

Christmas Cantata

Calling all those 60, 70, 80, 90+ year olds, who are:

YOUNG AT HEART

Join us

Thursday, December 13, 11:30am
Lunch at Brandywine Country Club
6904 Salisbury Rd, Maumee

Join us for a reasonably priced lunch. Bring a wrapped "White Elephant" gift for our gift exchange. Sign up in the church narthex or call the church at 419-865-4548.

Mark this date in 2019!

Thursday, January 10 — We will be hosting **Dick Epstein from the Better Business Bureau** for a talk on **Identity Theft**. All are invited. Look for more information coming soon.

Sunday Fellowship Committee is seeking **Christmas Cookies** **for Sunday Fellowship**



We are asking everyone to bring in Christmas cookies to share during the Sunday Fellowship time. You bring the cookies by 10am and we'll brew the coffee.

Fellowship time happens every Sunday between services 10—10:30am. We look forward to seeing and tasting a variety of cookies as we celebrate the blessings of the season.

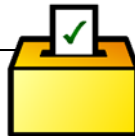


Lend a Hand
OUTREACH Work Day
Wednesday, Nov 28
11:30AM in the Lounge

Come help make "Welcome Bags" for new visitors, write out birthday cards to church members over 80, prepare mailers and while we work let's brainstorm about other outreach ideas. We welcome your help and input. Please feel free to bring a friend!!
-Becky Henderly 419-351-6184

2018 Church Council Election Results

On Sunday, November 11 **Jeff Schwartz, Britteny Rolfes & Angie Webert** were elected to serve on the Providence Church Council. We are grateful to all the candidates for offering to serve the church in this capacity. For those not selected, we hope you will consider running again next year as we anticipate 6 spots potentially opening up. A special thank you to **Abbe Whitacre and Rob Sizemore** who have come to the end of their terms on Council — Providence has been blessed with their leadership.



Notice to all members:

SPECIAL VOTE to be held DEC 15, 2018
A vote to Amend the Church Constitution
regarding the length of council terms will be
held December 15

Section C12:02 of the constitution currently reads:
The members of the Congregation Council except the Pastor shall be elected by written ballot to serve for 2 years.

Proposed change:
The members of the Congregation Council except the Pastor shall be elected by written ballot to serve for 3 years.

Note: Each member of Providence Council currently serves a 3 year term, and that has been the historical practice at Providence. When we passed our updated constitution in 2017, we inadvertently have the term listed for 2 years. This bylaw simply conforms to our current practice. Pastor Todd and Executive Team of Council recommend passage of the bylaw.



Remember loved ones this holiday season with a poinsettia on the church altar. **Plants are \$8 each.** Order forms are available now in the church office and the narthex. **Orders with payment are due Sunday, Dec 16th!** Flower dedication(s) will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.



Christmas Gifts for Kids in Need

Make Christmas special for a child in the community who might not otherwise have anything to open this Christmas season by participating in the **Angel Tree Program**.

The Angel Tree will be up in the Narthex before Thanksgiving.

When you visit the Angel Tree. . .

1. Sign out the Angel tag of your choice from the tree.
2. Review the child's Angel Tag **and** spend \$25 on a NEED & \$25 on a WANT with a Total Gift Package of \$50 Max.
3. Return gifts UNWRAPPED in a bag with name tag attached to the church (Yes, that is right, please do not wrap your gifts)

Don't like to shop? **Don't have time??**

Please consider making a monetary donation and we will have volunteers shop for you! Look for one of the specially marked envelopes hanging on the tree for this purpose. Then place the envelope and your money in the church offering plate. We'll take care of the rest!

Whichever way you choose to participate, please know that you are making Christmas very special for a child who might not otherwise have anything to open this Christmas season! God Bless You!



Help provide all the perishable items for one family's holiday meal. Make your checks out to "Providence" and write "Helping Hands" in the memo line.

Join Hands & Help

Christmas Gift & Food Distribution
Tuesday,
December 18



Once again Providence will be the distribution point for over 100 families receiving Christmas Food & Gifts this year. As in the past, Providence is partnering with other area churches and organizations to bring Christmas to families who otherwise may not have one. This year however, rather than pre-boxing the food for our families, we will be allowing them to have a "shopping" experience. To make this successful we will need your help staging the food beforehand and helping our guests during distribution. In December, please look for a sign-up in the Narthex for days and ways you can help.



Donate Your Old Bibles

We have set up a bible collection box in the Narthex for any old bibles you may have laying around your house. When the box is full, the box will be delivered to

Christian Resources International in Fowlerville, MI. This organization ships bibles and Christian books to over 171 nations worldwide where they are freely distributed. Questions about the organization can be directed to Jim Whitehead or Harvey Schroeder.

BLESSINGS in DISGUISE is now accepting your new or used medical equipment . . . canes, walkers, raised toilet seats, shower stools etc. Call Harv Schroeder if you have items to donate: 419-346-2331



Help bake Communion Bread

Become a Providence bread maker. Our communion bread cubes are homemade using a special honey recipe (not to be confused with the loaves that Pastor Todd purchases for the 1st Sunday of each month.)

You choose the month you want to bake. The online sign-up for 2019 will occur soon. To be notified of the sign-up, please let Joanna in the office know and she will include you in the e-mail group mailing. Not sure? Add your name to the list and Joanna will send the information out to you and you can decide. E-mail her at: jdayplc@aol.com.

Angel Arms Clothing Closet

Are You Cleaning Out Your Kid's Closets???



Angel's Arms, a non-profit organization that provides individuals and families with gently used clothing at no charge, is currently accepting Infant

thru Teen Sizes!

- Children's winter clothing
- Children's shoes & winter boots
- Winter coats, hats & gloves.
- Blankets!!!

Donations may be taken directly to Angel Arms at WPOS, 7112 Angola Rd, Holland or to Providence.

***Those in need of Angel's Arm services** may visit them on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-Noon.

PARISH HAPPENINGS:

Baptisms:

Dane Jacob Beck

November 5

Deaths:

Barbara Matthews

November 8

Weddings:

Britteny Rolfes & Caleb Schaafsma November 17

FINANCE CORNER

October	
Offering	\$ 16,695.00
Other Income	\$ 1,259.00
Total Income	\$ 17,954.00
Expenses	\$ 17,412.00
Income less Expense	\$ 542.00

Other Notables:

Family Life Center Mortgage

Monthly Payment: \$3,200

Oct offerings rec'd for Mortgage: \$2,764

Extra Loan Principle ONLY Payment Pd: \$1111

(from proceeds of MacQueens parking)

Oct Utilities: \$1,606 (gas/electric)

October Average Weekly Attendance: 143

A Season of Miracles



A "Big Thank You" for your response on **Miracle / Stewardship Sunday**.

If you still want to give a special gift toward the **Miracle Sunday offering** please know it is not too late to make your year-end gift. You can mail it in, place it in the offering plate, or give online! Thank you again for helping make this Miracle Sunday such a blessing!

Homebound Ministry & Faith Trek

By Deacon Judy Atkins

From the Doghouse of Obie and Eli . . .



Life is really good! There are two big holidays coming soon! Thanksgiving and Christmas! It's sort of hard to remember when going outdoors was nice and warm. We are really glad to be able to go inside a warm house when it's cold outdoors; we get to eat twice a day, We have reward-snacks when R&J think we've been good! And Gracie even tosses some of her goodies to us when we are at the front of her cage! R&J tell us that we don't know how good we have it.

There have been so many negative things happening throughout the world, and we often take the goodness in our lives for granted. As J writes this, we have been hearing about the wild fires in California. Forced evacuations with so much destruction. People's lives lost in the inferno. And we canines notice that not all animals are able to be rescued. That makes us so sad. And yet we are thankful for the many people who work hard to save lives and property.

We are called to keep faith that no matter what happens, God is always with us – giving us the strength and courage to get through all the difficult times. And we remember that the greatest gift we have been given is Jesus! He died for us, so matter what, if we believe, we have eternal life!

This fall in the northwest corner of Ohio, there has been an abundant harvest from God's earth. Different farmers have given part of their harvest to food banks to help those who are not as fortunate as we. Their generosity is a tremendous example of Jesus saying to us in Matthew 25,

"...just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did to me."

We rejoice when we hear about all the food that has been given for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, the Thanksgiving meals prepared for PLC's treasured members. We rejoice when we hear about the Angel Tree that will be collecting gifts to share with children throughout the Springfield community.

There are many ways to reach out in the of Jesus Christ – phone calls, visits, prayers, as well as gifts. While we are not all able to give financially, we can still give our time and talents to help others. I read a quote that is something like this, "It isn't what you said to someone, but how you made them feel that others will remember." Each of us is a child of God and reaching out with the love of Jesus can make all the difference in someone else's life – especially during this time of year.

During this holiday season may we be aware of the many blessings that surround us. And may we all rejoice in the greatest gift humanity has ever received: Jesus Christ whose birth we celebrate December 25!

Blessings and Peace.

Obie & Eli



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer?

To add a name to the prayer chain during the DAY call:
Marilyn Krichbaum – 567-742-7004

To add someone to the E-MAIL CHAIN just send an e-mail to the church office _____jdayplc@aol.com



The church mouse would like to thank...

- Everyone who volunteered and attended the October 28th Pizza Family Fun Day! We had a great turnout of about 40 people. We enjoyed making and eating homemade pizza, playing corn hole, decorating pumpkins and playing board games and trivia. Congratulations to Laura Calvin who won the "Guess How Many Candy Corns in the Jar" contest!"
- Our awesome team of bakers and volunteers for the November 6th Election Day Bake Sale! We had such a variety of wonderful treats dropped off throughout the day and coffee and cocoa to sip on. Our overflowing table of goodies was sold out by the end of the day! We also were able to use this great opportunity meet many community members and introduce them to Providence. Thank you to the Outreach Team for providing materials to hand out to voters."
- **Mary Beth Roe & Cindy Stokes** for raking leaves and cleaning up the courtyard in time for Election Day!
- **Anita Melby** for tending to the flower beds around the church office entrance and Door A.
- "I would like to thank the fine men & women of Providence that prepared my turkey dinner. That was very nice and thoughtful." From: Ed Sorge
- **Cub Scouts of Pack 144, Boy Scouts of Troop 210 and Springfield High School (SHS)** for collecting food donations for the Providence Food Pantry. And thank you **students of SHS** for sorting the food on Election Day.
- **Judy Bashforth** for donating a laptop to the Sunday School leaders for presenting videos and lessons during Faith Trek. The laptop will add an extra dimension to the children's learning and their faith!
- **Chuck Winke** for cleaning out the gutters.
- **Hal Briggs** for polishing the altar brass.
- **Anita Melby & Jinnie Corthell** for washing & ironing the altar linens.
- **Laurie Geer, Jean Karabinus, Jessica Karabinus, Lynn Smith, Karen Bell and Becky Henderly** for their help with the food pantry.
- **Betty Heninger** for stitching the baptismal cloths. (Yes! They're handmade!)
- **Linda Emch, Donna Dion, Christine Schultz, Barb Sulad, Diana Shaffer, Sharon Boyer, Cheryl Johnson, Liz Brown, Florence Wyman** for helping to fold and label the church newsletter in 2018!



"Sew Sah Dye pi Kampuchea!"

"Hello from Cambodia!"

I'm blown away that I've already spent two months working in Cambodia! Time is flying here but we sure are packing in the experiences.

After travelling around a bit for training, I am now finding my place at my office here in Bovel Village near the Thailand border. **Life with Dignity (LWD)** is an excellent organization and I feel very proud to be a part of the team. Despite the language barrier the staff went out of their way to effectively make me feel like part of their family.

The biggest reward so far has been visiting the poor families on their farms and just feeling their genuine gratitude for the supplies and training that LWD continues to provide. I have heard countless touching stories about how drastically the organization has improved their livelihood, income, and general hope.

In many ways Cambodia is drastically different from back home, but I've done very well with adjusting to and embracing my life here. Through my support in the States and my new friend, I've felt an incredible amount of love and support.

I don't get the chance to post all too often but, if you would like to hear more stories please visit:
SamuelInService.Wordpress.com

Thank you all for your continued love, prayers, and support. I hope and pray that all is well for you and the congregation. God Bless.

-Samuel J. Sohnly

Note: The people of Providence supported Sam as he embarked on his mission trip. He is the grandson of Ed & Bobbie Shabnow.

SEASONS WITH A REASON

Ask any child to tell you their favorite season of the year and nine out of ten will give you Christmas as their favorite. We Christian adults should too because it is the season with a reason! When God decided it was time to teach the world another biblical lesson on how to live. He arranged for the birth of his begotten son, Jesus Christ to teach the world philosophically beyond his Ten Commandments. What transpired later became two holidays for children and adults as remembrance for God's gift to humanity. We celebrate the birth and death of our Savior and Christmas is something special. It affords all, children and adults, this beginning relating the truth of its importance worldwide.

Over two thousand years ago a bright light from a star led the Shepherds, representing common working people and three wise men, representing leaders to a stable in Bethlehem to honor God's promise of a Holy Son. A son that would change the world and have followers spreading the TRUTH found in love, kindness and compassionate benevolence to live a righteous life with others. That is caring and sharing our goodness and mercy so that others could follow and throw out Satan's promises of deception through hatred, violence and chaos. Two thousand years of Judeo/Christian values and principles produced a country that was founded by those seeking a new life of leaderships and for the common folks working and following Christian beliefs that Jesus taught all his followers. The United States of America has been evolving 242 years since its 1776 inception. It has been a journey both hazardous and joyful but through these various transformations, we are survivors and the envy of freedom loving people worldwide.

This 2018 Christmas season should be a good reason to reflect for those who have been following Satan's false promises to commence with a new hope when believing in the TRUTH through love for each other, showing kindness and respect for our country as we share our benevolence with our families and neighbors this Christmas season. God Bless all the citizens of the world and God Bless America for following the birth of a nation that believes in the birth of Jesus Christ as our salvation. Yes this is the reason for this season called Christmas. Merry Christmas to all children and adults and in our prayers, thank God and hope for the light that shines bright on seeking the TRUTH.

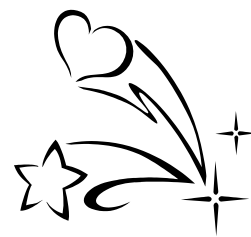
By: Nelson "Bump" Bell





November & December

Birthdays & Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

11/2 Jeremiah Lamb
11/3 Steve Day
11/3 David Motsinger
11/4 Kate Fasko
11/4 Joshua Lazenby
11/4 Laurie Meyers
11/4 Garrett Rudolph
11/5 Brett Denker
11/6 Staci Geiser
11/7 Mitchel Caris
11/8 Wendy Bolger
11/8 Hal Briggs
11/8 Porter Wilkins
11/9 Karl Hofmeister
11/9 Natalie Kinner
11/11 Karen Neifer
11/11 Abbe Whitacre
11/12 Marilyn Bonam
11/12 Brooke Sizemore
11/12 Denise Stilwell
11/12 Wendy Wallace
11/13 Kathy Crandall
11/13 Virginia Tellman
11/14 Mackenzie Lake
11/15 Blake Rudolph
11/18 Carrie Arnold
11/19 Lenny Fetterman
11/19 Jessica Naiber
11/21 Abbigayle Geer
11/22 Paul Wirick
11/23 Jim Enck
11/23 Jeff Krohn
11/24 Berry Benyo
11/24 Debra Zeno
11/25 Karen Geiser
11/26 Judy Meyers
11/27 David Braun
11/27 Katelyn Peth
11/28 Jenny Wilkins
11/29 Jeri Feeney
11/29 Donald Lee Jr.

11/30 Chuck Bashforth
11/30 Marci Malpert
11/30 Marlene Sizemore
12/1 Mason Bowser
12/1 Taylor Lehnert
12/2 Scott Denker
12/2 Owen Denker
12/2 Daniel Fasko
12/2 Susan Fields
12/2 Les Williams
12/3 Karen Kovach
12/3 William Webert
12/4 Cathy Peace
12/4 Loa Thobe
12/5 Sharon Boyer
12/6 Ginger Caris
12/7 Jennifer Braun
12/7 Holly Mayberry
12/7 Laurie Miller
12/8 Todd Gearig
12/8 Scott Koback
12/9 Dale Schaechterle
12/10 Mark Christian
12/10 Joshua Kleopfer
12/11 Cade Chappetta
12/12 Seth Hasselbach
12/12 Alison Roberts
12/12 Sue Runkle
12/13 David Chandler
12/12 Sara Whitehead
12/13 David Chandler
12/13 Michael Williams
12/16 Thomas Corr
12/16 Megan Hall
12/16 Laurie Peth
12/16 Asha Sadhwani
12/18 Bobbie Shabnow
12/18 Ethan Swiller
12/19 Marlene Dowdell
12/20 Elliana Klepaski
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12/21 David Brown

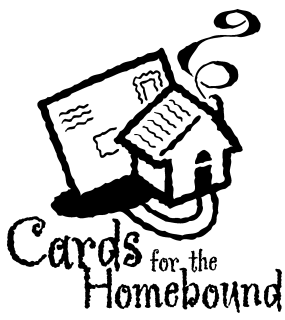
12/21 Bette Shaffer
12/22 Joan Zientek
12/23 Ryan Lehnert
12/24 Jamee Carr
12/24 Annette Pelton
12/25 Christie Wilkins
12/25 John Zeno
12/27 Stewart Graf III
12/28 Mark Austin
12/30 Becky Henderly
12/30 Brittany Stevens
12/30 Adam Whitehead
12/30 Lisa Zientek
12/30 Bennett Zigulis
12/31 Angela Rardin



ANNIVERSARIES

11/2 Roger & Isabel Kleopfer
11/4 Bruce & Nancy Brandeberry
11/11 Jeremiah & Rebecca Lamb
11/14 Brad & Holly McCormick
11/21 David & Virginia Tellman
11/24 Tom & Jean Scott
11/26 Larry & Annette Pelton
11/29 Everett & Lana Harris
12/5 James & Jean Karabinus
12/20 Brett & Dana Denker
12/21 Nelson & Karen Bell
12/23 Ronald & Judy Meyers
12/29 Chuck & Josie Chartier
12/29 Gene & Anne Schwamberger
12/30 Darcy & Bruce MacPherson
12/31 Edward & Bobbie Shabnow
12/31 Jeff & Krista Zigulis





Remember Our Homebound This Holiday Season

Please keep our Homebound and Shut-in members in your prayers. Many of them were very active in our church in their healthier days. They will really appreciate knowing that you are thinking about them this season. If you know of a church member who is homebound and not on our list, please phone the church office, or email Joanna at: jdayplc@aol.com.

Charlotte Bates
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Holland, OH 43528

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43606

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Swanton OH 43558

Ed Sorge
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Toledo OH 43615

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Browning Mason Community
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Waterville OH

Loa Thobe
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Toledo, OH 43614

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Holland OH 43528

Charles Vaughn
Elizabeth Scott Community
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Maumee, OH 43537



MONTHLY GIVING

MAKE A STEP OF FAITH													
MONTHLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE	TITHE											
	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%		
\$500.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00		
\$750.00	\$90.00	\$75.00	\$67.50	\$60.00	\$52.50	\$45.00	\$37.50	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$15.00	\$7.50		
\$1,000.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00		
\$1,500.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$120.00	\$105.00	\$90.00	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$15.00		
\$2,000.00	\$240.00	\$200.00	\$180.00	\$160.00	\$140.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$20.00		
\$3,000.00	\$360.00	\$300.00	\$270.00	\$240.00	\$210.00	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$30.00		
\$4,000.00	\$480.00	\$400.00	\$360.00	\$320.00	\$280.00	\$240.00	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$120.00	\$80.00	\$40.00		
\$5,000.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$450.00	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$50.00		
\$6,000.00	\$720.00	\$600.00	\$540.00	\$480.00	\$420.00	\$360.00	\$300.00	\$240.00	\$180.00	\$120.00	\$60.00		
\$7,000.00	\$840.00	\$700.00	\$630.00	\$560.00	\$490.00	\$420.00	\$350.00	\$280.00	\$210.00	\$140.00	\$70.00		
\$8,000.00	\$960.00	\$800.00	\$720.00	\$640.00	\$560.00	\$480.00	\$400.00	\$320.00	\$240.00	\$160.00	\$80.00		
\$9,000.00	\$1,080.00	\$900.00	\$810.00	\$720.00	\$630.00	\$540.00	\$450.00	\$360.00	\$270.00	\$180.00	\$90.00		
\$10,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$700.00	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00		
\$11,000.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,100.00	\$990.00	\$880.00	\$770.00	\$660.00	\$550.00	\$440.00	\$330.00	\$220.00	\$110.00		

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THE CHART AND THEN MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK TO THE LEFT

WHAT IS TITHING?

Tithe means "a TENTH part". It's a word used all through scripture. In the Bible, God tells us that we're to give the first ten percent of all we earn back to God. It's up to you to decide if that's before or after taxes!

HOW TO USE THIS CHART

1. Figure out your monthly income
2. Determine what you currently give per month.
3. Locate your monthly income on the chart.
4. Slide right to find your monthly giving.
5. Move left at least one percent to calculate your new monthly giving.
6. Write that amount on your pledge card.