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Faithful and Generous

"Faithful" and "generous" are two words that come to my mind as I look back over 2017. The members of PUMC were genuinely faithful and generous in our witness to Christ in this community through our many ministries. We served the present day needs and invested significantly in an exciting future. Thank you to each member of this church family for your contributions to our shared ministry.

As most of you know, we experienced some stress with our 2017 budget giving. This budget supports our day-to-day ministries. Several factors impacted our contributions and caused our leaders to adjust our spending plan during 2017. In addition, our leaders invited the church family to increase giving. Thankfully, we ended the year in a solid position due to the faithfulness and generosity of our church family, and the prudent stewardship of our leaders.

Our total giving to the 2017 day-to-day ministries budget was \$1,165,128. We are grateful for everyone who made contributions throughout the year, and are especially thankful for those who generously increased their giving along the way.

Additionally, we celebrate the generosity and commitment shown to the Great Tradition-Greater Future capital campaign for the expansion/renovation of our campus. We have received \$1,900,120 in pledges toward this project. A total of \$850,982 has been received as of 12/31/17. This means 45% of the pledged amount was received since the campaign launched last spring. Thanks for the second-mile generosity this represents.

These capital campaign funds were placed in a separate interest-bearing account. Our leaders are committed to moving forward with these building projects. Everyone involved in making decisions about timing and next steps wants to make sure that we are on a healthy financial foundation related our day-to-day ministries. We encourage your continued faithfulness and generosity to the building campaign.

Our 2018 budget was set by the Administrative Board at the January 16, 2018 meeting. The total budgeted is \$1,171,036, which is only \$5,908 more than we received in 2017. God will bless our faithfulness, generosity, participation and service in the coming year as we seek to be Living Vessels: Filled by God and Poured out for His Purposes.

I am honored to be on this journey with you.

Church Leaders 2018

We are blessed to have a committed group of leaders guiding our church's ministries. In addition to these leaders, we have a large group of committee members, at-large members to the Board, and church staff who prayerfully steward our church life.

Lay Leader	George Nunn
Chair, Administrative Board	Peggy Jerles
Vice-Chair, Administrative Board	Bob Lawson
Secretary, Administrative Board	Melissa Sparrow
Chair, Council on Ministries	Michael Kinsley
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations	Katie Lumsden
Chair, Finance	Phyllis Carpenter
Church Treasurer	Penny Bird
Chair, Trustees	Jerry Horton
Chair, Nominations	Brad Brady
Chair, Building Committee	Bob Messer
Vice-Chair, Building Committee	Dawn Booth
Chair, Capital Campaign	Gary Bishop
Chair, Endowment Committee	Kevin Tolbert
Lay Members to Annual Conference	Jim Lewis, Jane Perfect
Chair, Scholarship Committee	Faye Doane

Music Ministry

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Perry UMC to Host Super Bell Handbell Festival

On Saturday, February 3, our church will host a Handbell Festival in the Fellowship Hall. Sixty ringers from six area churches will rehearse from 9:00-2:30 under the direction of clinician Dr. John Behnke, Emeritus Professor of Music from Concordia University Wisconsin. The community is invited to attend a closing concert in the Fellowship Hall from 2:45-3:00. You won't want to miss hearing six handbell choirs ringing all at once!

Participating choirs are:

Christ Lutheran Church, Perry
First United Methodist Church, Americus
First United Methodist Church, Tifton
First United Methodist Church, Warner Robins
Perry UMC Handbell Quartet
Perry UMC Sanctuary Bells
Porterfield Memorial United Methodist Church, Albany

Perry UMC Musicians to Participate in Macon AGO Hymn Festival

WHAT: Super Bowl Hymn Festival, *Celebrating The "Super" Plans of God*

WHEN: Sunday, February 4, 2018 from 4:00-5:00 PM
WHERE: Mulberry Street UMC, 719 Mulberry St, Macon
LED BY: Dr. John Behnke/Organist, Mass Choir, Instrumentals, Handbells

Musicians from our church will assist in leading the Hymn Festival. The Sanctuary Bells, and instrumentalists Chuck Herron and Tammy Urbansky (trumpets), Lianne Herron (flute), and Bob Studley (trombone), will accompany a mass choir, which will include singers from our Sanctuary Choir.

The community is invited to attend this inspirational service of music, in which the congregation will participate by singing familiar hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal. The event is sponsored by the Macon Chapter American Guild of Organists.

Blessings,
Jane

Church Staff and Our Methodist Connection

Dr. Brad Brady	Senior Pastor
Rev. Tommy Perkins	Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Krissy Walker	Children's Pastor
Kyle Barfield	Youth Pastor
Christie Rooks	Christian Education Assistant
Katie Cawthon	Mission Coordinator
Dr. Jane Kimbrel	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Sheryl McDaniel	Pianist
Dicky Gilbert	Audio Visual

Rob Tavalero, Building Supt.
Alice Releford, Custodian
Teresa Dent, Financial Secretary
Diana Gray, Admin. Assistant

Nursery Workers
Amanda Barfield Joyce Cook
Dena McAtee Grayce Bearden
Breanna McAtee

Bishop Lawson Bryan Resident Bishop
Dr. Laudis H. "Rick" Lanford District Superintendent

Mission Ministry

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Peaches to Beaches Yard Sale March 9 & 10

Time for some spring cleaning! If you would like to participate in our yard sale fundraiser, rent a space over in our Dollar General parking lot to sell your stuff!



Spaces are \$25 to rent for the weekend of Peaches to Beaches, March 9-10. For more information or to rent a space email or call Katie.

Honduras Mission Trip

Please be in prayer for Ashley Hulbert, Michael O'Neill, Caron Williams, Michelle Horton, Lyle Massey, and Katie Cawthon as they prepare for a mission trip to Honduras with UVMIM in March. Thank you so much for your support!



Next Missions Meeting

February 21 at 12:30 in the library

Prime Time

Associate Pastor: Tommy Perkins
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Prime Time Luncheon - Thursday, February 1st

Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Central Georgia Better Business Bureau.

SAVE THE DATE

Prime Time Supper Trip
Monday, February 19 at 4:30 p.m.
Rustic Bistro in Hawkinsville



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.



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 Department



"Souper" Bowl of Caring
 Sunday, February 4th

Bring canned goods to church for our
 collection for Loaves and Fishes Food Bank!
 Let's beat our number of 609 from last year!
 We can tackle hunger together!!!



ANNOUNCING...
**WE SAVED
 YOU A SEAT**

4th & 5th Grade Girls Retreat to Callaway Gardens February 23rd-25th
 A weekend away focused on finding and keeping lasting friendships centered around the
 new Bible study, *We Saved You a Seat*, by Lisa-Jo Baker.
 Cost for the weekend is \$200 (Covers lodging, meals, activities, and a t-shirt)
 We will leave for Callaway on Friday afternoon at 4:00 and
 return to Perry on Sunday at 2:30.
 Sign up online at www.perryumc.org and drop by the church office to complete a waiver
 form for the Treetop Adventures Ropes Course.
Space is limited...the first 16 girls to register get to attend the weekend!!!

Mark your calendar with these February Dates:

Treehouse Trades will meet February 7th, 21st, and 28th from 4:00-6:00.
We will not have Treehouse Trades on Wednesday, February 14th. (Happy
 Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday, and Winter Break!)

Moms Bible Study will meet each Monday in February, with the exception
 of President's Day. (February 19th)

There will be **NO** Children's Church Sunday, February 25th.

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

BOONE SKI TRIP

Feb. 16-19 \$250

Ski Trip Parent Meeting
 Sunday, February 4th at 5 p.m.
 in the Youth Center

Join us on Wednesdays

in February for

Breakfast (7 a.m.)

Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)

Youth Camp

July 8 - 14

*Check out our website for
 information and sign up for our
 upcoming events!*

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Average Attendance	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018
Morning Worship	524	387
Sunday School	192	210

Finance Report Month to Date	Jan. 1 - Jan. 29, 2018
Receipts Month to Date	111,547.32
Disbursements Month to Date	80,894.02

Finance Report Year To Date	As of Jan. 29, 2018
Anticipated Budget Income	1,171,036.80
Receipts Year to Date	111,547.32
Disbursements Year to Date	80,894.02

Building Fund	As of Jan. 29, 2018
Total Pledged	1,900,120.00
Total Received	859,570.78

Expenses are being incurred as we begin the design phase.

February 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
6:00 p.m. - Bible Study
"Feasting, Fasting" (begins 2/13)

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast
4:00 p.m. - Treehouse Trades
6:30 p.m. - Youth Bible Study
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

5:00 p.m. - Bible Study
"Hope Beyond Today" (begins 2/8)
6:30 p.m. - "Waiting in Hope"
(Feb. 8 & Feb. 22)

Methodist Women Monday, February 12

Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Special Dates

February 1 - Prime Time Luncheon
February 3 - Handbell Festival
February 4 - Souper Bowl
Super Bowl Hymn Festival
February 6 thru February 11
Lifetouch Photo Sessions
February 8 - *Hope Beyond Today*
Support Group begins
February 9 & 10 - Women's Conference
February 12 - Methodist Women
February 13 - *Feasting, Fasting*
Bible Study Begins
February 14 - Ash Wednesday Service
at 12:15 p.m.
February 16 thru 19 - Youth Ski Trip to Boone
February 17 - Emmaus
February 19 - United Methodist Men
February 21 - Missions Meeting
February 23 thru 25 - 4th/5th Grade Girls Retreat

United Methodist Men Monday, February 15

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

Rev. Perkins Announces 2 New Bible Studies

Hope Beyond Today *Navigating Life After Loss*

February 8 thru March 29 (Maundy Thursday)
From 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

We will meet in the Conference Room. This class will be limited to 15 people. **You must be pre-registered no later than Wednesday, February 7th**, for customized in-class materials.

Feasting, Fasting February 13 (Fat Tuesday) thru April 3 From 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

What: An Old and New Testament survey highlighting scriptural insights into fasting and feasting for the people of faith.

Where: Staff office building conference room
What to bring: Bible **Price:** Free

For more information or to register for these classes by emailing: tommy.pumc@gmail.com or call 987-1852

New Church Pictorial Directory
Photo Session Dates February 6 - 11
Times: Tuesday - Thursday: 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday & Sunday: 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All photo sessions will be held at our church. We will be using the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall as our greeting area.

There are two ways to make an appointment:

1. Go to our church website (www.perryumc.org) and click on either the "Upcoming Events" or "Events Registration" links found at the top of the page. From either of these pages you will see a link to click that will take you directly to the LifeTouch registration system for our photoshoot. Follow the four simple steps to make your appointment.

Or

2. Call LifeTouch toll-free **866-756-0281**. Our account number is **246375**