

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 105, 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

Wednesday

10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group
and breakfast

Every Other Thursday

7:00 pm Men's Group Study
7:00 pm Women's Group Study

May 2020

Zoom! A few months ago, who knew what zoom was other than a verb to describe how quick your children or grandchildren could scoot about! Now, we have had numerous Zoom meetings-facilitating prayer times and worship services. How wonderful the joyful joining of each new face in a Zoom meeting: there's Luke and Renee, hello Wally and Toni, glad you've joined Bill and Jerry! We live in a remarkable time of connection via the internet. Plagues have come and gone throughout human history, epidemics have ravaged communities in the past, pandemics have decimated people groups, but never before have we had this level of connection during a time crisis. This has created a unity of spirit as we have heard ourselves say many times: we are in this together! I am grateful to be your pastor, and love how people have stepped up during this time. Soon we may be getting back (in person) to worship together, as we prayerfully watch the number of infections decline daily. We thank God for His mercy for our community and county and State, even as we mourn for those places hit particularly hard. May the Spirit draw us closer to God and closer to each other and may we remember these times and carry the lessons into the future. Peace, unity, grace and patience all come to mind as qualities we have grown in and been tested in. Christ is with us all the time. God is good--all the time!



From
the Pastors Desk

Pastor Edward

Luke Allsbrook, Elder in charge of Congregational Care, would be pleased to hear from anyone in the congregation that has an idea for a church event or activity. He would like to help facilitate scheduling, announcements, funding, etc.

Providence Happenings



Many thanks to Julie Rager
for our new flower bed.

Yard Sale News

Good Morning all. The Mission Team would like to thank you for all your yard sale contributions thus far and also for those who have been working to get things sorted and priced. We have a lot of fabulous items and so far we've managed to sell appx 1,000.00 worth of treasures online. If you bring furniture or large bulky items, please leave it in the fellowship Hall. If anyone would like to help haul and sort, please call me at 230-6501 and since I'm in the middle of a move myself (just up the mountain), I could really use your help. Carol is making beautiful silk flower arrangements for us to sell and they are perfect for Mother's Day, birthdays, Thank You's or Just Because... Please see photos and pricing on our Facebook Page. The arrangements are in the Fellowship Hall so if you want to purchase one just give me a shout and we'll make a plan. We could use some help with Online Posting and Selling too if that interests you. Our goal is to have everything ready for a fabulous summer sale. Again, we can't thank you enough and I miss you all so even if we social distance and only have one person working in a room at a time, I'm looking forward to seeing you!! *Tj Anthony*

Dear Providence family,

Thank you

Wally and I cannot thank you enough for your expressions of love toward us in these last few weeks. The calls, offers to help, and especially the prayers have been heart-warming, to say the least. You exemplify what it means to be the church of Christ. We look forward to the day we can give big hugs! May God bless you all!

Love, *Toni and Wally Cook*

Providence Library

Did you know that the apostle Paul liked to read? 2 Timothy 4:13 says, "When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books and above all the parchments."

While the Bible is our primary source for guidance and knowledge about God's will and plan for our lives, Christian literature and reading the wisdom (and wit) of other believers can also help us grow in our Christian walk. With that in mind, we are starting the PROVIDENCE LIBRARY. We are so grateful that Paula Rhodarmer, who was librarian for HCC for years, has agreed to be our librarian. At this time we are accepting donations of Christian commentaries, works of fiction, non-fiction, youth material etc. Each book will have a library card to be signed and placed in the "on loan" file. While we anticipate books will always be returned, we will be working on the honor system and hoping books will not be misplaced. However, that said, if you have a book that you are especially attached to, keep it at home. If you have books you desire to donate, you may place your name on the inside front cover of any book you donate, so if we have two of the same book or if we ever need to purge books, we can ask you if you want the book returned to you. Please place donated books on the designated shelves in the church library/ prayer room.



Mission News



Roes Update

Ministry Update

Being in ministries that have large online components, we have still been very busy and actually have seen an increase in opportunities. For Courtney, there have been a lot of opportunities to share online resources and recommendations for how to continue doing ministry online when face-to-face isn't an option. For Krista, she's been deep in getting several of the German CBS lessons translated and formatted for printing. Both of us are regulars to online meetings so Zoom and the like are familiar tools.



There have also been opportunities to minister to our neighbors. Please pray for them as many of them are small business owners in our town and have reduced demand or are shut down completely. We've had opportunities to encourage them and buy from them as we can.

Personal Update

Overall, we're doing well. Currently here in Germany, we have restrictions like:

You can only meet with one other person in public who is not family & you must still maintain 2 meters (about 6 feet) separation.

Grocery stores are open but have restrictions about how many people may be inside at any one time and of course, 2 meter separation at all times. Certain items have shelves empty but only for a day or two.

All non-essential businesses are closed. Restaurants are not allowed to have people in spaces where there is seating and can only do take-out (many are closed but those that are doing take out **Our Town in the Black Forest** are passing food through windows). But as is good in German culture, our bakery is still open (but not getting many customers).

Going into nature for exercise is encouraged but you can only go with family members. The picture above is from an early morning hike above our town.



We have chosen to have everyone in our teams work from home to be a good witness to our German neighbors as we do care about stopping the spread of the virus. So Courtney has now setup an office space in Alex's old bedroom and Krista continues to use her setup in our "office" room. Alex's University decided to suspend all on-campus classes while he was still on Spring Break, so he is setup at Courtney's sister's house and finishing the semester online there.

How can we be praying for you?

Many of you have reached out to ask how you can be praying with us during this time and we really appreciate those prayers but we also enjoy praying for you especially during this time. So how can we be praying for you? How are you doing in this time? We want to know. courtney@roesgarden.com

Want Ads

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

Toni Cook would like to pay someone (student?) to pull weeds in her flower bed. Call her at 226-1679.

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2020

Sam Mitchell - Clerk, Building & Grounds

Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow - Youth & Family

Phil Inglis - Missions

Class of 2022

Luke Allsbrook - Congregational Care

Bruce Kingshill - Finance

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Nursery: Mandy Mills

May Volunteers

Snacks

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Counters

Communion

Open/Close/Usher

May 3	Phil Inglis
May 10	Bob Dresdow
May 17	Sam Mitchell
May 24	Luke Allsbrook
May 31	Bruce Kingshill

Cleaning

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information April, 2020

Tithes/Offering collections	54,042.00
Budgeted Expenditures	(52,180.00)
Collections over expenditures	1,862.00
<u>Cash Balance</u>	
Checking Account	28,409.23
Savings Accountnt	75,005.51

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Paula Rhodarmer	6	7 Allison June Kirby	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Chuck Torpy	18 Pat Inglis Roberta Edwards	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day (Observed)	26 Makayla Lawrence	27	28 Charlotte Allsbrook	29	30
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