

November 2015

Providence Ponderings

Revival services

Join us for our November Revival nights!

Sunday, Nov. 1

Pastor Kris Sorensen

5:30 p.m. – Complimentary Chili Supper

7 p.m. – Service

Sunday, Nov. 8

Rev. Tracy M. Ross

6 p.m. – Refreshments

7 p.m. – Service

Sunday, Nov. 15

Pastor Dean Combs

6 p.m. – Refreshments

7 p.m. – Service



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Homecoming recap

Providence Christian Church held her 177th Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 27. There was good attendance for the special day. Our guest entertainer was Don White, who presented a special solo during the Worship Service and a full program following the Homecoming Dinner. Martha Ann Findley wore her “historical dress” and shared the 177-year history of our congregation.

Two people were honored during the Homecoming Service. Noble Deer was honored as PCC’s longest member at 85 years and 5 days. His daughter Carol Gehrs from Riverside, Iowa, was present and received the award for her father. Noble is a resident in therapy at the Indiana Masonic Home.

We also honored L. Eugene Brown as PCC’s “Timothy.” A Timothy is a Christian who grows up and is nurtured in a congregation then goes out from that congregation to become an ordained minister of the Gospel. Rev. Brown has a lifetime of service with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

As part of the Homecoming Service, we dedicated a photo of Rev. Brown, which now hangs in the church hallway and reminds us of his calling and service. We concluded our service by singing a hymn written by Eugene Brown, *Shalom, O God, Shalom*.



Noble Deer, Providence Christian Church's longest member.

The Homecoming Service began with reading the greetings from former pastors (see page 3). The Homecoming message presented by Pastor Steve was “Reflection and Anticipation.” The choir sang

Welcome to This House, led by Shelly Smith and accompanied by Kimberly Briskey. Following the service, about 130 people enjoyed the Homecoming Dinner, hosted by the Worship Committee.

Homecoming messages

Dear Steve and all our other friends in Providence,

We rejoice with you in the celebration of your 177 years of service. Few other churches enjoy such a privilege. Fran and I have such good memories of being with you – visiting in your homes, singing in the choir, sharing in special events (including special mealtimes...yes, with apple pie). Your newsletter shows that you continue to recognize and honor each member as there is opportunity (the birthday list is always so long) and have special activities (mission trips, athletic teams, etc.). The personalized bricks will memorialize members through the years. We are sorry not to be with you for Homecoming, but we will continue to remember gratefully the friendship we share with you! God bless you all now and continually!

In Christ,
Bruce and Fran Patton



Dear Pastor Steve and dear, dear friends of Providence Christian Church,

Jane and I send our warm wishes for a wonderful celebration of another year of mission and ministry by Providence Christian Church. We are so thankful for the witness and life-changing presence you are to the Providence community, our nation, and beyond our borders. God is indeed using you and your talents to bring the power and presence of Christ's spirit to multitudes. As you gather around the table of remembrance today, our prayer is that you will drink in and taste of the fulfilling abundance of Christ's resurrection power.

Mike Naylor



Dear Friends,

We extend our congratulations to Providence Christian Church as you celebrate your 177th anniversary. We are unable to attend this year, but we send our greetings to all of our friends in the Providence and Bargersville area. We were privileged to serve as the pastor and pastor's wife for eight years from 1966 until 1974. After Providence, we served churches in Logansport, Anderson, Huntington, and Fort Wayne. Our family includes our four children – Cheryl, Lynn, Eric, and Damon – their spouses and children. We have seven grandchildren ranging from 18 to 7 years of age. Kayla, our oldest granddaughter, graduated from Logansport High School this year. Our second oldest granddaughter, Lindsey, will graduate from Anderson High School next year. Sam's mother, Helen Young, was 95 on July 29, 2015. All of the family gathered to celebrate this milestone in her life. She is receiving excellent care at Heritage Pointe, a senior care facility of the United Methodist Church located at Warren, Ind., 12 miles south of Huntington. We have many fond memories of our years at Providence Christian Church. We pray God's blessings on your continuing ministry.

In Christian love,
Dr. Sam and Judy Young



We aren't able to make it this year for Homecoming. We regret that we won't make it, and we miss you all so much. It is wonderful to see all the activities and "goings on" when we receive the monthly newsletter. We will always cherish the time we shared with all of you and pray God's continued blessing for each and every one of you!

Love,
Dean and Becky Combs

Missions - PCC is Serving His World

Crop Walk

PCC sponsored a great team at last month's Crop Walk in Franklin. PCC's walkers included Becky and Garrett Bolin, Jennifer and Madison Stearns, Barry and Susan Lutzke, Linda Tabeling and granddaughters, Mike and Connie Clark, and Bruce Findley. Thanks to everyone for the good turnout and the good time we enjoyed together! The event featured 24 churches and 157 walkers and raised \$7,786 on the day of the walk.

Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County

The Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County has been at its new location for more than five months. The new location allows the pantry to serve more people than ever before. The pantry helps an average of 1,500 households each month in the new location (compared to 1,000 households per month in 2014 and 735 households per month in 2013).



Members of the PCC Crop Walk team.

The new warehouse space gives the pantry an opportunity to receive a variety of donated foods to feed the hungry. This allows the pantry to serve more households while staying within its budget.

If you'd like to help the pantry and its clients, consider donating any food and hygiene items. Right now, the pantry specifically needs jelly, breakfast cereals, toilet paper, paper towels, canned meats, and plastic bags.

The pantry always is looking for volunteers to unload trucks, repackage bulk products, assist clients, and more. If you would like to volunteer, contact the pantry at (317) 736-5090 or pantry@ifpjc.org.

Krista Goff

In a recent letter, Krista said she had the joyous opportunity to help organize and unload a truckload with 1,700 tons of supplies from Scandinavian believers. Greek church will share the supplies with refugees who pass through Greece. Krista also reported that she has raised \$557 in monthly support and all that remains is \$1,058! She asked that we join her in prayer for the people of Greece and for doors to open as she shares the Gospel with Greek children and youth.

Providence Christian Church Mission Partners

Silvia Balcazar - Ecuador
Samuel Chung - China
Mike Ginter - CSI
Krista Goff - Europe
Marggy Hensley - CSI

Sovann Keo - Cambodia
Rochardo Marquez - Ecuador
Duyen Nguyen - Vietman

Elva Novillo Quito - Ecuador
Elizabeth Nyakudanga - Zimbabwe
Leonor Solis - Ecuador
Dr. Mary Ruth Wise - Peru
Florentino Zarate - Peru

Thank you notes to the congregation

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for the nice birthday party you gave Garvin after church. It was so nice of everyone. Garvin was really touched. Thanks for making his birthday so happy.

Love to all,
Orene and Garvin Stewart



Our family wishes to express our thanks to all the church family for all the cards, visits, and prayers during Gene's illness. Thanks to the women of the church for feeding us a delicious meal after the funeral. Thanks to Pastor Steve for all the support he gave us and for the comforting words during the service. Thanks for the beautiful throw and to all who have contributed to the Memorial Fund. May God bless. Gene would have been proud. Thanks is such a small work, but it means so much.

Sincerely,
Joan and family
Roger, Randy, and Kevin and their families



Thank you to the entire Providence Church body for all your loving support during the recent illness and passing of my dad. I am thankful for all the nursing home and hospital visits as well as support shown since Dad passed. Please continue to help Mom as she figures out what life without Dad looks like. I especially thank Pastor Steve for the uplifting funeral service. You had done some homework as your talk was mostly what I would have talked about. You even mentioned a few things that I had completely forgotten about. Thank you reviving old memories.

Sincerely,
Randy Thompson



Dear Pastor Sorensen,

Thank you for your donation to Franklin Christ in Youth Bible Clubs! We appreciate your partnership with us. We are very excited to have six schools starting clubs this year! Union had a great first meeting. We look forward to seeing God at work this year!

In His service,
Jennifer Wilson
Union CYBC Leader



Dear friends,

Thank you for my birthday wishes, cards, and phone calls.

Mabel Zeilinga



Mike and Janet Parkhurst would like to thank the congregation for the cards and prayers as Mike has been receiving his cancer treatments.

News from the congregation

CWF Craft Fair and Bake Sale

The Christian Women's Fellowship Craft Fair and Bake Sale was a tremendous success! More than \$2,000 was raised for the ministry projects of the CWF. Connie Clark won the raffle for the quilt that was donated by Shari Stark.



Board meeting

The Board meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Nov. 1, following the Worship Service. At this meeting, the Board will receive a report from the Nominating Committee, will approve the 2016 budget, and will discuss timely new business. Committee chairs and officers will present written reports to the Board.

Congregational meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, following the Worship Service. All adults who attend PCC and contribute to her support have a vote and a voice at the meeting. At the meeting, the congregation will be presented the 2016 nominations for church officers and the 2016 budget.

Bible study

Our Sunday Bible study has moved to Tuesdays at 2 p.m. The Bible is our main source of study, but the outline for study comes from Arno Froese's book *119 Most Frequently Asked Questions About Prophecy*. New members are welcome any time throughout the series! Pastor Steve leads the study.



Seeking donations

Holly Zeilinga is seeking donations to support the Purdue University Dance Marathon that raises money for Riley Hospital for Children. Her goal is to raise \$1,500 by Nov. 14, but she needs your help. You can donate online at <http://donate.pudm.org/hzeiling>, or you can give your donation to Jamie or John Zeilinga. Any donation is greatly appreciated!



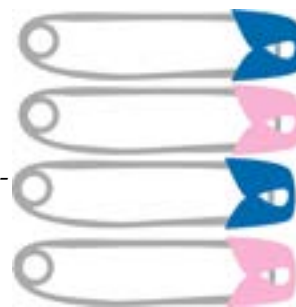
Sympathy

PCC extends our sympathies to the family of Stanley Shuler who went to be with our Lord on Oct. 1 after a courageous fight against prostate cancer. Stanley passed away peacefully in his home in Virginia, surrounded by the love of his family. He was the brother of Katrina Vollmer.

PCC also extends our sympathies to Jim and Deb Wise and their family upon the death of Lori O'Brien, Deb's niece.

Births

Congratulations to Ashley Thompson who gave birth to her son, Drayce Ray, on Sept. 26. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. Drace's grandparents are Kevin and Jeri Thompson, and his great-grandparents are Joan and Gene Thompson.



News from the congregation *continued*

Marriages

Many blessings to Jeannine Ficko and Scotland Sons who were married on Sept. 26, in Underwood, Ind. And congratulations to Jeannine's mother, Carla Sutton, and grandmother, Alice Sutton. Following a honeymoon in Cancun, Scotland and Jeannine are at home in Sellersburg, Ind. You can reach them at their new address:

Scotland and Jeannine Sons
225 Kahl Ct.
Sellersburg, IN 47172



New memorial walk bricks

Two memorial bricks soon will be added to the Memorial Walk:

In Loving Memory
Gene Thompson
Joan Thompson and Family

Feb. 7, 1948 – Oct. 1, 2015
Stan C. Shuler
Katrina Vollmer and Family

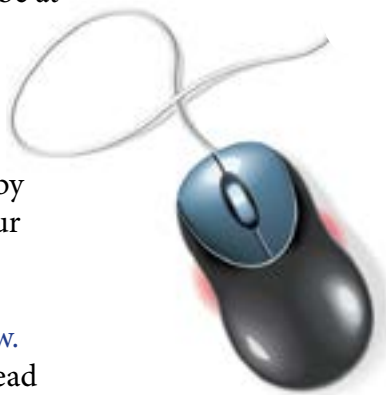
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Stay in touch!

Stay up to date with what's happening at PCC by visiting www.pccbargersville.org! Check out our updated website and calendar.

And don't forget to like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ProvidenceChristianChurch. Read our daily posts and tag us in your pictures!



Memorial contributions

Gene Thompson

Memorial Fund Gifts

George and Julie Burton
Owen K. Cochran
Kenneth and Alberta Coy
Norma Deer
Oren and Joann Demaree
Kenneth and Judy Eldridge
Andy Findley
Bruce and Brook Findley
Norman and Martha Ann Findley
Bill Hatchett
John and Sheila Heidenreich
Phil and Shirley Jackson
Carma Kipfer
Jeff and Marsha McQuinn

David and Karen Morrison

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Betsy Jo Schmidt

Don and Betty Sedam

Lorene Sloop

Eddy and Judy Smith

Ina Lou Smith

Steven and LaVonne Sorensen

Louise Spicer

Shari Stark

Alice Sutton

Bob and Katrina Vollmer

Harry and Ruth Westcott

Jim and Deb Wise

John and Jamie Zeilinga

Stanley Shuler Memorial Gifts

Steven and LaVonne Sorensen

Molly Legan Troyer

Memorial Gifts

Gayle Allard and family

Martha Hinkle and family



Prayer concerns

- Maggie (teammate of Michaela Smith) – Car accident
- Laura Beck – Leukemia
- Heather Boyle – Cancer remission
- Kim Briskey's mother, Jackie – Hip
- Kaleb Buck – Cancer
- Courtney Burton – Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Pauline Clem – Neurological
- Linda Coller – Home
- Donald Davison – Leukemia
- David Deer – Recuperation
- Noble Deer – Pneumonia
- Ed Denman – Cancer
- Brad Dillion – Cancer
- Christopher Eldridge – Heart
- Gary Frances – Residing with the Barrs
- Pat Gillett – Masonic Home
- Bob Hoagland – Cancer, stroke
- Jimmy Jones – Treatment
- Donald Julian – Stroke rehab
- Doris Leslie – Recuperation
- Frank Marshall – Heart
- Lois Middleton – Eyes
- Michael Parkhurst – Cancer
- Julie Pottorff – Seizures
- Cindy Quevdo – Dialysis, kidney infection
- Nicole Richards – Cancer
- Jeff Rollings – New kidney
- Natasha Rollings – Kidney donation
- Rhonda Rund – New heart
- Betty Sedam – Recuperation
- Cole Setser – Motorcycle accident
- Melissa Shaw – Cancer
- Susan Sloop – Cancer remission
- Josh Speidel – Brain injury
- Emma Stumpf – Brain tumor
- Bill Thompson – Treatment
- Max Wise – Juvenile diabetes

Happy birthday!

November 1

Mark Clem
Shannon New
Zander Sledge

November 3

Steve Miller

November 6

Zach Vaught

November 7

Jeri Thompson

November 8

Darryl Haggard

November 9

Sam Hoagland Sr.
Lana Jochim
Angela Sledge

November 10

Mike Clark
Tom Mathena
Callie Thompson

November 11

Jeannine Ficko
Dana Haggard
Linda Tabeling

November 14

Becky Bolin
Brett Findley
Katie Sparks

November 15

Mike Boyd
Marion Spriggs

November 16

Evan Burton
Karley Hoagland

November 17

Mack Marlin

November 18

Raymond Cragen

November 20

Caden Clark
Martha Ann Findley

November 22

Kieryn Boehnlein

November 23

Jeff Ort
LaVonne Sorensen
Jeanne Webb
Holly Zeilinga

November 24

Teresa Clark
Joyce Potter

November 27

Sam Boyd

November 29

Norman Findley
Brody Sparks

November 30

Steven Brown

December 2

Mariam Jones
Susan Lutzke

December 4

Kegan Jochim

December 5

Ken Potter
Alice Sutton
Emma Taylor

December 7

Mark Hunter

December 10

Betty Combs Sedam
Monica Short

December 12

Hannah Fox

December 14

Travis Bishop
Alysha Hartwell

December 16

Brook Findley

December 18

Seth Brown
Hartlee Chadwell
Shelly Smith
Steve Wentzell

December 19

Gracie Bradley

December 20

Ryan Byrd
Tegan Oren

December 24

Clint Taylor

December 25

Jennifer Ort

December 26

Jeff Abercrombie
Barb Mickler



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Providence Christian Church calendar

Sunday, Nov. 1

Board meeting following the
Worship Service. Written reports will
be received from committees.

Sunday, Nov. 1

Revival Service with Pastor Kris
Sorensen at 7 p.m. Enjoy a compli-
mentary chili supper at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7

The Revival Road Quartet's fifth anni-
versary concert celebration at
7 p.m. at Samaria Christian Church in
Trafalgar. This is a free concert, but a
love offering will be taken.

Sunday, Nov. 8

Annual congregational meeting fol-
lowing the Worship Service.

Sunday, Nov. 8

Revival Service with Rev. Tracy M.
Ross at 7 p.m. Enjoy refreshments
at 6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 9

Christian Women's Fellowship at
7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15

Revival Service with Pastor Dean
Combs at 7 p.m. Enjoy refreshments
at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Almost Double Nickel at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29

Hanging of the Greens at 4:30 p.m.
A meal will follow.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Children's Christmas Party at 3 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4

Christian Women's Fellowship
Christmas Tea at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

Almost Double Nickel at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Service at 11 p.m.

Sundays

9 a.m. – Sunday School

10 a.m. – Worship

Tuesdays

2 p.m. – Bible Study

6 p.m. – Zumba