



## Providence Prophet January 2020

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### The Heart of the Matter

*Well, well, we meet again! You didn't expect it, nor did I. I had the privilege to serve as your summer interim when Carol was on sabbatical a couple years ago. I have had the honor to preach a few times when Carol was gone. I never, however, expected to be your Interim Minister, because that would mean, Carol had left Providence. I am certain that this congregation is still in shock that Carol has gone. After nearly 8 years of Carol being your pastor it has got to be difficult to think of life at Providence without Carol. Her departure leaves a big hole in the middle of this church family. I have no illusions that I can fill that hole. I can't be Carol, I can only be me. I will preach, lead, deliberate, listen, visit, hug and play in the best ways I know how, but it won't be the way Carol would do those same things. So, I ask for your grace in excepting that I can't be Carol, and I will not expect Providence to be like the churches where I have served.*

*That being said, I know that you are grieving Carol's departure and I know that grief takes time for recovery. Be patient with yourself and with each other. Together, the church will regroup and refocus toward the mission to which God is calling her. Through the ages, the community of faith has been*

*resilient in the face of loss and disappointments. The source of their resiliency was found in the covenant (promise) that God had made with the nation. God reminds the people of God's commitment to them in these words from Isaiah 42. "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.... See, the former things have come to pass, and the new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them."*

*I find comfort in those words, "I have taken you by the hand and kept you." I find excitement in the words, "The former things have come to pass," and now God declares, that God will be doing "new things"... in us, for us and through us. So we can look to the future with hope because we worship a God who is actively at work in the world and particularly through the church.*

*Exactly what God will do in and through Providence Christian Church in the future is a mystery right now, but the God who made a covenant with us through Jesus Christ and has "taken our hands" is bringing about new things - wonderful things. I am honored to be with you in discovering just what new things God will be doing through Providence Christian Church. I am looking forward to seeing you Sunday!*

Honored to serve,

*Jerry*

### Meet Your Interim Pastor



I grew up in an Air Force family. When Dad retired, we moved to Kettering, Ohio. I graduated from Wright State University with a BA in Social Work. I earned a Doctorate of Ministry from Lexington Theological Seminary. I have been a pastor at Clintonville Christian Church, South Elkhorn Christian Church in Lexington and First Christian Church in Danville.

I am so blessed to be married to Candy for 47 years. Candy is a retired elementary teacher. We have two adult children, one dog, and 5 grand dogs. I have been a runner for 50 years. I also enjoy yoga, golf, Pickleball and church potlucks. I look forward to getting to know YOU!

*Jerry*

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace today and forevermore.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the celebration you had for me, for the cards and notes, the hugs and kind words, and your generosity. I will carry you all in my heart and prayers for all my days.

I love you!

*Carol*

## Happening at Providence

- January 12 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- January 12 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- January 12 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- *January 20* *Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday*
- January 22 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- January 27 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club at Bronte Bistro, at Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

### Sundays

9:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45 AM Worship Service  
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group (TBA)  
 1:30 PM Slavic Church

### Each Monday, Wednesday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise

### Each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church

### Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Tammy Durham	3
Charlie Payne	9
Joyce McGee	12
Cathie Slack	12
Eric Heathman	13
Ed Sidebotham	14
Gary Anderson	17
Glen Payne	20
Tyler Ward	21
Whitney Downs	23
Bryan Roberts	23
Clara Hermanson	26

## A Great Big Providence Thank You!

Thank you to all who brought gifts, donated household goods and money, and helped deliver all of it to our four single-parent Moms and their children. They were overwhelmed with gratitude and had a very Merry Christmas indeed.

And special thanks to **Mary Lanser**, **Jean McCarter** and **Dona Renfro** for your hard work organizing, collecting and delivering everything.

## Providence Search Committee Formed

As our search for a new permanent minister continues, we will provide updates in the monthly newsletter of the activities of our Search Committee.

Members of the committee are:

Charlie Slack, Chairman  
 Bob Bellman  
 Eddie Cox  
 Jennifer Sumeracki  
 Caron Tandy  
 Beth Waits  
 Sarah Walker

Members of the committee met with Disciples Regional Minister, Dean Phelps, on December 13, 2019.

## Donation to Providence Food Pantry



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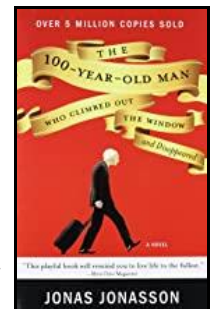
Thank you to Marksbury Farm Market of Lancaster, KY, for their generous annual donation of frozen meats to

the Providence Food Pantry. This year’s donation came to more than 85 pounds of meat to be provided to our hospice families.

## Providence Book Club

At our January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting we will discuss “*The 100-year-old Man Who Climbed out the Window and Disappeared*” by Jonas Jonasson.

After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson is in a nursing home and in one day he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan is not interested (and would like more control over his vodka consumption.) He escapes out the window and embarks on a hilarious, unexpected journey.



**Providence Legacy Fund** - We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of our church legacy this year by designating Providence in your Will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and adding your name to our Legacy Book. You can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to go to the church upon your death. Everyone can participate and there is no minimum participation level.

## Prayer Concerns

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION:

*Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country’s leaders, our military and all who serve our nation:* Alex Pope, Michael Hagan, Shawn Davenport, Ricky Highnote, Jason Rutherford, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlins and First Responders.

### MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jackie Bellman, Tammy Durham, Gayle Harney (Bellman), Eddie Payne, Pauline Burger, Veda Hodges, Norman Flynn, Jackie B. Miller (Waits), Molly Reynolds (Roberts), Debbie LaBoone (Anderson), Ivan Doane, Tim Lam (Kinnard), Barry Newcombe, Margaret Ann Milburn (Mattingly), Bobbie Scrimshaw, Tracee Lyon (McCarter), Bruce and Marlene Gosney (Schweitzer), Jayne Mattingly, David Cowan, Mary Marshall (McCord), Beverly McNeal (Roberts), J. T. Browning (Kinnard), Jean Christian (Hufford), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Kim McNeal (Bellman), Lynge Moesgaard (Downs), Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt), our Hospice families.

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