



# Perry Church of the Nazarene

## news

June 2019



### An Annual Celebration

*At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do." - Luk 10:21 NIV*

In his "Confessions", Augustine uses a phrase in Latin, "gaudium de veritate." It translates "joy in truth." He's making a profound and important point. Everyone seeks to be happy. We do things in pursuit of happiness. Sometimes, we defer momentary happiness (that cream filled donut) in order to secure a more lasting happiness (fitting into my clothes). But we are still seeking happiness. Every morning we wake up looking for moments of happiness.

St. Augustine challenges us to seek joy in truth. There is always a temptation to seek happiness through falsehoods and unreality. We create fantasies. We tell ourselves stories. We seek joy in escaping our mundane life through games and hobbies that distract us from the life that is ours. We trade in our real life for a false life, real joy for false joy. To find joy in truth means that I do not run from the realities of life or the realities of myself. My life as displayed on Facebook is not my real life. My real life is more complicated and less photogenic. Finding joy in truth means I must look deeply into the realities of life to find joy. Joy is bigger than happiness, because joy connects us with something bigger than ourselves. As David Brooks writes in his book, *The Second Mountain*, you try and grab happiness, but joy grabs you. You suddenly realize that you are not at the center of life. You are a part of something much bigger.

To find joy in truth means we look for love and transcendence and God in every moment of life. God is in every moment of life. Jesus said he wanted us to experience life to the full. Nothing is outside of God's grace and love. Eugene Peterson describes the Biblical

character of David as a man "on whom nothing was lost, on whom nothing of God was lost." We are to believe that in everything God is working, that even our trials are used of God. We are challenged to find joy not in ourselves, but in the God who loves us, who is always with us and whose love for us will triumph over everything (see Romans 8). This provides us with the foundation for experiencing joy in truth. With faith in God's care and provision, we can lose ourselves in His Kingdom.

Luke 10, gives us a beautiful picture of this. Jesus sends out 72 of his followers. They are to go into the towns and villages and proclaim the Kingdom of God. They return with joy, amazed at how God had worked through them. Upon their return, Jesus reminds them that their joy must not be rooted in their performance, but in their relationship with the Father. Then, Jesus was filled with joy. He knows that these are not the elite, multi-talented folks. But they have been grasped by the Kingdom of God and Jesus gives thanks.

On June 5, we will celebrate what has gone on in the church in the last year. In essence, we will return and gather to share stories of how God has worked through Perry Nazarenes this year. May we have eyes of faith to see how God has worked in so many ways. And may we rejoice, participating in the joy of our Lord.

*Pastor Tim*

## June 2019

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## Upcoming Events

### PCNConnect: Our Online Directory

Have you logged into PCNConnect, our online directory, yet? Have you uploaded a picture of yourself? If not, call Stacy Smith in the church office to receive a username and password; learn how to use the directory; and look up your giving statements.

### Prayer Meeting

**Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary**

You are invited to join in the sanctuary on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm to pray for the people and ministries of our church.

### Regional Children's Quiz Meet

**June 8**

Please be in prayer for our children's quizzers who will represent the Michigan District at the Regional Quiz meet at Olivet Nazarene University on June 8.

### Cancer Support Group

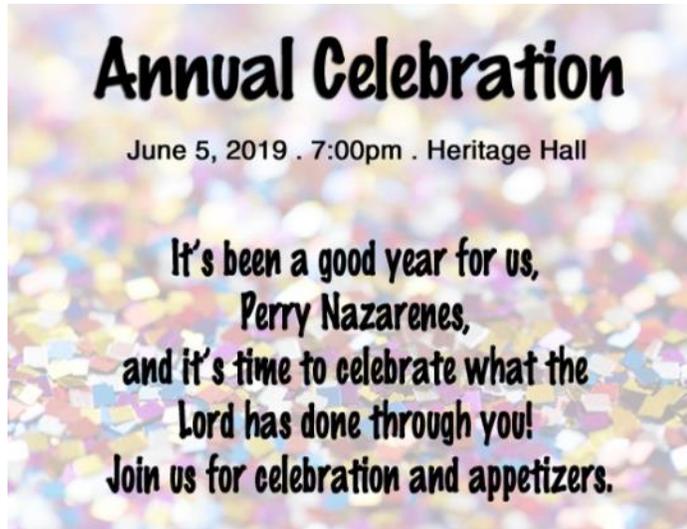
**June 10 . 7:00PM**

Caring cancer survivors meet monthly to listen and discuss the challenges of living with cancer. Everyone is welcome.

## Annual Meeting Celebration

Wednesday, June 5 . 7pm

We're taking the "meeting" out of our Annual Meeting and turning it into a "Celebration." On June 5th we will celebrate what God has done this year in the church. No long speeches. Instead, exciting praise reports, testimonies and prayer for God to guide us into His Future.



## Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for a few volunteers to serve on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact the church office for more information.

- Sound Booth –Staff practice with the worship team, assisting with all audio/visual elements during the worship service.
- Welcome Center—Greeters serve with a warm and friendly smile to welcome visitors and make them feel at home.

## Summer Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7pm (Beginning June 12)

Pastor Tim will lead a Bible study this summer for men and women. The study will cover material from that week's chapter of *The Story*. All are welcome to attend.

## Hearing Assistance Available

Hearing assistance technology is available during our worship services on Sunday morning. If you would like to use the technology, please ask someone in the sound booth for a receiver.

### K-6th GRADE

Kids Connect Kick Off

June 12 . 7pm

Kids Connect meets every Wednesday night at 7pm beginning June 12. We'll kick off the summer with a food fight. We are in need of mashed potato flakes, buns and frozen peas. If you would like to donate, please contact Sarah Bawks.



### 6th Grade Recognition . June 9 . 11:00am

We will celebrate our sixth graders who are moving into the youth group. We are proud of each of these kids as they begin this new phase of their life.

### Sunday School Promotions . June 16

Kids attend the Sunday School class for the grade they will attend in the Fall. We are excited for the children as they grow "in wisdom and stature."

### FIRST STEPS (18mo-early K)

First Steps Refresh

Beginning June 12th, preschool children are invited to join us on Wednesday nights at 7pm as we learn about the fruits of the Spirit.

### Welcome Party

June 12 . 6:30-9:30pm

Join us as we welcome incoming 7th graders into our youth group family (and also welcome summer for finally being here!). Bring a snack to share and we will provide a drink and hot dogs. This event is open to anyone entering 7th grade all the way up to just graduating high school. Invite your friends!



### Summer Camps

Sr. High (June 17-21) & Jr. High (June 24-28)

Teens are invited to summer camp at Indian Lake Nazarene camp. This extended retreat includes worship with an ONU band, an awesome speaker, and a ton of fun activities with peers, youth leaders and counselors. Cost is \$290. Our church is offering \$100 scholarships; contact Pastor Aaron for more information. Although the cost may seem high initially, this is better than most week-long camps, not to mention it is impossible to put a price on the spiritual impact summer camp can have on a teen! Don't miss this unforgettable week!



**Each Week in June**
**Sunday morning**

- 9:00 Early Worship  
First Steps Worship
- 10:00 Discipleship Classes (all ages)
- 11:00 Morning Worship  
First Steps Worship  
Inside Out Worship

**Wednesday evening**

- 7:00 Adult Bible Study  
Real Life Student Ministries  
Kids Connect  
First Steps Refresh

Paid nursery staff is available during all service times.

**COME AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE IN A POWERFUL WAY!**

**HIGH SCHOOL CAMP - JUNE 17-21**  
FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN GRADES 9-12 / \$290
**MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP - JUNE 24-28**  
FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN GRADES 6-8 / \$290
**VOYAGER CAMP - JULY 22-26**  
FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN GRADES 4-6 / \$290
**ADVENTURE CAMP - JULY 8-12**  
FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN GRADES 2-4 / \$290
**DISCOVERY CAMP - JULY 1-3**  
FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN GRADES K-2 / \$140
*Register at [www.IndianLake.camp](http://www.IndianLake.camp)*

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 We exist to lead as many as possible to  
 become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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