

April 2016

# Providence Ponderings

## Easter at Providence

Holy Week was full of activities at Providence Christian Church. The events began with our traditional Maundy Thursday service, featuring special music by Carla Sutton and the Providence Choir.

We hosted a prayer vigil on Good Friday where 24 people prayed for our nation and our church.

A Good Friday Service was held at the Franklin United Methodist Community. The service focused on the seven last words of Jesus on the cross. In addition to the Franklin United Methodist Community, this service was supported by First Presbyterian Church of Franklin, Hopewell Presbyterian Church,

Franklin First Baptist Church, Amity Baptist Church, and Providence Christian Church.

Following the service, Franklin United Methodist Community Chaplain David Owens sent this note to the participating pastors:

“You all have melted my heart!!!! This (Good Friday) service bordered on perfect! I spent a few minutes in the chapel, putting things in order. And I had numerous people make effort to come tell me how grateful and moved they were by the service. Most importantly, I think we drew attention to the cross and the Savior who died on this day.”

On Saturday, more than 30 children attended our annual Easter Egg Hunt. After listening to a story read by Jamie Zeilinga, the children rushed to find the 1,000 eggs hidden around the church grounds.

Nearly 170 people attend our Resurrection Sunday service. Guest Brenda Hampton provided a Scripture lesson as Mary Magdalene, and Pastor Steve Sorensen discussed some common symbols of Easter. The Providence Choir presented its “Southern Style Easter Celebration” with songs that opened the floodgates of memories of Easters in our younger days.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

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*Preteen Youth Group Directors*  
**Becky Bolin**  
*Christian Education Director*

# Memorial lilies

Memorial lilies were purchased by these families to honor their loved ones during the Easter season:

From	In Memory Of
Mike & Kim Briskey and sons	Donald & Jacky Kurtz, and E. Allen Briskey
George & Julie Burton	Loved ones
Norman & Martha Ann Findley and family	Departed family
Sam & Sandy Hoagland	Short, Hoagland, and Clayburn family members
David & Karen Morrison, Jeff & Christy Abercrombie and family, Allen & Lisa Mathena and family, Larry Henselmeier, Dennis & Lynne McGuire and family, Brian & Deann Tomlinson and family, and Roger & Rhonda Rund	Russell & Chrysteen Rund and Marilyn Henselmeier
Ken & Joyce Potter	Letha Watson
Cathy Sledge	Family and friends
Eddy & Judy Smith, Frances Donahue, and Ken, Lisa, Kyle, & Kaleb Bradley	Livy Smith, Howard Donahue, and Jerry Kean
Michaela & Mitchell Smith	Mamaw Bev
Louise Spicer and family	Noble T. Spicer
Alice Sutton and family	Hershel Sutton, Emery & Wreatha Thompson, and Gene & Danny Thompson
Katrina Vollmer	Damon, Joan, and Stan Shuler
Mick & Hannah Vornehm, Deloris Parker, the Bakers, and the Rineholds	John Parker and loved ones
The John E. Zeilinga Family	Sara Lynn Zeilinga, John P. Zeilinga, Helen "Grammy" Drake, Catherine Creed, and Mary Rose Moorehead

# Memorial bricks

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."* John 14:1-3 NIV

During the past year, many loved ones have left us to go to be with Jesus. Though we miss them, we also remember them. One way we remember them is by placing their names upon memorial bricks and dedicating them into our Memorial Walkway.

Resurrection Sunday was a great day to dedicate these memorial bricks. Jesus arose immortally on Easter, and the promise of the resurrection also is ours.

On Easter, we dedicated these memorial bricks:

In Loving Memory  
Gene Thompson  
Joan and Family

Feb. 18, 1948 – Oct. 1, 2015  
Stan C. Shuler  
Katrina and Family

Loving Memory  
Donald & Jacky Kurtz

Loving Memory  
Georgina Rowland Barr  
1940 – 2016

*Remembering*  
**L. EUGENE BROWN**  
*A "Timothy" of Providence Christian Church*



Eugene was born January 29, 1921  
He was baptized at PCC on January 7, 1934  
He went to be with our Lord on March 21, 2016

L. Eugene Brown spent his boyhood years in Union Township schools and Providence Christian Church. He went on to Butler University, Texas Christian University, Brite Divinity, and Yale University Divinity School. As an ordained minister with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), he also studied at Christian Theological Seminary and Claremont School of Theology.

Rev. Brown was married to Evelyn Park on June 9, 1944. His ministry spanned from 1948 to 2000. He served as a congregational pastor in Indiana and Oklahoma, as a General Staff Minister (Director of Clergy Development), and as an interim pastor for 15 congregations in Indiana and Florida.

He was an author who in 2004 published *A MEMORIED PEOPLE, REMEMBERING MADE WHOLE* (Author House) and also was the hymn writer of *God of Grace and God of Glory* and *Shalom, O, God Shalom*. We are honored to have claimed him as a son and Timothy of Providence Christian Church!



# **Children's Movie Party**

**Sunday, April 17  
3 p.m.**

**Bring a pillow and a blanket!**

**Janet Hommel Mangas wrote a beautiful piece in the March 26 issue of the Daily Journal about her recent visit with our Double Nickel group as well as her relationship with Linda (Pevler) Sandlin and Connie (Pevler) Clark.**



# Missions - Serving His world

## Krista Goff

Recently, seven kids were baptized! It was so precious to hear them share why they wanted to be baptized. One said, "Jesus loves me, and I want to follow Him all my days."

Afterwards, all the leaders of the church and parents prayed over them...The most precious moment was during the closing song. The kids stayed up at the front and

helped lead the entire church in worship. God's sweet presence was so strong in the room. He just loves it when we empower His kids to minister to others!

Last week, nearly 100 youths gathered for an annual youth conference themed "Living in His World." We trusted that each young person enjoyed time with God and was empowered to be bold witnesses for Christ.



Krista Goff reports that seven children were baptized recently. Praise God with her as these young ones begin to live their lives for Christ!

Answered prayers:

- I found an apartment! It's a cozy, one bedroom close to church, friends, and the harbor.
- Between my classes, studying, and prayer, I'm really starting to understand Greek better!

Prayer requests:

- As we distribute the new Book of Hope, pray for God's Word to take deep root in the teens' hearts and that we'll find favor in the community.
- Pray for divine connections to help us finish raising support.

## Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County

In 2015, the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County had 16,827 visits, which is an average of more than 1,500 visits per month. This is a 39 percent increase from 2014 and a 91 percent increase from 2013.

The pantry also extended its hours of operation and moved to a new location in April. More than 200 volunteers made all of this possible.

Thank you for volunteering and for donating items to the pantry!

## 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 Chesny 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

## Thank you for your notes

Bill Hatchett thanks the congregation for the Christmas cards, other cards, and other remembrances during the past several months.



## Thank you for your prayers

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful “Amazing Grace” throw. Each time we see it, we will be reminded both of God’s love and comfort as well as the arms of prayer and love that you all have provided for us.

# Prayer concerns

- Maggie (Michaela Smith’s teammate) – Car accident
- Laura Beck – Leukemia
- Heather Boyle – Cancer remission
- Kaleb Buck – Cancer
- Sgt. Jordan Buckley – Gunshot
- Courtney Burton – Hodgkin’s lymphoma
- Pauline Clem – Neurological
- Linda Coller – Home
- David Deer – Recuperation
- Pam Deer – Seizures
- Noble Deer – Masonic Home
- Ed Denman – Cancer
- Brad Dillion – Cancer
- Christopher Eldridge – Heart
- Gary Francis (Barr) – Heart
- Pat Gillett – Masonic Home
- Bob Hoagland – Cancer, stroke
- Jimmy Jones
- Donald Julian – Stroke rehab
- Doris Leslie – Recuperation
- Frank Marshall – Heart
- Pat McGinnis – Hit by car
- Lois Middleton – Eyes
- Sandra McNicholas – Infection
- Michael Parkhurst – Cancer
- Julie Pottorff – Seizures
- Cindy Quevdo – Dialysis, kidney infection
- Deb Reed – Strengthened periodontal collagen ligaments on #10 tooth
- Nicole Richards – Cancer
- Rhonda Rund – New heart
- Teena Scruggs – Accident
- Betty Sedam – Recuperation
- Cole Setser – Motorcycle accident
- Melissa Shaw – Cancer
- Susan Sloop – Cancer remission
- Chad Smith – Dirt bike accident
- Michaela Smith – Bulging disc
- Josh Speidel – Brain injury
- Pam Spicer – Cancer
- Brian Squier – Stroke
- Tim Stearns – Vision
- Garvin Stewart – Stroke
- Judy Stewart – Esophageal surgery
- Kelli Street – Multiple sclerosis
- Emma Stumpf – Brain tumor
- Connor Tomlinson – Recuperation
- Vickie Varner (Missouri Valley College) – Car accident
- Don White – Cancer
- Hunter White – Recovery from surgery
- Max Wise – Juvenile diabetes

We are humbled by your kindness and love. May God bless you abundantly.

The Briskeys

## Thank you for your generosity

Thank you for your donation of formula, personal hygiene items, diapers, and pillows in March. The KIC-IT Organization sincerely appreciates your generosity. Many blessings!

## Logan Sutton contributed to Oscar-winning movie

As a linguist with the American Indian Studies Research Institute, Logan D. Sutton helped provide authentic dialogue in two American

Indian languages for the film “The Revenant.”

Logan lent his expertise on the Arikara and Pawnee languages both on and off the set of the film. He spent two weeks working with members of the audio production staff. He even helped to coach the actors, including Leonardo DiCaprio.

Logan is the grandson of Alice Sutton and the nephew of Carla Sutton.

## Gideon Sunday offering

On March 6, we collected \$433 in the Gideon Sunday special offering. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously!

# Happy birthday!

## April 1

Amy Compton  
Sherry Yount

## April 2

Pauline Clem  
Brad Reed

## April 3

Steve Love  
Bryce Wentzell

## April 4

Lynn Boyd

## April 6

Aubree Ellen Love

## April 8

Adam Yount

## April 9

Cathy Sledge

## April 10

George Burton  
Ina Lou Smith

## April 12

Dean Combs

## April 13

Mick Vornehm

## April 17

Ava Bolin  
Roger Rund

## April 18

Marin Burton  
Barry Lutzke

## April 19

Dustin Bishop  
Blaine Wentzell

## April 20

Eric Bolin  
Kyndell Jochim

## April 21

Julie Burton

## April 22

Sandy Hoagland

## April 23

Angela Fruits

## April 24

Harriett Donahue

## April 25

Hunter Chadwell  
Lila Miles

## April 27

Beverly Spriggs

## April 28

Karissa Wentzell

## April 29

Kay Baker  
Cindy Broshears  
David Morrison  
Shannon Wentzell

## May 1

Kyran Jochim

## May 2

Clara Elizabeth Sledge

## May 4

Louise Spicer

## May 5

Ryan Hoagland  
Sara Morris

## May 6

Jim Wise

## May 7

Vince Barr  
Stan Cramer  
Tiffany Oren

## May 9

Trent Bishop

## May 10

Luke Glendy

## May 11

Larry Henselmeier  
Quincy Nuetzmann

## May 12

Mark Boehnlein

## May 15

David Deer

## May 17

Kay Brown

## May 18

Terry Chadwell

## May 20

Rebekkah Andros  
Norma Deer

## May 21

Noah Nuetzmann  
Bob Vollmer

## May 22

Bill Chadwell  
Hayla Chadwell  
Matt Stearns

## May 23

Natalie Andros

## May 24

Deb Reed

## May 25

Amber Wade

## May 26

Ronald Brown  
Rhonda Wheeler

## May 27

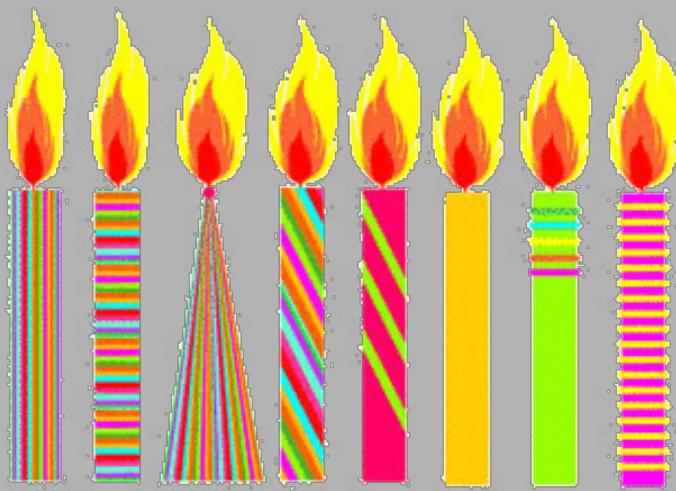
Elizabeth Gunter

## May 30

Michael Spicer

## May 31

Chris Clark  
Melanie Zeilinga



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## Providence Christian Church calendar

### Monday, April 11

*Christian Women's Fellowship*  
7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, April 17

*Children's Movie Party*  
3 p.m.  
Bring a pillow and a blanket!

### Monday, April 18

*Pinterest Craft Night*  
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, April 20

*Double Nickel*  
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, May 5

*Mothers and Others*  
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, May 13

*Pinterest Craft Night*  
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, May 18

*Double Nickel*  
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Monday, June 6, through

**Thursday, June 9**  
*Vacation Bible School*  
6 to 8 p.m.

### Sundays

**9 a.m. – Sunday School**

**10 a.m. – Worship**

### Tuesdays

**6 p.m. – Zumba**

### Wednesdays

**3:30 p.m. – Bible study**



*The annual softball season will begin in May!  
PCC will field its Providence Red  
and Providence Green teams*