

Perry Christian Church

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A New Thing Happening—Do You Perceive It?



I would like to thank those who stepped up to the plate to discern where God is leading Perry Christian Church in 2016: Carole Martin, who convened the team, Rick and Darla Bartlett, Judy Bartlett, Thurlene and Andy Lawson, Penny Angeloro, Taunya and Aaron Brewer, Tim Johnson, Mindy Polzer and Laurie Martin. We have met twice now and out of our discernment came several interesting comments.

When we think of Church we think of family as described in Acts 2. Church is where we live out our faith and grow in our spiritual walk with the Lord. Church is about sharing the joys and sorrows of our brothers and sisters. It is a place that sustains us as we move among, work in and raise our families in our communities. To this end we see worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and mission as a family affair.

As we envision what family looks like in the 21st century, we see some relevant ways to build our faith and to be family to-

gether. One such discernment that came out of our team was that Sunday school looks different in the 21st century. In the 1960's the purpose of Sunday school was to teach the Bible and to disciple in the faith. The model used to implement this program was the "school room."

However, it appears after a little research with some youth, in the 21st century the school room has lost its appeal. Today the model put forth by the team was to include the youth in worship from the beginning through the first scripture. After the first scripture there would be a youth short lesson and then the youth would go to their respective rooms for an age appropriate lesson. After Pastor's sermon and Invitation song, the youth will return to the worship service to join the family in communion and prayer. The hope is to engage the youth in community worship.

Another leg of the discipleship stool is the Tuesday night Family events that have various activities

planned in addition to a short lesson and snacks. This model of engaging our youth twice a week in a family setting has the effect of living the Christian life through bonding the family, discipling and growing spiritually in a safe and encouraging environment.

The team has considered and discerned various options, and now it is time for Perry Christian Church to join the team as we help our church family grow. Our first family event is Tuesday, March 29, from 6-8p. It is a free family event for the entire church and your family and friends. Please mark your calendars with the date and time to help us launch this new model of discipleship for our community. If you are able to donate snacks or games—please see Carole Martin.

May God add his blessing to our faithful worship and ministry.

Blessings,
Pastor
Janet



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Special points of interest:

- Holy Week Worship Opportunities
- Spring Break Family Night

WORSHIP—HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Lord's Community Choir will be presenting the Easter cantata, "No Cross, No Crown" at the Perry First Baptist Church (3918 Main St.) on Saturday, March 19th at 7p and Sunday, March 20th at 3p.

At 7:00p on Thursday, March 24th we will be re-enacting "Remember the Upper Room." If you would like to participate in this remembrance, please speak to the pastor. Men are needed to enact the scene, women to read and possibly to play a servant or two. The service will



be a time of reflection as we view the Last Supper through another's eyes.

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 27TH begins with Easter Breakfast at 8am and Worship at 9:30am. Easter breakfast & worship invitations are available for you to invite your family and friends. Please pick one up and invite someone to Easter Sunday.

FELLOWSHIP

SOUPER SUNDAY

March 13th will be a third Souper Sunday. If you would like to donate soup, sandwiches, or dessert, please sign up at the bulletin board.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Perry Christian Church will be preparing their world famous free will offering Easter Breakfast. Please turn in a reservation, so we know how many to expect. Any men who can help with the setup for the breakfast and worship, cook and clean up please talk to Glenn.

DISCIPLESHIP

SPRING BREAK FAMILY NIGHT

Come One, Come All...to Perry Christian Church for an evening of fun, games and refreshments. This is a FREE event for the whole family to be held on Tuesday, March 29th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Since this is a family event, we would like parents/guardians to stay for the evening.

If you have a current Facebook account: Log on to your account. In the search bar at the top of the page, search Perry Christian Church (look for the red chalice) and click on the chalice. Make sure you "like" this page. Scroll down to Spring Break Family Night event and respond or comment how many will be attending, along with the ages of the children, so we can have age appropriate games. Also, please share this page to help spread the word to your family and friends.

If you do not have a current Facebook account: Please call Carole Martin at 259-2257 to register, so we can have age appropriate games for the kids and a count for refreshments.

YOUTH LIFE LESSON

Sunday, February 28th the youth had a life lesson about communion bread. They made bread for Easter Sunday communion. Maybe they made us some braided Hallah bread?



MINISTRY

GARDEN TEAM MEETING

Even during the winter, we can find beauty. We have had some severe weather so far this year and also some pretty mild weather.

The team is extending **an invitation** to the congregation and asking if anyone has interest in joining us on the Connection Garden Team. Last year we met seven times during the year and we usually meet at 8:00 AM on a Sunday morning. We will discuss the direction we should take to improve the current children's and kitchen garden spaces as well as any possible new ideas.

We are also in need of some LARGE (about 18" diameter or larger) containers to be used for planting. We felt we needed to get the word out now, so if you have any LARGE containers you no longer want it may be something we can use. We may purchase containers as well, but thought we would at least communicate our needs. The main reason for large containers is so we



may reduce watering and the plants will not dry out as quickly.

Last year we had a good crop of beans as well as some lettuce, tomatoes, squash and strawberries. There are herbs planted as well. The garden produce is available to the church family. Anyone is welcome to harvest its bounty. This year we plan to have a crop of peas planted. We ask that you continue to pray for the team as we move forward.

Linda Warfield & Penny Angeloro
Co-chairs

MISSION

PROJECT HOPE

This month's Saturday Side-Dish is grilled chicken salad. We will be preparing it on Thursday, March 17th at 6:00p. Here's what we need:

2 bottles of Italian dressing, 2 bottles of ranch dressing, 1 large bag of shredded cheddar cheese, 2 jars of black olives, 1 bunch of celery, and 1 small onion. Susan

will be picking up the chicken and lettuce for early prep.

For lunches this month we need: 55 slices of ham, 55 slices of cheese, 5 loaves of bread, 2 cases of 24-32 bottles of water, 3 bags of 20 individual chips, 50 giant/large brown lunch bags.

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



Several of our helpers have left the area for the winter. We could really use some additional help preparing the food on Thursday, March 17th. Preparation takes approximately 30 minutes. We need a delivery person(s) on Saturday, March 19th at 6:45p.

Brenda Carr and Susan Callahan



March 2016



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | 1 | 2 9a PCC Community Mission 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School | 7 | 8 | 9 6p Elder Meeting 7p Board Meeting | 10 2p Prayer Team | 11 | 12 10a Band Practice |
| 13 9:30a Worship 10:45a Souper Sunday | 14 7p Trustee Mtg. | 15 10a Pastor transformation conference call | 16 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts | 17 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep 7p CWM Haley Richardson Mission Program | 18 | 19 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery 7:00p Easter Cantata at Perry 1st Baptist Church |
| 20 Palm Sunday 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a Sunday School 3:00p Easter Cantata at Perry 1st Baptist | 21 Newsletter articles are due. | 22 | 23 6:30-7:30p Boy Scouts | 24 Maundy Thursday 7p Worship Service | 25 Good Friday Church Office Closed | 26 10a Band Practice |
| 27 Easter 8-9a Easter Breakfast 9:30a Worship No Sunday School today | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

March Service Schedules

| | Worship Leaders | Elders | Greeters |
|--|---|---|--|
| 6 | Laurie Martin | Don Bartlett Linda Warfield | |
| 13 | Linda Warfield | Rick Bartlett Joann Rombough | Darla and Rick Bartlett |
| 20 | Aaron Brewer | Susan Callahan Earl Johnson | |
| 27 | Sherry Smith | Linda Warfield Don Bartlett | |
| All Month Sacristan Donna Van Boxel Sandy McKenna | Deacons *Judy Bartlett **Bob Wright Rod Collins | Counters Judy Bartlett Vicki Wakelee | Hosts Judy Bartlett Thurlene Lawson Darla Bartlett |



March Birthdays



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Frankie Blanchard | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Carole Martin | 9 Donna Van Boxel | 10 Roger Lett, Jr. | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Dillon Johnson | 15 | 16 Gene Warfield | 17 Thurlene Lawson Andy Lawson | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Joe Kraws | 29 Mary Snyder | 30 | 31 | | |

THIS AND THAT

CWM

CWM SPONSORED EUROPEAN MISSION SPEAKER

On March 17th from 6:30 - 8 PM Haley Richardson will speak on her 2015 European Mission Trip. Haley will speak about her time serving and learning in Romania, her experience regarding human trafficking and other things that changed her life as a Christian. She will discuss how we are all called to missions work and what that could look like in our lives. CWM invites the entire congregation to join us for this informative presentation.

CWM "FUND RAISING EVENT" ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

On Thursday, March 31st at 6:30 pm there will be a meeting of everyone (men & women, CWM Board members and non-members) who wants to help with the Annual Fund Raising Event. The Event is tentatively scheduled for October 2, 2016. We need to set up committees to handle the various tasks. As you all know, time flies! The sooner we start the smoother the event will go.

be taking the month of March off. Our next study will be a study based on the movie "War Room". Penny Harrison will be leading the study. We will tentatively start on April 14th. For more information see Penny or Brenda.

UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS:

- April 3rd, Sunday @ 8 am: CWM Board Meeting.
- April 14th, Thursday @ 7pm: Tentative starting date for new Bible Study
- April 24th, Sunday @ 5 pm - All Daughters Banquet.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study, "Unoffendable" wrapped up in February. We will

NOT

Just for KIDS

Easter Surprises!

Connect the dots to find 2 symbols of Easter.
Write the words in order on the lines below.

18 • holy
17 • The
16 • The
15 • Son
14 • Son
13 • His
12 • 1
11 • God
10 • Christ
9 •

19 • righteous
20 • loving
21 • one
22 • He
23 • He
24 • one
25 • again
26 • He
27 • died
28 • died
29 • to
30 • to
31 • save
32 • again
33 • rose
34 • rose
35 • us
36 • us
37 • all
38 • from
39 • And
40 • sin
41 • Easter
42 • on
43 • day
44 • He
45 • rose
46 • again

gave 4 • day 43
Jesus 8 • us 7 • 5 • 6 • Easter on 40
The 16 • Son 14 • of 13 • God 11 • rose 12 • again 13 • for 14 • us 15 •

righteous 18 • died 27 •

And 39 • sin 40 •

He 26 • rose 34 • again 35 • for 36 • us 37 •

gave 4 • us 7 • 5 • 6 • Easter on 40 • the 41 • third 42 • day 43 •

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_____ 40 _____ 41 _____ 42 _____ 43 _____ 44 _____ 45 _____ 46 _____

THANK YOU

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January 27, 2016

Perry Christian Church
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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for helping me in my time of need.
It's been a month since I left.
Thank you for caring and showing me that with God's
help all things are possible.

Your gift received 12/19/2015 is helping guests in their times of need. On behalf of the children and adults staying at Project Hope – thank you!

We are in a season of growth right now as we expand our shelter's overall capacity. We began with an increase of five beds, from 35 to 40, on Nov. 30, and are excited to have increased to 50 beds this Christmas! What a gift that is!

None of this would be possible without your generosity. Through your donation, you help shelter guests overcome addictions. You help the chronically homeless become housed. You help families break the cycle of homelessness and find a better future for their families.

Through December, 331 individuals, including 57 children, have found a safe place to sleep, nutritious meals, a hot shower and hygiene items, and a goal-based program at Project Hope – and more than 65 percent of them have left the shelter for a positive outcome. Former guests are returning to serve on-site as volunteers, staff, board members, and leaders, helping to spark change in their communities. Some shared their stories in our new book, "Hope Lives," available on our website or by calling us.

We are so appreciative of your support – but more grateful for your hearts of service and compassion. As Paul wrote to the Philippians – "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." Thank you, and have a blessed new year.

In Service,

Judy Burr
CEO

director@projecthopeonline.org

You have received no gifts or services in exchange for this donation.

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