

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



December 2020

This month we are going to provide a double serving on the joy of the Christmas celebration. On Sunday's we will light candles remembering themes of Advent. Prophecy--the promise of the coming Messiah. Bethlehem--the little town in which the Anointed One was born. Shepherds--the humble and lowly witnesses of the Incarnate One in the manger. Angels--heralds and messengers of the Arrival of Jesus the Son of God. Then on Wednesdays, we will host a Zoom meeting (welcome to Covid 19 realities!) in which we look back and look forward to themes of Christ's coming. First, we look at the prophetic proclamation of Hope. "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight" is a line from a Christmas Carol that points us to the hope-filled anticipation of the promises of God that are all yes and amen in Christ. In the second mid-week service we will focus on Love. Love Divine all loves excelling--for God so loved the world...Agape is the reality of God's love lavished upon us in Jesus. The next week we will celebrate Joy, the deep emotion that goes beyond happiness. Joy is the birthright of the Christian, the witness of the Spirit that lifts our hearts in praise. On the final Wednesday, we will remind ourselves of the Peace we have in Christ because of His coming. A peace that transcends human understanding--that despite Covid or political/social unrest or persecution or difficult personal circumstances we know that HE is our peace Who has broken down every wall. Grace to you as we anticipate and awaken our souls to True life.



From
the Pastors Desk

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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

7:30 am - Men's Zoom Prayer Group

Pastor Edward

Providence Happenings



The Well & Thursday Night Bible

Study: both of these gatherings have wrapped up for the year.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Tuesday, December 8th
Contact Toni Cook if you are willing to ring the bell in front of WalMart.



Nominations

We have come to that time of year when the Nominating Committee is in prayerful consideration to bring forward names for the position of Elder. Members of the Congregation may also put forth a name for leadership but must ask the individual first before submitting the suggestion to the nominating committee. You may contact Sam Mitchell, Jeffery Alt, LuAnn Davis or Linda Roberts with suggestions. We have two positions open for next year and voting will occur during our Congregational Meeting in January 2021.

Amazon Smile Changes Lives

Three questions that can change a child's life forever

- 1) Would you help release a child from poverty in Jesus' name without having to spending an extra penny?
- 2) Do you shop on Amazon?
- 3) Are you willing to try something easy but new?

If you answered "YES" to these questions then you need to be introduced to AMAZON SMILE.

What is Amazon Smile?

Amazon Smile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. Amazon Smile is available at smile.amazon.com or it is also available as an app for Smart phones. When you shop at Amazon Smile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that 0.5% of your eligible purchases will be donated to a charitable organization. Enter Compassion International, which is a Christ-centered, church-based and child-focused ministry. If you have further questions about using Amazon Smile, please feel free to reach out to Barb or Renee Mitchell.

IT'S EASY..... IT'S FREE..... START NOW! Just think, as you shop for those special Black Friday sales you can help change a child's life forever.

- From your laptop or home computer: <https://smile.amazon.com>
- For Smart phones, use the new Amazon Smile App
- To learn about Compassion International: <https://www.compassion.com/about/about-us.htm> or call Renee Mitchell, who is a Child Advocate for Compassion International.

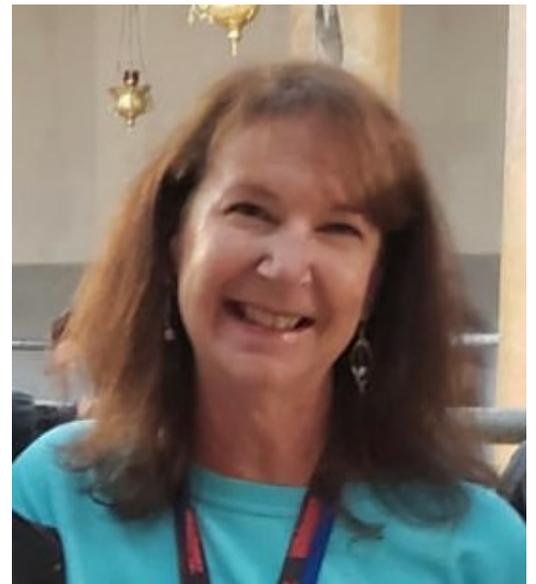
Advent Schedule

- **Zoom Advent Services 7:00 pm**
Wednesdays December 2, 9, 16 23.
Led by Renee and Luke Allsbrook.
Music and lighting of Advent candles.
Zoom invitations will be sent weekly.
- **Zoom Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
December 24th at 5:00 pm
Zoom invitation will be sent. Please invite your families to log on and celebrate the birth of our Savior with us.

Open Door: This Friday, the 4th of December, is our time to cook at the Open Door. This is an ongoing commitment of Providence Church to the least, the last, the lost and the lonely of our community. We prepare a meal, then the Salvation Army food truck picks it up and serving is done at another location. Please join us to bless and be blessed.

Welcome our new Administrative Assistant

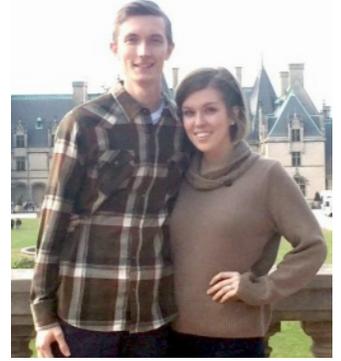
Providence Church welcomes Linda Wilson as the new Administrative Assistant. Linda was born and raised in Colorado Springs, CO. She raised her son, Walt (25 yrs old) in Memphis, TN and moved to Waynesville in 2014. She loves the outdoors, enjoys hiking and walking her lab mix, Moses, every day. She has been in Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for 10 years and is currently an online group leader. Linda also enjoys volunteering at the Cove chapel on Saturdays. Linda would like to say “thank you to Pastor Edward and Providence Church for the honor of serving as Administrative Assistant. I am very aware that it will be impossible to fill Barb’s shoes, but humbly asks for grace as you get to know a new set of shoes. My fervent prayer is that I will honor the Lord in this job and listen for His guidance in how best to serve Him full time in the days He has gifted me with going forward.”



Letter from Harrison Northey

Dear Friends at Providence,

Greetings to you all from an overcast November Lord's Day in the mountains. First things first: many thanks to all of you who support us financially through seminary by donating to the Partnership Program at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and to everyone who remembers us in your prayers or checks in on us to see how we're doing. I am nearing the end, folks. This is the last monthly update I will send this semester. After that, each update will come reporting on my last semester in seminary before graduating in May 2020.



My classes this semester are going okay. On the wall beside my desk, I have my list with all the assignments standing between me and the end of the semester. The current count is 11. Hopefully, after tonight it will be down to ten, and after tomorrow will be only nine. That's not so bad, I guess. Maybe by this time a week from now, it can be down to six.

Moving onto much bigger news... I have accepted a job offer at Gaston Christian School in Gastonia, and we're moving in a month. WOW! What a sentence. Beginning January 4, 2021, I will be teaching 10th and 11th grade Bible class at GCS and will be the high school chaplain. It is a part-time position from January to May. This is a really wonderful blessing because it will allow me the time I need to finish my last semester at Gordon-Conwell. I am also able to take two of my three classes pass/fail, which will take a lot of pressure off of me. In August 2021, my position will become full-time at GCS. Sam and I are very excited to begin this next chapter of our lives together. It is a goal we have been working towards for a long time. Now that's it here, there's some hesitation like it feels as though we're not as ready to move on as we thought. But, that's life, you know? Change is difficult. I've lived in Black Mountain for nine years. Sam has lived here six. We met here, fell in love here, got married here, and spent the first three years of our marriage here. So, we are excited, but it's mixed in with a lot of other emotions that all come with change and moving. Thanks be to God, Sam will be keeping her job at Montreat College. COVID has shown a lot of business that their employees can work very well from a distance. Thankfully, Montreat has seen that with Sam and will allow her to keep doing her same job, but from a distance. And we'll only be 1.75 hours away, so she can even come up for meetings whenever it's needed. We will miss the Palazzo di Northey, all our favorite Asheville spots, and these beloved mountains. Thankfully though, our wedding bands have mountains engraved on them. So whenever I get to missing them too much, I've always got a little reminder of these mountains on me. Samantha and I covet your prayers as we make this transition. I especially ask for your prayers on my new position. It has been my desire for eight years to teach Bible to young people. It's the reason I graduated from Montreat with a degree in Bible and it's the reason I went to seminary. I am overwhelmed with joy at actually getting to do that now, but also feeling much fear and uncertainty. But God has shown Himself faithful to me, to Samantha, and to us together in so many ways. We will do our best to abide in him as we follow his lead.

You at Providence rock. I'll have more deets (that's how the young people say "details" these days) in next month's update. Oh and today is the anniversary of the death of C.S. Lewis, who is one of my favorite writers. If you've never read one of his books, you are doing yourself a colossal disservice.

Til next month,

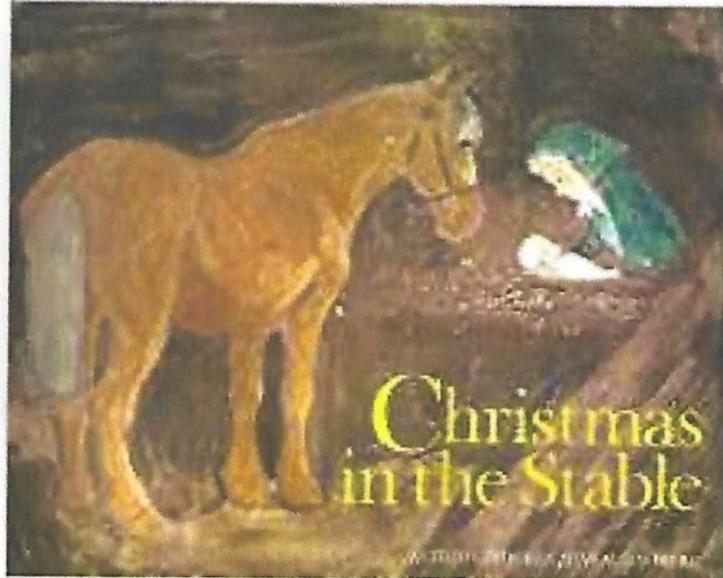
Harrison and Samantha Northey

16th Annual and Last Service!

3rd Generation Barn Loft

Saturday December 5, 2020

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP IN A STABLE



5:30 -6:15 p.m.

Quiet singing of carols with scripture;

Story; special music and lighting;

Handicapped accessible and FREE!

Limited/spread out seating inside a historic barn;

Plenty of hand sanitizer and open ventilation.

asks: your comfort level but may be standing room only.

DRESS WARMLY!!

Canned goods/The Canton Kitchen

140 – exit 33, turn onto Newfound Road towards Leicester.

Go about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile then left on North Hominy Rd.

Take very first right onto Frank Mann Road



Mission News



Open Door Donation Request

32 Commerce St.

Waynesville, NC 28786

odkitchenpantry@gmail.com

November 1, 2020

Kitchen Needs: We are grateful for our over **60+ volunteers** that help in the Open Door kitchen each month which include; cooks, drivers that pickup and deliver food from Publix, Food Lion and Walmart and servers that help serve meals to the unsheltered, Monday through Friday. **We are in need of several more volunteers that can assist in the kitchen one or more days a week. Please contact Laura Shepherd for further information at 226-6634.**

Volunteer positions needed

Drivers to pick up food from grocery stores and other independents.

Drivers to pick up food boxes and distribute to specific communities in need. (3 days a week from 1pm-3pm)

Servers to work the food truck. (11am-1pm)

Sitdown jobs- packaging bulk food items

Cleaning and maintenance.

Cook's Needs:

Mayo

Individual Waters

Washing Wipes

#10 Cans of Corn, Beans, etc. (This can be found at Walmart & Go Grocery)

Shredded Cheddar & Mozz. Cheese

Egg Noodles

Frozen Bags of Broccoli

Olive Oil

Unsheltered Overnight Bags could use the following:

Breakfast Bars

Crackers

Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers

Pre Wrapped Desserts

Individual Fruit Cups

Pull top Meat Cans- Tuna, Vienna Sausage, etc.

Individual, non-refrigerated food items

Monetary Donations will buy:

Gloves

Containers to hold hot lunches

Eating Utensils Foil & Clear Wrap

Individual Condiments

Please make checks out to Open Door Ministries

Donations are accepted between 8:30am-3:00pm, Monday through Friday at the Open Door kitchen. Please

News from the Roes



As many of you may have heard, we've had to make an unexpected trip to the US as both Courtney's

parents dealt with COVID. Please see below for information about how this last month has been a roller coaster for our family and for a link to my Mom's memorial service. Despite all of this, we are thankful to the Lord for His Goodness, your partnership, and the way He has tenderly led us these weeks. Happy Thanksgiving.

Jane Roes, Courtney's mom, went to be with the Lord on November 24th. Please pray with us as we grieve her loss and celebrate her life. For more information about her Memorial (December 1st) and ways to be a part of it, please see the website we've put together for her:

[Jane Roes Memorial Information](#)

Our Current Plans

Krista and I have been in the US with our family since October 30th. Thankfully, Greater Europe Mission has been very flexible with us and has allowed us to continue working from the US for this time. With Europe also struggling with high Covid rates, much of our work had gone online anyway. We plan on returning to Germany in early January.

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for us as we go through the grieving process. Please also pray as Allen (Courtney's Dad) still recovers from the effects of COVID.

Please pray as Courtney is still grieving the loss of his previous boss, Suzy, who died in September soon after our last newsletter.

Praise that Alex was able to keep up with most of his schoolwork while in quarantine at Courtney's sister. In the next couple of weeks, he will continue to finish out the semester online including all of his exams. Please pray he can focus and finish the semester well.

Our Greater Europe Mission has received the most applications this year since before 2012. Many of the applicants are from places other than North America, which means they fall under Courtney's responsibility. We praise the Lord for more workers for the harvest and pray for the wisdom and energy to help them get to their fields.

Email from Krista Roes

Thank you so much for your beautiful flowers. Courtney, I and Allen were so touched by your thoughtfulness. We each had beautiful moments with mom at the end and are so grateful for the prayers and love that we have been surrounded with.

With love,

Krista Roes

Updates from Steve Woodworth on Vietnam & Albania

Gratitude

There have been plenty of things in the last year to complain about. A devastating pandemic that has claimed thousands of lives, millions of jobs, and deprived the entire world of a sense of community and relationships. Racial tensions that erupted into our city streets. And a contentious election season that exposed our deeply polarized country. I have arrived at the end of 2020 exhausted, anxious, and numb. Moving through each day with a mixture of mechanical grind, and simple obedience. I have spoken to enough of you to know that I am not alone. For many of us, 2021 simply cannot come quick enough.

And yet, I have been constantly reminded that God does his most important work in the wilderness — the barren land where our dependance on God alone is tested and refined. It is the place where temptation and rescue, brokenness and healing meet, to shape each of us more into the image of Christ. For these reasons, I am learning to be thankful. Thankful for the body of Christ that has learned to support one another in new and creative ways. Thankful for the benefits of technology that have enabled us to continue ministering abroad. Thankful for supporters like you that undergird this work with your prayers and finances. Thankful for our national partners that have found creative ways to overcome obstacles and persevere in the work of Kingdom. And thankful for the unwavering love and faithfulness of God whose gift of his Son to the world sustains us all. And so I encourage you to read on with a heart of gratitude, to see the work happening in places like Vietnam, Albania and around the world through the support of partners like you. Thank You!

VIETNAM

Last month ITEN successfully completed the first round of courses for our program in Vietnam. Ed McCallum taught for the first week on Understanding and Applying the Bible, while I taught the second week on Spiritual Formation. As I mentioned in my previous newsletter, our program will prepare a select group of students to share the course content in the rural villages of Northern Vietnam with hundreds of other pastors without access to theological education. It is an incredible example of the exponential impact of training nationals to reach and teach their own.

ALBANIA

During the first week of November, I also had an opportunity to teach online with our Albania partners at ISTL. Due to generous gifts from ITEN supporters, we were able to provide updated technology for the school that enabled them to open two additional sites within the country where students could gather for class each evening. Over 40 students from Albania, Kosovo, and around the Balkans, enrolled in the Introduction to Leadership course. As always, it was an inspiring and encouraging week of connecting with these passionate leaders who are eager to see the Kingdom expand in their countries.

Prayer Requests

Our oldest son Luke will be leaving for Navy bootcamp in January. Pray for his transition and a community of friends that can continue to bolster his faith.

The healing of the world and the ability to meet with our partners face-to-face again.

God's continued provision for our needs as a family, as well as the needs of our partners.

Creative ways to connect with friends and family over the holidays

A particularly reflective season of hope during Advent

Wisdom and discernment as we begin making ITEN plans for the Spring.

Want Ads

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

FREE- twin mattress & box spring on a wooden bed frame. Hardly used at all. Free if you can come and pick it up.

Contact LuAnn at 828-246-2210

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 - Linda Wilson

Nursery: Mandy Mills

December Volunteers

Snacks

Nursery

Dec 6	Pat Inglis
Dec 13	Calvin Allsbrook
Dec 20	Glenda Brouwer
Dec 27	Rhonda Lear

Counters

Open/Close/Usher

Dec 6	Phil Inglis
Dec 13	Sam Mitchell
Dec 20	Bruce Kingshill
Dec 27	Luke Allsbrook

Cleaning

Dec 6	Mitchells
Dec 13	Toni/Barb
Dec 20	Edward/Jason
Dec 27	Edward/Jeffery

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of November 29th, 2020

Tithes and Offerings	\$152,784
Expenditures	(140,110)
Collections over expenditures	12,674
Mission Yard Sale Income	11,654
Mission Spending from Yard Sale	10,030

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6  Holy Communion	7	8 Glenda White	9 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Zoom Advent Service	10 7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group	11	12
13	14 Natalie Brouwer Thom Morgan Michael & Eleonore Shelton	15	16 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Zoom Advent Service	17 7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group	18 Jennifer Alt	19
20 Wally Cook	21	22	23 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 7:00 PM Zoom Advent Service	24 5:00 PM Zoom Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25	26 Thom & Jacque Morgan
27	28	29	30 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	31		

Anniversaries Birthdays