

December 2019

Providence Ponderings

Advent at Providence

Providence Christian Church invites you and your family to celebrate the Advent season at these upcoming events:

CWF Christmas Tea

“A Christmas to Remember”

Friday, Dec. 6
at 6:00 p.m.

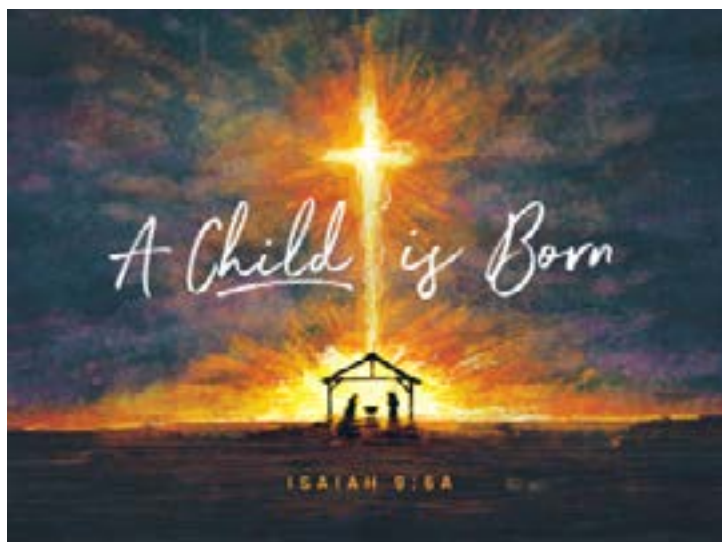
United Way Christmas Angels

Donations will be accepted
until Saturday, Dec. 7

Children’s Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 22
at 3 p.m.

The party will include re-
freshments, games, prizes,
and a devotional message.



Living Nativity

Saturday, Dec. 14
from 5 to 7 p.m.

Christmas Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 22
at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24
at 11 p.m.

Celebrate the Savior’s
birth with us.

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A Christmas to Remember Christmas Tea

All ladies are invited to attend the annual Christmas Tea! The Tea will be held Friday, December 6 from 6:00-8:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall. We will hear about past Christmases from the elderly in our church and have a celloist for some special entertainment.

There will be a Children's Table at the Christmas Tea. If your child is planning to attend, please contact Jamie Zeilinga by phone (317-412-3963) or email (jamiezeilinga@aol.com) or you can message her through Facebook.

All men attending are to wear black pants, and a white dress shirt. Please be there at 5:45 p.m.



Blessing of the Animals Service

All pets are welcome for the Blessing of the Animals Service, Sunday, November 24 at 2 p.m. Humane Society of Johnson County donations will be accepted at the service.



Wish List Items Needed

- Canned sardines or mackerel
- Bales of hay
- Dog/Cat Treats
- Purina Pro Plan Dry Kitten/Cat Food
- Blue Mountain dry Dog Food
- Cat Toys
- Plastic Ball with Bells
- Strong Rubber Squeaky Toys
- Kongs
- Thick Fleece Blankets
- Laundry Detergent
- Towels
- Paper Towels
- Dog/Cat Brushes

News from the congregation

Thank yous

Thank you to George Burton for building and installing the new Blessings Box.

Sympathy

PCC extends our sympathy to the Findley family upon the death of Martha Ann Findley.

Food Pantry

Non-perishable food donations will be accepted until November 24th.

Winter Devotional

The winter issue of the Secret Place is available in the brochure rack in the foyer.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

OCC shoe boxes were blessed on Sunday, November 10. 124 quality boxes were packed.



Elevator Lift Fund Progress

With the Evelyn Kocher Memorial Fund, PCC has begun an Elevator Lift Fund. Additional gifts are needed to raise up to \$35,000. Gifts may be designated "Elevator Lift Fund" and given at any time. The project will commence once enough gifts have been received.

An additional gift from the "Sally Marshall Memorial Fund" and gifts totalling \$1,500.00 moves our total in the fund to \$7,500.00

Christmas Treats for Shut-Ins

Christian Women's Fellowship will prepare and deliver Christmas cookies and candy to shut-ins and seniors. Volunteers are needed to prepare cookies and donate wrapped candy (please no peppermint). Please bring donations to the church either Saturday, November 30 or no later than Sunday morning, December 1. Christmas Cookie Tins will be made Sunday, December 1 during Hanging of the Greens and then distributed.



Missions - Serving His world

Mary Ruth Wise

These two weeks in Lima are going fast; I will be back in Dallas early Tues. morning Nov. 5. Most of the time here, I've been straightening up my desk and the shelves in my office and our archives of publications going back 60 years or so. Yes, some of them were dusty, but I found oh so many treasures—the first literacy books and Scriptures in a language whose speakers were without contact with the outside world until 1964, the first scriptures and Bible stores in a language where many of the speakers were alcoholics and resistant to the Gospel until translators went there a few years ago, the first New Testament published in a jungle language, and oh so much more—all testimonies to God's work among the people groups of Peru.

Wednesday afternoon, I was invited to visit CILTA—the linguistics, literacy and translation training program we offer in Spanish to young people

from all over Spanish speaking Latin America. What a privilege to share with about 12 potential translators and some of the faculty what God has done and is still doing among the Yanasha'. Two Yanasha' are there as their language teachers for their field work course. They will be going with them later this



month to their community of Azulis for their field trip. Azulis is the community where the first Yanasha church association meets for their Bible studies. While going through

shelves here in our office, I found a number of copies of the four Old Testament story books we reprinted in 2015—somehow copies didn't reach Azulis when they were distributed; so the students will take them as a special part of their field trip. The evening was such a good time of fellowship and remembering God's goodness and work.

Joyfully,
Mary Ruth Wise



Providence Christian Church Mission Partners

Ashley Boner -- OMS
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
KIC-IT
Multiplication Network
Ministries
No Place to Call Home
St. Thomas Free Clinic

Board Meeting Highlights

Twenty people attended the church board meeting on Sunday, November 17. Here is a brief recap of the business discussed at the meeting.



Worship – Shelly Smith reported they played a roll in adding music for the revival. Hanging of the greens is coming up on Sunday, December 1. Worship committee is working on advent.

Evangelism – In Mike and Connie's absence, their written report was presented. The evangelism committee distributed PCC brochures. They hosted Trunk or Treat on October 31, indoors. Over 200 attended. They are also planning a movie night. They are designing and selling PCC shirts as well.

Membership – Judy Smith reported that they participated in Homecoming and provided refreshments for revival. They purchased a sterling silver cross for a wedding. It was also reported that the Chili dinner is coming up.

Outreach – Susan Lutzke reported they distributed 3 meals to 150

homeless and many other needed items. The outreach committee and members of the congregation met to pack shoeboxes for OCC twice. 124 quality boxes were packed. In 2020 the outreach committee will do something different due to the struggle to cover OCC shipping cost. We will pack large boxes for CYBC, with needed supplies. They are delivering food to the Inter-church food pantry on Mon, Nov 25. Thank you to George Burton for fixing the blessing box.

Memorial – Judy Eldridge reported September had outgoing money from the Marion Hatchett fund. There was incoming money in November from the Martha Ann Findley Memorial Fund. \$6k has been donated to the Elevator Lift Fund.

Christian Women's Fellowship – Judy Eldridge reported that CWF held a successful Craft Fair and

Bake Sale this year. The Craft Fair profit was reported to be \$2,472.00. This month they are donating profits to several organizations, Angel Christmas Tree, Johnson County Senior Services, Postage money for OCC shoeboxes and sponsoring the Christmas Tea. They are collecting cookies and wrapped candy for the Christmas Tins for the older members and the shut-ins.

New Business

2020 Proposed Slate of Officers – Julie Burton was chair of the Nominating Committee. Slate of officers presented by Julie Burton. Jim Wise moved to accept as presented. Shelly Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.


The 2020 proposed budget was presented by Jim Wise. Shelly Smith made a motion that we accept the budget, with the changes. Susan Lutzke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next Church Board meeting will take place on Sunday, January 12, at 6 p.m.

Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec 22
3 p.m.





Providence Christian
Church staff
wishes you a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!

Memorial Contributions

These individuals contributed to
the Martha Ann Findley Memorial
Fund:

Marilyn & John Baker
Marjorie Barley
Steve & Teresa Barnett
Keith & Karen Blosser & Family
Richard & Becky Bolin
Doug & Gayla Bullington
David & Pam Burkhart
George & Julie Burton
Bill & Linda Chadwell
James & Martha Compton
Mike & Connie Clark
Keith Cochran
Kenny & Judy Eldridge
David & Janet Esteb

Andy Findley
Kyle & Jessica Findley & Sons
Lisa Findley
Marcus Findley & Sheridan
Sue Ann Findley
Bill Hatchett
John & Sheila Heidenreich
Sam & Sandy Hoagland
Frank & Betty Hommel
Martha Hyde
Kyle & Kelsey Kasting

Tom & Phyllis Kasting
Carma Kipfer
Jennifer Krasson
Dr. Joel Lanie
Kim & Josh Minton
National Christian Foundation
Brent & Sharon Nolting
Robery & Kellie Park
Ken & Joyce Potter
Bonnie Ritter
Lorene Sloop
Keaney & Susan Sloop
Ina Lou Smith
Dr. Steven and Lavonne Sorensen
Shari Stark
Joan Thompson
Jim & Deb Wise
John & Jamie Zeilinga



Prayer concerns

- Logan – Liver transplant
- Laura Beck – Leukemia
- Luke Bolin – Cancer
- Evelyn Brown – Health
- Jennifer Burt – Recovery
- Terry Chadwell -- Recovery
- Pauline Clem – Neurological
- Keith Cochran – Infusions
- Chris Coll – Throat cancer
- David Deer – Recuperation
- Pam Deer – Seizures
- Ed Denman – Cancer
- Brad Dillion – Cancer
- Linda Douutt – Heart
- Christopher Eldridge – Heart
- Dennis Eldridge – Cancer
- Edna Eldridge -- Sciatica
- Rachel Eldridge – Liver
- Connie Facemire – Liver cancer
- Mark Findley – Cancer
- Mae Goodwin – Heart and respiratory
- Bill Hatchett – Cancer
- Patti Heldman – Liver
- Bob Hoagland – Cancer, stroke
- Ron Houglan – Test results
- Melissa Johnson -- Health
- Karissa Jones -- Recuperation
- Donald Julian – Hospice
- Rhonda Kindle – Veteran
- Pastor David Lin – Imprisoned in China
- 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
- Michael Parkhurst – Remission
- Michael Parkhurst – Health concern
- Andrea Parsley – Health concerns
- Brandon Parton -- Heart
- Steve and Jeannine Potter – Health
- Julie Pottorff – Seizures
- Brad Reed -- Complete Healing
- Nicole Richards – Cancer
- Becky Ritter – Cancer
- Jimmy and Mickey Rodriguez
- Carmen Sharp – Cancer
- Bobbi Short -- Cancer
- Renata Sledge -- Kidney Surgery
- Susan Sloop – Cancer remission
- Mike Smitson – Stroke
- Steve Sorensen -- Back pain
- Angela Stark – Pain relief
- Jaxon Stark – Health issues
- Tim Stearns – Vision
- Charles Robert Stewart – Recuperation
- Kelli Street – Multiple sclerosis
- Emma Stumpf – Brain tumor
- Alice Sutton -- Recuperating
- Joan Thompson -- Recuperating
- Deann Tomlinson – Cancer remission
- Katrina Vollmer – Demaree Crossing
- Sue Weaver – Heart
- Max Wise – Juvenile diabetes

Website

- Unitedcry.org has prayer alerts for our nation. Check it out.



Happy birthday!

December 2
Mariam Jones
Susan Lutzke

December 4
Kegan Jochim

December 5
Ken Potter
Alice Sutton
Emma Taylor
Jeannie Webb

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 17
Gracie Bradley

December 18
Seth Brown
Hartlee Chadwell
Shelly Smith
Steve Wentzell

December 20
RyanByrd
Brooklyn Lloyd
Tegan Oren

December 25



Jennifer Ort
Pat Lawton

December 26
Jeff Abercrombie
Barb Mickler

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 27
Mark Findley

January 28
Michael J. Parkhurst

January 29
Tom Harris

January 31
Mike Briskey



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Providence Christian Church calendar

Sunday, November 24
Blessing of the Animals Service
2 p.m.

Sunday, December 1
Hanging of the Greens
4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 6
CWF Christmas Tea
6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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Live Nativity
5 to 7 pm

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Children's Christmas Party
3 p.m.

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Christmas Worship Service
10 a.m.

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Christmas Eve Service
11 p.m.

Keep track
of upcoming events
with our online
church calendar at
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calendar](http://www.pccbargersville.org/calendar)

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