNC. Thus, the Session and the PNC can take the next steps in the process towards extending the pastoral call. With regards to this endeavor, the PNC Chairperson conveyed that the PNC Committee extended an invitation to pastoral candidate (Reverend Roger Korsten) to be present at the church to provide the sermon on Sunday, August 22, 2021; Reverend Korsten accepted the invitation. Additionally, in accordance with the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic's pastoral call process, a congregational meeting can be conducted after worship on August 22, 2021 to vote on extending a pastoral call.

Upon conclusion of the PNC's report, David Collier presented the following motion from the PNC: **Motion:** To approve the PNC's pastoral candidate recommendation of Reverend Roger Korsten. Furthermore, conduct a congregational meeting after the worship service on August 22, 2021. The stated purpose of the meeting would be to conduct a congregational vote to approve Reverend Roger Korsten as called Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church and the correlating terms of call. John Mott seconded the motion. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

### Financial Report

Sam Stephenson reviewed the July 2021 financial report and provided the following information:

- Mortgage balance is \$609,966.64. Money Market Savings balance is \$85,971.18. Bank Checking Account balance is \$161,656.13.
- Designated Fund book balance is \$155,066.84 and the General Fund book balance is \$1,477.72.
- Homecoming designated fund balance is \$27,783.30.
- It was conveyed that the church member's donation of \$42,000.00 towards the PCUSA dismissal fee was submitted to the church's Collections Treasurer. Sam also indicated that an additional \$3,070.00 was received for the Capital Campaign matching donor fund (\$42,000.00). With the donation overage of \$6,057.00 reported at last Session meeting and the additional \$3,070.00, the total donation overage of \$9,127.00 will be applied to the mortgage.

### Summary of Expenses and Receipts

General Fund Receipts  
July 2021: \$21,297.71

General Fund Expenses  
July 2021: \$27,466.15

Year to Date General Fund  
Receipts: \$166,428.84  
Expenses: \$171,450.57

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Sam Stephenson made a motion to approve the July 2021 financial report. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

Sam indicated that the Session needs to convene to establish a church budget for the year 2022. He suggested and the Session accepted to meet at the church on September 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

### **Old Business**

#### **Formation of a Session Sub-Committee to Review Policy and Procedural Manual**

It was the consensus of the Session to table this item as a matter of business at this meeting. The Session will address this item at a future Session Meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **Elder Nominating Committee (“ENC”)**

The Session needs two (2) Elders to serve as Session representation for the ENC. In response to this requirement, Scott Martin and John Pickens volunteered to serve in this capacity; with Scott Martin serving as the committee’s Chairperson. John Kopanski made a motion to elect Scott Martin and John Pickens to provide Session representation for the ENC. John Mott seconded the motion. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

#### **Presbytery Meeting**

The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Region will be conducting a Stated Presbytery Meeting on September 24-25, 2021. The meeting will be held at Lake Forest EPC located in Huntersville, NC. The Session needs two (2) commissioners to attend the meeting. David Collier and Kent Walton volunteered to be the commissioners for the meeting. John Mott made a motion to elect David Collier and Kent Walton to be commissioners for the Presbytery Meeting on September 24-25, 2021. John Kopanski seconded the motion. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

#### **Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Region Church Assessment Survey**

The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic Coastal sent out a church assessment survey to all clerks in the coastal region. The survey is to assist the new Presbytery to get a big picture of how churches are doing. The survey consists of forty-four (44) questions and has a 1-5 strongly disagree/strongly agree format. The clerk had a copy of the survey and provided a sampling of the type of questions. The Presbytery requested that the church leadership participate in completing the survey; rather than having just clerks and pastors responding. It was suggested that the Session could meet to complete the survey; however, it was the consensus of the Session to receive a copy of the survey and submit their responses to the clerk. John Pickens volunteered to scan the survey and submit to each Session member. The Presbytery requested that the surveys be submitted to the coordinating body by August 20, 2021. The clerk suggested that the surveys be submitted to them by August 15, 2021.

#### **Attendance/Visitation Slips**

It was the consensus of the Session to have the Elder of the month collect the Who’s new in the pew/Who’s in the pew slips. The slips are completed by visitors and church members.

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There is a section for prayer requests and a section whereby visitors can submit their contact information. The Elder of the month would retrieve the slips from the collection plates after worship service. They would keep a list of visitor information for the new pastor. As well, submit visitor information to the Congregational Care Committee. Prayer requests would be submitted to the church secretary to be included in prayer request emails. *This protocol will continue until a called pastor is seated.*

### **Next Stated Session Meeting**

Reverend Mike Weaver indicated that he could accommodate the Session's request for him to serve as our Moderator for the September Stated Session Meeting. Reverend Weaver informed the Session that he could be available on September 14, 2021. Thus, the Session accepted Reverend Weaver's offer and will conduct the next Stated Session Meeting on that date.

Being no further business, Reverend Mike Weaver closed the meeting with prayer.

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## CHURCH OFFICE



Pastor's Office Hours  
TBD

Office phone number is  
919-894-4063.

Please call the office between 9 am  
and 1 pm or your Elder in an  
emergency.

## 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 or address 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.*



## 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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## Donation Option

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



## Reminder!



### Deadlines for the Month:

Bulletin and Friday Reminder Deadline: Wednesday, 12:00 pm  
Monthly Newsletter: 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month, 1:00 pm

### Available on the website:

Church Newsletter "Presbyterians At The Crossroads"  
Sunday Worship Messages and other updates also on Facebook:  
Providence Presbyterian Church at McGee's Crossroads, Inc.

## Food Donation Ministries

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

### Backpack Buddies Most Needed Items:

Individual serving/packets of 100% fruit juice  
Fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears)  
Individual serving packets of oatmeal/grits  
Soup, tuna, ravioli (Pop-Top Lids a Plus)  
Granola bars

### West Johnston High School Community Food Pantry Most Needed Items:

Canned fruits, vegetables, meats, and soups (Pop-Top Lids a Plus)  
Whole grain pastas, brown rice, dried beans, cereal  
Peanut butter and other nut butters  
Sugar-free puddings  
Hygiene products

**Thank You For Your Support, Mission & Outreach Committee**

