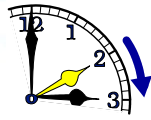


# THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



## March 2021

Set clocks forward 1 hour  
at 2 am on March 14<sup>th</sup>

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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

#### Tuesday

10:15 - Women's Zoom Prayer Group

#### Thursday

7:30 am - Men's Zoom Prayer Group

On the last Sunday of February, we have an immense privilege to ordain and install two new elders at Providence. Jason Edwards and Will Roberts have sensed the call to serve the Lord in leadership and I am delighted to be involved in elder training every Tuesday evening via Zoom. As I say regularly to our elders whenever we meet monthly for Session, that through prayer and God's giftings to us as individuals, we are called to discern the mind of Christ for our church. Philippians 2 tells us "have this mind, which is yours in Christ".....the mind of Christ is first and foremost marked by humility of spirit, of meekness, and a humble heart. Paul writes to the church then and now, "if there is any encouragement from being united in Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one of spirit and purpose. Do nothing from selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not merely to their own interest but rather, to the interests of others..." Our elders have an extra responsibility to heed Christ because as undershepherds, we lead and guide, encourage and admonish. Please pray for our new elders--and indeed all of our elders. Pray that the grace and wisdom of Christ will be upon us. On behalf of all of our elders, thanks, to YOU, our people for the joyful privilege of serving Christ here at Providence as elders.

*Pastor Edward*



**Communion** will be observed March 7<sup>th</sup>. If attending by Zoom, remember to have bread and juice on hand.

# Providence Happenings



## Yard Sale Update

Although we have taken a rest from sales, we are still collecting and sorting for another Spring Sale (date to be determined). If you could kindly bring your smaller treasures upstairs and the larger items to the Fellowship Hall, it will be greatly appreciated. We are seriously sorting, pricing and displaying. Text Tj Anthony at 230-6501 if you have time to help (truly, ANY day ANY time)!!! Many hands make light work and we have been careful to not crowd up in rooms so we all stay safe. Thanks in advance,

*Your loving Yard Sale Divas*

## New Local Mission

Your missions committee is pleased to approve inclusion of Mountain Area Pregnancy Services (MAPS) in the Missions budget for 2021. We hope everyone was able to see Kristi Brown's very informative presentation a few weeks ago. If you would like to partner with them in their very worthwhile endeavors, please take home a baby bottle bank as a vehicle to assist your giving. We ask that you sign it out and return it on March 14th. If you write a check please make it payable to MAPS. The banks are located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

**O**pen Door: This Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, is our day to cook at the Open Door. While Open Door is no longer able to serve meals, we are still volunteering to cook the meals on the first Friday of each month as 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 takes it to another location for distribution. If you can help, please let Phil and Pat know at 828-476-5130. Thanks for your faithfulness.

## Congregational Meeting

At the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, Jason Edwards and Will Roberts were elected as elders for the class of 2023. They were ordained and installed at the February 28<sup>th</sup> worship service.

Also at the meeting, the proposed 2021 budget was presented (see next page), and the pastor's revised Terms of Call were discussed and approved.

The Session selected Phil Inglis and Bob Dresdow to chair the 2021 Nominating Committee.

Providence Church  
2021 Proposed Budget

	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	Expenses Through December	Proposed 2021 Budget	Notes
<b>5000. WORSHIP COMMITTEE</b>					
5001 - WORSHIP SUPPLIES	300	500	323	400	
5005 - SUPPLY/GUEST MINISTER	750	750	750	750	
5010 - GUEST PIANIST/MUSICIAN	500	500	300	500	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>1,650</b>	
<b>EDUCATION COMMITTEE</b>					
5106 - CURRICULUM & SUPPLIES	750	300	-	300	
5107 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	50	200	82	200	
5113 - SPECIAL EVENTS	500	300	-	300	
5121 - YOUTH MINISTRY	1,500	1,000	-	1,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1,800</b>	
<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>8,750</b>	The mission committee requested 10,000 finance committee recommends 7,500; session 8,750
<b>CHURCH FACILITIES &amp; RENTAL</b>					
5301 - BUILDING DEBT SERVICE & INSURANCE	28,000	28,000	30,224	28,000	
5304 - DECORATING COMMITTEE	700	200	-	200	
5305 - EQUIPMENT PURCHASES & REPAIRS	500	2,500	2,405	4,000	Budget for unexpected repairs & heat pump analysis
5306-UTILITIES	12,000	8,000	7,174	8,000	
5307-RENTER EXPENSE			1,032	-	
5309 - CONTINGENCY FOR HEAT PUMP REPLACEMENT	500	-	-	6,380	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,700</b>	<b>38,700</b>	<b>40,835</b>	<b>46,580</b>	
<b>CONGREGATIONAL CARE</b>					
5401 - CONGREGATIONAL CARE	2,500	2,500	2,296	2,500	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,296</b>	<b>2,500</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE</b>					
5505 - OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION	4,000	4,500	4,094	4,500	
5515 - PRESBYTERY & GA TRAVEL	1,000	1,100	325	500	
5517 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PER MEMBER GIVING	100	100	100	500	
5521 - SE PRESBYTERY - PER MEMBER GIVING	100	100	100	500	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>4,619</b>	<b>6,000</b>	
<b>PERSONNEL</b>					
MINISTER'S SALARY & FICA	22,706	20,000	20,152	20,000	Per November 2019 Session meeting, the pastor's
MINISTER'S PENSION	6,612	6,270	6,793	6,800	call is a range between \$50,000-\$70,000 while
MINISTER'S MEDICAL INSURANCE	7,000	6,802	7,369	7,500	membership remains below 75. Edward's package is
MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT ACCT	4,000	2,700	2,702	2,700	above that range. Finance committee recommends
MINISTER'S DEATH/DIABILITY	355	355	392	400	pastor's call remain same as 2020 with increase in
MINISTER'S HOUSING ALLOWANCE	47,454	40,000	40,000	40,000	pension and health insurance
MINISTER'S PROFESSIONAL	1,000	-	-	1,000	
MINISTER'S EDUCATIONAL	500	56	89	500	
<b>PASTOR'S CALL</b>	<b>89,627</b>	<b>76,183</b>	<b>77,497</b>	<b>78,900</b>	
<b>MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>	<b>8,155</b>	<b>8,155</b>	<b>8,282</b>	<b>8,318</b>	2% increase
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.</b>	<b>12,233</b>	<b>10,398</b>	<b>10,800</b>	<b>10,400</b>	New person in that position. No raise recommended
<b>YOUTH LEADER</b>	<b>5,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>NURSERY WORKER</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,600</b>	Part-time nursery worker. No raise recommended
<b>STAFF SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>1,631</b>	
	<b>30,365</b>	<b>22,771</b>	<b>23,298</b>	<b>22,949</b>	
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>178,742</b>	<b>154,504</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>169,129</b>	
EXTRA MISSION EXPENSE THROUGH YARD SALE			11,455		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>166,455</b>		Budgeted revenue is based on prior year's undesignated giving. There is no deficit spending.
<b>UNDESIGNATED TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS</b>			<b>170,216</b>	<b>170,216</b>	
<b>Current Year Revenue over Expenses</b>				<b>18,200</b>	
Tithe to Missions				<b>(1,820)</b>	
Remaining				<b>16,380</b>	
Pay Down on Mortgage				<b>(10,000)</b>	
Contingency for Heat Pump Replacement				<b>6,380</b>	
<b>Session Recommends Six Months Cash in Reserve</b>				<b>85,108</b>	



# Mission News



## McKays February Update

Hello to All and a happy 2021,

We hope that you all are seeing the Lord's face, faithfulness and hand in your lives. The rules here in Germany have made an impact on our ability to visit with our refugee friends, as the allowed number of visitors with another family was recently reduced to one... we persist nonetheless. Sam and Ian are also still schooling at home, creating an unenviable competition for electronic devices between work and school. Mercifully, it looks like Sam will be allowed back into school fully next Monday.



A couple of stories in particular bring us hope and joy in this mission. An Afghan M. family we recently visited has a teenage son who was struggling with his reason for being and afraid that he could lose his parents due to some health issues in both. He had been laying awake thinking about life after death and we had the joy of sharing that God personally loves him and has a specific plan for his life. Please pray that we have another chance to visit and encourage J. soon!

Secondly, we joined some Iranians for tea and a visit and to see their 3-month-old daughter. The father had acquired some books of the Bible translated into his native language... Balochi not Farsi... tough to find. He had been reading Matthew and his face lit up with a huge smile as he said of Jesus, "what a wonderful man!" M. is searching for truth and needs to see the reality of who Jesus claimed to be and is. Please pray for salvation for him and his house!

We hope to be able to make it to the U.S. this summer... hope to see some of you then.

Thank you for your support and prayers... we cannot do this alone!

*The McKays*

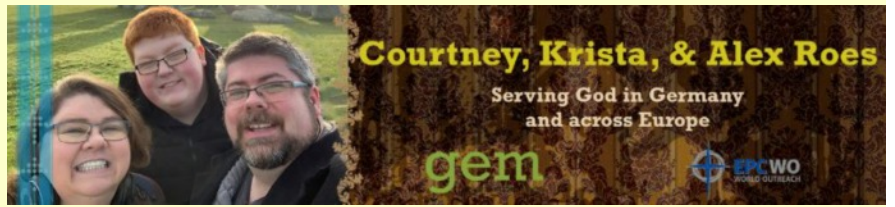
### **Prayer/Praise:**

- challenges of refugee visits with stricter lockdown rules
- enjoying having the boys here during the school day!... praise
- the boys are here during the school day... prayer!
- still have a monthly support shortfall of over \$1700



## Roes Update

Like many of you, we've had a real cold snap in the last weeks with lots of snow. This was slightly complicated by the fact that the car we are using this year needed to go to the mechanics for about a week and a half. Krista was coming up with "creative meals" in order to avoid having to walk to our local grocery store in the ice and snow. It was interesting :)



Germany's corona numbers are going down but our area continues its strict lockdown with all shops/stores still closed. Only the pharmacies and grocery stores are open. We are so grateful that we have good setups to be able to continue ministry online.

Even though much of the world is slowed, God is still on the move.... we have greater numbers joining the mission as people have more time to be evaluative and have the time to listen to God's prompting.

Greater numbers from around Germany are also being able to join the CBS groups who are meeting online. The barrier of not being physically near a group that meets has vanished. We are prayerful that once the new normal is established these people will be encouraged to start a group in their local.

This last Saturday 41 members of Community Bible Study Germany joined together online for a wonderful conference of encouragement, training, and unity around God and his Word. We received exhortation from a local German pastor who spoke on reading the Bible from the Jewish perspective. We spent time praying for one another, especially in these challenging times. We enjoyed Breakout sessions to hear from each other and explore how different classes found creative solutions to common issues.

Each class also had a chance to introduce themselves to tell what they are studying and their prayer requests. We were so encouraged to see the creative ways these classes have continued to meet online and care for one another. Thank you for your prayers for this wonderful day.

### Prayer Requests:

- Praise that Alex continues to do well in school. Prayers for Courtney's dad, who overall is doing well.
- March 15-26 - Courtney will lead the European Candidate Orientation online. Pray right now as the candidates are finishing their paperwork and evaluations to be able to attend.
- Prayer for Daniela, Germany's new CBS Country Coordinator as she grows in this new role

## Want Ads

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

**Sofa for sale.** \$200 Broyhill, sand color, excellent condition, cushions were upgraded to high density foam. Barb 770-883-3936



## Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

### Our Session

#### Class of 2021

Bob Dresdow

Phil Inglis

#### Class of 2022

Luke Allsbrook

Bruce Kingshill

#### Class of 2023

Jason Edwards

Will Roberts - Clerk

#### Elder Emeritus

Kent Roberts

**Music Director & Worship** - Renee Allsbrook

**Administrative Assistant** - Linda Wilson

**Nursery:** Mandy Mills

## Providence Church

### Summarized Financial Information

**As of February 27, 2021**

Tithes and Offerings	\$21,773.75
Expenditures	(23,645.16)
Collections over expenditures	(1,871.41)
Checking account	10,786.76
Savings account	75,036
CD	12,000

## March Volunteers

### Snacks

### Nursery

Mar 7	Glenda Brouwer
Mar 14	Rhonda Lear
Mar 21	Calvin Allsbrook
Mar 28	Pat Inglis

### Counters

### Open/Close/Usher

Mar 7	Luke Allsbrook
Mar 14	Phil Inglis
Mar 21	Will Roberts
Mar 28	Bruce Kingshill

### Cleaning

Mar 1	Edward/Jason
Mar 8	Edward/Jeffery
Mar 15	Linda/TJ
Mar 22	Mitchells
Mar 29	Toni/Barb

# March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group		7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group	9:00 AM Cook at Open Door T J Anthony		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Holy Communion	10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group	10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group		7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group Bruce Kingshill		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Daylight Savings time starts	10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group	10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group		7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Jason Davis	10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group	10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group		7:30 AM Men's Zoom Prayer Group		
28	29	30	31			
Carole Douglas-Spink	10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group	10:15 AM Women's Zoom Prayer Group				