

THE PROVIDENCE POST

Providence Church - an Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregation
Located on the Haywood Christian Academy senior campus - 1400 Old Clyde Road, Clyde



January 2018

We said goodbye to the Old and welcomed the New Year with an ice storm! How many of you found yourself on the skating rinks called roads? After church yesterday the youth group got together for a service project of raking leaves at a home in the area. We had a blast and the project took us well into the afternoon. It got colder, then some snowflakes and then a cold mist settled in. Before we knew it the roads became treacherous. We thank God for His watch care over us as people made their way home to ring in the New Year. As we peer into 2018 we can say we know not what the future holds but we know Who holds the future. In the words of that beautiful hymn "I know not what of good or ill may be reserved for me, of weary ways or golden days before His face I see--But I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day". And what is that thing which we have committed? Our hearts committed unto Him. Grace and peace to all of you.

Pastor Edward



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Directions to Providence (On HCA campus) 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

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am - Morning Worship
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



Session Highlights

Examination of Sarah Altman and Sam Mitchell as elders and Art Altman as deacon. Sarah and Art Altman are being trained by Pastor Edward. They all gave their personal testimony. Pastor Edward asked and reviewed questions from the Book of Order which will be asked at the installation and ordination service. Discussion and questions from the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechism followed. Prayers were given over the new elders and deacon. Their installation and ordination will be in January.

The Session reaffirmed its authorization for the Finance Committee to transfer funds from our savings to the checking account as needed to maintain a positive balance. Bruce will notify Session of each transaction of this kind. A Motion to have Bruce Kingshill continue to serve on the Finance committee as chairman was made by Bob Dresdow, seconded by Phil Inglis and passed. Prayer for our financial

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Providence Happenings



situation was given by Bruce Kingshill and Bob Dresdow. Rev. Edward suggested we spend time in future session meetings to review current financial status, noting adjustments to be made to future budgets in order to meet our financial obligations to our staff and missionaries, keeping in mind our Vision for the future.

Review of Inactive Membership. Each officer volunteered to contact those on the inactive member list before the next session meeting to determine their desire to remain on our rolls.

Everyone shared their particular joys and challenges. Pastor Edward shared again 3 goals to be met by our church. We are to be welcoming, preaching the gospel, and supportive in need. Koinonia.

The next meeting of the Session will be on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 pm



Christmas carolers, evening of December 17th

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Pat Inglis - Clerk of 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

Sarah Altman

Sam Mitchell

Our Diaconate

Jeffrey Alt - Class of 2018

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Art Altman - Class of 2020

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Youth Director - Alan Cheney

Administrative Assistant - Barb Dresdow

Dear Providence Church,

Kristin and I wanted to give you an update on my schooling and our lives as well as tell each and every one of you thanks. This December, I was able to finish up my degree from Reformed Theological Seminary. This degree in theological studies was only possible through the prayer and financial support of Providence Church. My time at RTS has been more valuable than I thought possible. Being here has strengthened me academically, increased my knowledge of the Scriptures, and most importantly, deepened my relationship with Jesus Christ. I am incredibly thankful for the sacrifice that Providence Church made in order to help me follow God's calling on my life to be able to teach God's word and theology to young people. Kristin and I are exciting moving forward and are looking for teaching jobs to open up for next fall. Providence will always be our home and there is no way to give back to you what you have given us. Thank you again and God bless!

Taylor & Kristin Cook

Ordination & Installation of Officers

During the worship service on January 7th, Sarah Altman and Sam Mitchell will be installed as elders. Art Altman and Will Roberts will be installed as deacons.

Haywood Christian Academy Senior Campus Minutes of Congregational Meeting December 3rd, 2017 @ 12:03 pm

Present: Rev. Edward Brouwer, active ruling elders, inactive ruling elders, deacons and members of the congregation. A quorum was declared.

Call to Order/Opening Prayer – Edward Brouwer called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm and gave the opening prayer.

Purpose & Business

The purpose of this meeting was to hear the report of the Nominating Committee, vote on the nominating committee candidates for 2018, review the proposed 2018 budget, and vote on the terms of call for the minister for 2018.

1) **Nominating Committee Report** – As chairman of the committee, Bruce Kingshill reported that two(2) candidates for ruling elder and two (2) candidates for deacon were recommended by the committee. The nominees and terms of service were:

Ruling Elder	Deacon
Sam Mitchell - 3 years	Will Roberts – 2 years
Sarah Altman– 3 years	Art Altman - 3 years

Bruce Kingshill asked for additional nominations from the floor. **There being none offered, a motion was made by Phil Inglis to close nominations from the floor. After a second by Glenda White, the motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the slate by acclamation was made by Phil Inglis, seconded Sam Mitchell and approved.**

2) **Nominating Committee for 2018**– Bruce Kingshill presented the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2018: Bill Allsbrook, Alan Bush, and Paula Rhodarmer. Bruce Kingshill asked for additional nominations from the floor. With none being offered, **Sam Mitchell moved the nominations be closed, Glenda White seconded and the motion passed. Phil Inglis made a motion that this slate of members for the Nominating Committee for 2018 be approved. After a second from Renee Mitchell, the motion passed unanimously.**

3) **Review of Proposed Budget for 2018** – Treasurer Bruce Kingshill reviewed each major item on the budget. The Elders tried to keep the budget and expected giving equal. Giving was flat so the budget remained flat.

a) Missions Budget – The total budget remained the same as last year.

b) Staff was given a 2% increase with reductions made in other budget line items reflecting 2017's use of funds.

c) Total of the 2018 budget is \$204,434

4) **Review of the Terms of Call for the Minister** – Bruce Kingshill served as moderator pro temp while Pastor Brouwer was excused for this discussion. He reviewed the terms of call for the Minister and explained that a 2% increase was proposed by the session.

Glenda White made a motion that the terms of call for the minister be approved as presented. After a second by Phil Inglis, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the Congregational Meeting was made by Wally Cook, seconded by Phil Inglis and passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Edward Brouwer at 12:17 pm

Haywood Christian Academy Senior Campus Minutes of Corporation Meeting December 3rd, 2017 @ 12:17 pm

Present: Rev. Edward Brouwer, active ruling elders, inactive ruling elders, deacons and members of the congregation. A quorum was declared.

Call to Order/Opening Prayer – Rev. Edward Brouwer called the meeting to order at 12:17 pm and opened it in prayer.

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss any business of the Providence Church Corporation. This corporation was formed to provide liability protection for leaders and members. The current ruling elders serve as the trustees of the corporation.

MOTION – Since there was no business to discuss, Sam Mitchell made a motion to djourn the meeting of the corporation. After a second by Wally Cook, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 pm and Pastor Edward closed in prayer.



Mission News



McKays December Update

Like you, we're amazed that this year is already drawing to a close. The snow has already begun and we know that this winter season can be a challenge to gain access to some of the refugees here. We had the privilege this past weekend of helping the Syrian couple mentioned in the previous newsletter to move into their new apartment. They are so grateful for the help, since there is a lot of paperwork and bureaucracy to wade through here (as everywhere). Sandra's work is not yet done in that process. We are likely to gain access to more Syrians in the same housing through this process! We will take Sandra's mother to eat with them tomorrow.

As 2017 winds down we look to the Lord for His doors to open. There are still many refugees, particularly from Afghanistan and Iraq that face the possibility of being sent back to very dangerous situations due to the current political climate here. One of our Iraqi friends is still waiting for papers to stay in Germany after two years... the wait has turned him from a nominal M. back to his daily M. prayers, much to the surprise of his wife. Please pray that we will have the opportunity to share the Truest Love with them. The brother of one of our Syrian friends here has remained in Syria in order to keep his pharmacy going. He is now facing the prospect of having to pay constant bribes to the government in order to keep from being closed down. It is by no means a peaceful situation.

We are very grateful for your love and support through this past year and for the time to come. Please consider Engaging the Displaced among refugees in Germany in your year-end giving. His peace will prevail, the McKays

Prayer/Praise:

- supportive local friendships
- more open doors for relationships
- dreams and visions of Jesus for M.'s
- the launch of our new group



Want Ads

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

Food Assistance

Providence Church continues to collect non-perishable food items for Haywood Christian Ministries. Remember to purchase an extra item when you are shopping, and place it in the box outside the sanctuary door on Sundays.

Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information November 30, 2017

Tithe/Offering collections	174,834
Miscellaneous income	56
Designated giving	<u>1,135</u>
Total Revenue	176,025
Missions	28,000
Church Operating Expenses	<u>159,645</u>
Total Expenditures	187,645
Increase (Decrease) in cash	(11,620)
Cash-in-Bank-Beginning of Year	<u>238,456</u>
Cash-in-Bank-End of Month	226,836
<u>Breakdown of Cash:</u>	
Checking Account	4,796
Savings Account	<u>222,010</u>
Total	226,836

January Volunteers

Snacks

Jan 7	Paula Rhodarmer team
Jan 14	LuAnn Davis team
Jan 21	Susan Kingshill team
Jan 28	Eleonore Shelton team

Sunday School/Children's Church

Jan 7	Phil Inglis
Jan 14	Glenda Brouwer
Jan 21	LuAnn Davis
Jan 28	Renee Mitchell

Counting Teams

Jan 7	Bill Allsbrook Phil Inglis
Jan 14	Bob Dresdow Pat Inglis
Jan 21	Thom Morgan Bruce Kingshill
Jan 28	Curt Sevig Alan Bush

Set Up/Close/Usher

Jan 7	Luke Allsbrook Sarah & Art Altman
Jan 14	Bob & Barb Dresdow
Jan 21	Sam Mitchell
Jan 28	Wally Cook

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  New Year's Day	2 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	3 Carole Torpy	4 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Michael Lear Sandra McKay	5	6 Helena Godfrey
7  10:45 AM Holy Communion 11:00 AM Officer Installation Mary Ellen Fawcett	8 Bob Dresdow	9 12:00 PM Pastor's circle 7:00 PM Session	10	11 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	12 Malcolm Spink	13
14 Diana Bush	15	16 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	17 11:15 AM Serving at Open Door	18 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group Edward Brouwer	19 Margaret Allsbrook Matt Kirby	20
21	22	23 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	24	25 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 3:30 PM Women's Prayer Group	26	27
28	29 Rita Sevig	30 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Linda Ford	31			

Anniversary

Birthday