

THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



April 2022

He who would be great in the Kingdom of God must be a servant to all. Jesus is telling us that service is a key element of our life in Christ and that in fact, service out of gratitude, is central to that Kingdom work. Just think of what Jesus did for you. He left the riches of heaven, became a human being in the Incarnation, lived and died a gruesome death and was raised to life on the Third Day. We celebrate this incredible fact of Easter Sunday this coming April 17. Paul reminds the church at Philippi so many years ago, and us today, that we must have the mind of Christ. This attitude should be "yours in Christ". What attitude? The attitude of humility and servanthood. Just like our giving must be cheerful and heartfelt, so also our service should be. My hope and prayer is that each and every one of us is finding ways to serve Christ in our families, work, community and church. Such service ought to be in line with our unique role in the body of Christ. Do you have a gift of intercession? Pray! A gift of helps? Help! Volunteer in one of the many opportunities we have for local missions and even around the church. We need teachers, and mowers, cleaners and singers. The list is long and varied! Please consider serving as a Providence Church volunteer--in service to Christ and in thankfulness for His love to you.



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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

11:15 - Sunday School

Tuesday

10:15 - Women's Prayer Group

12:00 Pastor's Bible study

Wednesday

6:30 pm - Bible Study

Thursday

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

Pastor Edward

Providence Happenings



YARD SALE 2022

The Mission Committee is once again having another fabulous spring-fling YARD SALE, on April 1st and 2nd from 8 am to 2 pm. 100% of funds raised go to support mission work, local and abroad. If you're able to help, please contact Renee Mitchell or Tj Anthony (828-230-6501) to coordinate times and assignments.

OPEN DOOR

This Friday, the 1st of April, is our time to help cook for the Open Door. Since the Open Door lost their lease, meals are now prepared at the First United Methodist Church. The food is picked up and serving is done at another location. If you can help contact Linda Wilson at 901-230-7178. Please join us to bless and be blessed.

Nursery Worker Needed

Providence is looking to hire a part time nursery worker for each Sunday from 9:45 to 12 noon. Please contact Edward Brouwer 828-550-4615, or Linda Wilson, 901-230-7178 (providencechurchassistant@gmail.com), if you are interested or know of anyone that might be. Also, please be in prayer that God will guide this process.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

From 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm, we are excited to hold our Wednesday night bible study. The study will be on selections from the book of John. We will also have a short praise and prayer time. Childcare provided if needed. Contact the Allsbrooks or the Mitchells with any questions.

POTLUCK APRIL 3RD



On Sunday, April 3rd, we're planning a potluck lunch and chili contest for the whole church after the morning worship service. It's been way too long since we have done this. So everyone get ready, prepare and bring your best-tasting chili! If you would like to bring chili and be a part of the competition that's great! Otherwise, bring a beverage or a side dish - or just bring yourself! There will be plenty. Note: we will not be having Sunday School that day.



Brief Congregational Meeting

Also on April 3, the Session is convening a short congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Here's the background. This year the general assembly of the EPC is approving a new presbytery right here in Western North Carolina. This new Presbytery of the Central Carolinas (PCC) is right in our backyard. Presently we are in the Presbytery of the Southeast (POSE), with outlying churches spread an 8-hour drive due west and 8-hours due south. Providence is on the extreme eastern boundary of POSE. There are about 35 churches in this large area. Three times a year your pastor and two elders serve as commissioners to attend, participate and serve on committees. So there is a fair amount of driving. After prayerful consideration, your session endorses to you, our members, that Providence be released from POSE and transferred to PCC. That would place us just 30-40 minutes from 7 EPC congregations and the farthest church would be Charlotte.



Mission News



From the NcKays in Germany

Hello to All,

We pray that you are learning and adapting, as we are, to the madness that has been the first two months of 2022! It is nice to see the first signs of Spring sneaking in here, as hearty flowers dare to pop up and the songbirds get geared up for the warmer weather. Thank the Lord for the promise of Gen. 8:22.

My lovely bride (Sandra) decided over the holidays that despite the tight restrictions, we should find a legal way to get out and spread the message and love of the Lord through Christmas caroling with some students from a local Torchbearers school. It was a wonderful time to brave the cold and meet some new people at their homes and see some others at one of the multi-family units still around. We brought a sister from Syria to sing and translate and were able to connect with some new folks in the process.



It was so enjoyable for these students to taste (literally!) the amazing hospitality of a new Afghan family who recently moved into our town!

On her initial foray, Sandra was pleasantly surprised to find a new Afghan family... living right here in our town. With refugee German, some Dari/Farsi and lots of hand signals, she was able to communicate that we would like to visit that weekend and bring a team of youth to sing carols and bring gifts for the children. If you know that culture, you can readily guess what happened on the visit! We were all ushered immediately into an open upper room (the irony of this is not lost on me) and served a full-scale Afghan welcome of tea and baked goods, nuts and sweets, all on the floor and it made such an impact on the students that an ensuing invite for a meal was in serious consideration. Last minute addition... please pray for the wife/mother (A.) of this family as her father just died in Afghanistan... Sandra just left to go join her in mourning.

We continue to meet with our Persian friends for a meal, worship and prayer.

We are grateful to our Lord for your love and support,

Adger, Sandra, Sam and Ian McKay

Prayer/Praise:

- Sam's time here at home is coming to a close; university decisions and testing pressures loom
- Wisdom regarding our role in the trickle of Ukrainian refugees already incoming
- We still have a number of restrictions here, please pray that they are lifted
- All glory to the Lord Who is firmly seated on the throne, regardless of the world circumstances!
- Our monthly shortfall is hovering at around \$1,000

From the Roes

God is good...all the time! Please remember that during these times.

Personal Lives in 2022

The text said, "I've just tested positive".

That was from Krista's wonderful friend with

whom she'd spent a lovely time having lunch and talking with on her couch two days before. So as a precautionary measure, Krista moved her stuff into the guest bedroom. The next day, Krista tested Covid positive and we created a plastic wall between the front and back parts of the apartment with the flexibility of pushing food and supplies underneath it. Thankfully, she had a very light case with flu-like symptoms before she started feeling better and tested negative only 5 days later. And I (Courtney) was able to avoid it.

Then 4 weeks later, Krista had a cyst get infected and had to have emergency surgery on her chest to remove it. Due to COVID restrictions, she had to go into the German hospital alone. The staff was great and there is good medical care here - it's just difficult when you don't have the medical vocabulary to discuss things. She has been recovering but things slowed down as the infection returned. She's had to go back a few more times but things are progressing and we think we're past the stage where she'll need another surgery.

Refugee Highway Partnership in Athens

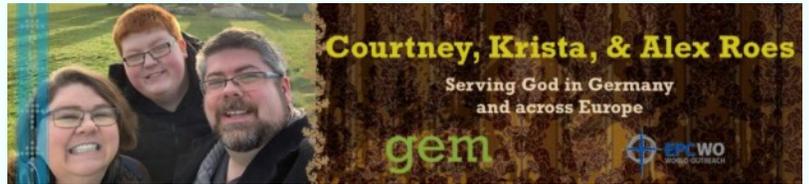
In February, Courtney was able to travel to Athens, Greece for meetings with our organization and then to go to a conference on helping refugees (predominately, those coming from the Middle East and Persian areas). Courtney's main motivation was actually to recruit those that are already ministering with native Arabic and Farsi speakers, to explore how to better minister to refugees in the European context, and possibly to encourage them to join ours or other mission agencies. Courtney was able to conduct initial interviews with several of them and received information from several more people interested. Think about trained, native speakers being a part of our GEM fields reaching out to this great number of refugees. What amazing things God is doing in the missions world these days.

GEM's Ukrainian Response

Currently, GEM has no full-time workers in Ukraine or Russia however we have many partnerships there as well as have workers and partnerships in the countries surrounding where the Ukrainians are fleeing to. Currently, we have 19 people, many from GEM, constructing a refugee housing complex attached to an orphanage in Romania. A worker in Spain helped coordinate a food truck that is now en route to Spain. Other GEM'ers are helping direct funding to our partner churches in Moldova to help feed the refugees there. Our town, here in Germany will also receive Ukrainian refugees.

Prayer Requests:

- Like so many of you, our hearts are heavy for the Ukrainian people. Please pray for peace, and for God's mercy and compassion on those who are suffering.
- Pray for Krista's health. That everything would heal nicely and quickly.
- Alex continues to do well in his Junior year at Gardner Webb University.
- Pray that each day we can diligently lean into God's will in being His hands and feet to those around us.



Kampala, Uganda
March 28, 2022

Warm Uganda greetings!

This year has been a blur so far, but I wanted to send out a brief update because we REALLY need your prayers. In January Uganda re-opened for business. That means both of our schools (Africa Reformation Theological Seminary and African Bible University) are going full-throttle. We also have some added church responsibilities as our pastor resigned at the end of 2021 in order to pursue his apologetics ministry full-time. We squeezed in a 2-week trip to America for a missions conference in February/March and are now back at the wheel. This week, delegates from 7 countries are coming to ARTS for a Vision Gathering for the Reformation Church in East Africa. This is a big deal that the Lord may use to shape the future of our young denomination. As you pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom world-wide, please remember us, your servants in sub-Saharan Africa, and the work our great God is doing in this neck of the woods. Here is some fuel to keep the prayer fires burning. Thanks for your prayers and support. Yours for the Kingdom,

Bruce & Pam Sinclair

Mission to the World, Uganda



Praise Report:

1. Praise God that Bruce had the opportunity to teach a membership class (pictured above) at New City Community Church. We've been blessed to receive 26 new members this month.
2. Praise God that the COVID restrictions have been (mostly) lifted and that we are free to offer in-person classes and church services once again. Thank God also that travel has become somewhat easier, enabling the delegates to come for the RCEA conference. **Please keep that conference in prayer this week.**

Prayer Requests

1. Pray that God would bring the right pastor for New City Community Church. Pray for the pastoral search committee as they pursue their work with prayerful diligence. Pray also for Bruce, as he is responsible for seeing that the pulpit is supplied during the interim.
2. Continue to pray for the situation in the refugee camp. Sufficient food is still a major concern. Pray also as we hope to see Stella (highlighted in our Christmas letter) to travel to Kiryandongo and help train some of the women there to begin their own micro-enterprise type businesses. Thank God for a grant that has been made available to us for this purpose.
3. Pray for the students at ARTS and ABU. After two years of COVID, some students have become discouraged and our new student intake has been smaller than usual. Please pray that God will bring just the right students and will supply their every need so that they can be better equipped to labor in the Lord's harvest field.

Want Ads

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

Looking to buy some outdoor furniture for my barn apartment that I'm renting mid February, because I gave all of mine away last year. Thanks, Tj Anthony 828-230-6501

Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

Our Session

Class of 2022

Luke Allsbrook

Bruce Kingshill

Class of 2023

Jason Edwards - Building & Grounds

Will Roberts - Clerk

Class of 2024

Derek Rhodarmer

Elder Emeritus

Kent Roberts

Music Director & Worship - Renee Allsbrook

Administrative Assistant - Linda Wilson

Providence Church Summarized Financial Information As of January 31, 2022

Tithes and Offerings	\$24,763
Other Income	119
Mission giving	0
Carryover funds - Missions	0
Expenditures other than Missions	(10,397)
Mission Expenditures	<u>0</u>
Expenditures over collections	\$14,485
Cash Balance	
Checking account	\$37,589
Savings account	<u>75,089</u>
Total	\$112,678

April Volunteers

Snacks

April 3	Chile Cook-off
April 10	Linda Wilson Glenda Brouwer
April 17	Jennifer Dale Paula Rhodarmer
April 24	LuAnn Davis Carolyn Ramsey

Sunday School/Nursery/ Children's Church

April 3	Renee Mitchell Jenna Dale
April 10	Christina Roberts Glenda Brouwer
April 17	Glenda Brouwer Calvin Allsbrook
April 24	Jenny Alt Margaret Allsbrook

Counters

April 3	Luke Allsbrook
April 10	Will Roberts
April 17	Derek Rhodarmer
April 24	Bruce Kingshill

Open/Close/Usher

April 3	Luke Allsbrook
April 10	Will Roberts
April 17	Derek Rhodarmer
April 24	Bruce Kingshill

Cleaning (week of)

April 4	Edward/Jeffery
April 11	Linda R/Susan K
April 18	Mitchells
April 25	Edward/Jason

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3  Holy Communion Lisa Lawrence Pot luck luncheon and chili cook-off	4 Calvin Allis Eric & Em	5 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	6 6:30 PM Bible study	7 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	1 Will Roberts Yard Sale 8am - 2 pm	2
10 Palm Sunday	11 [Redacted] [Redacted]	12 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	13 6:30 PM Bible study	14 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Caroline D.	15 [Redacted]	16
17  Easter	18	19 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	20 6:30 PM Bible study	21 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	22	23
24	25	26 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group 12:00 PM Pastor's circle	27 6:30 PM Bible study	28 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	29	30 Carolyn Ramsey Anniversaries Birthdays