

Weekly Schedule

Today, November 9

4 p.m. - Youth Sunday Practice in the Sanctuary

Monday, November 10

12 p.m. - Methodist Women in the Fellowship Hall
5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
7 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 11

Church Office is closed

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal
6 p.m. - Diving Deeper Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 12

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast in the Youth Center
6 p.m. - Youth Worship and Bible Study
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 13

2 p.m. - Walking in the FLC
5:30 p.m. - Hope Beyond Today Grief Support

METHODIST WOMEN

November 10, 2025
12 p.m in the Fellowship Hall

Please bring a sandwich. Sides, dessert, and drinks will be provided. **Also, don't forget to bring an item for the Blessing Box.**

Our speaker will be Dale Mann. He will speak about his trip to the Holy Land. Don't miss it! All women are invited.

Foster and Adoptive Family Support Dinner
Tuesday, November 18
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

We are in great need of volunteers to help with the children. Scan the QR code to sign up or email Katie at katie.pumc@gmail.com

We are also collecting \$25 gift cards for gas, groceries, and restaurants. Bring them to the office or place them in the offering plate.



Be God's: The Freedom of Surrender



When we talk about giving, most of us instinctively tighten our grip. We start thinking about bills, plans, responsibilities, and the long list of things we feel we have to manage. But what if surrendering our money to God wasn't about losing control—**what if it was about gaining freedom?**

That's what happens when we learn to trust God with every part of our lives—including our finances. When **Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"** (Matthew 6:21), He wasn't trying to guilt anyone into giving. He was offering us **a key to freedom**. Because wherever your treasure goes, your heart follows—and when your treasure begins to move toward God, your heart moves closer too.

For most of us, **money represents more than account balances**. It's tied to things like security, control, and identity. We look to it for protection, for options, for a sense of worth. But when we begin to surrender it to God—**when we start saying, "Lord, all I have is Yours"—something powerful happens inside us**. The anxiety that money creates begins to loosen its hold. The fear of not having enough starts to fade. We discover that generosity isn't a burden—it's a blessing.

This is why **Jesus talked about money so often**. Not because He wanted something from us, but because **He wanted something for us**: peace, joy, and a heart that is truly free. He knew that the surest way to break the power of greed, worry, and comparison is to give. Giving doesn't just bless others—it transforms the giver.

John Wesley said it this way: **"When I have money, I get rid of it as quickly as possible, lest it find a way into my heart."** He wasn't careless; he was careful—to make sure his trust stayed where it belonged. He taught Christians to gain all they could, save all they could, and give all they could, because he knew that when money is used faithfully, it becomes one of God's best tools for love.

This Sunday, as we begin our two-week focus on stewardship at Perry Methodist Church, we're not just talking about **budgets or bills**. We're talking about **discipleship**. We're talking about the **joy and freedom** that come from letting go of what never truly belonged to us in the first place. When we surrender our finances to God, we find rest. We discover that He really does provide, that His promises are true, and that our lives are richer when our hearts are open.

So let's worship today with grateful hearts. Let's lift our voices and remember: **God doesn't want part of us—He wants all of us**. And when we give Him everything, including our treasure, what we receive in return is freedom.

Don't just be good. Be God's.

— Tom

KIDSGIVING

Monday, November 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for 4 years to 5th grade

For more info and to sign up, go to perrymethodist.com/ministries/childrens. **There are only 35 spots available!**

Mission Project: Bring a thanksgiving food item for the Blessing Box.



Don't forget! We are collecting desserts for the Methodist Children's

home on Tuesday, November 18. Please bring your desserts to the Fellowship Hall or the church office between 8:30 and 4:30.

The Angel Tree is up in the hallway of the Fellowship Hall. It is full of Christmas lists local foster children. All gifts must be returned by Wednesday, December 3.

Please sign out the angel you have picked with your name and phone number on the podium.

Please do not wrap gifts in paper. Please bring gifts in gift bags with your child's angel attached.

Worship and Praise Gathering

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025

Liturgical Color: Green
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rob Ray

Please register your attendance on the pads found in each pew.

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living
The Sanctuary Bells

arr. John Behnke

Dr. Anita Williams, Eunice Andrews, Dr. Amy Muse, Tammara Shipes,
Carla Hillis, Michael O'Neill, Allen Mason, Bob Studley, Jill Massee

*Hymn of Praise

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For the Beauty of the Earth

*Affirmation of Faith

881

The Apostles' Creed

*Gloria Patri

70

Glory Be to the Father

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Rob Ray

*Hymn of Preparation

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We Gather Together

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Music

The Church in the Wildwood

arr. David Kellermeyer

The Sanctuary Bells

*Doxology

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Scripture

Matthew 6:19–24; 23:23

Sermon

First the Heart

Rev. Tom Carruth

*Hymn of Commitment

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Closing Blessing

*Postlude

Exultation
The Sanctuary Bells

Matthew Compton

*Stand as you are able

- The Altar flowers are given in honor of and in memory of all those who have served and are serving our country in the military. Thank you for the freedoms we enjoy, especially the freedom of worship. Dale and Janice Mann.
- A pre-school nursery is provided for children 6 weeks to 4 years old. Children's Church is provided at 11 a.m. for children 4 years of age through their completing first grade. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding these locations in the Education building.

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