

Another Year, Now What?

Volume 7, Issue 12

January 2016



Perry Christian Church Crier



I love Isaiah 43 (NRSV), God's words of hope and salvation ring in my ear as the New Year rings in 2016.

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸**Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

These are such comforting words after the year we have had at Perry Christian Church. Our church has been hit hard by blights that have left us wondering what kind of future we can expect. But God is our refuge and our help in the stormy blast. **We need to believe with God's** help we can be more than conquerors.

I am reminded of the problem Joshua had AFTER he conquered the Promised Land. It was time

for the people of God to move forward and claim the land they had been given. Yet most of the tribes remained in the camp outside the Promised Land. They claimed to be regrouping after their losses from fighting to claim the land God had given them. It was easy to stay behind in the camp, it was safe, but it **was NOT God's will. God had** given them success to possess the land, not to look at it from afar.

Let us not be like the people of old when they won the land but became complacent and lazy. Let us, in 2016, vow to now move and claim that which God has given us to possess. We have fought hard to possess that which God has given to us. We have prayed for years, we have moved out in faith when there **didn't seem to be a way, we** have endured losses, we have endured lean and hard times, we have endured all the world can throw at us, yet we are still standing.

By the time you read this, it will be 2016, a new year, in which God is doing a new thing among us. So lift up your hearts, and gather your possessions, march into the promised land and not only claim it, but POSSESS it. Unpack your bags, set up camp, work the land, and reap the fruit of your work. And above all, give thanks to God, praise his Holy Name, keep your eyes on the Savior, and mind every word that comes forth from your mouth that it might claim the praises of the Lord who

has led us to this place, the place he has promised we would possess.

I look forward to possessing **God's promise to Perry Christian Church** as we follow our Savior into the Promised Land.

Blessings,
Pastor Janet



Thank You!

To My Church Family,

Words cannot say thank you enough for the Christmas monetary gift we received. And more than that, all the cards, gifts and well wishes from all of you. It was wonderful to spend time with Glenn at home this year; it gave us time to enjoy ourselves.

Glenn and I were most blessed by the Christmas Eve service this year. It was nice to gather with our church family to celebrate the birth of Christ, and to see **firsthand the work of God's hand upon the baby Alana, Susan's** granddaughter. Our church had prayed for her so long, and we were blessed to see the fruit of our prayers.

Thank you for sharing this Christmas season with us. It was a beautiful time for both of us to be home.

Many blessings upon you and your families.

Pastor Janet

FELLOWSHIP

Souper Sunday

We plan to have a Souper Sunday January 17th at 10:45a (right after worship.) If you can bring sandwiches, soup, or dessert, please sign up at the bulletin board. Note: There will be no Sunday School on this day.



CWM

2015 was a year filled with lots of enthusiasm, energy and joy for CWM! It was also a year of many blessings and much sadness as we lost many loved ones.

Our new officers for 2016 were installed at our Christmas Tea. They are Brenda Carr and Laurie Martin as co-presidents, Penny Angeloro and Linda Warfield as co-secretaries and Judy Bartlett and Donna VanBoxel as co-treasurers. We look forward to working with them.

Judy Bartlett

DISCIPLESHIP

Women's Bible Study

Bible study will be held on Thursday evening in January from 7-8:30p as weather permits. Mark your calendars for January 7, 14, 21 and 28th. Need more details? Talk with Brenda Carr.



MISSIONS

Project Hope

Our Project Hope Saturday Side Dish for January will be loaded potato salad. The ingredients needed are: 1 large onion, 1 bunch of celery, 3 packages of cheese cubes (any type), 1 small package of pepperoni, 2 packages of cubed ham, 8 oz. of sour cream, and 2 large **jars of Hellman's mayonnaise.** Susan will get the potatoes so they can be prepared prior to the food prep session on Thursday, January

14th at 6:00 p.m.

For the sack lunches we need: 5 loaves of bread, 55 slices of ham, 55 slices of cheese, 8 boxes fruit bars, 3 bags of 20 individual chips, 50 Large brown lunch bags, and 50 Ziploc sandwich bags.

The sign-up sheet for ingredients will be located on the church bulletin board. There is also a new calendar there for people to



sign-up to deliver the meals each **month. This month's delivery is on Saturday, January 16th at 6:45 p.m.**

Thanks for your help with this most worthwhile mission.

Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Church office is closed.	2
3 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	4 7p Trustee Mtg.	5	6 9a PCC Community Mission 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	7 2p Prayer Team 7p Bible Study	8	9
10 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	11	12	13 6p Elders' Mtg. 7p Board Mtg	14 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep 7p Bible Study	15	16 10a Band Practice 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
17 9:30a Worship 10:45a "Souper Sunday"	18	19	20 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	21 2p Prayer Team 7p Bible Study	22	23
24 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	25 Newsletter articles are due.	26	27 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	28 2p Prayer Team 7p Bible Study	29	30 10a Band Practice
31 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School						

JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULES

	Worship Leader	Elders	Greeters
3	Carole Martin	Earl Johnson Susan Callahan	Laurie Martin
10	Donna Van Boxel	Don Bartlett Linda Warfield	
17	Eric Van Boxel	Joann Rombough Rick Bartlett	Angie Silvis Barb Head
24	Susan Callahan	Susan Callahan Earl Johnson	
31	Joann Rombough	Linda Warfield Don Bartlett	
All Month	Deacons * Rod Collins ** Judy Bartlett Bob Wright	Counters Connie Smith Vicki Wakelee	Hostesses Linda Warfield Sherry Smith

January Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Glenn Mers	11	12	13	14 Dave Martin	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Terry Wakelee	22	23
24 Joan Chapman-Smith Rob Martin	25	26	27 Lyndsay Rombough	28	29	30 Joseph Rombough
31						



THIS AND THAT

Trustees

November and December were very active months pertaining to unscheduled maintenance needs, supplies and cleaning and preparing for the fall to winter switch over. Items accomplished in this 2 month period were:

- carpet cleaning,
- mower maintenance,
- **the ladies' restroom commode water** line was replaced/repaired,
- heating system motor connection was repaired,
- a new Uninterrupted Power Supply unit (UPS), including batteries and service call, for computer and other system backups was replaced,
- the Perry Fire Department annual building inspection was completed,
- Thank you to Tom Silvis for saving the

church money by transporting the mower to and from the service call.

- Thanks Rick Bartlett and Eric Van Boxel for replacing the batteries in all 4 exit lights.
- Thanks to Eric Van Boxel, Rick Bartlett and Don Bartlett for time spent on the soap dispensers (about 6 hours combined.)

The total expense for these items was \$2511.32 with approximately 35% not budgeted for 2015.

Other Recognition

Thanks to Diane and Dan Frey who donated a very nice 30"x60" Formica top fully adjustable table on wheels. It is currently being stored in the garage until we decide the 'best' usage.

The Scout troop continues to meet weekly at our church as part of our community service. They had their overnight Christmas sleep over and breakfast in December. We thank Rick Bartlett who stayed overnight to help with the Scouts program and thanks to Lori Silvis and Susan Callahan who cooked breakfast for the scouts. Also thanks to the many others that helped clean up the kitchen.

We also thank many other "unknown" people for your help because it takes a team of dedicated church family members to help keep our facility fully operational. We are all here, as a team, serving God's church and work in our community. God Bless and thank you!

Together, we can achieve!

Your PCC trustees



THANK YOU!

December 20, 2015

Thank you for prayers and cards during my 2 months of healing after surgery. God blesses me daily especially by having loving support from my PCC family.

Mary Hale

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the generous monetary gift for Christmas. I appreciate your kindness. I love seeing everyone's name on the card. It signifies to me that you truly are a family of God.

I hope that each of you had a blessed Christmas and pray that the new year will bring many blessings to you.

In Christ, Deb Kendrick

Thank you for the real nice love bag filled with goodies!

It was very thoughtful of everybody and well liked.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Earl Johnson

I would like to thank the CWM for the beautiful butterfly gift box I was presented with as the outgoing president.

May this New Year be a song of THANKSGIVING, an offering of PRAISE, and a celebration of GOD'S LOVE in HIS AMAZING GRACE.

Judy Bartlett

December 13, 2015

Dear Friends,

The trustees and staff of the Hope Chest wish to thank you for your gift of \$300.00 received on 12/9/2015. Your gift helps to buy cold weather items and to continue a vital service to residents in need in Lake County. Thank you again for your generosity and your concern for fellow residents of our area.

Sincerely, Deborah Frasher

Treasurer, The Hope Chest

Dear Perry Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for your unwavering support over the years. It means so much. The school year is going well. God willing in 2016 we will celebrate 90 years of service. Thanks to God and His faithful servants.

Candice Burnette, Bethany Christian Mission Center

Dear Friends, Thank you for your donation of lunch, apples, and bean salad received 11/21/2015. Your contributions make our continued success possible here at Project Hope for the Homeless. Each night up to 35 individuals and families have dinner, a hot shower, a comfortable bed, and caring staff members who work with them. Your gifts and prayers are restoring hope and renewing lives.

In Service, Judy Burr, CEO Project Hope for the Homeless