

January 2017

# Providence Ponderings

## *PCC children celebrate the Savior's birth*

The Sunday before Christmas, 19 children came out for the annual Children's Christmas Party. The children heard a devotional message, played games, and enjoyed refreshments. The children also were surprised with a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus (Roger and Mary Plummer).

Thank you to Christian Education Coordinator Becky Bolin for coordinating another wonderful party.

Thank you to Stephanie Hunter for baking the tasiest peanut butter cupcakes, decorated with an edible nativity scene. And thank you to the parents and grandparents for their help during the party.



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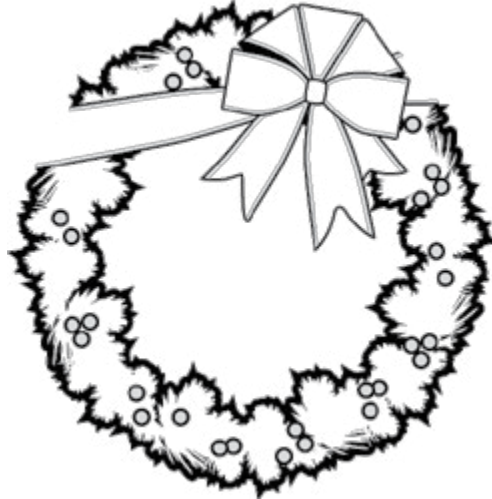
**Teresa Clark**  
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*Preteen Youth Group Directors*  
**Becky Bolin**  
*Christian Education Director*

# Christmas at Providence

Advent season leads us to the celebration of Christmas. Advent at PCC 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** – Zach, Keri, and Kason Vaught
- **Second lighting** – The Wise Family
- **Third lighting** – Cathy Sledge and Roger & Mary Plummer
- **Fourth lighting** – Beau, Kyan, & Kyra Baker and Brodie & Sophie Rinehold
- **Christmas Eve lighting** – The Chadwell 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 three area families.

About 75 people heard the PCC Choir present its annual Christmas cantata. This year's program, *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*, was led by Choir Director Shelly Smith and was narrated by Michaela Smith.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service featured descriptions of the Savior's birth from Pastor Steve and Pastor Hunter. Carla Sutton and Alyssa Barr performed special music. And the PCC Choir sang *The Little Drummer Boy*.

Just as midnight arrived, the candles were lit with the service closing on Christmas morning as the congregation sang *Silent Night*.

## New Members

On Sunday, Dec. 4, we welcomed Eric and Jane Sample into membership at Providence Christian Church.

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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
Vicki Baker	Tim Baker, Sally Marshall
Andrew, Alyssa, and AJ Barr	Grandma Dee, Grandma Karen
The Burton Family	Loved Ones
Mike & Connie Clark	Our Parents
Norma Deer	Hiram Deer, Herman & Oletha Deer, Howard & Karintha Brown
Bruce & Brook Findley	Bristol Findley Sparks, Our Grandparents
Janice Hash and family	Ray Hash
Sam Hoagland Families	Short and Hoagland Families
Jimmy Jones	Jim & Louise Jones
Frank Marshall and Shari Stark	Sally Marshall
David & Karen Morrison, Jeff & Christy Abercrombie and family, Allen & Lisa Mathena and family, Larry Henselmeier, Dennis & Lynn McGuire and family, Brian & Deann Tomlinson and family, Roger & Rhonda Rund	Russell & Chrysteen Rund, Marilyn Henselmeier
Mom and Dad	Angela Sandlin
Cathy Miller Sledge	Millers, McQuinns, Zooks, Eubanks, Rideys, Melody & Dandyby
Lorene Sloop and family	O.J. Sloop
Eddy & Judy Smith	Livy Smith, Howard Donahue, Gary Bright, Jerry Keen
Ina Lou Smith and family	Livy Smith, Gary Bright
Michaela and Mitchell Smith	Mamaw Bev
Louise Spicer and family	Noble T. Spicer
Jaxon Stark and Hunter White	Mammaw (Sally Marshall)
Deb, Jess, and Cody Stubbeman	Tim Stubbeman
Alice Sutton Family	Herschel Sutton; Emery, Wreatha & Gene Thompson
The John Zeilinga Family	Sara Lynn Zeilinga, Mabel Zeilinga, John P. Zeilinga, Catherine Creed, Helen "Grammy" Drake, Mary Rose Moorehead

# Christmas greetings

Dear Friends of Providence Christian Church:

Yes, may this Christmastime bring us more and more together!

We want to thank you for the good memories from our interim ministries with you, and by the information from the newsletter, it

seems you are continuing to move forward.

With circumstances the way they are in our nation and world, we definitely need to be obedient, both individually and nationally, to God's will as expressed clearly by our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

God bless you all richly now and continually in the New Year ahead!

With our love and best wishes in Christ,  
Bruce and Fran Patton

# Missions - Serving His world

## 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*

Yes, that's the same verse I started with last year. It's still true, and I am still trying to learn to adjust my goals and plans to God's.

April 19 to 22 were the very special days this year that I spent in Villa Rica (a town on the eastern slopes of the Andes that is central for the Yánesha' communities). About 45 of the Yánesha' pastors and other Christian leaders met with Janeth, the Peruvian young lady who volunteers with us and helps in planning and carrying out translation projects. Jim, the translation consultant who gave them general orientation on translation principles, said he had never seen anything like it – love, reconciliation, joyful singing, and enthusiasm for translating the Old Testament. And no, they aren't waiting for us to get our

act together – Pastor Santiago presented me with a handwritten draft of the complete book of Genesis.

During the week, each of the four church associations chose a repre-



sentative for the guiding committee and a translator. Sorting out all of the legal details so that the funds are handled appropriately is taking a lot longer than we had hoped, but things seem to be falling into place so that the project can officially start early in 2017.

Most of the rest of the year was spent in consulting on grammars and dictionaries and other projects

related to editing and publishing the results of our work for the speakers of the indigenous languages as well as for the academic community. And, of course, there were the trips to the doctors. I'm thankful our Father knows all about those also and has a perfect plan.

Your part in the work is a special blessing. Thank you, and may 2017 be one of growth in the knowledge of our Lord for the whole church.

## Krista Goff

What an incredible year 2016 has been! God has done time and time again what seemed impossible – finding an apartment quickly, figuring out the right Greek visa, raising support, learning Greek, and sharing God's Word with more than 70,000 youth. For the first time ever on Christmas Eve, we get to share the Gospel in the big city square on the main stage and give Books of Hope! You've played an integral part this year. Thank you! May God richly bless you this Christmas and in 2017.

## 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  
Maria Esther Pingo Periche – Peru  
Leonor Solis – Ecuador  
Yon Chesy Suarez Chavez – Peru  
Dr. Mary Ruth Wise – Peru  
Florentino Zarate – Peru

Christ Youth Bible Clubs  
Food 4 Souls  
Interchurch Food Pantry  
of Johnson County  
KIC-IT  
Multiplication Network  
Ministries  
St. Thomas Free Clinic



# News from the congregation

## Sympathy

PCC extends our sympathy to George & Julie Burton and John & Jamie Zeilinga and their families upon the death of their mother, Mabel Zeilinga.

PCC extends our sympathy to Bill and Linda Chadwell upon the death of their brother-in-law Jim Edens.

PCC extends our sympathy to Faith Westrom, our Zumba instructor, upon the death of her father.

## Prayer request update

Don White's latest tests reveal that his cancer is either very slow growing or cured by the Lord. Either way, the Lord is blessing Don!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Tegan Oren whose Florida Little League team recently concluded an undefeated season.

## Thank you notes

Thank you so much for the yummy cookies and treats. I especially want to thank you for remembering Pam. Her latest tests were a little better. Thanks for your prayers too. God bless you.

Louise Spicer

Thank you so much for remembering Don with homemade cookies and candy. We appreciate it so much!

Love, Delores and Don Julian

Thank you for your thoughtful gift of a wreath for my door. It is a lovely reminder of Mabel who was a very friendly and nice neighbor. She was my euchre partner for many games.

Luella Hughes  
Christina Place

I was older when I realized how much time and work goes with preparing a meal. My mom loved to cook, bake, and prepare meals for her family. Growing up, our evening meals were like Sunday dinners. Thanks to each of you who prepared and served the bereavement dinner for Mabel's family. We have been blessed.

Jan Radcliffe

# Memorial contributions

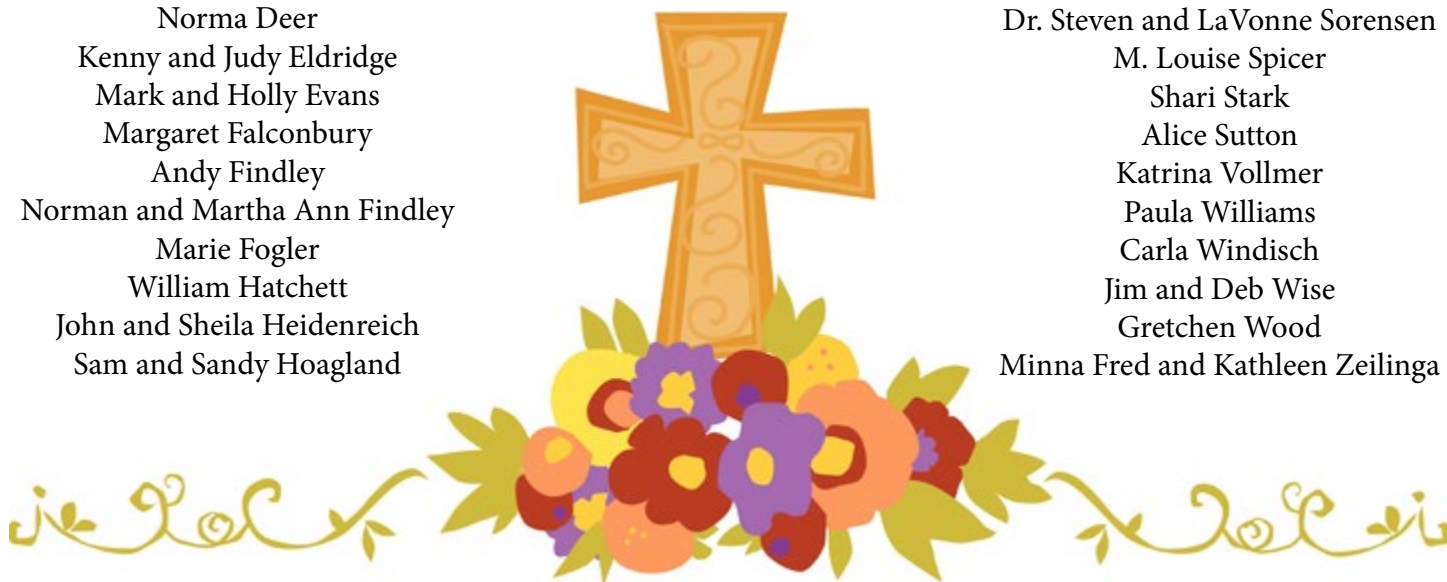
## Mabel Zeilinga Memorial Fund

John and Marilyn Baker  
Vicki Baker  
Richard and Sherri Burton  
Mark and Lisa Campbell  
Mike and Connie Clark  
Norma Deer  
Kenny and Judy Eldridge  
Mark and Holly Evans  
Margaret Falconbury  
Andy Findley  
Norman and Martha Ann Findley  
Marie Fogler  
William Hatchett  
John and Sheila Heidenreich  
Sam and Sandy Hoagland

Carma Kipfer  
Brenda Lippert  
Joanne Miller  
Dave and Karen Morrison  
Roger and Mary Plummer  
PCC Educators Class

Richard and Becky Ritter

William Ruch  
Phylis Sewell  
Deb Shuta  
Lorene Sloop  
Ina Lou Smith  
Dr. Steven and LaVonne Sorensen  
M. Louise Spicer  
Shari Stark  
Alice Sutton  
Katrina Vollmer  
Paula Williams  
Carla Windisch  
Jim and Deb Wise  
Gretchen Wood  
Minna Fred and Kathleen Zeilinga



# CWF snowman craft to cheer up shut-ins

Christian Women's Fellowship will host two craft events to make sock snowmen for local assisted living facilities.

The first craft day will take place on Monday, Jan. 9, at 10 a.m. There will be no CWF meeting that night.

The second craft event will take place on Monday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m.

Anyone who attends these craft events should bring new white

socks, at least one pound of rice, small shirt-sized colored buttons, fleece-like fabric, scissors, and hot glue guns. Also bring money to order pizza. Please bring your own drinks. All are encouraged to help! For more information, see Connie Clark.

If you would like to donate socks, please place them in the silver box in the Sanctuary. The socks will be used for this craft project and will be given to local homeless persons.



## Prayer concerns

- Maggie (Michaela Smith's teammate) – Car accident
- Kevin Albright – Burns
- Laura Beck – Leukemia
- Pauline Clem – Neurological
- David Deer – Recuperation
- Pam Deer – Seizures
- Ed Denman – Cancer
- Brad Dillion – Cancer
- Christopher Eldridge – Heart
- Norman Findley – Homeview
- Gary Francis (Barr) – Heart
- Bill Hatchett – Cancer
- Bob Hoagland – Cancer, stroke
- Donald Julian – Stroke rehab
- Doris Leslie – Recuperation
- Barry Lutzke – Hearing loss
- Frank Marshall – Heart
- Elizabeth McDonald – Seizures
- Sandra McNicholas – Infection
- Michael Parkhurst – Remission
- Andrea Parsley – Health concerns
- Julie Pottorff – Seizures
- Cindy Quevdo – Dialysis, kidney infection
- Nicole Richards – Cancer
- Betty Sedam – Recuperation
- Susan Sloop – Cancer remission
- Chad Smith – Dirt bike accident
- Josh Speidel – Brain injury
- Pam Spicer – Cancer
- Jaxon Stark – Tingling in right arm
- Tim Stearns – Vision
- Garvin Stewart – Home
- Judy Stewart – Esophageal surgery
- Kelli Street – Multiple sclerosis
- Emma Stumpf – Brain tumor
- Jona Wainscott – Mass on left lung
- Mike Ward – Broken femur
- Don White – Cancer
- Melanie Williams – Cancer
- Max Wise – Juvenile diabetes

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# Happy birthday!

**January 1**

Tristan Oren

**January 2**

Linda Chadwell

**January 3**

Mallory Abercrombie

**January 5**

Sarah Berman

Madison Stearns

**January 7**

Kayla Morris

**January 8**

Noah Lane Gallagher

Mike Massey

**January 9**

Dana Christianson

**January 12**

Maria Boyd

Mike Naylor

Cody Stubbeman

**January 13**

Dr. Doug Bullington

**January 14**

Angela Stark

**January 16**

Abbye Eastham

Charlene Legan

**January 18**

Andrew Neutzmann

Blake Shaul

**January 20**

Andy Findley

**January 21**

Deanna Burton

**January 23**

Ashlee Eastham

**January 24**

Kenny Eldridge

Seth Bay

**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

Stephanie Hunter

**February 10**

Keegan Briskey

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**

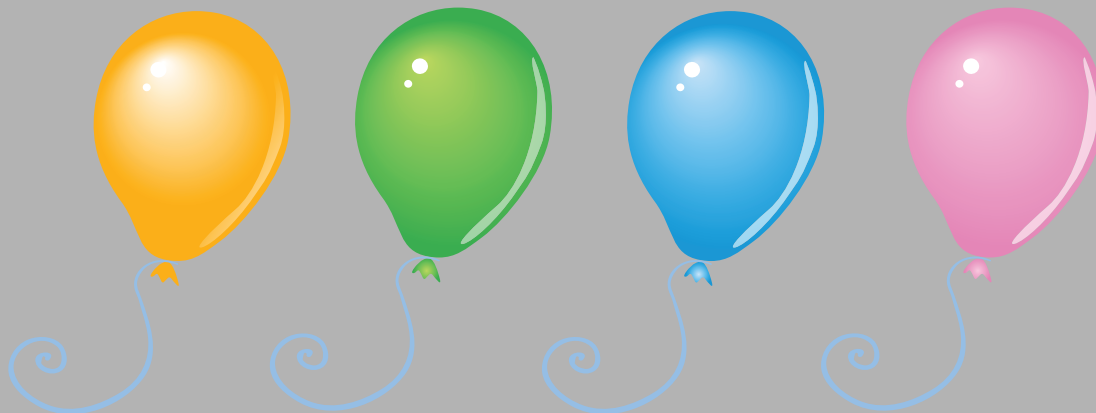
Alyssa Barr

**February 26**

Patty Gillett

**February 28**

Kason Vaught



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## *Providence Christian Church calendar*

### **Monday, Jan. 2**

*Church office is closed*

### **Tuesday, Jan. 3**

*Zumba classes resume*

6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

\$5 per class

### **Saturday, Jan. 7**

*Carrie Clayburn Memorial Dinner*

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

### **Sunday, Jan. 8**

*Board Meeting*

6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, Jan. 9**

*Christian Women's Fellowship*

*Snowman Craft Event*

10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, Jan. 16**

*Christian Women's Fellowship*

*Snowman Craft Event*

6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, Jan. 18**

*Double Nickel*

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, Feb. 12**

*Children's Valentine's Day Party*

3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, Feb. 13**

*Christian Women's Fellowship*

7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, Feb. 15**

*Double Nickel*

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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