

# THE PROVIDENCE POST

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



## February 2023



We in the Presbyterian Church are part of a larger reformed tradition of the Christian faith. But what exactly are the hallmarks of reformed spirituality? Each tradition has its own unique take on this subject.

Charismatics focus on the work of the Holy Spirit and cultivating a close walk with Christ through certain Spirit-anointed practices. Roman Catholics focus on the mass and things like the rosary. But what of us? I grew up in the Dutch Reformed Church and this community of believers developed in the Netherlands in the 1500s under the spiritual guidance of such luminaries as John Calvin and the instruction of the Heidelberg Catechism. That was on the continent--while Anglicanism and Presbyterianism developed around the same time in England and Scotland under the tutelage of people like John Knox and with the aid of the Westminster Confession of Faith. People in the reformed tradition were expected to study the catechisms, even memorize them, and attend regular public worship (often twice on Sundays). Strict Sabbatarianism was often practiced as part of the focus on Sundays to devote the day to worship and uplifting spiritual exercise. The Word of God preached each week was one main way that people grew in their faith, immersing themselves in the story of the gospels, epistles, and God's work amongst His people of Israel in the Old Testament. The Psalter also played a huge part in the devotional practice and spiritual formation of believers. This was first and foremost the psalms set to music. My mom could quote the psalms extensively simply because she sang the psalms from the Psalter. People practiced their faith during the week through their work and through prayer. Daily bible reading (and prayer) at each meal was standard for catechizing children. Just imagine the cumulative effect of hearing the Bible stories read for every meal over 18 years! Participation in Communion was more fraught, however. The average reformed believer had such a high view of Communion that the Lord's Supper was sometimes offered only once a quarter or even less--lest anyone suffer judgment for unconfessed sins as per Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. My mother's grandfather spent most of his life refraining from Communion because of a

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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

#### **Thursday**

6:45 am - Men's Prayer Group

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# Providence Happenings



mistaken view of the Sacrament. Today in the average Presbyterian Church we celebrate the Eucharist more frequently as we understand its importance in communicating the mysterious spiritual presence of Christ to us in the elements. We have much to be thankful for in our tradition, yet I am enormously grateful for the hybrid spirituality we have experienced in North America in recent times--as we incorporate the best of spiritual practices from other faith traditions.

Your pastor and friend. Edward Brouwer

## Shower/Potluck

**What: Church-wide Baby Shower/ Potluck Celebration**

**Why: To Celebrate the upcoming arrival of Baby Taylor Roberts in March. Please note that Taylor's gender is still a surprise even to Mom and Dad!**



**When: Feb. 12, 2023 Following Sunday School.**

**Who: EVERYONE is invited.**

**How: Bring a main dish, fruit/veggie, salad, etc to share as we fellowship together. Dessert and Beverages will be provided.**

**Christina and Will Roberts are registered at: Babylist:**

<https://www.babylist.com/utyfcanyh>

**and Buy Buy Baby:**

<https://www.buybuybaby.com/store/giftregistry/viewregistryquest/551733141>

Carole Torpy passed on to glory on January 31st. She was a dearly loved part of Providence church and we will miss her.

## Congregational meeting

The annual Congregational meeting was held on Sunday, January 15, after worship service. At the meeting the following elders were elected by acclamation: Sam Mitchell, class of 2023; Luke Allsbrook, class of 2024, and Jeffery Alt, class of 2025.

The nominating committee for next year will be: elders Sam Mitchell and Will Roberts, and congregational members Glenda Brouwer, Cecil Caldwell, and Renee Mitchell. The pastor's call was approved (see below) and the budget was presented (see next page).

## MINISTER'S CALL

MINISTER'S SALARY & FICA	20,000
MINISTER'S PENSION	7,000
MINISTER'S MEDICAL INSURANCE	15,634
MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT ACCT	2,700
MINISTER'S DEATH/DIABILITY	400
MINISTER'S HOUSING ALLOWANCE	40,000
MINISTER'S PROFESSIONAL	1,700
MINISTER'S EDUCATIONAL	500
PASTOR'S CALL	<u>87,934</u>

Annual Vacation of 4 Weeks and Study Leave of 2 Weeks. The vacation and study leave is mandated by the EPC.

Providence Church  
2023 Budget approved by Session

	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	Year To Date 2022 Expenses	2023 Budget
<b>5000. WORSHIP COMMITTEE</b>				
5001 - WORSHIP SUPPLIES	500	400	-	300
5005 - SUPPLY/GUEST MINISTER	750	750	500	500
5010 - GUEST PIANIST/MUSICIAN	500	500	875	875
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>1,675</b>
<b>EDUCATION COMMITTEE</b>				
5106 - CURRICULUM & SUPPLIES	300	700	400	400
5107 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	200	200	-	-
5113 - SPECIAL EVENTS	300	300	33	300
5121 - YOUTH MINISTRY	1,000	1,000	-	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>MISSIONS</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>CHURCH FACILITIES &amp; RENTAL</b>				
5301 - BUILDING DEBT SERVICE & INSURANCE	28,000	29,000	28,295	29,000
5304 - DECORATING COMMITTEE	200	200	-	300
5305 - EQUIPMENT PURCHASES & REPAIRS	2,500	4,000	17,177	5,000
5306-Utilities	8,000	8,000	10,797	12,000
5309 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/Contingency	-	-	-	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38,700</b>	<b>41,200</b>	<b>56,269</b>	<b>51,300</b>
<b>CONGREGATIONAL CARE</b>				
5401 - CONGREGATIONAL CARE	2,500	2,800	3,961	3,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>3,961</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE</b>				
5505 - OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION	4,500	6,500	6,918	7,000
5515 - PRESBYTERY & GA TRAVEL	1,100	500	522	530
5517 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PER MEMBER GIVING	100	500	500	500
5521 - SE PRESBYTERY - PER MEMBER GIVING	100	500	500	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>8,440</b>	<b>8,530</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>				
MINISTER'S SALARY & FICA	20,000	20,000	16,950	20,000
MINISTER'S PENSION	6,270	7,350	6,800	7,000
MINISTER'S MEDICAL INSURANCE	6,802	7,500	10,369	15,634
MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT ACCT	2,700	2,700	2,730	2,700
MINISTER'S DEATH/DIABILITY	355	400	352	400
MINISTER'S HOUSING ALLOWANCE	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
MINISTER'S PROFESSIONAL	-	1,000	1,681	1,700
MINISTER'S EDUCATIONAL	56	500	250	500
<b>PASTOR'S CALL</b>	<b>76,183</b>	<b>79,450</b>	<b>79,132</b>	<b>87,934</b>
<b>MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>	<b>8,155</b>	<b>8,318</b>	<b>8,531</b>	<b>8,960</b>
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.	10,398	10,400	10,425	10,950
NURSERY WORKER	2,600	2,600	-	-
STAFF SOCIAL SECURITY	1,618	1,725	1,206	1,523
	<b>22,771</b>	<b>23,043</b>	<b>20,162</b>	<b>21,433</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>154,504</b>	<b>167,093</b>	<b>178,522</b>	<b>185,572</b>
EXTRA MISSION EXPENSE THROUGH YARD SALE			8,350	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>186,872</b>	<b>185,572</b>
<b>UNDESIGNATED TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS</b>			<b>178,308</b>	<b>180,000</b>
Other Revenues			8,918	-
Rental Income			1,500	6,000
Mission Yard Sale and Carryover Funds			8,350	-
<b>Overage (Shortfall)</b>			<b>10,204</b>	<b>428</b>

Our church has a mortgage on the building through Home Trust that was taken out on August 19, 2020. The original mortgage amount was \$324,644 at 3.5% interest. The mortgage is amortized over 223-month amortization, payable at \$2,003.13 per month. The session authorized an additional payment of \$10,000 paid on January 29, 2021. The current balance of the mortgage is \$283,205. The mortgage calls for the balance of the mortgage to be paid or re-financed on August 19, 2025. The balance at that date will be \$243,776. The interest rate on the re-finance will also be determined at that time.





# Mission News



## Pastor Edward's PoSE Vision Trip

The group Edward is leading has been asked by the Presbytery of the Southeast (PoSE), to learn about and pray for the Malay world and consider if this unreached people group might be a good area of ministry for our Presbytery to come along side of Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) World Outreach workers, who are already serving in this area of the world.

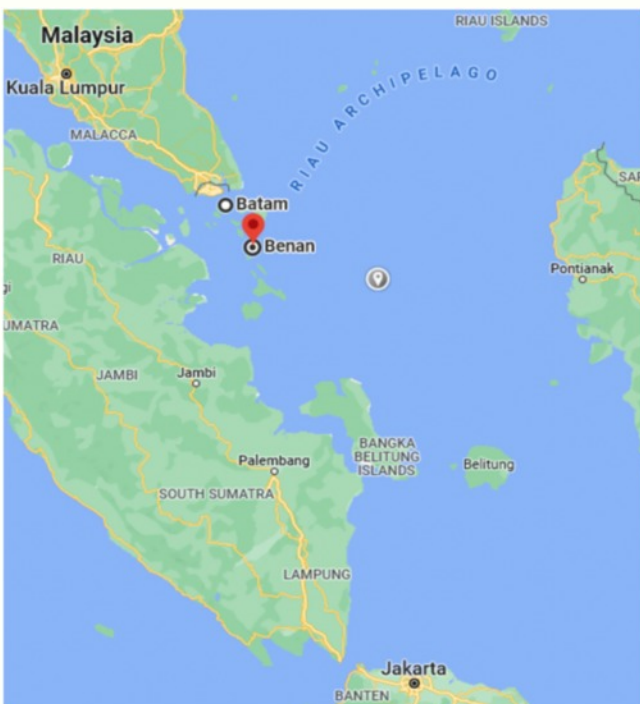
On Saturday Jan. 16th, Indonesia time, Edward left the US, crossed the international date line, and flew into Jakarta on Jan. 18th (located near bottom of map).

From Jakarta, he traveled to Jambi (northwest on map at 9 o'clock), then to the village of Pasarang. Edward visited with a pastor with a local church.

On Saturday Jan. 21, Edward met with a team of people who work in conjunction with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in the surrounding areas. Edward and his team have gathered to study and pray concerning God's guidance for the Presbytery of the SouthEast (PoSE) as they try to ascertain what God is doing in the Malayu people group and how our denomination may come along side this endeavor.



Sea Cucumber Plant



On Jan. 22nd, Edward and others flew to Batam and traveled to the nearby village of Benen (red dot on map), where an EPC missionary leads a team that operate a business that engages multiple communities of Riau Malay people on the Riau Islands to raise, grow and sell sea cucumbers. Please continue to pray for the team as they seek God's will, plan for the future and debrief.

Edward flew to Batam on Jan.25th, leaving Jakarta on the 26th to return home.



## Mission Moments from Eric and Emily Lizarazu in Bolivia

Since its inception, Providence has supported the ministry of the Lizarazu's who work in Bolivia. Eric Lizarazu, a Bolivian national, "wears many hats" but mainly teaches and helps with maintenance at Camp Kewina, which is a rustic camp in the mountains of Bolivia. Some of the members of Providence have been to the camp several times in past years and have had the joy of working with the large, often unchurched youth population of Bolivia. At times Camp Kewina also hosts group camps for Compassion International and World Vision children. Many of these children come from difficult situations. Often the children of elementary age are caring for the toddlers in the family while the parent(s) is working. At Camp, these children have an opportunity to "be kids".... to run and play. However, most importantly they are introduced to the saving knowledge of Christ and the hope that only the good

Please continue to pray for Eric and Emily, especially as their own children are getting older, one married, others heading off to college in the US. Pray that God will guide them as they seek His will for their future.



Emily and Eric Lizarazu

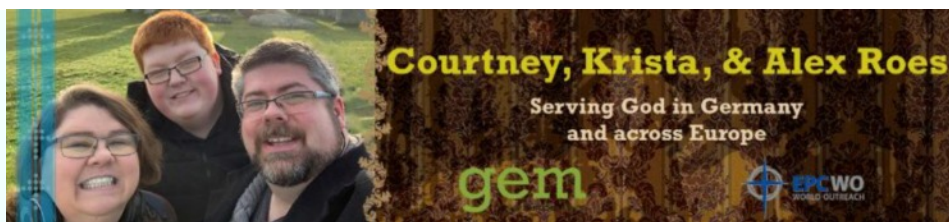


Emily with a child from the village



# Final Newsletter

## Roes Update



We want to thank everyone for the last 18 years of being with Greater Europe Mission (GEM) and World Outreach (EPC WO). Over 15 years of those were with us living in Germany. Your prayer, support, and encouragement have meant so much to us over this time and it is only in the team effort of all of us that so much ministry could happen during this time.

### What's Next

Our time with Greater Europe Mission and World Outreach has ended. While we have loved being a part of what God is doing in Europe, we know he has called us back to the US for many reasons. We're excited to see what He has for us. While we continue to look for work in the Project/Program Management arena, we know God has for us to be a light where ever He places us and we're excited about the next adventure.

Alex graduates in May with a degree in Business Management from Gardner-Webb University and will also be looking for work. He has consistently stayed on the Dean's List and we couldn't be prouder of his accomplishments. He plans on settling in the Charlotte area after graduation.

We're continuing to settle in the Huntersville, NC area, and loving reconnecting with our church and with old & new friends.

If you want to connect with us in the future, please feel free to email us at

[Krista@RoesGarden.com](mailto:Krista@RoesGarden.com) or [Courtney@RoesGarden.com](mailto:Courtney@RoesGarden.com)

If you know of a job in the Project/Program Management arena, please take a look at our LinkedIn pages to see if we might be a fit.

[Krista's LinkedIn profile](#) . [Courtney's LinkedIn profile](#)

### Prayer Requests:

Praise that Alex could get his internship set up for next semester with a company called Fastenal. Please pray as he prepares to graduate and launches into what God has next for him.

Please pray as we continue to adjust to life in the US and navigate getting jobs, making a home, and building friendships in the Lake Norman area



## Mission Moments- Laurie Krieg

Have you looked at the picture below and did you do a double take? Laurie is Renee Allsbrook's sister and Providence has had the pleasure of supporting Laurie's ministry for a number of years. Please be praying for Laurie at this time especially as she is struggling with some long term health issues. Please join us in prayer that if it is the Lord's will, she might get an appointment at Mayo Clinic to help diagnose and treat her uncommon and debilitating symptoms.

Laurie Krieg is the president of Impossible Ministries, a coaching/consulting, teaching, and podcasting ministry with the mission to equip Jesus-followers with a gospel-centered approach to marriage and sexuality. Laurie serves on the Board of Directors for The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender, and is earning a master's degree from Wheaton Graduate School in Evangelism and Leadership.

Laurie most often links arms with her husband, Matt Krieg, MA, LPC. Matt is a licensed therapist and a site director of counseling at Second Story Counseling in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His primary focus is on helping people wrestling with issues related to sexuality (addiction, infidelity, adult survivors of sexual abuse, LGBT+) in order to eliminate shame and grip practical hope. Matt and Laurie wrote a book called *An Impossible Marriage: What Our Mixed-Orientation Marriage Has Taught Us about Love and the Gospel* (IVP 2020). They also co-host *The Hole in My Heart Podcast*, and live in Western Michigan with their three kids.



### Christmas in February?



Now may seem an odd time to think about buying Christmas gifts. However, after Valentine's day sales are a great way to pick up some small, adorable stuffed animals for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. A little pre-planning can reap eternal benefits!



### Want Ads

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

### Providence Church Divisions

Edward William Brouwer, Pastor & Worship

#### Our Session

#### Class of 2023

Sam Mitchell

Will Roberts - Clerk

#### Class of 2024

Luke Allsbrook

Derek Rhodarmer

#### Class of 2025

Jeffery Alt

#### Elder Emeritus

Kent Roberts

**Music Director & Worship** - Renee Allsbrook

**Administrative Assistant** - Linda Wilson

### Providence Church

### Summarized Financial Information

**As of December 31, 2022**

Tithes and Offerings	\$178,308
Other Income	10,418
Mission giving	7,566
Carryover funds - Missions	784
Expenditures other than Missions	(169,772)
Mission Expenditures	<u>(17,100)</u>
Expenditures over collections	10,204

#### Cash Balance

Checking account	\$32,249
Savings account	<u>75,182</u>
Total	\$107,431

### February Volunteers

#### Snacks

Feb 5	Jenny Alt Teresa Mills
Feb 12	Renee Mitchell Jennifer Dale
Feb 19	Linda Wilson Renee Allsbrook
Feb 26	Glenda Brouwer Paula Rhodarmer

#### Child Care/Sunday School

Feb 5	Renee Mitchell Glenda Brouwer
Feb 12	Glenda Brouwer Linda Wilson
Feb 19	LuAnn Davis Teresa Mills
Feb 26	Jenny Alt Jennifer Dale

#### Counters

Feb 5	Luke Allsbrook
Feb 12	Jeffery Alt
Feb 19	Derek Rhodarmer
Feb 26	Sam Mitchell

#### Open/Close/Usher


Feb 5	Luke Allsbrook
Feb 12	Jeffery Alt
Feb 19	Derek Rhodarmer
Feb 26	Sam Mitchell

#### Cleaning (week of)

Feb 6	Edward/Jeffery
Feb 13	Linda R/Susan K
Feb 30	Mitchells
Feb 27	Edward/Jason



# February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5  Holy Communion	6	7 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	1 Renee Allsbrook	2 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	3	4 Jason & Roberta Edwards
12 12:00 PM Baby shower pot luck	13	14 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group Valentine's Day	8 15	9 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group	10 17	11 18
19	20	21 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group	22	23 6:45 AM Men's Prayer Group Kara Ramse	24	25
26	27 Julia Lizarazu	28 10:15 AM Women's Prayer Group				

If your birthday or anniversary is missing please give it to Linda Wilson

Anniversaries

Birthdays