

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

June 17, 2020

Preachin' in the Parkin' Lot, Part 3

But Lookin' Ahead

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day, June 21, we'll gather in the parking lot for one last outdoor worship before the summer heat makes it impossible.

Gather in your cars. Sit in the car or bring a lawn chair so you can relax outdoors. But definitely plan on a hat or a parasol.

After worship, Laura Anderson and Ken Gadowski will once again take photos that can be used in the upcoming church directory.

If you prefer to stay home, the service will be live-streamed on Facebook as usual.

Once again, remember to thank God that we've found ways to worship in crazy times.



PLANS FOR RESUMING INDOOR WORSHIP

The Session approved a motion for Shepherds to contact the Providence congregation in the next week or so to get an idea of how many would attend with a July 12th reopening date.

Once we know how many people want to come, we can break the congregation into smaller groups so we have a maximum attendance of 30 per worship each Sunday.

Look for a call from your shepherd and let him or her know whether you would come or whether you feel you're wiser staying home for the time being.

Reopening would include the following precautions, some of which may be posted on an easel outside to be read when entering the building:

- ** Attend only if you're feeling healthy.
- ** There will be a temperature check upon entering the building.
- ** Wear face coverings during the entire service.
- ** Practice social distancing. Chairs are arranged to help make that easy. Families may sit together.
- ** All may be asked to attend alternating Sundays to ensure we do not exceed the stated capacity of 30 in worship.
- ** Worship format will be different in several ways:
 1. Communion will not be served for the time being.
 2. After-worship fellowship will not include refreshments and will require social distancing.
 3. The order of worship will be projected, as needed, rather than provided on paper bulletins.
 4. Children's activities, including children's sermon, Discipletown and nursery, are discontinued for the time being.
 5. Offerings may be dropped off in the collection plate after worship; plates will not be passed during worship.
 6. Singing needs to be limited to humming or soft singing, to help limit spread of potentially harmful droplets.

As we get used to our new format, we will revisit having communion in the safest manner possible. We will watch the local statistics and make plans to ensure the safety of our congregation and to avoid contributing to the spread of the virus.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

During worship on June 14, the congregation presented roses to Mary Clark in honor of her seventh anniversary as pastor of Providence.

Earlier in the week, members of the Wednesday Bible study had a birthday party in honor of Mary's 70th birthday, which is coming up soon.

CHECK YOUR PROVIDENTIAL PERSPICACITY

AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER FEATURE IN HONOR
OF THE 30TH BIRTHDAY OF PROVIDENCE

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Name all the people who have served as church secretary in the 30 years of Providence.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CHALLENGE

1 Name a current member of Providence who served on the Presbytery Committee that created our church.

A: Barry South

2 Name the only pastor who also served as interim.

A: Mary Montei Clark

3 Name a current session member who is also a charter member of Providence.

A: Linda Proudfoot and Laura Anderson

4 What was the name of the youth program for the first two decades at Providence?

A: Logos

5 Why is the Providence Scout Troop number 292?

A: The troop was organized in February of 1992.

Know the answers? Email the church office:
office@providence-pc.org

Last week's winner:
Laura Anderson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 17 — Wednesday events

The morning study group will meet (masked, please) to view *Shadowlands*.

June 21 — Worship

Preaching in the Parking Lot. 9:15 a.m.

Anytime Soon, Part I— Directory photos

Send in your photo for the church directory. Once again, Laura Anderson and Ken Gadomski will be taking photos after worship June 21.

Anytime Soon, Part II — Presbytery Survey

Take a few minutes to respond to the survey from the Presbytery of South Alabama. Results will help the denomination help its congregations. Here's the link:

<https://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/5497472/US-CVS-Worshiper-South-Alabama-Presbytery>

BLOOD WORK

Despite gullywasher rainfall and a day when Providence was worshipping from home via Facebook, the people of Providence and The Grove contributed nine units of blood when the LifeSouth bloodmobile came to the church on Sunday, June 7.

Good work, donors!



CROCHET CREW

Despite rumors to the contrary, not everyone at Providence is a seamstress. But those with a gift for crocheting also took part in the big mask project.

Many folks have discovered that elastic ear loops are really not all that comfortable, so Jeny Williams and Debbie Jones crocheted hundreds of alternative safety gear and comfortable means of keeping them secure.

- 1 Jeny crochets
- 2 Debbie models a crocheted mask
- 3 Lynn Faggard found soft loop material when elastic was hard to find.

