



Perry Christian Church

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A VERY IMPORTANT CONVERSATION

Where did the time go? The leaves are turning beautiful colors, and it is cold! I miss summer. But without winter, there would be no summer. Sometimes we need the cold to remember we love the warm.

The leadership team is grappling with re-visioning the future of our church. It isn't a daunting task, but one that requires looking at the future through different eyes. We have taken the time to read, research, and to have conversation around

what it looks like to be the Church in the 21st century. There are many models out there we could follow, but that is not what God is calling us to do. God has a very special assignment for us.

Wednesday, November 9th at 7pm there will be discussions at the General Board meeting about our role in our community, our role with the Ohio Region Christian Church, and about us the church in the 21st century: how to be church so we can continue to draw our

circle around our community to include them into God's family.

Elders, Deacons, Trustees, Sacristans, are all voting members of the General Board and are invited to join this this very important conversation November 9th at 7pm. Please plan to be present for this General Board meeting. Your thoughts and conversation are important and welcome.

Blessings,
Pastor Janet



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WORSHIP



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

It is our custom to give back to our community each thanksgiving to the Perry Center. It is a time we collect the items our church is responsible to supply to the Perry Center and items for the Christmas baskets the Perry Center will give to their clients. So this year we will bring \$1 items of: toothbrush, toothpaste, laundry detergent, shampoo, hand soap, dish soap, and for the Christmas gift baskets we need cake mix and frosting. Please start bringing your gifts for Thanksgiving Sunday starting November 6th.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

This year we hang the greens November 26 at 9am. Everyone is welcome to help decorate the church. It is a fun time and after we decorate we will have lunch. Glenn will make Turkey and split pea soup. We need sandwiches and dessert. Sherry Smith is coordinating this event and the lunch.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

This year because Christmas falls on a Sunday, we will have to get our order for poinsettias in early. If you would like to order a poinsettia to take home Christmas Sunday in honor or memory of a special someone, please complete an order form, place it in the Flower envelope with your check or money. All orders are due by December 4th. The 6 1/2 inch white or red poinsettias are \$5.10, and the large are \$13.00.



Special points of interest:

- Holiday Dinner
- Perry Center Collection
- Hanging of the Greens

FELLOWSHIP

HOLIDAY DINNER

Leaves are falling and so are temperatures so it must be time for **Perry Christian Church's "Holiday Dinner."** Our traditional kickoff to the holiday season will be held on Sunday, November 20th at 4:30 p.m.

Roast turkey, baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, and beverages will be provided. A sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts will be available on Sunday, No-

vember 6th, as will reservation cards. Please fill out a card so we will have an idea of how many will be attending. Also, sign-up to bring your favorite holiday dish to share.

If you would like to make a donation toward the turkey and ham, please place it in the collection plate and designate that **it's for the turkey and ham, or see Glenn.**

There will be fund and games

with "fabulous prizes," so be sure to attend and invite your family and friends.

A free-will offering will be taken for the Painesville Assembly of God Church (on Jackson St.) to assist them with feeding the poor.

Glenn Mers



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our next Family Fun Night is November 17, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This will be our Chili Cook-off. Make your favorite chili recipe and bring enough for everyone to taste. Perhaps we will have something special for the winner. If not, we will all enjoy a good meal. We will also have something for those who don't care for chili.

There will be games, puzzles, and the Wii. Come join the fun!

Please register on Facebook or by calling the church and leaving a message (440-259-4281), or by calling Carole Martin (440-259-2257). Let us know how many children and what ages will be attending. Also, let us know if you will be making chili.

Carole Martin



Sue Talley Memorial Christmas Tea

Mark your calendars for the Annual Sue Talley Memorial Christmas Tea at 7 pm on Wednesday, December 14th. We will be sure to have your favorite hot teas & cocoa and fancy Christmas cookies. We will start taking reservations soon. Come & join us for this annual Christmas event and bring a friend.

Brenda Carr, Co-Chair CWM

DISCIPLESHIP

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: THE GRAVE ROBBER

Miracles are happening all around us all the time, but you won't see them if you don't know how to look for them.

Mark Batterson, bestselling author of *The Circle Maker*, reveals the incredible power of the seven miraculous signs of Jesus found in the Gos-

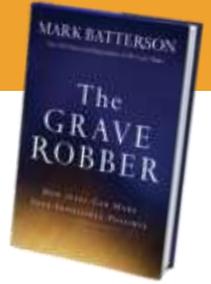
pel of John, showing how they are not simply something Jesus did in the past but also something He wants to do now, in the present. Mark shares true stories of people today who are experiencing miracles in their lives. And he brings to light the countless miracles, big and small, we take for granted every day—miracles that point us toward the One who healed the sick, calmed the storm, and yes, even raised the dead.

Nothing has changed since Jesus

called Lazarus out of his tomb four days after his funeral. No matter how big the problem is, God is bigger still. If you long to see God work in miraculous ways today, you will love this faith-building, life-giving message.

Join us for this seven session study which started on Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 pm.

Penny Harrison



MINISTRY

GARDEN TEAM

The garden is winding down for the season. We hope many of you were able to take home some of its bounty this year. Just as a reminder, anyone is welcome to harvest items when they are ready and ripe.

The Garden Team will be exploring the future of the gardens. Ideas and new members are welcome.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 8:00 am in the teen room.

Linda Warfield



MISSIONS



PROJECT HOPE

We will be preparing a cheese plate for Project Hope on Thursday, November 17th @ 6:00pm to be delivered on November 19th. We need:

- 6-8 bricks of cheese (any type)
- 1 large box of Ritz Crackers
- 1 large box of wheat crackers

For the sack lunches, we need:

- 5 Loaves of bread
- 55 Slices of turkey
- 55 Slices of Cheese
- 2 Cases of 24 or more Bottles of water
- 1 Box of 50 or more Ziploc Sandwich Bags

Thank you!
Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr,
Co-Chairs



November 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6p Leadership Team Mtg.	2	3 2p Prayer Team	4 Pastor at: Regional Council at Camp Christian	5 10a Band Practice Pastor at: Regional Council at Camp Christian
6 Daylight Saving Ends... Fall Back 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11a Sunday School	7	8 Election Day Please Vote!	9 6p Elder Mtg. 7p Board Mtg.	10 2p Prayer Team	11	12
13 8a Garden Team Mtg. 9:30a Worship <i>Congregational Meeting after worship</i> 10:45a Fellowship 11a Sunday School	14 7p Trustee Mtg.	15 1:30-3:30p Webinar Mtg. for Pastor	16	17 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	18	19 10a Band Practice 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery 5-7p Fun Night
20 Thanksgiving Sunday—Bring non-perishable items to worship 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 4:30p Holiday Dinner	21 Newsletter articles are due	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING DAY Church office is closed.	25 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Church office is closed.	26 9a Hanging of the Greens with Lunch to follow decorating
Pastor on Vacation November 20—26						
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11a Sunday School	28	29	30	Dec. 1 2p Prayer Team	Dec. 2 Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Dec. 3 10a Band Practice <i>Poinsettia Orders are due tomorrow</i>

November Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters	All Month
6	Aaron Brewer	Linda Warfield Earl Johnson		Deacons *Rod Collins **Bob Wright Judy Bartlett
13	Taunya & Andy Brewer	Joann Rombough Susan Callahan		Sacristan Karen Hinton
20	Dave Helmick	Linda Warfield Don Bartlett		Counters Connie Smith Vicki Wakelee
27	Earl Johnson	Earl Johnson Rick Bartlett		



Born in November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Julianna Brewer
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Joann Rombough	14	15 Laura Pierce	16	17	18	19 Angie Silvis
20 Earl Johnson	21	22	23	24 Jen Helmick	25	26 Clifford Barclay
27 Karl Locke	28	29	30			

MISSIONS



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

On Friday, November 25th and Friday, December 2nd, we will have the opportunity to raise funds for The Perry Center by ringing the bell for Salvation Army.

We will be ringing at the Perry IGA. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board on Nov. 6th, but you can always call Pat Johnson to discuss when you'd like to ring. As usual the shifts are just for a few hours.

Mark the dates on your calendar, please!

THIS AND THAT

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please remember that we have Prayer Shawls available in the trunk for a friend who might find comfort in one. There is also yarn, needles and a pattern in the trunk if you wish to knit or crochet a shawl.

Susan Callahan



HOSTESSES NEEDED



We still need hostesses for Coffee Hour in November and December. If you don't want to sign up for a whole month, perhaps you could bring cookies to share on a Sunday. Let me know (259-2257) if you can help. I will make coffee and have water ready each Sunday.

Carole Martin

Important Dates to Remember

There are four important dates this month to remember and in which we invite you to participate:

Nov 5: Before you go to bed, turn your clocks back 1 hour.

Nov 8: Go out and Vote, it is your right and it is important your voice is heard.

Nov 9: 7pm —Please come to this very important General Board Meeting.

Nov. 13: Congregational Meeting after worship



THANK YOU



On behalf of CWM I want to thank everyone who had a part in the Huge Success of the CWM Annual Fundraising Event.

It was an entire church effort. Some bought tickets; some donated appetizers, money, Chinese auction items & decorations; some worked the day of the event setting up, selling tickets, cleaning up. No contribution went unnoticed. All were appreciated.

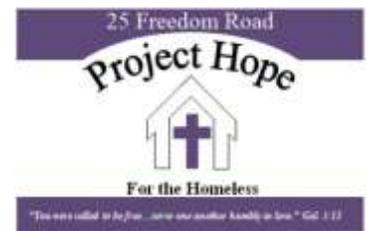
Best of all we raised \$3,300 for charity and enjoyed a wonderful evening of Christian Fellowship. God is so good!

Thank You All Very Much,

Brenda Carr, Co-Chair CWM

Dear Pastor Janet & Friends,

We are nearing the end of the year, and we continue to see unprecedented success. Your gracious support has given 292 people, 51 children, life-changing care, support and guidance. We have achieved a record-breaking 87% positive transition rate overall with 98% in FMF (Families Moving Forward) for our guests moving into a better quality of life than when they arrived. Whether they've entered their own homes, moved into a treatment facility for more intensive care, or found a place to stay with safe family or friends, these guests are entering the next phase of their lives — thanks to your generosity.



Your gifts donated on 9/17/2016 and 10/15/2016 will help our current guests join those who have already made a positive transition and found a new hope and life through the programs you are providing.

We would like to invite you to join us for our Open House, on Saturday, November 12th from 11a-1p. Please visit our website and/or Facebook page for more information along with other upcoming events.

In Service,
Judy Burr
Executive Director
Project Hope

While Pastor's on Vacation

Pastor will be on vacation from November 20-26. If you have a need, please contact

the following people.

For a hospital visit, call Linda Warfield at 440.259.4635.

For the prayer chain, call Mary Hale at 440.639.8833.

For an administrative concern, call Carole Martin at 440.259.2257.

Newsletter



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



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