

# 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

### **Wednesday**

10:30 - Women's Prayer Group

### **Thursday**

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

### **Every Other Thursday**

7:00 pm Men's Group Study

7:00 pm Women's Group Study

## **June 2019**

We are a connectional church. What does that mean? As Presbyterians, we are in a denomination that values a vital, dynamic and genuine connection in constitutional accountability with like-minded churches. Our church is part of a regional body called the Presbytery of the South East. Elders and Pastors in this area, which includes 4 churches in Western NC and +20 churches in Tennessee and about 10 in Georgia, gather 3 times a year for mutual support, programs, and encouragement. Recently our elders approached the Church Health and Growth Team to pray with us on ways to grow Providence. We have so appreciated their encouragement. There are people praying for us church! Also, in terms of denominational connection, we have an annual gathering of elders and pastors for the purpose of ministry, missions and mentoring. This year Cherry Creek Pres in Denver CO is hosting during the week of June 18-22. Glenda and I have plans to attend this time of inspiration in worship, preaching and decision making according to the constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Andrew Brunson (our missionary freed from a Turkish prison last October) will be a speaker. Thanks for your prayers for him and for all of us!

*Pastor Edward*



## **Session Notes**

Our Session meets the second Tuesday of every month. Please pray for us. At our May meeting, we had a guest: Tom Reesor from Presbytery of the Southeast (POSE) Church Health and Growth Committee We held a 40-minute discussion of the Church Health and Growth Assessment Tool that was given to us by POSE.

Call to Order/ Opening Prayer - Meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Brouwer. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes for the Stated Meeting of April 9, 2019.

Clerk's Report:

1) Holy communion was celebrated on Sunday May 5th and at the Good Friday service on April 19, 2019.

2) Nathaniel Lee to preach at the morning worship on May 19, 2019.

3) A thank you note was sent to Al and Terry Sloan for their donation of an eight-foot ladder to the church.

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# Providence Happenings



4) Review of Session Minutes committee for the 2018 submitted minutes, approved by POSE without exception, with notations.

## **Diaconate Report:**

Information concerning the May 18th workday at the church was presented.

## Standing Committee Reports

Youth and Family: 1) We discussed the loss and replacement of our paid nursery worker (Brianne) in July. Bob Dresdow will solicit members for a committee to oversee the filling of that position. It was suggested that committee members be chosen from those currently working in the nursery and parents of the children in this age group. The committee will report back by the June session meeting.

2) A security issue during worship was discussed and the method of a resolution was determined.

## Committees report:

Met with Will, Christina and Luke Allsbrook on Sunday, April 28. We identified who are our youth at Providence, talked about what the youth are currently studying in Sunday School- "Going From Good to Great". We may have an event in late June such as a board game night or nerf gun war at the church.

Congregational Care: Currently the congregation has a considerable number of members who are dealing with medical issues. The session was reminded to hold these members up in prayer and contact through our shepherding groups on a routine basis was encouraged. A time of prayer was held for these individuals.

Missions: Phil presented the mission's report. We have several of our missionary families coming to town over the next few months and we will highlight them in our Moment For Missions in the services.

Treasurer Report: Report was reviewed. Motion to accept as submitted was made by Bob Dresdow, seconded by Phil Inglis, and passed unanimously. The overview is published monthly in the Newsletter and the Rev/Exp piece is noted in the bulletin at the end of every month. Our giving is a matter of concern and prayer.

Finance Committee: Presentation of the Risk Management Plan from the the committee is bumped to the June stated meeting when Thom will present.

## Old business:

- 1) By common consent the dates for presentation of testimonies of new members, Jason and Roberta Edwards and Sherry Alvarez to the congregation be determined by Rev. Brouwer as it best fits into our worship services.
- 2) Discussion on the rental of second story space was held and will continue as more information is available.

## New business:

1) Received the report from presbytery commissioners. Ruling elders (RE) Phil Inglis and Bob Dresdow and teaching elder (TE) Edward Brouwer were commissioners for the meeting of POSE on May 3-4 in GA. We received reports from the following committees:

- Church Planting/Receiving
- Ministerial Care
- Church Health & Growth
- Outreach/Evangelism
- Review/Session Minutes
- Trustees.

received reports from the Stated Clerk, Assistant Stated Clerk, and Treasurer.

Examined three ministerial candidates. We were moved by the continual prayer throughout the meeting and the devotionals based on Scripture were excellent.

3) After discussion, it was agreed by common consent that we not add wine to the communion service. The intent was that it should not be a stumbling block for any members or those visiting the church. The idea of adding a bulletin insert related to the sacrament on those times when it is served will be explored by Rev. Brouwer.

4) There was a discussion on the selection of supply ministers.

5) Tom Reesor from POSE Church Health and Growth Committee gave several helpful suggestions for our church. We greatly appreciate the committee and his support of our congregation and his willingness to travel here to meet with us. He made it known that presbytery has funds for special projects of outreach and encouraged us to apply for these startup resources.

A motion to adjourn was presented by Phil Inglis and seconded by Wally Cook. The motion passed without exception. The meeting was closed in prayer by Tom Reesor.

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## Summer Camp

**What:** Vine of the Mountains Church will be presenting “Created for a Purpose” summer camp for our community this summer, August 5-9. We are partnering with them by offering them use of our building during that week. It is a creativity camp for rising 3rd graders to 8th graders. The students will be divided by age groups and enjoy learning that they are created by God, in his image, for a purpose. The campers' week will be filled with awesome projects: sewing, cooking/baking, paper crafting, painting, and building/sculpture; talks; devotionals; and worship. There will be opportunities to volunteer.



**Update:** They have 18 campers registered. Their initial dream was for 60, but are trusting God is in it and will be faithful with the few! Cost of camp is \$150. Several of the campers are in need of partial or full scholarships. Please be in prayer for the camp: donating funds to help sponsor a camper, any amount of money would be helpful. AND that all the plans for camp will be established by God and that planning time will be efficient and creative.

Opportunities to volunteer will be presented soon....

### From Julie Cloniger:

The Vine is having a Mission Awareness Fair on June 2 during which the congregation will stay after church for a taco lunch (proceeds donated to our camp!) and the local and international groups/individuals that we currently support financially will be represented with tables and information. After lunch, our missionaries (both local and international) will share for a few minutes each. I will have a table set up for Created for a Purpose and offer "sponsorships" to our fellowship.

Providence is welcome to join us June 2 if you want to jet over to 112 Virginia Ave., Waynesville, after your service.

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### The Open Door

Providence will cook, serve and clean up at the Open Door on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to volunteer contact Phil Inglis.

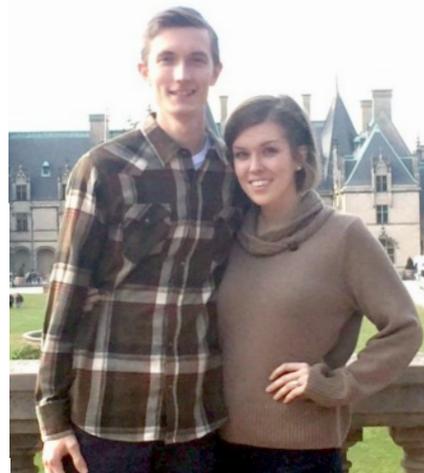
### The Well

Will meet on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

## Harrison Northey Update

Dear Partnership Program supporters,

Happy June to all of you, and I hope that this update finds you doing excellently. I finished the spring semester on Monday, May 13 and have enjoyed sweet, sweet weeks of recharge. Before jumping into updates though, I must, of course, begin by saying thank you very much for being a financial donor to my Partnership Program. I continue to feel the relief of knowing I have your support each time I go to register for my next classes. The financial weight of seminary is something I experience to a much lesser degree than most seminary students thanks to all of you. Samantha and I appreciate you very much. For those of you who keep me in your prayers, I say a special thanks. If you're looking for specifics on things to pray for, I can tell you that I am concerned about my summer class, Interpreting the Old Testament. It's the only class I'm taking this summer, thankfully. But I'm anticipating it being a pretty heavy one. Also, I will be preaching two sermons at Valley Hope Church in June and am already starting to prepare for those. And in addition to these two prayer concerns, I'm also working on a couple of study tasks on the side that are very important to me. So, that's kind of the landscape of my summer.



I'm pleased to say that Sam and I got a very enjoyable and much needed vacation back at the end of April with my side of the family. Then when we got back I only had a final paper and a Hebrew exam left to finish the spring semester. I passed Hebrew II with a B, which was pretty unexpected. (Special shout out to my exam proctor Mr. Dr. Prof. Daniel Lancaster, exam supervisor extraordinaire.) Besides preparing for the exam, I also completed my research paper on an aspect of c. S. Lewis' writing. It was probably the most enjoyable topic I've studied since I studied the book of Hebrews for my senior thesis at Montreat. (If anyone is interested in reading my findings on Lewis' perspective on stories and fairy tales, feel free to ask and I'll email it to you.)

My one summer course is called Interpreting the Old Testament and is basically Hebrew III. It's like, the first two Hebrew courses are introductions to grammar, reading, vocab, etc. This class will be how to use the things learned in the first two classes to actually study the Old Testament. Bring it on...

In other news, my ear has made a full recovery from its grisly wound a couple months ago. If you look closely you can just make out a small scar. Too bad it isn't more prominent you know? That would have been cool. Also, since shortly after Sam and I got married in October 2017, we have been reading the Harry Potter series together since she had never read nor watched them. We finally finished the whole series about four weeks ago. We are now making our way through The Hobbit. Once that is done, we'll start on the Chronicles of Narnia (but we've already read the Magician's Nephew). I've recently discovered the delights of podcasts, which have been making my work commutes much more enjoyable. And my birthday's coming up soon. I'll be turning 26.

Remember that if you ever have questions or feedback about anything I write, you're absolutely welcome to respond to me.

*Harrison Northey*

## Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

### Our Session

#### Class of 2019

Wally Cook - Congregational Care

Thom Morgan - Finance

#### Class of 2020

Sam Mitchell - Clerk

#### Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow

Phil Inglis

### Our Diaconate

Will Roberts - Class of 2019

Bill Allsbrook - Class of 2021

**Music Director & Worship** - Renee Allsbrook

**Administrative Assistant** - Barb Dresdow

### Providence Church Summarized Financial Information April 30, 2019

Tithes/Offering collections	51,021
Designated income	<u>6,095</u>
Total Revenue	<b>57,116</b>
Missions	10,725
Church Operating Expenses	<u>49,676</u>
Total Expenditures	<b>60,401</b>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(3,285)
Unspent Designated Givings	1,458
Cash in Bank Beginning of Year	<u>64,875</u>
Cash in Bank End of Month	<b>63,048</b>
<b>Breakdown of Cash</b>	
Checking Account	63,048
Savings Account	<u>0</u>
Total	<b>63,048</b>

### May 26<sup>th</sup> Update

Revenue	69,817.46
Expenditures	75,838.19
Cash Increase (decrease)	(6,020.73)

## June Volunteers

### Snacks

June 2	Carole Spink team
June 9	LuAnn Davis team
June 16	Paula Rhodarmer team
June 23	Glenda White team
June 30	Men

### Sunday School/Children's Worship

June 2	Renee Mitchell
June 9	Jenny Alt
June 16	Glenda Brouwer
June 23	LuAnn Davis
June 30	Linda Roberts

### Counters

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

### Power Point

June 2	Linda Roberts
June 9	Toni Cook
June 16	Derek Rhodarmer
June 23	Barb Dresdow
June 30	Linda Roberts

### Open/Close/Usher

June 2	Sam Mitchell
June 9	Phil Inglis
June 16	Bob Dresdow
June 23	Thom Morgan
June 30	Wally Cook

# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:45 AM Holy Communion 	3 5:00 PM The Well	4 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Boyd Allsbrook	5 Adger McKay Wesley Roberts	6 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Wirt & Torpy Skinner	7 Cook & serve at Open Door	8
9	10	11 12:00 PM Pastor's circle Bill & Jerry Allsbrook	12 Bruce & Susan Kingshill	13 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group Jeffrey & Jennifer Alt	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18 Susan Kingshill	19	20 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	21	22
23	24	25 Bill Allsbrook	26	27 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	28 Holly Godfrey Adger & Sandra McKay	29 Shirley Morrow
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