

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church
September 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.**

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES AND EVENTS

ACOLYTE

5	Sophia Roberts
12	William Stephenson
19	Meadow Creech
26	Brock Nelms

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

5	No Children's Worship
12	Kristy Stephenson
19	Arline Mott
26	Allison Nelms

ELDER OF THE MONTH

John Mott

GREETERS

Session

NURSERY

5	Lily Martin and Lilly Harrison
12	Carolyn Johnson and Eva Stephenson
19	Allison Nelms and Phoebe Creech
26	Beth Pickens and Arline Mott

PRAYER TEAM

5	Annah Creech
12	Vickie Faircloth
19	Allison Nelms
26	Annah Creech

SECURITY

Chas Davidson

USHERS

5	Pete Booth, John Mott, and Eric Faircloth
12	John Kopanski, Jeff Wood, and Scott Martin
19	Donna Stolle, Pete Booth, and Kevin Creech
26	Vickie Faircloth, John Kopanski, and Tony Bryant

Birthdays & Anniversaries



September Anniversaries

8	David and Lisa Nelms
9	Ronnie and JoAnn Creech
10	Eric and Christina Jones
17	Eric and Vickie Faircloth
19	Richard and Andrea Jones
22	Melvin and Mary Langdon
23	John and Arline Mott



September Birthdays

1	Sue Bryant
	Carolyn Stuart
	Stephanie Whitley
5	Steve Wolak
6	Rich Lambert
8	Stephanie Wood
10	David Collier
11	Nell Franke
12	Joseph Phillips
14	Stephanie Bagley
16	Bobbie Langdon
	Mary Elaine Wood
19	Ashton Stuart
21	Meadow Creech
	Brock Nelms
22	William Stephenson
23	Frank Hughes
28	Pat Embrey
	Haley Jones
30	Nathan Dry



September Upcoming Events



- Sep 1 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 2 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Sep 5 Sunday Worship
Sep 6 PPC Office Closed, Labor Day
Sep 7 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Sep 8 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 9 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Sep 12 Sunday Worship
Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday
Christmas Program Practice Begins
Youth Group Kickoff in Youth Center 6:00 pm
Sep 13 Session Meeting 7:00 pm
Sep 14 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Sep 15 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 16 Fellowship Committee Meeting 11:00 am
Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Sep 19 Sunday Worship
PPC KIDZ Meet 4:00 pm
Youth Meet 6:00 pm
Sep 21 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Sep 22 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 23 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Newsletter Deadline
Sep 24 Youth Barbecue Fundraiser
Sep 26 Sunday Worship
Youth Meet 6:00 pm
Sep 27 Mission & Outreach Comm. Mtg. 11:00 am
Sep 28 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Sep 29 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm UFH
Sep 30 Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Card Ministry 1:00 at PPC

Pastor
In Transition

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

PNC Update

Sunday August 22, the pastoral candidate Roger Korsten provided the message at PPC. After the service a Congregational meeting was held to vote yes or no on extending the call to Roger Korsten. The Congregation voted yes to extend the call to Roger Korsten. The next steps in the process is for Roger to meet this week with the EPC ministerial committee and then to be voted on at the Presbytery meeting in September. If the Presbytery approves Roger at the September presbytery meeting, then Providence Presbyterian Church can install Roger as our next Pastor. David Collier and Kent Walton were approved by the Session to be delegates at the Presbytery meeting scheduled for September 24 and 25. The PNC requests that we continue to pray for Roger and his family; that God continues to bless them and gives them strength as they prepare for the next steps in their ministry of serving our Lord.

PNC Committee



DC/cml/PPCS

Communion Sunday



While we prepare ourselves for our next Called Pastor, Communion will now be served each quarter starting with Sunday, October 3rd.

VF/eml/PPCS



PROVIDENCE YOUTH

The "Youth Group Kickoff" will be held in the Youth Center on September 12th from 6 pm to 7:45 pm. We will have activities, games, and dinner will be provided. All Youth are welcome and encouraged to bring friends. For questions, please feel free to reach out to Katlin Faircloth at katlinadare@gmail.com

BBQ Fundraiser, Friday, September 24th

Please sign up to volunteer, support with sponsorships, and help with ticket sales. For questions contact: Scott Martin (19smartin69@gmail.com) or Eric Faircloth (aefaircloth70@gmail.com)



CARD MINISTRY

Card Ministry work at the Church will resume Thursday, September 30, at 1:00 pm. Anyone who wants to participate is encouraged to be present.



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!



Anyone interested in volunteering:

Nursery or Children's Sunday School, please contact Kristy Stephenson, at kstep74@gmail.com

For Children's Worship, Annah Creech at annacreech@gmail.com

For Usher, please contact Vickie Faircloth, at vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com

For AV Team contact Vickie Faircloth or Sam Stephenson

For PPC Choir come on Wednesday night or contact Brittany Jones



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 will begin 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 or find her on Sunday mornings.



SAVE THE DATE

October – 10th Homecoming 2021
17th Harvest Festival
November - Harvest Day Sunday
Stewardship Sunday

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*); **Bob Bilbro**, (*Mary Ann Booth*); **Joanne Boyle**, (*Bob Zattiero*); **Lisa Bradshaw, Dede Bumgarner**, (*Brittany Davidson*); **Shepherd Byrd**, (*Brenda Byrd*); **Paula Coates**, (*Ann Benson*); **Ann Hargis, Jamie Harris**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Sylvia Holbrook**, (*Carolyn Johnson*); **Robert Holding, John Husuley**, (*C. Johnson*); **Daisy Knoll**, (*John Mott*); **Terasha McChann** (*Bob Reed*); **Bill Rice**, (*C. Johnson*); **Andrew S.**, (*Sonderfan*); **Carol Sawyer**, (*Ray Sawyer*); **Thomas Stephenson**, (*Haley Jones*); **Wayne Stephenson** (*Sam Stephenson*); **Natalie Stewart**, (*Rich and Miriam Lambert*); **Mike Stropich**, (*Shawn & Rev. Nadia*).

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

H. Andrews, (*Andrea Jones*); **Sara Barber**, (*Vickie Faircloth*); **Lauren Bellissimo, Worth Bowman, Rufus Brown**, (*V. Faircloth*); **Junior Cassidy**, (*Eunice Newnam*); **Tabitha Collier**, (*Colliers*); **William "Bill" Collier**, (*David Collier*); **Elise Corona**, (*Sue 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, John Franzen**, (*Arline Mott*); **Ronda Fullenkamp**, (*Rick and Margie Taylor*); **David Gray**, (*Mary Ann Booth*); **David Guss**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Willie Hardison**, (*Carol Sawyer*), **John Harris**, (*A. Jones*); **Bret Hass**, (*Stolles*); **Brandi Hayes**, (*V. Faircloth*); **Tony and Linda Herron**, (*Kathy Wood*); **Barbi Hyatt**, (*Newnans*); **Brian Johnson**, (*Don Dupree*); **Tonya Johnson**, (*EPC, Galatia PC*); **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**, (*Ann Benson*); **Elsie Nederhoff**, (*Linda Roberts*); **Judy Nemeth**, (*Lamberts*); **Daphne Noles**; *Christiane Nooney*, **Mary Tyler Nordan**, (*Tyler and Natalie Nordan*); **Ed & Lou Penny, Bennie Pierce**, (*Allison Nelms*), **Mary Powell, Page Powers**, (*Lamberts*); **Caleb Reese**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Lycia Reese**, (*A. Jones*); **Becky Roberts, John Rogers**; **Rev. Freddy Rupenthal**, (*Eric Faircloth*); **Steve Sherwood**, (*Motts*); **Peggy Smith** (*John Mott*); **Mitch Sonderfan**, (*Doug Sonderfan*); **Stephen Southers, Ann K. Stephenson, Tasha**, (*C. Johnson*); **Charles Tadlock**, (*Pam Collier*); **Calvin Thomas**, (*C. Johnson*); **James Vaughn**, (*Sue Bryant*); **Angelia Walker** (*Newman's*); **Austin Williamson**, (*Carolyn Johnson*); **Jean Yeager**, (*Rich Lambert's sister*); 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 July 12, 2021**

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a Stated Session Meeting on July 12, 2021 at 7:00pm at the church. Elders present were: Vickie Faircloth, Kristy Stephenson, Donna Stolle, John Kopanski, Scott Martin, John Mott, John Pickens, Sam Stephenson, and Kent Walton. Also in attendance was David Collier, Chairperson of the Pastor Nominating Committee. Pastor Nadia Stropich served as moderator. Pastor Nadia declared that a quorum was present and opened the meeting with prayer. The devotional was presented by Kristy Stephenson.

Review of Minutes and Omnibus Committee Reports

The minutes of the June 14, 2021 Stated Session Meeting, the minutes of the June 21, 2021 Called Session Meeting and the omnibus committee reports were reviewed by the Session.

Committees that have not meet were: Christian Education, Congregational Care, Finance, Mission & Outreach, Personnel, Property, and Worship. John Kopanski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 Stated Session meeting and the June 21, 2021 Called 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 July 12, 2021 Stated Session Meeting agenda and the omnibus committee reports. The motion was seconded by Scott Martin. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

Pastor Nominating Committee (“PNC”)

Pastor Nominating Committee Chairperson, David Collier provided the Session with a status report on behalf of the PNC. David indicated the committee continues the process of evaluating pastoral candidates. However, he conveyed that they have identified a candidate that appears to be a good fit for Providence and the committee may be close to making a recommendation.

David will continue to keep the Session informed of the PNC’s progress and report as developments dictate.

Financial Report

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

- Mortgage balance is \$615,142.43. Money Market Savings balance is \$85,970.45/
- Checking Account balance is \$108,064.27.

- Designated Fund book balance is \$91,940.50
- General Fund book balance is \$7,646.16
- Homecoming designated fund balance is \$27,861.40

Sam reported that the Capital Campaign to match the donor donation of \$42,000.00 to pay-off the balance of the PCUSA dismissal fee has been achieved. In fact, the donations exceeded the

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\$42,000.00 by an amount of \$6,057.00. As previously determined by the Session, the amount of \$6,057.00 will be applied to the principle of the mortgage. **The clerk, working with legal counsel, will finalize the closeout of the dismissal process with New Hope Presbytery. This includes: submitting final payment, executing the Quit Claim Deed, and recording the deed with the Johnston County Register of Deeds.*

Summary of Expenses and Receipts

General Fund Receipts
June 2021: \$17,809.45

General Fund Expenses
June 2021: \$21,942.74

Year to Date General Fund
Receipts: \$145,131.13
Expenses: \$143,984.42

Sam informed the Session that it is time to think about the church budget for 2022. Each Chairperson will need to evaluate their committee ministries and plan their budgets accordingly.

At the August 2021 Stated Session Meeting, a date in September will be determined to conduct a dedicated meeting to establish a church budget for the year 2020.

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

Old Business

Policy Book Review

Pastor Nadia conveyed that she had received committee updates (program overview) which may be applicable for the policy book. Updates were received from the following committees: Worship, Fellowship, Property, Congregational Care, and Mission & Outreach. Pastor Nadia suggested that committee ministry overviews could be included in the policy manual; however, detailed committee activity and process should be conveyed in committee manuals, not in the policy manual. Pastor Nadia indicated that she will get in contact with Rich Lambert to send her and the Session the latest version of the policy manual. She suggested that each Chairperson review their section and update accordingly. In addition, committee information on the church's website needs to be reviewed by the respective Chairpersons and provide updates to David Nelms. **Additional policy book scrutinization will resume at the next scheduled Stated Session Meeting.*

New Business

Long Range Planning ("LRP") Committee Motions

Motion From LRP: Upon conclusion of the Session Class of 2021 term, LRP Committee will no longer be a standing committee of the Session. The Session voted and the motion was approved with eight (8) votes in favor of the motion and one (1) vote not in favor of the motion.

LRP Chairperson, Scott Martin conveyed that it was the consensus of the LRP committee that this motion be presented to the Session. The committee will remain a viable ministry of the church and intend to regularly convene quarterly. In addition, the committee would convene to

act on requests from the Session through facilitating, planning, and assisting with implementation of a proposed projects or ministry concepts.

Motion From LRP: Establish a Capital Campaign to pay off the existing church mortgage in five (5) years or less with implementation contingent upon paying the total debt associated with the PCUSA dismissal fee and the hiring of a called full-time pastor. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

Fellowship Committee

Motion: To approved the rental fees for the use of the Lower Fellowship Hall as depicted on the chart (by reference, the fee chart will be inclusive of these minutes) with the provision that rental use of the Upper Fellowship Hall will be suspended until further notice. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

Homecoming Letter

Fellowship Committee Chairperson, Donna Stolle reviewed a draft of the Homecoming letter. As well as serving as an invitation, the letter provides an overview of church life over the course of the last year. Donna asked if there were any revisions needed. In response, John Mott suggested that reference of the cornerstone on the church dated 1921 be included in letter; as it represents the Centennial of Providence Presbyterian Church. In addition, Kristy Stephenson suggested that the youth mission trip be included in the letter. Without objection, the suggested revisions will be implemented. Donna indicated that the Homecoming letter will be mailed out around the middle of September 2021.

Christian Education

Christian Education Chairperson, Kristy Stephenson introduced the following motion with regards to the youth mission trip to Pennsylvania: Permit the mission trip chaperones to use the church credit card for gas and to assist with any emergency situations. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

Point of Personal Privilege from the Moderator of Session

This was the last Session Meeting that Pastor Nadia Stropich will serve as our Session Moderator. Pastor Nadia presented the following business items:

- Working in conjunction with the Worship Committee, providing suggested resources and possibilities to secure pulpit supply until Providence has a called pastor.
- A Session Moderator has been scheduled for our Stated Session Meetings until we have a called pastor. Pastor Nadia conveyed that our Session Moderator will be Reverend Mike Weaver from Grove Presbyterian Church located in Dunn, NC.
- Pastor Nadia suggested that if there are folks on our care lists that do not have internet notify them by phone that her last Sunday with Providence will be July 18, 2021.

Pastor Nadia provided closing remarks about her tenure at Providence Presbyterian Church. She conveyed to the Session that our purpose can be found in Matthew 28:16-20.

Prior to closing the meeting, Vickie Faircloth, on behalf of the Session, presented Pastor Nadia with a gift of artwork (God's Fingerprint); followed by expressions of Gratitude for Pastor Nadia's Ministry at Providence Presbyterian Church.

Being no further business, Pastor Nadia closed the meeting with prayer.

CHURCH OFFICE



Pastor's Office Hours
TBD

Office phone number is
919-894-4063.

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
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Look for link "EPC BOOK OF
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Reminder!



Deadlines for the Month:

Bulletin and Friday Reminder Deadline: Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Monthly Newsletter: 23rd 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, and 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



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.

