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Aches and Pains

As I sit down to write my news article for February 2016 I am reminded about how easily we can become **weak when we don't use** our bodies in the manner in which they were designed. Staying off my feet for two weeks each time I had surgery on a foot has made my legs, knees and ankles weak and has caused me to lose my balance. My physical therapist Amethyst has given me exercises to strengthen my ankles and legs so I can walk and stand. While I am getting stronger my atrophied muscles would be happier to just relax. There are no aches or pains when my muscles are at rest. But the silent killer of sitting and not moving is osteoporosis and a slow decline in strength until eventually one becomes bedridden, unable to do the simplest of tasks.

The Church, according to 1 Corinthians 12, is also a body. And just like the human body, when all the parts are not working together as they should, other parts of the body have to do

double duty and become fatigued. And those parts that are resting and relaxing now, are atrophying and will ache and feel the pain of rehabilitation when they exercise.

The focus of this year's physical therapy for Perry Christian Church is Discipleship. And the prescribed exercise is Mission work. But not just work with our current membership. For mission work to be considered Missional, the work must include members of Perry Christian Church and guests of our church. In other words, when you attend a mission gathering bring a friend, a family member or your neighbor with you. The exercise requires that you verbally communicate to others what you are doing for the community in such a way as to encourage others to want to join the Mission. Bringing others to our Mission work builds Discipleship in our members, and opens the door for others to be blessed too!

Interestingly enough, God has often gone outside the church to bless others.

Naaman the leper from Syria was healed, a poor widow at Zarephath in Sidon was sustained through a drought, and even Jesus healed those who were not Jews, but had great faith. God blesses where God sees a person who will turn and follow His leading. If we are the hands and feet of Jesus, the body of Christ, let us take our lead from Jesus who has shown us that we grow in Discipleship, as we engage in Missional work, bringing our community to God through Worship, Ministry, and Mission.

I look forward to meeting your friends and family at our next Mission gathering.

Blessings,

Pastor Janet



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Special points of interest:

- Ash Wednesday Supper & Worship
- Lenten Study
- Week of Compassion

WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 10th is Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm. This is the start of the Lenten Season. This year we will begin with a light supper at 6pm, and then move into our Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7pm.



FELLOWSHIP

SOUPER SUNDAY & A MOVIE



February 21st is our next Souper Sunday, but with a twist. We will enjoy delicious

homemade soup, sandwiches, desserts and fellowship in addition to the movie box hit “War Room” to reinvigorate our prayer lives. And of course, there will be popcorn and fun and games. So

make time to join in this time of fellowship.

If you are willing to help supply, soup, sandwiches or dessert, please sign up on the bulletin board.

DISCIPLESHIP

A MEETING YOU SHOULD NOT MISS!

The general Board has decided to gather a team of members who have worked with young children and youth to learn what they know about what interests and enlightens them, and what will encourage them to come to church and want to bring their friends. If you have had any experience with children or youth as a coach, as a teacher, day care provider, Sunday school teacher, or worked in the school system etc, please let Carole Martin know so you can be part of the initial conversation. We are very much interested in your thoughts and

what you have experienced to inform us as to what we might do in the future to disciple our youth and young children.

Carole Martin, Board Chair

FIRST FRUITS OF PRAYER

The Lenten Season begins February 10th with Ash Wednesday. Glenn will be using the devotional “First Fruits of Prayer”, a 40 day journey through the Cannon of St. Andrew by Frederica Mathews-Green (ISBN 978-1-55725-611-9). St Andrew lived in the 7th and 8th centuries in the Middle East and composed many hymns and prayer books. The Cannon of St.

Andrew is still used as Liturgy during Lent in the Orthodox Church, (not to be confused with the Roman Catholic Church). The Orthodox Church is so named because they continue to use the same prayers and liturgy from the 1st century Christians. The book is divided into 40 one day readings for Lent with commentary by the author.

If you are interested in joining Glenn for this journey and a Sunday discussion during the Lenten season, please let him know. Also, Glenn will be observing the traditional Orthodox fast days of Wednesday and Friday

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through Lent. He will “go meatless” on these days as a spiritual discipline. This may be a different kind of Lenten Fast for you, but the Orthodox Christians have been using this fast for centuries to build their spirituality. Remember Lent is not only about “giving up” something; it is about taking in the Spirit of God through a disciplined change in our daily routine. If you are interested, talk to Glenn.



YOUNG CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are off to the beginning of a new year! We are finishing up learning about money and making our banks with Mary Hale. The children really enjoyed this craft. In the months coming we will learn about how God is with us in the objects around us in our everyday lives.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Helmick and Taunya Brewer

CWM Bible Study Thursday Nights, 7-8:30 PM

We will be finishing up our study of the book “Unoffendable” by Brant Hansen in February.

For our next bible study starting in April we are looking at a study based on the movie “War Room”. Look for more details in your March Crier.

Questions? See Brenda Carr.



MINISTRY

GARDEN TEAM MEETING

There will be a garden team meeting on Sunday, February 14th at 8:00 a.m. in the Teen Room. All garden team members are encouraged to attend.

MISSION

PROJECT HOPE

The congregation continues to support Project Hope the third Saturday of each month with a “Side Dish” for their evening meal. We also provide 55 lunches that are handed out to those in need of a lunch when they leave the shelter each morning.

We are always in need of fruit bars, bottled water, individual size bags of chips, large brown lunch

bags, Ziploc sandwich bags, loaves of bread, lunchmeat and cheese.

“Gently worn winter coats and sweatshirts are always needed at Project Hope.”

There is a list on the bulletin board each month where you can sign up to bring items. If you would prefer, you can donate money to purchase items. See Susan Callahan or Brenda Carr.



Specific items needed for our February Saturday Side Dish of fruit salad are: 4 large cans pineapple chunks, 4 large cans Mandarin oranges, 3 large cans sliced peaches and 3 large cans sliced pears. Susan will pick up apples for the salad.

For lunches this month we need: 55 slices of Turkey or chicken, 55

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 9a PCC Community Mission 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	4 2p Prayer Team 7p Bible Study	5	6
7 8a CWM Executive Board 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	8 7p Trustee Mtg.	9	10 6p Light Supper 7p Ash Wednesday Worship	11 2p Prayer Team 7p Bible Study	12	13 10a Band Practice
14 8a Garden Team Mtg. 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	15	16	17 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	18 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep 7p Bible Study	19	20 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
21 9:30a Worship 10:45a Souper Sunday & a Movie	22 Newsletter articles are due.	23 Pastor— Transformation Mtg. in Columbus 10:30a-2:30p	24 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts	25 2p Prayer Team 7p Bible Study	26	27 10a Band Practice
28 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School	29					

February Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters
7	Vicki Wakelee	Joann Rombough Earl Johnson	Earl and Pat Johnson
Purple 14	Ben Pierce	Susan Callahan Rick Bartlett	Eric and Donna Van Boxel
21	Pat Johnson	Don Bartlett Linda Warfield	Linda Warfield
28	Earl Johnson	Earl Johnson Susan Callahan	
All Month Sacristan Virginia Brennan Karen Hinton	Deacons *Vicki Wakelee **Eric Van Boxel Judy Bartlett 7th & 28th Diane Lett 14th & 21st	Counters Connie Smith Judy Bartlett	Hosts Eric and Donna Van Boxel Mary Hale



February Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Karen Hinton	2	3	4	5 Tom Harrison	6 Ben Pierce
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Brenda Carr	26	27
28 Roger Lett, Sr.	29					

PROJECT HOPE

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slices of cheese,
5 loaves of bread, 55 bottles of
water, and
3 bags of 20 individual chips.

Several of our helpers have left the

area for the winter. We could
really use some additional help
preparing the food on Thursday,
February 18th and delivering it on
Saturday, February 20th.

If you have a gently worn winter
coat or sweatshirt that you no

longer wear, the shelter is always
in need of these during the winter
months. Bring them to church and
we will deliver them when we de-
liver the food.

Brenda Carr and Susan Callahan

WEEK OF COMPASSION

In a world where communities
are being displaced by the catas-
trophes of war, famine and natural
disasters, the Church is called to
respond in unity and empathy.

**Ruth said, "Where you go I will
go, and where you stay I will stay.
Your people will be my people
and your God my God." (Ruth**

1:16) Ruth's promise to Naomi
defines what solidarity entails. It
is a challenge for Christians to
walk intentionally with refugees as
they seek to build new homes in a
strange land.

The Week of Compassion offer-
ing supports this ministry to help
refugees through the trauma of
displacement, toward a new life of

well-being and promise.

The offering will be collected
on February 21st and 28th. Small
Week of Compassion banks are
located on the cedar chest by the
south entrance if you would like
to count your blessings during the
month of February as you help
others.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

**"Because of good-hearted
people like you, this world is a
nicer place. I hope all the good
you do comes back to you."**

Thank you so much for the
lovely prayer shawl. It will be a
comfort around my shoulders.

Sincerely,

Kay Hayes

Dear Perry Christian Church,

Thank you for the support you give The Perry Center. At this time we especially want to thank you for your ongoing contribution of toothpaste, shampoo, hand soap, dish soap and laundry detergent, which our clients look forward to since food stamps will not help them with these essential items. Your Thanksgiving food donation, nuts, for the Christmas boxes, Christmas underwear donation and support of the Salvation Army Belly Ringing is wonderful. Lastly the volunteers from your church that routinely support The Center and those that assisted us at Christmas are the best.

May God's richest blessings be yours today and every day.

Yours truly,

Diane Hopp and Lynda Rossiter

Executive Directors, The Perry Center



CLEVELAND CHRISTIAN HOME

Dear Rev. Dr. Mers and members of Perry Christian Church,

You made a difference in the life of a child today.

We hope that you will take a minute to think about that.

No child should have to face the challenges that our kids have faced during their short lives. Many people **only** see our kids as “**problem**” children. **Even worse, many don’t see them at all because it’s hard to acknowledge that there are children who need so much help.** Your gifts allow our children to know that someone sees and cares for them.

At Cleveland Christian Home our trained professionals work hard every day. They are the unsung heroes in the struggles against abuse, neglect, and mental illness. They have dedicated their lives to helping and healing children, working day and night to help our kids build new lives. They are providing therapy in **our schools, homes, and communities as well as at the actual Cleveland Christian “Home.”** Your support makes you part of our team.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$300 on 11/15/2015 and for the Christmas presents that were delivered in December.

We thank you for your continued support and for sharing your light with our children. You made Christmas magical for them.

Sincerely,

James McCafferty, CEO

Kate Vinciguerra, Dir. of Development

THIS AND THAT

CWM Executive Board Meeting

Our first executive board meeting of the year is February 7th from 8-9:15 am. We will be discussing fund raising in addition to the usual things.

Our March 16th meeting has been cancelled because our speaker is not available now on that date. We will try to reschedule.

Brenda Carr

