

January/February 2016

Providence Ponderings

Children's parties

Christmas Party

Twenty children and their parents and grandparents came out for the annual Children's Christmas Party hosted by Christian Education Coordinator Becky Bolin and Pastor Steve. Refreshments were highlighted by a "Happy birthday, Jesus" cake from the bakery of Steph-



nie Hunter. The children heard a devotional message, played games, chose gifts, and enjoyed a visit from Santa.

New Year's Party

Eighteen children and their parents and grandparents came out for the Children's New Year's Bingo Party on Jan. 3. Becky Bolin and Pastor Steve hosted the party. Following a devotional message, ice cream treats and juice boxes were served as refreshments. The children then played Bingo. When the children called out a Bingo, they made their way to the gift table to choose their prizes.



Valentine's Day Party

Becky and Pastor Steve invite the children to attend our Valentine's Day Party on Sunday, Feb. 14. Valentine's cards, a devotional, games, and refreshments will be shared. The party begins at 3 p.m.

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Christmas at Providence

Advent season leads us to the celebration of Christmas. Advent begins with The Hanging of the Greens. Many turned out to decorate the church and share an Advent meal.

The lighting of the Advent candles on the Christmas wreath is part of our church tradition at PCC. The candle lightings were performed by these members:

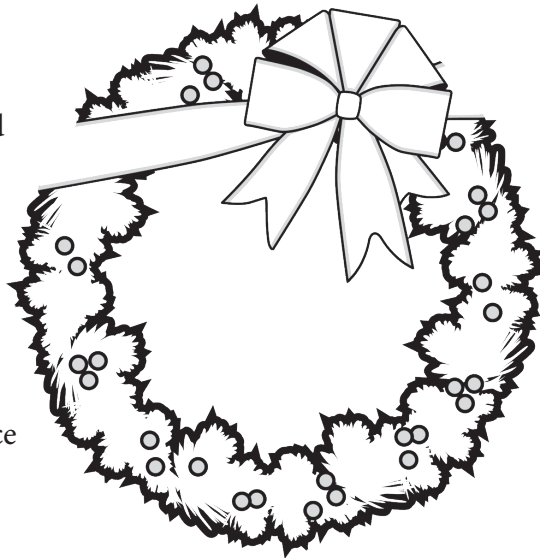
- **First lighting** – Billy and Barb Mickler
- **Second lighting** – Michael and Kimberly Briskey and family
- **Third lighting** – Mike and Connie Clark and David and Linda Sandlin
- **Fourth lighting** – Beau and Kyra Baker and Brodie and Sophie Rinehold
- **Christmas Eve lighting** – Vince and Annette Barr and family

During the Christmas season, PCC was involved in the United Way Christmas Angels program. Through the leadership of Jamie Zeilinga, we provided Christmas blessings to two area families.

The Preteen Youth Group was engaged in Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. See page 6 to read about this!

Also during the season, Keri Vaught hosted a Pinterest Craft Night. Those who attended created glass cookie plates.

The Christmas Sunday Service was shared by 137 in attendance. The children lit the Advent candles. A wonderful Providence Youth Christmas Play was presented.



This was followed by communion and the PCC Christmas Cantata, led by Shelly Smith and narrated by Mike Miles.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service had 139 worshipers. Mary Plummer shared a wonderful true story about her adoption and reception by family members. As a

baby newly brought home, she was placed beneath the family Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Extended family shared the joy as Mary smiled beneath the sparkling lights and decorations on the tree.

Many in the congregation had tears in their eyes as the story of this baby reminded us of the joy of those celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus that first Christmas.

LaVonne Sorensen did a presentation of "Mary, the mother of Jesus." Katrina Vollmer shared the reading "Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ." Student Pastor Hunter Chadwell gave the devotional "The Spirit of Christmas." The short sermon "Born for Others" was shared by Pastor Hunter and Pastor Steve.

Special music on Christmas Eve was brought by Brad and Deb Reed, Madison Stearns, Bill Thompson, and Steve and LaVonne Sorensen; Lila Miles at the piano; Alyssa Barr and Mark Boehnlein; and the PCC Choir.

Just as midnight arrived, Shelly Smith was at the piano and the candles were lit with the service closing on Christmas morning as the congregation sang "Silent Night!"

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Memorial poinsettias

Memorial poinsettias were purchased by these families to honor their loved ones during the Advent season:

From	In Memory Of
Andrew, Alyssa, and AJ Barr	Grandma Karen and Grandma Dee
Vince and Annette Barr	Esther Fox, Edytle Francis, Mary Ellen VanAntwerp, and Louise Barr
Mike, Kim, Ian, Bracken, and Keegan Briskey	Donald Kurtz and E. Allen Briskey
Doug and Gayla Bullington	L. Gene Drake, Berry Barnett, and Scott Teets
George and Julie Burton	Our Loved Ones
Mike and Connie Clark	Leroy & Fern Pevler and Dwight & Elsie Clark
The Eldridge Family	Earl Eldridge and Rose Thompson
The Family	Russell & Chrysteen Rund and Marilyn Henselmeier
Bruce and Brook Findley	Bristol Findley Sparks and Grandparents
Norman and Martha Ann Findley	Our Departed Family
William H. Hatchett	Marianne A. Hatchett
Sam and Sandy Hoagland	The Hoagland and Short Families
Jimmy Jones	Jim and Louise Jones
Charlene Legan	Nelson Legan and Molly Legan Troyer
The Parkhursts	Tim Baker
Dave and Linda Sandlin	Angie Sandlin
Cathy Sledge	The Millers, The McQuinns, The Zooks, Melody, Dandy Boy, Jean, Bob, and Beverly
Eddy and Judy Smith	Livy Smith, Howard Donahue, and Jerry Kean
Ina Lou Smith and Family	Livy Smith and Gary Bright
Michaela and Mitchell Smith	Mamaw Bev
Louise Spicer and Family	Noble T. Spicer
Deb, Cody, and Jess Stubbeman	Tim Stubbeman
Alice Sutton and Family	Herschel Sutton, Emery & Wreatha Thompson, and Gene Thompson
Katrina Vollmer	Damon & Joan Shuler
The Zeilingas	John P. Zeilinga, Sara Lynn Zeilinga, Helen "Grammy" Drake, Catherine Creed, and Mary Rose Moorehead

Christmas greetings

Dear Friends of Providence Christian Church:

May this Christmas be very special for you and yours!

We thank you for the good memories in our minds and hearts of our ministering and special sharing with you!

May the wonderful spirit of the season remain with you all year. Yes, and may God richly bless your continuing good ministry in 2016 and beyond!

With our love,
Bruce and Fran Patton

May this glorious day of our Savior's birth resound with hope and peace on earth!

Have a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year

Mary Ruth Wise

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Dr. Mary Ruth Wise

*You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in
your book. Every moment was laid
out before a single day had passed.
Psalm 139:16 NLT*

Oh! That means that my unusual (for me) schedule this year wasn't a surprise to our Heavenly Father. What was unusual about it? Instead of spending most of the year in Peru helping the Yanasha' get started in translating the Old Testament into their language, I was only in Peru for two and a half weeks in January and four weeks in November. Many days of the rest of the year...were spent in doctor's offices or on the phone trying to schedule appointments with them. I'm thankful to report that I'm much better than when this all started... so I hope to be able to spend much more time next year in Peru.

November 24 and 25 were special days for taking the initial steps with ten of the Yanasa' pastors so that their Old Testament translation project can become a reality...I know you will pray that all of the details will be worked out so that they can make lots of progress beginning early next year...

I would love to hear about the days our Father planned for you this year.

Mary Ruth Wise

P.S. I appreciate so much your faithful prayer and financial support. Did my brother Jim ever tell you that our grandmother belonged to a Christian church in Indiana? Guess he's gone back to his roots.



Krista Goff

At Christmas, believers all over the United Kingdom and Greece passed out little Bags of Hope containing a Christmas-themed Book of Hope, invitations to Christmas services, and sweet treats.

United Kingdom - ...I just got word that two weeks before Christmas,

we ran out, which means all 70,000 Christmas books were sent out in Bags of Hope!

Greece - In the past month, I've been busy organizing the printing and distribution of the Bags of Hope for Greece...In the end, we will have reached to 4,000 Greek families!

Thank you for helping share hope with these precious little ones!

Here are some prayer requests:

- Finish raising support
- Favor finding a new apartment
- Wisdom and creativity for a refugee program

Yon Chesy Suarez Chavez

PCC has begun receiving special offerings to support our newest church planter, Yon Chesy Suarez Chavez, in Peru.

The total cost for his education and Scripture resources is \$1,500.

If you would like to help fund Yon Chesy's work in Peru, you may make checks payable to "Providence Christian Church" and include "Church Planter" in the memo line.

Providence Christian Church Mission Partners

Silvia Balcazar - Ecuador
Samuel Chung - China
Mike Ginter - CSI
Krista Goff - Greece
Marggy Hensley - CSI
Sovann Keo - Cambodia
Ricardo Marquez - Ecuador

Duyen Nguyen - Vietnam
Elva Novillo Quito - Ecuador
Elizabeth Nyakudanga - Zimbabwe
Leonor Solis - Ecuador
Yon Chesy Suarez Chavez - Peru
Dr. Mary Ruth Wise - Peru
Florentino Zarate - Peru

Interchurch Food Pantry
of Johnson County
KIC-IT
Multiplication Network
Ministries
St. Thomas Free Clinic

News from the congregation

Births

Congratulations to Amber Wade who gave birth to her son, Bryce Zaiden, on Dec. 15. He weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and was 20" long. Bryce's grandmother is Debbie Elliott, and his great-grandmother is Betty Combs Sedam.

Thank you notes

Thank you so much for the cookies and candy. I really enjoyed visiting with Karen and Cathy.

God bless you,
Louise Spicer



To the Members of Providence Christian Church:

First Christian Church gratefully acknowledges your donation dated Aug. 8, 2015, of \$500 to the SAWS ramp building ministry. Generous donations such as yours make it possible for SAWS to exist and to provide ramps for those in need.

Thank you for your support!

In Christian love,
Judy Borron
Financial Secretary

Carrie Clayburn Memorial Dinner

The 18th annual Carrie Clayburn Memorial Dinner will be held Friday, Jan. 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the Indian Creek High School cafeteria. Pork chops will be provided by the Indian Creek FFA, and a smorgasbord dinner will be provided by area churches. A free-will offering will go to a scholarship in Carrie's name. Carrie was the niece of Sam and Sandy Hoagland.

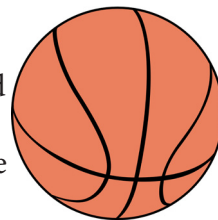


Thank you for your hospitality!

Thank you to all of the CWF women who prepared food for the KIC-IT Holiday Celebration and Appreciation Dinner in December. The meal was provided exclusively by the CWF women. Thank you also to the members of the PCC Choir who provided the entertainment at the meal.

Athlete accolades

Congratulations to Sophie Rinehold and her teammates who won the Indy Girls' Hoops League 5th Grade Silver Division Championship!



Congratulations to Hunter Chadwell who was named Second

Team All-Conference in the Mid-America Christian College Conference. During the year in all NCCAA Division II games, Hunter scored 11 goals and 3 assists for Central Christian College in Moberly, Mo. His goal production tied for second most personal goals in the conference and most in the Central Region of the NCCAA.

Youth Choir

We are gauging interest in having a Providence Youth Choir to sing once a month. If you are interested in participating in the youth choir, please contact the church office at pccoffice@embarqmail.com.

Seeking Children's Church leaders

If you are interested in serving in this year's Children's Church leaders rotation, please see Connie Clark.

Thank you for your generosity!

A huge thank you to all who generously gave to the United Way Christmas Angel families! This year, we were given two local single moms – one had one child, is living with her mother, and has lots of health problems, and the other is a

mother of four children, including twin 3-year-olds.

Because of your donations, we provided the families with warm clothing, gift cards to Kroger, and toys that the children wished for.

I am certain that we made their Christmases much brighter! I am always amazed and so very proud of the generosity of Providence Christian Church! May you all be blessed with much happiness and good health this New Year!

Jamie Zeilinga
Board President

Preteen Youth Group prepares Christmas gifts

In December, Preteen Youth Group members and helpers – Maddie Stearns, Garrett Bolin, Keelan Peters, Jennifer Stearns, Becky Bolin, Deb Reed, Susan and Barry Lutzke – assembled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Hygiene products, personal items, gloves, socks, small toys, and non-

perishable snacks were collected. These items were assembled in 11 shoeboxes for three families (five boys and three girls).

Watch the newsletter and the website for future youth group meetings and activities. All youth in grades 4 through 8 are encouraged to participate!



Prayer concerns

- Maggie (Michaela Smith's teammate) – Car accident
- Donnie Beck (Ken Potter's nephew) – Hospital
- Laura Beck – Leukemia
- Heather Boyle – Cancer remission
- Kim Briskey's mother, Jackie – Care center
- Kaleb Buck – Cancer
- Courtney Burton – Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Pauline Clem – Neurological
- Linda Coller – Home
- David Deer – Recuperation
- Noble Deer – Masonic Home
- Ed Denman – Cancer
- Brad Dillion – Cancer
- Christopher Eldridge – Heart
- Gary Francis (Barr) – Heart
- Pat Gillett – Masonic Home
- Heather Harbron (Brad Reed's daughter) – Pineal brain cyst
- Bob Hoagland – Cancer, stroke
- Jimmy Jones
- Donald Julian – Stroke rehab
- Doris Leslie – Recuperation
- Frank Marshall – Heart
- Lois Middleton – Eyes
- Michael Parkhurst – Cancer
- Julie Pottorff – Seizures
- Cindy Quevdo – Dialysis, kidney infection
- Deb Reed – Needs a periodontal ligament and tendon attachment
- Nicole Richards – Cancer
- Georgina Rowland (Barr) – Cancer
- Rhonda Rund – New heart
- Betty Sedam – Recuperation
- Cole Setser – Motorcycle accident
- Melissa Shaw – Cancer
- Susan Sloop – Cancer remission
- Josh Speidel – Brain injury
- Tim Stearns – Vision
- Judy Stewart – Esophageal surgery
- Emma Stumpf – Brain tumor
- Connor Tomlinson – Surgeries on ankles
- Vickie Varner (Missouri Valley College) – Car accident
- Don White – Cancer
- Hunter White – Doctor care
- Max Wise – Juvenile diabetes

Happy birthday!

January 20
Andy Findley

January 21
Deanna Burton

January 23
Ashlee Eastham

January 24
Kenny Eldridge

January 26
Crystal Glendy

January 27
Rosemary Deer Torrance

January 28
Michael J. Parkhurst

January 31
Mike Briskey

February 4
Alison Mathena
Tim Rinehold

February 5
Teena Findley

February 6
Jack Hubbard

February 7
Judy Eldridge
Evan Fruits

February 10
Bruce Findley
Linda Torrance

February 11
Andrew Barr

February 12
Julie Eastham

February 15
Jamie Zeilinga

February 16
Deann Tomlinson

February 17
Mildred Herron

February 18
Zachary Bradley

February 19
A.J. Barr
Denise Callahan
Mark Smith

February 21
Charlie Byrns
Avery Clark
Adam Shaul

February 23
Daniel Corthell

February 24
Allison Harris
Blake Legan
Jonathan Ward

February 25
Alyssa Barr

February 26
Patty Gillett

February 28
Kason Samuel Vaught



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Providence Christian Church calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Double Nickel

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, Jan. 22

Carrie Clayburn Memorial Dinner

5:30 p.m. in the Indian Creek High School cafeteria

Saturday, Jan. 23

Youth Group Dinner and Movie

Dinner at 6 p.m. at Mi Jefe in Trafalgar. Then the group will go to Zach and Keri Vaught's house to watch "War Room."

Monday, Feb. 8

Christian Women's Fellowship

7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Feb. 14

Children's Valentine's Day Party

3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Double Nickel

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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of upcoming events
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calendar!](http://www.pccbargersville.org/calendar!)**

Sundays

9 a.m. – Sunday School

10 a.m. – Worship

Tuesdays

6 p.m. – Zumba

Wednesdays

3:30 p.m. – Bible study