

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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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

9:45 am - Morning Worship

Wednesday

10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

August 2020

Hopeful and longing--do you feel a little bit like that today? I was reading in Romans recently about how all creation is waiting (groaning even) in eager expectation for the great revealing--for the great day of redemption. Many of us find ourselves in a season of longing. Longing for a sense of normalcy, longing for peace, longing for justice, longing for God's kingdom to come, His will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Thankfully as Christians, our longing is not without hope, and we need not despair, because God will accomplish all of His good purposes, in due time. In His time, He makes all things new.

We have a daily foretaste of that great redemption in Christ because He lives in us by the Spirit. Renewing us day by day. It is the Holy Spirit that bears witness in our hearts that our hopes will not be frustrated. That we can and do experience renewal and joy, even when things don't really look all that great around us. As we enter into an uncertain Autumn, after an atypical Spring and Summer (because of Covid-19!), we watch and we wait. How? In expectant hope. Why? Because we know our sovereign God is in control and is orchestrating everything for our good and for God's glory.

Pastor Edward



From
the Pastors Desk

Communion

There will be no Communion in August



Mission News



McKays July Update

We are continuing to adapt to the 'new normal' here in Germany with one child in school this week (Sam) and Ian due to attend for the following week, they will finish the school year at the end of this month without setting foot in the school again, or so it appears. I believe that the Lord has much more in store for His people and His Kingdom than just the return to normal that many of us long to see. I think He has much bigger plans!



Life is seldom 'normal' for our refugees... I have been texting with A., a good friend from Iran, who faced danger and persecution in his own country as a member of the underground ch--ch. He disappeared a few weeks back and did not respond to our attempts for contact. Thankfully a friend let us know that he had changed his number and left the country to avoid being forcibly sent back to Iran due to paperwork problems...a situation which would likely be life-threatening. What is normal?! Please pray for A. that the Lord would take care of him and put him in fellowship wherever he lands.

Ramadan has finished up since our last update and we had two great opportunities to visit Syrians to share:

We were blessed to visit U. and I. and family one evening during Ramadan to break that day's fast... the sun sets late here in southern Germany so we dropped in around 9 pm to join their meal. It was wonderful to be able to discuss the fasting (and debate about how hard the fast was compared to water-only fasting). We had some good discussions and were able to pray for them for some physical issues in her pregnancy and their need for new housing. His response to the prayer was to say, 'hey, they are more like us'!... which is actually a compliment and a great segue to more discussions!

Zuckerfest is the M. celebration of the end of Ramadan when the partying starts in earnest and gifts and cookies and enough food to sink (another) ship are shared. It is intended to leave a good taste (pun intended) in the mouths of the next generation about the fasting and encourage their future participation, among other things. We were blessed to visit a sweet family from Homs for Zuckerfest and spend some time eating their cookies and pastries... they literally make enough to last for a month!... and to hear some of their story. A. and A. and kids shared earlier the (graphic) photos of their oldest son's surgery on his leg where he was shot during the war before coming to Germany. He was 15 or 16 when it happened. Please pray for this family also as they seem open to the love of the Lord and the truth of the gospel.

Visit with another Syrian family with 6 children. The mom is a bit depressed having to deal with all the children and constant work (her husband would like another child!)

It looks less and less likely that we will be able to make it to the U.S. this summer with the virus issues. It makes little sense to take two weeks (of our maximum five) to be quarantined (plus two more upon return.) Please know that we will miss seeing all of you that we had planned to see and that we would love to connect with you on Zoom or such until we can see you in person... hopefully before too long!

Praise/Prayer:

- Grateful to be here serving and loving in this challenging time for all
- That the Lord would bring cornerstone relationships to our mission here!
- Both boys face a considerable uptick in school level next year... focus and wisdom
- God's got this!!!!

Want Ads

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

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

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of July 31st, 2020

Tithes/Offering collections	91,990.00
Missions yard sale Income	9,731.00
Total Income	101,721.00
Budgeted Expenditures	(85,295.00)
Collections over expenditures	16,426.00
Savings account balance	87,220.94
Checking account balance	30,220.94

August Volunteers

Snacks

Sunday School/Children's Worship

Counters

Communion

Open/Close/Usher

Aug 2	Phil Inglis
Aug 9	Bob Dresdow
Aut 16	Sam Mitchell
Aug 23	Luke Allsbrook
Aug 30	Bruce Kingshill

Cleaning

Aug 2	Edward/Jason
Aug 9	Edward/Jeffery
Aut 16	Linda/TJ
Aug 23	Mitchells/Ragers
Aug 30	Toni/Barb

August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Phil & Pat Inglis
2 9:45 AM Worship Benjamin Lizarazu	3 Lance Lawrence		5	6	7	8
9 9:45 AM Worship	10 Toni Cook	11	12 Linda Roberts	13	14	15
16 9:45 AM Worship	17	18	19	20 Robbie Hargrove	21 Bill & Glenda White	22 Ellie Lizarazu Samuel McKay
23 9:45 AM Worship Bob & Barb Dresdow	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:45 AM Worship	31					