

Everyone Matters

Last month, we celebrated **Everyone Belongs Sunday**. It was a wonderful day, but some of the most meaningful moments did not happen because of a booklet, a sign, or an announcement. They happened when one person looked another person in the eye and said, **"Come with me."**

We learned something important: good information helps, but information can never replace relationships. People find belonging when someone notices them, welcomes them, introduces them, and personally invites them into a circle of Christian community.

On **Sunday, October 18**, we will take the next step with **Everyone Matters Sunday**. We have said it this way:

**If you have a group, you know you belong.
If you have a meaningful role, you know you matter.**

Of course, serving does not create our worth. Every person already matters because every person is created in the image of God and loved by Jesus Christ. But God has also given every Christian gifts, experiences, abilities, and opportunities that can bless others. We do not want anyone at Perry Methodist to feel like an anonymous spectator or believe the Church has no real place for them.

The Church is not a program produced by a few people for everyone else to watch. We are the Body of Christ, and every part of the body is needed.

Some people teach, lead, sing, or work with children and youth. Others cook, repair, organize, welcome, visit, pray, encourage, provide transportation, work behind the scenes, or notice the person everyone else has overlooked. Some can serve every week. Others can help occasionally or during a particular season. Some have physical limitations but possess wisdom, compassion, experience, and faith that our church desperately needs.

Everyone has something to offer.

Everyone Matters Sunday is not intended to pressure anyone or fill empty positions by making people feel guilty. We want to help people find places of service that are genuinely meaningful and appropriate for their gifts, interests, availability, and current season of life.

We also want to make it easier to understand what different opportunities actually involve. Before someone commits, they should be able to know what is expected, how often help is needed, whom the ministry serves, and who will walk alongside them. Clear information matters—but personal invitation still matters most.

That means our ministry leaders must do more than wait for someone to notice an announcement. We need to look for the gifts we see in others and say:

**"I think you would be wonderful at this."
"Would you come serve with me?"
"Let me introduce you to the person who leads it."**

On October 18, we will help people attending either the **9:00 or 11:00 service** learn about meaningful ways to participate in the life and work of Perry Methodist. But this cannot be merely a one-Sunday event. Our deeper hope is to create a church culture in which people are continually noticed, invited, equipped, and given a meaningful place to contribute.

During our **One Another: Life Together in Christ** series, we have been asking what it means to follow Jesus together. We love one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, carry one another's burdens, and serve one another. None of us can live the Christian life alone, and none of us was meant to sit on the sidelines.

Begin praying now: **"God, how have You gifted me, and where can You use me?"**

Then join us on October 18 as we take another step toward becoming the church God is calling us to be:

**Everyone belongs.
Everyone grows.
Everyone matters.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Interim Director of Music: Dr. Carol Goff
Music Assistant/Interim Handbells: Tammara Shipes
Interim Organist: David M. Kenney, Jr
Interim JOY Choir Director: Mark Blankenship

Music Ministry

As we prepare for the beautiful music of Christmas, we'd love for you to be part of it! If you love to sing or simply miss making music with others, come join us. There's a place for you in our Music Ministry, and we'd be so glad to welcome you!

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Sings at the 9 & 11 a.m.
worship services

Rehearsals

Wednesdays at
6:45 p.m. in the
Choir Room

Christmas Cantata

December 13

J.O.Y. CHOIR

(Just Older Youth)

55+ Choir

Bring Lunch

Rehearsals

Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Christmas Musical

December 6

Christmas is a great time to jump in, meet new people, and share the gift of music in worship! Contact the church office at 478-987-1852 for more information.



PVO Sugar Drive: Early Service vs. Late Service...
who can bring the most bags of sugar? Will the

early service defend their winning reign? Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting 4-pound individual bags of sugar for Perry Volunteer Outreach's Christmas meal boxes. Our goal is to collect 260 bags of sugar. In order to help us meet our goal, we've decided to turn it into a friendly competition! Who can bring the most bags of sugar, the early service crowd or the late service? Let's find out!



Operation Christmas Child: All Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due back by **Sunday, October 25th**. Please make sure to return all boxes on time. **Please also remember**

that a child will only receive ONE shoebox in their entire life... so let's make it the best shoebox possible!

MISSION MINISTRY

Mission Coordinator: Katie Cawthon
katie.pumc@gmail.com (478) 987-1852

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with our Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event! We had an amazing time packing 16,200 meals for people around the world, and we finished in record time!

Honduras Raffle Fundraiser:

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR HONDURAS

Support the 2027 Mission Trip to Subirana, Honduras and enter to win some great prizes!

Raffle Tickets for \$5 each or 5 for \$20
cash or check

Stop by the church office to view raffle items or buy tickets!

Office hours are
Monday- Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. -
1:30 pm. - 4:30 p.m.

Winners will be drawn during SoupFest on Sunday, October 18

Scan the QR code to view our Raffle items!

SoupFest Fundraiser:

SOUPFEST

Sunday, October 18
12 pm in the Family Life Center

Bring spare change to vote for your favorite soup!

****All proceeds benefit the Honduras mission trip****

Do you have a favorite soup recipe? We need volunteers to provide crockpots of soup and or a platter of sandwiches. If you are willing to do so, please email Katie at katie.pumc@gmail.com.

Hospice Casserole Helper for September is the Christadelphians Sunday School Class.

Mission Meeting on Thursday, October 8 at 12 p.m.

October

Treehouse Trades
does not meet October 14th!



Children who read the Bible at least four days a week have 51% lower odds of engaging in a Behavioral Risk, compared to those who do not read the Bible at all.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SHINDIG

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

10AM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE CANDY TO SHARE WITH YOUR CLASS!

KRISSEY WALKER
CHILDRENS PASTOR
KOPTeach@YAHOO.COM
CHRISTIE ROOKS
CHRISTIAN ED. ASSISTANT
CHRISTIEROOKS.PMC@GMAIL.COM

October 1st is Bring your Bible to School Day! Start a new habit of your child keeping the Word of God with them at all times!

TIME FOR

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

OCTOBER 25TH 5:30-7:00 PM

*TRUNK CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 5.
WALKER BARN, 2699 MARSHALLVILLE ROAD

CATERED DINNER, SAFE TRICK-OR-TREATING, COSTUME CONTEST, BOUNCE HOUSES, AND FELLOWSHIP!
REGISTER ONLINE FOR YOUR FAMILY TO JOIN US FOR A FUN FALL EVENING!



PMC YOUTH!

Follow Us!



Check us out on social media or our website!

FIELDS OF Faith

OCTOBER 28TH AT 6:30PM

FREEDOM FIELD
311 BEAR COUNTRY BLVD.
WARNER ROBINS, GA 31088

>>> **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY THIS NIGHT!**

WE ARE TAKING A...
Hiking Trip to Providence Canyon

November 11, 2026

Register on our website!
We'll be at the Youth Center at 9:30 AM!

2026 FALL BEACH RETREAT

Meet in the Youth Center at 9AM
on October 10th. We will return
around 3PM on October 13th!

Weekly Wednesdays!



Prayer Breakfast • 7:00-7:35am
Praise Band Practice • 5:30-6:15pm
Bible Study & Small Groups • 6:00-8:00pm
Meet in the Youth Center

**NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
FOR 10/14 DUE TO**

Fall Break

PRAYER BREAKFAST & BIBLE
STUDY WILL START BACK 10/21!



CONTACT INFO



Nichole Lawson Youth Pastor (478)-230-2237
Caroline Arnold Assistant (478)-230-4505

SAVE THE DATE

YOUTH SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22ND
9AM & 11AM SERVICES

Electronic Service Requested

Average Attendance As of September 2026	
Morning Worship	367
Finance Report Month to Date	
September 2026	
Receipts Month to Date	99,944.19
Disbursements Month to Date	200,232.07
Finance Report Year to Date	
September 2026	
Receipts Year to Date	1,272,756.18
Disbursements Year to Date	1,304,977.83
Difference	-32,221.65
Building Fund	
September 2026	
Total Received Year to Date	55,554.25
Building Loan Balance	824,683.86



Thank you for your support of our church ministries. You may make your gifts by several means:

Perry Methodist Website
perrymethodist.com/give
Click the "Make a donation" button and follow the prompts.

Online Giving
Text "PERRYMC" to 73256
or and follow the prompts.

Postal Mail
PO Box 73, Perry 31069

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9 a.m. - Morning Worship
10 a.m. - Sunday School
11 a.m. - Morning Worship

Monday

10 a.m. - Diving Deeper Women's Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room
5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study in the Brad Brady Conference Room (will not meet on October 12)
6 p.m. - Cub Scouts in the Youth Center
7 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast
4 p.m. - Tree House Trades
6 p.m. - Youth \$5 Pizza
6:30 p.m. - Worship and Small Groups
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

1 p.m. - Walking in the FLC

Special Events

October 1-31- PVO Sugar Drive
October 1-18 - Honduras Raffle Fundraiser in the Church Office
October 1- Prime Time Luncheon
October 4 - Girl Scouts in the FLC
October 10 - 13 - Youth Fall Retreat to Laguna Beach
October 12 - Church Office is closed
October 12 - Methodist Women at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
October 14 - No Tree House Trades or Youth Activities
October 15 - Men's F3 Basketball in the FLC
October 18 - Everyone Matters Sunday
October 18 - SoupFest in the FLC at 12 p.m. - Honduras Raffle winners will be drawn
October 19 - Mom's Fellowship Lunch at El Metate Cantina Mexicana
October 20 - JOY Choir buses depart for Summers Landing at 10 a.m.
October 21 - Staff Meeting at 9 a.m. in the Office Conference Room
October 25 - OCC Shoesboxes are due
October 25 - Trunk or Treat at the Walker Barn at 5:30 p.m.
October 28 - Fields of Faith - No Youth Evening program

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Brandi Warren, United States Navy, granddaughter of Bill Warren
Lt. Col. Phillip Ferris, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris
CPL Connor Hill, USMC, grandson of Linda Loewen and the late Arthur Loewen
Lt. Col. William R. Wright, grandson of Elaine Wright
Staff Sergeant Brooks Warren, United States Air Force, grandson of Bill Warren
SFC Christopher Lanning, United States Army, son of Richard and Trisha Lanning
Sergeant First Class Derek M. Livingston, United States Army, Grandson of Liz Fauconniere
CPT Harrison Booth, United States Airforce son of Bill and Dawn Booth
Brian Sikes, United States Navy, nephew of Mike and Lisa Klug
CPT Alexander M. Kofskey, MD United States Air Force, son of Su and Mike Kofskey, grandson of Bob and Marguerite Messer.
Hannah Charlesworth, United States AirForce, granddaughter of Jerrye Charlesworth.

Please help us keep this list updated by calling the church office.

Perry Methodist Church Staff

Rev. Tom Carruth	Senior Pastor
Rev. Rob Ray	Associate Pastor
Krissy Walker	Children's Pastor
Christie Rooks	Christian Education Assistant
Katie Cawthon	Missions Coordinator
Nichole Lawson	Youth Pastor
Caroline Arnold	Assistant Youth Pastor
Dr. Carol Goff	Interim Director of Music
David M. Kenney, Jr.	Interim Organist
Tammara Shipes	Music Assistant/Handbells
Mark Blankenship	Interim JOY Choir Director
Dicky Gilbert	Audio Visual
Emilee Sheffield	Office Manager
Kelley Sorrow	Financial Secretary
Mike Klug	Building Superintendent
Alice Releford	Custodian
Joyce Cook	Nursery Worker
Abigail Durham	Nursery Worker
Lacy Murphy	Nursery Worker
Lesley Matthews	Nursery Worker