



We are about one-third our way through the season of Lent as I write this article. Our focus on God's many acts through history to redeem, rescue, restore, renew, and reconcile the whole creation continues as we make our way to Easter.

I want to highlight some of the ways we are preparing for Easter at Perry United Methodist Church. Please be in prayer for the various ministry activities that we pray will touch people at various stages of life and faith journey.

- Confirmation Retreat: Kyle Barfield has been leading our confirmands during this first quarter of the year. The group will participate in a conference retreat on March 2-4, 2018, at Epworth By The Sea. This is an important component of the confirmation experience as each student prepares to make their public profession of faith on April 15.
- Mission Team to Honduras: Katie Cawthon, Michael O'Neill, Ashley Hulbert, Caron Williams, Michelle Horton, and Lyle Massey will depart on Sunday, March 18 and return on March 25. This will be the second year our team has joined with The Chapel UMC in Brunswick to minister with the community in Sabirana, Honduras. Please pray for the team as they travel and share their faith as our ambassadors.
- Palm Sunday, March 25: Our Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present their cantata at both 9 and 11 a.m. The title of this year's cantata is *Come, Touch the Robe*. Please pray for their preparations as they seek to declare the life-giving good news of Jesus Christ.
- Maundy Thursday, March 29: We will gather for worship at 6 p.m. for a remembrance of the Lord's Last Supper and recall the events that unfolded late Thursday and Friday as Jesus made his way to the Cross. This will be a spiritually powerful experience that will prepare us for a more glorious celebration of the Resurrection on Easter.
- Easter Brunch-Egg Hunt for children and their families, March 31: This annual event will be held beginning at 11 a.m. This event requires reservations and pre-payment (\$10 per person) so adequate preparations can be made for an extraordinary experience for each child.
- Easter: April 1 is Easter. Our worship services will be at 9 and 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service will have a simultaneous worship experience for children through 5th grade for the entire hour of worship. Also, we invite you to bring cut flowers to place on the cross in front of the sanctuary as a sign of your gratitude to God for the new life offered through Jesus Christ.

God has blessings in store for us as we make this journey through congregational events and as we each spend time with the Lord daily. It is my prayer that we will grasp the gift and joy of our salvation as we travel toward Easter.

Brad

Music Ministry

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Music Ministry Calendar

March 11

Sanctuary Bells Ring, accompanied by Brass

March 13

JOY Choir sings at Montezuma Nursing Home

March 18

Children's Choirs Sing

March 25 (Palm Sunday)

Cantata presented by the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, *Come, Touch the Robe*

April 1 (Easter Sunday)

Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary Bells and Brass present special music

Blessings,
Jane

Prime Time

Associate Pastor: Tommy Perkins
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Luncheon

Thursday, March 1st Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a wonderful Prime Time Thursday Luncheon at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Tossed Salad, BBQ Chicken (leg quarters), Corn, Baked Beans, Peach Cobbler. We will have an inspiring musical program by Bob Fraumann entitled "To God Be The Glory" combining classical music on the piano blended with favorite hymns.

Dinner Trip

The Rustic Bistro in Hawkinsville Thursday, March 22 - Buses Depart at 6 p.m.

You must register & specify your meal selection before 4:00 pm Friday, March 16. You will be able to choose from Steak, Shrimp, Pork, Chicken, or Vegetarian options. The Standard plate will be Chicken Marsala, Bistro Spring Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Lemon Cheesecake. Meals will average between \$17 and \$20 and will be paid Dutch treat.

Easter Pilgrimage to LaGrange Biblical History Center Thursday, April 19 (All Day)

Ending with a feast on the way back
@ Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen in Columbus.

Mission Ministry

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Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale March 9 & 10

Peaches to Beaches is right around the corner! It's not too late to rent a space and sell your stuff that's been at the back of your closet, garage, or attic. Reserve your spot for \$25 by Tuesday, March 6 by emailing Katie at katie.pumc@gmail.com. And make sure to stop by the old Dollar General parking lot on Friday, March 9 or Saturday, March 10 to find some new treasure! You can also come by to help support our Honduras Mission Team!



Honduras Mission Trip

Please pray for our mission team, Katie Cawthon, Amanda Chenault, Michelle Horton, Ashley Hulbert, Lyle Massey, Michael O'Neill, and Caron Williams, as they prepare for their journey to Honduras this month! They will be in Honduras March 18-25. Thank you for all your support!



Next Missions Meeting March 14 at 12:30 in the library



Jacob Wesley Powell, grandson of Corky and Suzanne Powell, is in the **Marines** stationed in San Diego. Jacob will leave for an undisclosed location in October.

Price Wheeler, Navy, son of Kim Ragland Wheeler and grandson of Jack Ragland.

Major Matthew Hillis, son of Kelly and Carla Hillis.

Staff Sergeant Brooks W. Warren, USAF, grandson of Bill and Mary Warren.

Seaman Walter Hartley, USN, nephew of Dot Price.

Christian H. Craig, 330 MP Company/SPS, grandson of Jane Whipple.

Capt. Matt McNeal, nephew of Susan Pierce.

Capt. William R. Wright, grandson of Elaine Wright.

Major Phillip Ferris, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris.

Brandi Warren, Navy, granddaughter of Bill and Mary Warren.

Please help the church office keep this list updated.

Church Staff and Our Methodist Connection

Dr. Brad Brady	Senior Pastor
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Kids BIG Easter Service
Sunday, April 1st
11am

Jesus: Friend and Hero
Weekend VBS April 13th-15th
Ages 4-5th grade
Age 3 welcome with adult helper

Children's Led Worship Service
and Treehouse Trades Showcase
Sunday, April 29th
9am, 10am, 11am
Practices on Wednesdays in April
from 4:00-5:00 pm

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 Department

Mark your calendar with these
 March dates:
 Children's Church Sundays at 11
 No Children's Church Mar. 25th
 Moms Bible Study Mondays
 12 Noon-2:00pm
 No Moms Bible study Mar. 26th
 Treehouse Trades Wednesdays
 4:00-6:00 pm
 NO Treehouse Trades Mar. 28th

Spoiler Alert:
 The Tomb Was Empty!
 Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt
 Holy Saturday, March 31st
 11:00 am
 Reservations are required.
 Deadline to sign up is March
 26th.
 Meal catered by Jan McCord
 A fun-filled day for the whole
 family!
 \$10/person

Youth News

Youth Pastor: Kyle Barfield kyle.pumc@gmail.com
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Only fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart;
 for consider what great things He has done for you. 1 Sam. 12:24

*But if from there
 you seek the Lord your God, you will
 find him if you seek him with all your
 heart and with all your soul.*

Deuteronomy 4:29

**Breakfast (7 a.m.) and
 Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)
 in March**
 4/7
 4/14
 4/21

No Breakfast/Bible Study 4/28

SPRING DATES:

Confirmation Retreat- 4/2 thru 4/4
Confirmation Sunday- April 15th
Baccalaureate Sunday- May 13th

Mark your calendar!

YOUTH CAMP

July 8-14

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Average Attendance	Jan 2018	Feb. 2018
Morning Worship	387	346
Sunday School	210	185

Finance Report Month to Date	Feb. 1 - Feb. 26, 2018
Receipts Month to Date	81,290.13
Disbursements Month to Date	97,171.85

Finance Report Year To Date	As of Feb. 26, 2018
Anticipated Budget Income	187,365.89
Receipts Year to Date	232,215.66
Disbursements Year to Date	180,806.23

Building Fund	As of Feb. 26, 2018
Total Pledged	1,900,120.00
Total Received	872,984.00

Expenses are being incurred as we begin the design phase.



available date. We have many dates available beginning in June. If you have been placing flowers each year, please contact Diana immediately so your preferred date can be reserved.

Once you have a date, you work with your florist to order the arrangement of your choice. Diana can give you some suggestions about florists, price range, and the wording for the bulletin.

This is a wonderful way to glorify God and beautify our sanctuary as we worship.

March 2018 Weekly Happenings

Sunday

9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Monday

12:00 p.m. - Mom's Bible Study
"No Perfect Mom"
1:00 p.m. - Handbell Quartet Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal
(3/6, 3/20, 3/27)
5:30 p.m. - Bible Study
"Feasting, Fasting"

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast
4:00 p.m. - Treehouse Trades
(3/7, 3/14, & 3/21)
6:30 p.m. - Youth Bible Study
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

4:30 p.m. - Bible Study
"Hope Beyond Today"
6:30 p.m. - "Waiting in Hope"
(March 8 & March 22)

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place Altar Flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday, please contact Diana in our church office (987-1852) to select an

Special Dates

March 1 - Prime Time Luncheon
March 11 - Handbells Ring in Worship
March 12 - Methodist Women
March 13 - JOY Choir sings at Montezuma Health Care
March 16 - Emmaus
March 18 thru March 25 - Honduras Mission Trip
March 19 - UMMen
March 25 - Palm Sunday
March 29 - Maundy Thursday
March 30 - Good Friday
UMMen Boston Butt Pick up
March 31 - Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

Methodist Women Monday, March 12

Noon in the Fellowship Hall



United Methodist Men Monday, March 19

6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Supper will be served.
Reservations are not needed.

United Methodist Men Boston Butt Fundraiser - \$30

Pick-up - Friday, March 30: 4 - 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Church Office or a member of UMMen. You can also call Bob Messer at (478) 542-4295 to arrange for ticket delivery. Profits from this project will be used to support outreach programs at the Methodist Home for Children and Youth in Macon, and the Carl Vinson Veterans Administration Hospital in Dublin, and to support the local Boy Scout Troop.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in April

Board of Trustees - Monday, April 2
Finance Committee - Tuesday, April 3
Administrative Board - Tuesday, April 10
CenterStage For Christ Dinner Theatre - April 24, 26 & 27