

# Perry Christian Church

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## RESURRECTION HOPE!

As I sit down to write this April article the Hope of Spring is on the horizon. Though Spring has officially begun, winter temperatures still threaten. But more and more days see warmer temperatures and birds are out in the yards; early flowers are peeking through, and the sun is shining more than not. It is a time for renewal and for hope, RESURRECTION HOPE!

I'm reminded of the down cast faces of the disciples after the crucifixion. I'm reminded how they started to disburse and leave in despair, each to their own home. I wonder if things would have been different had they stopped to consider how they were making their decisions out of fear, rather than deciding in Faith. Many often look at circumstances around them and decide what to do out of fear of scarcity, inability to succeed, or worse yet, fear of failure.

My mentor would always help me see the light whenever I was making a decision out of fear. Dr. Graves would say to me, "You are right, you don't

have the means, and you are unable to succeed in your own power." Then he would follow that statement up with this, "But then God never asked you to do in your own power what He called you to do." Somehow that always made me feel better, that if God asked me to do it, God would provide the means and the power.

It is time to start moving forward again. God is about to do a new thing in the Church.

**Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)**

**<sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.**

The new thing that is on the horizon for us is the way we make disciples. God loves to take wastelands and turn them into paradise, flowing with living water, rolling hills with beautiful trees, habitats for creation, and valleys lush with green grasses and vegetation. And the best part is that we are called to go and make the disciples that will populate this new thing that God is

about to do in our midst...disciples that follow God's son in faith, even in the hard times.

Jesus never said it would be easy. That's why when Jesus said:

**Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**  
**<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.**

And then Jesus added this final word of HOPE:

**And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

Let us make 2016 the year we intentionally GO, MAKE disciples, BAPTIS-ING in the name of The FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT, and TEACHING. And above all, let us not forget to trust in and rely on the power of Jesus' name it make it happen.

To succeed in the Father's will, we must trust in and rely on the power of His Son's Name. That is the kind of faith that can move mountains. And that

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### Special points of interest:

- Family Night
- All Daughters Banquet
- Bible Study—The War Room

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is the kind of power that lives in those who exercise Faith when God asks them to Go into the desert to do the Lord's Will. When we are obedient, God shows up.

When we are on task, God makes a way where there is no way. When we are on fire for God, people want what we have.

Go! Make Disciples! Baptize! Teach! Let us be about the Lord's work. I pray this Eastertide will

bring new refreshment to your lives and HOPE to your souls.

Blessings,  
Pastor Janet



## WORSHIP



Please be sure to pick up your devotional for the Eastertide to Pentecost. A church that prays together grows in strength, spirituality, and numbers.

The devotional is provided by the Region's New Church Start Team. We have started several new churches in our Region and we are grateful for their contribution to our spiritual growth.

## FELLOWSHIP

### WHAT A FANTASTIC NIGHT!

Our Spring Break Family Night, held on Tuesday, March 29th was a big success. Everyone enjoyed an evening of active games, quiet games, noisy games, jigsaw puzzles, and just plain socializing. Snacks were plentiful and enjoyed by all. Young and "older" shared in an evening of fun and entertainment. I want to especially thank



### FAMILY NIGHT

Tim for the bible lesson for the kids, and us kids at heart.

Our next Family Night is Friday, April 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We will have similar activities and snacks, so be sure to make your reservations. You can sign up on Facebook, call the church at 440-259-4821 and leave a message, including the ages of the kids or call Carole Martin.

**JOIN US FOR THE FUN!**

## CWM's ALL DAUGHTERS BANQUET

CWM will hold its annual All Daughters Banquet on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

All daughters are invited to attend. The men of the church will be preparing a delicious meal as usual.

Our entertainment for the evening is "Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show." The show is fun, exciting and very educational. This "hands on"

show is extremely entertaining.

Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Tickets cost \$8 per person; \$5 for children 10 years old and younger.

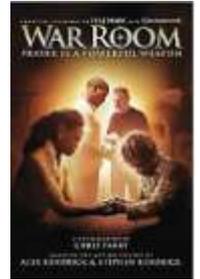
For more details and to make reservations see Brenda Carr or Laurie Martin.



# DISCIPLESHIP

## BIBLE STUDY

An Adult Bible Study will begin on Thursday, April 14th. This *War Room* Bible study features five inspiring movie clips and five scriptural lessons adapted from the feature film *War Room*. Study will run six consecutive weeks April 14 through May 19th. Study starts at 7:00 and ends at 8:30. We would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, see or call Brenda Carr or Penny Harrison.



## MINISTRY

### The Garden Connect Team

We will meet in the Teen Room on Sunday, April 10th at 8:00 a.m. It is time to start working in God's backyard. We have exciting new plans for 2016. Come and join us!



## MISSION

### PROJECT HOPE

This month's Saturday Side-Dish is Sausage Pasta Bake. We will be preparing it on Thursday, April 14th at 6:00p. Here's what we need: 2—1 lb blocks of Velveeta cheese, 6 cans of tomato sauce, 4 cans of diced tomatoes, 4 green peppers and 2 large onions.



For lunches this month we need: 2 cases of water (24-32 bottles each), 2 bags of 20+ individual bags of chips, 2 boxes of fruit bars, 50 zip lock sandwich bags, 5 loaves of bread, 55 slices of turkey, and 55 slices of cheese.

If you are unable to supply an item but would like to participate, monetary donations can be given to Susan Callahan.

This month, Gerry & Susan Callahan will deliver the food on Saturday, April 16th at 6:45p.

Brenda Carr and Susan Callahan

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

In the past few years we have given out almost 40 prayer shawls. There are shawls and bags of yarn in the cedar chest. If you are visiting a friend who would be comforted by a shawl, please take one. If you would like to participate by making a shawl, help yourself to the yarn. Thank you.

Susan Callahan



# April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 8:00a CWM Executive Mtg. 9:30a Worship Congregational Meeting Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	4	5	6 9a PCC Community Mission  6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	7 2p Prayer Team	8	9 10a Band Practice  Pastor in Columbus—Regional Church Council
10 8:00a Garden Team Mtg. 9:30a Worship Fellowship 11a Sunday School	11 7p Trustee Mtg.	12	13 Pastor in Columbus—Regional Finance Team  6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	14 2p Prayer Team  6p Project Hope Food Prep  7p Bible Study - The War Room	15	16 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
17 9:30a Worship Elder & Deacon Mtg. Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	18 Newsletter articles are due.	19 Pastor Training Coaching—Clinton Ohio	20 Pastor Training Coaching—Clinton Ohio  6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	21 2p Prayer Team  7p Bible Study - The War Room	22 6-8p Family Night	23 10a Band Practice
24 9:30a Worship 11:00a Sunday School 5:00p All Daughters Banquet	25	26 Pastor in Columbus—Regional Transformation Team	27 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	28 2p Prayer Team  7p Bible Study - The War Room	29	30

# April Service Schedules

	<b>Worship Leaders</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
<b>3</b>	Brenda Carr	Rick Bartlett Joann Rombough	Frankie Blanchard
<b>10</b>	Sydney Martin	Earl Johnson Susan Callahan	
<b>17</b>	Eric Van Boxel	Linda Warfield Don Bartlett	Sherry Smith
<b>24</b>	Vicki Wakelee	Joann Rombough Rick Bartlett	Linda Warfield
<b>All Month</b>	<b>Deacons</b> *Eric Van Boxel **Frankie Blanchard Vicki Wakelee	<b>Counters</b> Frankie Blanchard Connie Smith	<b>Hosts</b> Penny Angeloro Susan Callahan
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# April Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Bob Wright	4	5	6	7 Tammie Pierce	8 Graham Polzer	9
10	11	12	13 Audriana Polzer	14	15	16
17	18 Pat Johnson	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Emily Hinton	27	28	29	30

# THIS AND THAT



## SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCES

It's not too early to be thinking about the summer programs at Camp Christian. To find out more information or register for any of these camping experiences visit the [Christian Church in Ohio web-site](http://ccinoh.com/camp-christian/summer-programs.aspx) (<http://ccinoh.com/camp-christian/summer-programs.aspx>) or check the church office or bulletin board.

### JUNE 2016

**June 10** Grandparent's Camp

**June 12** Chi Rho Camp Week #1

**June 13** Adult Conference

**June 19** CYF Conference Week #1

**June 26** Otter Camp



### JULY 2016

**July 6** Ribbit Camp

**July 8** Disciple Men Sessions

**July 10** CYF Conference Week #2

**July 17** Chi Rho Camp Week #2

**July 24** CYF Conference Week #2

**July 31** Chi Rho Camp Week #3

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

Tim Johnson's new address & phone:  
1425 Davista Avenue  
Madison, Ohio 44057  
home: 440-428-8643  
Cell phone and email remain the same.

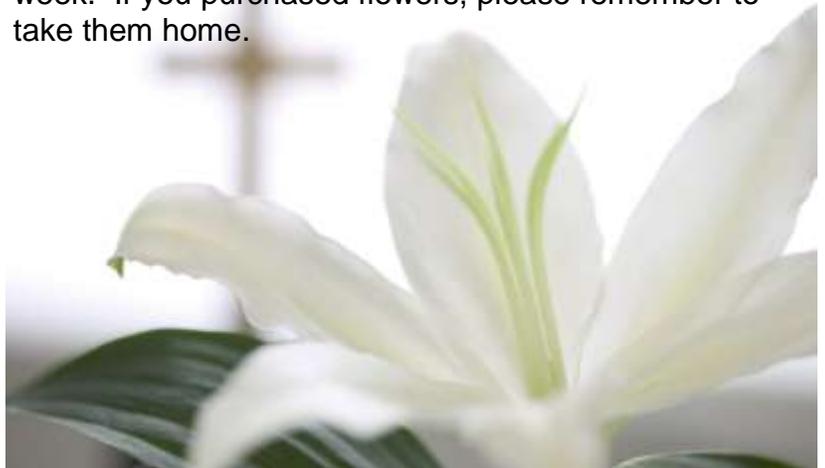
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Linda Warfield's new email:  
lwarfield8677@gmail.com



## EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you for the beautiful array of Easter flowers last week. If you purchased flowers, please remember to take them home.



“Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.” Maya Angelou

# THANK YOU

## To the Youth...

Thank you for rising early to make the special Challah Bread for Easter Morning. It was delicious. You made the whole church smell good when you were making the bread. And I understand you made pizza too. Well done.

Blessings,  
Pastor

## To Glenn and the Crew

Thank you to Glenn and everyone else who helped in preparing, setting up or cleaning up our Easter breakfast. It is always good to gather with our church family on special occasions and on Easter especially to celebrate new life in Christ Jesus.

Blessings,  
Pastor

## From Project Hope...

We received 2 thank you letters...one for January and one for February stating:

Project Hope is grateful for the gifts of food (side dishes & lunches) along with the clothing that was delivered by Brenda Carr & Virginia Brennan on January 16th and February 20th. On behalf of the children and adults staying at Project Hope—thank you!

In December, Project Hope's capacity expanded to 50 beds, and we are so blessed that you have chosen to support our guests in their efforts to restore their hope and renew their lives.

Your donation is bringing guests out of sleeping in cars, under bridges, or other places not meant for humans, into a place where they will find a safe place to sleep, nutritious meals, a hot shower and hygiene items, and goals that have helped more than 60% of all guests leave for a positive outcome.

I see their gratitude every time I talk to a former guest, when they call and drop in to visit. You have helped changed their lives, and on their behalf, I thank you.

In Service,  
Judy Burr  
Executive Director

Some interesting facts for 2015:

- 1,819 calls for shelter were turned away in 2015 because Project Hope was full.
- 344 adults were served in 2015 in three separate programs.
- 95 children were served in 2015 in two separate programs
- 14,492 days or nights of service were given in 2015 in two programs.
- 65% of adults and 74% of families made positive transitions in 2015.

# Newsletter



# April 2016

Pastor Rev. Dr. Janet Mers  
Worship 9:30am  
Fellowship 10:30am  
Sunday School 11:00am  
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