

OUR MISSION:

TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE BY LOVING ONE ANOTHER AND BY LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES.  
NURTURING FAITH • SUPPORTING CHURCH • SERVING NEIGHBORS



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<http://providenceccdoc.org> | Rev. Jerry Shepard, Interim Pastor

From the Heart

Eight months ago I began as your Interim Minister. Two months into serving at Providence, the Covid-19 pandemic hit. It has seemed like we have been in another dimension ever since. Serving as your minister during this time has been challenging in ways that I never could have imagined. Nevertheless, I think as a congregation, we have gotten along reasonably well. I know that I have been blessed by being a part of this congregation and I hope I have brought some blessings your way as well. Though I will conclude my ministry with you on September 6th, I will forever hold Providence Christian Church in my heart. You are a wonderful Christian fellowship: full of love for each other, sincere in faith, and generous toward your neighbor. What a privilege it has been for me to serve in such a congregation.

A significant reason for the wonderful experience I have had at Providence has been because of the outstanding servant leaders in this congregation. I am indebted to Board Chairman Carl Waits and Vice Chair Charlie Slack and to all the committee chairs. These folks make decisions from deep commitments to Christ and to Providence (not from their egos). This church is also blessed with a wonderful staff. I would have been lost without Marie (you already knew that)! From day one, I felt like Josh and Joyce were on the team with me to provide the best music possible for worship. Frances Cadle has been a Student Intern extraordinaire, who has continued to serve Providence even when her seminary obligations were fulfilled and lent us her husband Ron, who has been contributing to our worship for months. Thanks also for the faithful sound technicians, Glen and John who have broadcasted our worship services to many more people than we were reaching before we started on Facebook.

I am excited for Providence that Rev. Peter Harper is coming to be your pastor. He will bring you his faith, his experiences, his imagination and his heart. He will be a blessing to you, and you will be a blessing to him. I urge you to remember that being a pastor is not an easy job. A pastor is called by God to serve in the church, but when he gets to serving he finds out that 100 people expect him to please them. How would you like to have 100 bosses telling you how to do your job? It is an impossible situation. A pastor must listen to the people, but in the end, he must listen to God. So, I ask of you to support Peter in his call from God to ministry and give him the respect and authority he deserves as he seeks to live out his call to God with integrity. A church can't function with 100 bosses, so it is imperative to realize that Christ is the Head of the church and parishioners and pastor must unite under the ultimate authority of Jesus. When a congregation is united in trying to please Christ, God will bless their efforts and make their ministries life changing. That is my prayer for Providence Christian Church as I leave you in the able hands of Rev. Peter Harper. Thank you for the privilege of serving with you in ministry.

Gratefully Yours,

*Jerry*

Message from Rev. Peter

For some reason, moving has been on my mind a lot recently. Moving is not often a small endeavor. The idea of packing up your life's existence, putting it into a vehicle and driving to a new place can be daunting. But moving allows us to take stock of our lives – or at least our things. It always seems that no matter how much of a minimalist I consider myself to be, when I move, I find out just how many things I have. Some of my things I use a lot, some of my things I use occasionally, and some of my things I use very rarely. Moving gives me the opportunity to look at my things and decide what I need, what I want, and what I could probably do without.



Moving Day for Rev. Peter

It can be hard work, but movement is growth, and growth is life. Let's all move a little closer to God.

Blessings,

*Peter*

I think our faith journey can be like that sometimes. We get to a place that we've been at for a while; we've gotten comfortable there; honestly its home. But, it can be good to sit down and unpack our beliefs and take a look at our theologies and spiritual disciplines. Do we have some that are serving our relationship with God? Are there things that we use a lot? Are there things that we've just been holding onto because we're comfortable with them, even though they may not be serving our relationship with God?

Welcome New Member



Bill Gardner joined Providence on August 16, 2020 (with wife, Pam, long-time member of Providence.)

Your Fair Share



Thanks to all who pledged Your Fair Share! We are close to our goal of \$30,000 with pledges of \$24,060 to date. If you have not yet pledged and feel called to do so, please send or bring in your pledge card and help us meet our 2020-2021 goal!

Bob Bellman  
Campaign Chairperson

## Happening at Providence in September

- September 1-22 7:00 PM – “Hope, Healing and Wholeness” Bible study for women continues for Via Zoom each Tuesday evening.
- September 13 10:45 AM – Welcome Rev. Peter Harper to the pulpit
- September 14 7:30 PM – Providence Board Meeting via ZOOM
- September 23 9:30 AM – Providence Women’s Service Group
- September 28 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club Meeting at Joseph-Beth Booksellers – Reading selection is “*This Tender Land*” by Wm. Kent Krueger. This will also be our planning meeting.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Bellman	4
Don Cutter	4
Barry Brown	6
Arline Wilson	6
Ben Davis	11
Creighton Jones	11
Mary Lanser	12
Charthorn Renfro	19
Judi Jones-Toleman	20
Mia Anderson	23
Aiden Downs	29

## Feeding Our Neighbors

Our food ministry to our Ashgrove neighbors was awarded a \$1,600 grant by Week of Compassion to help continue the work. We were able to provide school supplies, and each child received a nice set of earphones/ear buds to help them concentrate during virtual classroom.

We have four hospice patients who receive a bag of food and a Kroger card for perishables on a monthly basis. Thanks to those who volunteer to make deliveries and to those who donate food and money so generously.

*Theresa*

## Providence Women’s Service Group News



Continuing through September, we are collecting individual size personal care items such as lotion, shampoo, soaps, etc. for donation to the Jessamine Co. Homeless Shelter.

Personal-size items are available at many stores such as WalMart, Kroger, etc. Or, when you stay at a hotel, save those unused toiletry items – soaps, shampoos, toothpaste, etc. – and bring them to place in the donation box in the church narthex.

Although the 2020 Holiday Marketplace has been cancelled, we are continuing to collect items for Granny’s Attic and the Holiday Room. If you have cleaned out closets or are down-sizing, bring those extra items to the church M-F between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, or call Eddie Cox (859-753-8915) or Susan Kinnard (859-494-0204). We need children’s toys, books and games, puzzles, etc. **No Clothes, Shoes or Electronics please.**

## Lexington CROP Walk to End Hunger

Our Greater Lexington CROP Hunger Walk will look different this year. We feel the need to come together (*even if apart*) more compelling now than ever. All of us will miss walking together this fall, yet we will WALK individually, with our families or gather safely in small groups, observing all COVID requirements, in solidarity with our neighbors near and far. Each participating congregation has many opportunities to select any day(s) or time(s) during September to WALK around our spacious church grounds, a park, neighborhood, or in your home. Invite family and friends in other cities to join in raising funds and walking at the same time.

To set up teams online, go to [crophungerwalk.org/lexingtonky](http://crophungerwalk.org/lexingtonky); Contact Judy Maxson, Walk Organizer, with any questions/concerns: [jke659@gmail.com](mailto:jke659@gmail.com); additional ideas at [resources.crophungerwalk.org](http://resources.crophungerwalk.org)

### Facts:

- No child should have to wonder where their next meal is coming, but during this pandemic, that is the case for 1 in 3 children in seven eastern KY counties served by God’s Pantry. ([www.godspantryfoodbank.org](http://www.godspantryfoodbank.org))
- Church World Service (CWS) is overwhelmed addressing global emergency food and supply needs for many already suffering harsh realities of poverty even before the pandemic. ([www.cwsqglobal.org](http://www.cwsqglobal.org))



## Prayer Concerns

We continue our prayers for all those on our prayer list, as well as all those on the front lines of the COVID19 pandemic – our courageous health care workers, first responders and military personnel called in to assist, and our leaders: Beth Waits, Ben Hack, Sarah Walker’s girls Hannah and Carol, Darlene Shepherd (Marie’s niece), Jenifer Payne, Amanda Rawlings and Whitney Heet (sister and cousin of Josh Hamilton), Michael Wade and Cole Wade (Pam Gardner’s sons.) Larry and Susan Kinnard have children, a grandchild and in-laws in healthcare and police enforcement: Chrystal and Jeff Mackey, Larry and Tria Kinnard, Trisha and Lee Garrett, Presha and Scott Hall and Courtney Hall.

### MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jackie Bellman, Clara Hermanson, Sarah Walker, The Waits Family, Sandy Hanson (Roberts), Utz Family, Brenda Holbrook (Kinnard), Frank (Frances’s father), Bobby Casey (Brown), Wally, Diane (Whitt), Jong Family, Janet (Draper), Bess Wilson, Barbara Travis (Schweitzer), Barry Brown, Gayle Harney (Bellman), Roy and Dollie Payne, Jackie B. Miller (Waits), Molly Reynolds (Roberts), Tim Lam (Kinnard), Ben Lyons, Bobbie Scrimshaw (McCarter), Jayne Mattingly, David Cowan, Mary Marshall (McCord), Beverly McNeal (Roberts), Jean Christian (Hufford), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Kim McNeal (Bellman), Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt), our Hospice families.

### 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, Noah Davenport, Stephen Rawlings, Takoda Hacker and First Responders.

## 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 percentage of your estate or specific amount to go to the church upon your death. Everyone can participate and there is no minimum participation level.