

January 2019

# Providence Ponderings

## Advent at Providence

Advent season leads us to the celebration of Christmas. The lighting of the Advent candles on the Christmas wreath is part of our church tradition at PCC. This year's candle lightings were performed by these families:

- **First lighting** – The Hoaglands
- **Second lighting** – The Boyds
- **Third lighting** – The Burtons
- **Fourth lighting** – The Barrs

Through the leadership of Jamie Zeilinga, we provided Christmas blessings to eight local families and their children.

On Sunday, Dec. 23, the PCC Choir presented its annual Christ-



mas cantata. This year's program, *Christ Has Come*, included many favorite Christmas hymns, such as *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*; *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*; and *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*. The cantata was led by Choir Director Shelly

Smith and was narrated by Bruce Findley.

After the Zeilinga family lit the Advent candles at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, the congregation enjoyed descriptions of the Savior's birth from Pastor Steve and Pastor Hunter. Carla Sutton, Alyssa Barr, and Mark Boehnlein performed special music. And the PCC Choir sang a special song.

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

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# Missions - Serving His world

## Hope House of Central Illinois

Hope House of Central Illinois is currently raising funds to build Hope House, a two-bedroom retreat cabin for families who have experienced the loss of a child. We recently began a capital campaign, and we have received preliminary commitments of \$109,100. We still have a long way to go and hope you will consider partnering with us.

Sincerely,  
Randy Thompson  
Member of the Board

**Note:** Each year PCC gives to Hope House a donation of \$250 in memory of Danny Thompson.

## CSI Ministries

Pray for:

- The rapidly developing opportunity for expanding the disaster relief and recovery ministry.
- The need for a new 4x4 Toyota pickup truck in Jamaica.
- A guesthouse for lease to become available in Belize.
- Glitches in technology during our move to be resolved.
- Us to honor the Lord's will in this ministry.

Praise God:

- For a good time at the CSI annual gathering in Kokomo.
- Pinto wants to thank you for your friendship and the care you have for the Jamaican people.
- For a recent trip to Guatemala that created positive ministry connections and opportunities.
- For a successful transition to Kokomo.



- That the International Conference on Missions provided great exposure for CSI.

## Dr. Mary Ruth Wise

Now we can move full speed ahead in publishing Scripture and other materials in the government-approved alphabet of the Asheninka language. On Wednesday,

Nov. 28, representatives from all of the varieties of Asheninka voted that their alphabet would be exactly that which we have been using. The dictionary in Pajonal Asheninka that my friend Allene left in good condition but not ready to print can now be finalized. It has been a joy to work on it, but it will be even better to see it in the hands of the people.

I feel so privileged to have the opportunity to help the Asheninka people as well as the Yanasha.

## Multiplication Network

The Outreach Committee has selected a new church planter to begin supporting. Erlita Martinez Davalos will be working in Plura, Peru, to lead others to Christ. Here is her testimony:

“Before I met Jesus Christ as my Savior, I was living without purpose. I met Christ and gave my life to Him. I did it through my pastor, Mrs. Ana Lucy. God has helped me to restore my life and my home. Now I want to plant new churches in my area.”

Pray for Erlita as she begins her new ministry in Plura.

## Providence Christian Church Mission Partners

Silvia Balcazar – Ecuador  
Samuel Chung – China  
Luis Jaime Duran Buendia – Peru  
Mike Ginter – CSI  
Marggy Hensley – CSI  
Sovann Keo – Cambodia  
Ricardo Marquez – Ecuador  
Erlita Martinez Davalos – Peru

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

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 Louise Spicer and family upon the death of Pam Spicer, Louise's daughter-in-law.

## Births



Congratulations to Kyle and Chelsea Bradley who welcomed their son, Brody William Bradley, on Wednesday, Dec. 5. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. Brody's grandparents are Ken and Lisa Bradley, and his great-grandparents are Eddy and Judy Smith.

## Thank you notes

Thank you so much for the calls, texts, cards, and prayers during the last couple of weeks. Thank you also for the beautiful Rugged Cross throw. Larry often attended church with us when he came for a visit to Indiana. He enjoyed the friendliness of all the church members he met. Thanks so much for everything. — Mike and Connie Clark

We thank you for all of your support and prayers during Pam's long struggle with cancer. She is no longer with us and we will miss her so much, but we feel some comfort knowing that she is no longer in pain in her home in heaven. — The Spicers

We wanted to thank you for a very moving service for Norma. I felt privileged to sit in "her pew" as I had done many times previously when visiting Providence. I will miss hearing her say, "Well, there's Carol" at the moment I walked into the church. Providence has been blessed with many wonderful "saints" – what a legacy they have created and left. Truly a blessing to have grown up in Providence Christian Church. — Carol Gehrs

Thank you for the yummy breakfast treats. They were a hit! We appreciate your thoughtfulness. — The Staff of Union Elementary School

Thank you for your pledge to support Hope House. We appreciate your willingness to help us reach out to those grieving the loss of a child. — Your Friends at Hope House

## Carrie Clayburn Memorial Scholarship Dinner

You are invited to attend the Carrie Clayburn 21st Annual Memorial Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 5, at 5 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 freewill offering will go to a scholarship in Carrie's name. Carrie was the niece of Sam and Sandy Hoagland.

## Christmas Greetings

May this Christmas be very special for you and yours! We want to thank you for the good memories from being with you. Yes, and may God richly bless your ministry in 2019 and beyond!

With our love,  
Bruce and Frances Patton

## From Katrina Vollmer

I have spent three months in recovery. Pastor Steve comes a lot to keep me up with the church. You can visit at any time. I can't wait to see all the churchgoers.

Katrina Vollmer  
Demaree Crossing  
1255 Demaree Road  
Greenwood, IN 46143

## New Canopy

Last month a new canopy was installed over the ramp on the north side of the church. Donations from the Norma Bay Memorial Fund were used to purchase the canopy. A dedication date is pending.



# Prayer concerns

- Jennifer Burt's friend Shelly – Cancer
- Logan – Liver transplant
- Laura Beck – Leukemia
- Evelyn Brown – Health
- Pauline Clem – Neurological
- Keith Cochran – Infusions
- Chris Coll – Throat cancer
- David Deer – Recuperation
- Pam Deer – Seizures
- Ed Denman – Cancer
- Brad Dillion – Cancer
- Linda Doutt – Heart
- Christopher Eldridge – Heart
- Dennis Eldridge – Cancer
- Rachel Eldridge – Liver
- Connie Facemire – Liver cancer
- Mark Findley – Cancer
- Marth Ann Findley – Recuperation
- Mary Ford – Recuperation
- Gary Francis – Heart
- Mae Goodwin – Heart and respiratory
- Bill Hatchett – Cancer
- Patti Heldman – Liver
- Phyllis Hellmich – Health concerns
- Bob Hoagland – Cancer, stroke
- Linda Hubbard – Recuperation
- Donald Julian – Stroke rehab
- Rhonda Kindle – Veteran
- Lighthouse Shelter - Domestic violence victims
- Barry Lutzke – Lyme disease
- Frank Marshall – Heart
- Elizabeth McDonald – Seizures
- Sandra McNicholas – Infection
- Baby Logan Miller – Healing
- Mabel Morgan – Recuperation
- David Morrison – Health concerns
- Shannon New – Respiratory issues
- Bryan Page – Melanoma
- Dee Parker – Urinary tract infection
- Michael Parkhurst – Remission
- Michael Parkhurst – Health concerns
- Andrea Parsley – Health concerns
- Steve Potter – Heart
- Julie Pottorff – Seizures
- Nicole Richards – Cancer
- Becky Ritter – Cancer
- Jimmy and Mickey Rodriguez
- Eric Sample – Gallbladder
- Carmen Sharp – Cancer
- Susan Sloop – Cancer remission
- Mike Smitson – Stroke
- Angela Stark – Transfusions and biopsy
- Jaxon Stark – Health issues
- Tim Stearns – Vision
- Kelli Street – Multiple sclerosis
- Emma Stumpf – Brain tumor
- Deann Tomlinson – Cancer
- Katrina Vollmer – Demaree Crossing
- Sue Weaver – Heart
- Max Wise – Juvenile diabetes

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

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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 11**

Tia Grant

**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**

Wyatt Biggerstaff

Andy Findley

**January 21**

Deanna Burton

**January 23**

Ashlee Eastham

**January 24**

Kenny Eldridge

**January 25**

Jim Biggerstaff

**January 26**

Crystal Glendy

**January 28**

Michael J. Parkhurst

**January 29**

Tom Harris

**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 13**

Izabella Ryon

**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

Shelby Sorensen

**February 28**

Kason Vaught



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## *Providence Christian Church calendar*

### **Saturday, Jan. 5**

*Carrie Clayburn Memorial  
Scholarship Dinner*  
5 p.m. in the Indian Creek  
High School cafeteria

### **Sunday, Jan. 13**

*Board Meeting*  
6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, Jan. 14**

*Christian Women's Fellowship*  
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, Jan. 16**

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

### **Sunday, Feb. 10**

*Children's Valentine's Day Party*  
3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, Feb. 11**

*Christian Women's Fellowship*  
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, Feb. 20**

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

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of upcoming events  
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church calendar at**

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calendar](http://www.pccbargersville.org/calendar)**

### **Sundays**

**9 a.m. – Sunday School  
10 a.m. – Worship**

### **Wednesdays**

**3 p.m. – Bible Study**