

THE PROVIDENCE POST

*Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation
Located at 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde*



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Directions to Providence 1400 Old Clyde Road

From Waynesville: 19/23 to exit 105, right on Hospital Drive for 0.1 miles, right on Jones Cove Road to end (0.3 miles), right on Old Clyde Road for 0.1 miles, church is on the right.

From Clyde: 19/23 to exit 106, right on Jones Cove Road, then as above.

Worship and Church Activities

Sunday

10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages

10:45 am - Morning Worship with
Nursery & Children's Church

Tuesday

12:00 pm - Pastor's Circle

Thursday

6:30 am - Men's Prayer Group
and breakfast

3:30 pm - Women's Prayer Group

Every Other Thursday

7:00 pm Men's Group Study

7:00 pm Women's Group Study

December 2018

Advent: arrival or coming. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Incarnation, where do you need to make room in your heart for Jesus? The Messiah came, took on flesh and "moved into the neighborhood" as Eugene Peterson so artfully captured in *The Message*. Has He moved into your neighborhood or does he feel far off? If we've missed Him it's likely because we've been focused on other things. This Christmas let's remind ourselves, amidst the tinsel and gifts, that Christ is the greatest gift of all. Advent means coming. Come Lord Jesus. It is a prayer of expectation, a prayer of hope. That Jesus, who came, will come again. That the King who proclaimed the Kingdom, will come again, to establish the Eternal Kingdom among us both now and forevermore.

Pastor Edward



Session Highlights

The session continues to pursue our elusive Mission and Vision statements. The Lord is bringing us closer but not there yet.

We are actively seeking renters for our upstairs space. This should help with our financial strain.

The session has decided to partner with Harrison Northey, the seminary student that has preached several times for us during the last few months. During 2019, he will fill in with preaching as part of his seminary class work, when our pastor is away on vacation time. We look forward to our connection with Harrison and Samantha.

The Nominating Committee has presented their report to the session. They did a great job and we are extremely grateful to them for the hard work in discerning God's will for our church. Officer election will be at our annual congregational meeting in January. As always, if you want to nominate someone from the floor, please contact that person prior to the meeting, to discuss their willingness to serve and sense of calling.

Providence Happenings

Mark Your Calendars

Christmas Worship in a Stable - The 3rd generation barn loft in Canton. Saturday, **Dec. 1st**, 5:30 pm. Historic barn with singing, Scripture and story, animals, hay bales, special music and fellowship. Free Admission. Please bring a non-perishable food item to place at the Manger.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing at WalMart on Tuesday, **Dec. 4th**, 10 am - 8 pm, one hour time slots. See Bill Allsbrook if you would like to ring.

Christmas Meal: A holiday potluck meal is being planned for Sunday, **Dec. 9th**, following morning worship. Turkey and ham will be served and we are asking that you bring a holiday side dish, salad, rolls or dessert. Susan Kingshill is overseeing this event. If you have not signed up for this meal and are planning to come, please let Susan know so we will know how much food is needed.

Christmas Eve Service: 5:00 pm Monday, December 24th.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 13th, after the worship service to vote on officers and approve the pastor's terms of call

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2018

Luke Allsbrook - Discipleship & Christian Education

Bob Dresdow - Discipleship & Christian Education

Class of 2019

Wally Cook - Congregational Care

Thom Morgan - Finance

Class of 2020

Vacant

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

Our Diaconate

Jeffrey Alt - Class of 2018

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Vacant - Class of 2020

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow



Open Door Volunteers

November 29, 2018

Providence cooks, serves, and cleans up at the Open Door on 5th Thursdays, and serves and cleans up every 3rd Wednesday.



Mission News



Update and Gratitude

"It was just a matter of time..."

On this Thanksgiving, we're joining our friend Peter in giving thanks for you. Peter was one of the many non-Christians who regularly attend our church. Members of his family were committed Christians, but he remained a skeptic, reflecting the post-religious sentiment of his European homeland. Andrew developed a close friendship with Peter and was able to share the gospel with him often and winsomely, but he moved to the other side of the world still clinging to his unbelief.



It's heart-wrenching to see those we love move away while still cold to the good news. But God is THE great missionary. Peter recently sent me a message. He was referring a friend in Bogotá to our church. He added at the end of his message, "My son and I got baptized recently. We are now one family in Christ. It was just a matter of time..."

Sometimes the Lord allows us to reap, sometimes to he asks us to sow. Thank you for allowing us to do both as your servants to the nations and the next generation. It's because of your faithful prayers and generosity that we could play a role in Peter's conversion. What a privilege.

We had a full house on Tuesday as we hosted our annual Thanksgiving community meal. This is one of the strategic ways we meet new people in our community. For example, not only did a Turkish Muslim woman enjoy our meal and listen to the Thanksgiving gospel presentation. She even made an apple pie to share. Can you spy Laura Kate enthusiastically serving stuffing?



Health Update

I (Andrew) can't thank you enough for your prayers and kind words of encouragement throughout my health difficulties (a dissected artery in my neck) and hospital stay. I was finally released a few days after I sent that last newsletter. My doctors are pleased with my recovery, but I still have a few months until things will be back to normal. I appreciate your prayers for patience and continued improvement in this process.

Gratefully,

Andrew w/Laura Kate, Fox, Evie Jude, & Lucy

Want Ads

Items you wish to buy, sell, trade, or give away may be submitted to Bill White or Barb Dresdow.

Looking to buy a Queen bedroom suite. Call Edward 550-4615

EBay guru needed: If you have the time, computer talent, and call/desire to help with missions, we need someone that likes to work with EBay to post/sell items that may bring a better price there than at a yard sale. If interested contact Renee Mitchell or any of the mission committee.

Too much "Stuff" in your house? Move it for Missions!!! We are planning to have a church wide yard sale to benefit local and foreign missions in the spring of 2019. We are now collecting smaller/ medium size items in the old "art" room, the first door on the right of the classroom area of Providence Church. If you have larger items such as couches, elephants or treadmills just let us know and we will make arrangements for them. More details to come in the future.

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information October 31, 2018

Tithes/Offering collections	138,107
Miscellaneous income	<u>662</u>
Total Revenue	138,859
Missions	24,815
Purchase of HCA	151,760
Church Operating Expenses	<u>140,856</u>
Total Expenditures	317,431
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(178,572)
Designated Givings	50
Cash in Bank Beginning of Year	<u>232,330</u>
Cash in Bank End of Month	53,808
<u>Breakdown of Cash</u>	
Checking Account	53,808
Savings Account	<u>0</u>
Total	53,808

Update 11/30/2018

YTD Revenue	+ 147,753
YTD Expenses	- 177,330
SHORTFALL	(29,577)

December Volunteers

Snacks

Dec 2	Susan Kingshill team
Dec 9	Eleonore Shelton team
Dec 16	Glenda White team
Dec 23	Church
Dec 30	Men of Providence

Sunday School/Children's Church

Dec 2	Phil Inglis
Dec 9	Glenda Brouwer
Dec 16	Renee Mitchell
Dec 23	LuAnn Davis
Dec 30	Jenny Alt




Counters

Dec 2	Thom Morgan
	Bruce Kingshill
Dec 9	Bill White
	LuAnn Davis
Dec 16	Wally Cook
	Sam Mitchell
Dec 23	Bill Allsbrook
	Phil Inglis
Dec 30	Bob Dresdow
	Pat Inglis

Open/Close/Usher

Dec 2	Luke Allsbrook
Dec 9	Bob Dresdow
Dec 16	Sam Mitchell
Dec 23	Wally Cook
Dec 30	Thom Morgan

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2  10:45 AM Holy Communion	3 5:00 pm The Well	4  Salvation Army bell ringing	5	6 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	7	1 Lydia Lizarazu Sam Mitchell Christina Roberts
9 12:00 PM Christmas potluck	10	11 5:30 PM Staff dinner	12	13 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	14 Natalie Wilson Thom Morgan Michael & Eleonore Shelton	15
16	17	18 Jennifer Alt	19 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	20 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Wally Cook	21	22
23 Julian Bacon	24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve service	25  Christmas	26 Thom & Jacque Morgan	27 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	28	29
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