

# Perry Christian Church

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## Town Hall Answer and Question Session

The following article is the information discussed at the Town Hall meeting on Sunday, August 21st.

The Leadership Team has recently learned the newsletter articles regarding what the Leadership Team and Trustees are doing has not answered some questions. So today we would like to try and answer your questions.

*Who decided who would be on the Leadership Team?*

Each November at our Congregational Meeting, the Congregation elects a slate of officers, elders, deacons, sacristan, and trustees. The officers of the General Board are Carole Martin Chair, Sherry Smith Vice Chair, Donna Van Boxel Financial Secretary, Don Bartlett Treasurer, Laurie Martin Clerk. The Spiritual leaders of the Church are the Elders: Joann Rom-bough Elder Chair, Susan Callahan, Linda Warfield, Don Bartlett, Rick Bartlett and Earl Johnson. Pastor Janet is the facilitator.

When the Church voted on April 3, 2016 to look into

the cost of building the shell of Phase 2, which is the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, to be used as an evangelism tool, it became necessary to have an evangelism plan to utilize the Phase 2 shell. The 5 elected officers of the General Board and the Spiritual leaders of the church which are the Elders were asked by Pastor Janet to form a Leadership Team to address the question of evangelism.

***Why haven't we started building Phase 2?***

At a congregational meeting on April 3, 2016 Phase 2 was proposed to be built as a shell that would be used like a gym until we had the necessary monies to finish the inside. The shell was going to be used as an evangelism tool to bring the community into our church. This was a vote to look into the possibility of building Phase 2, not a vote to start building. The vote was unanimously accepted that we should start looking into the possibility of building. When a church decides to build, there are many factors that must be considered and put in place

before the actual building is started.

We are now in the preparatory phase of looking into building. The Leadership Team is tasked with the responsibility to define the evangelism plan. We need to do this before we build Phase 2 so the shell will be utilized.

*Will the original Phase 2 Building Plans be changed based on the Leadership Team's design of an Evangelism Plan?*

The original building plans were approved by 93% of the congregation in 2008 and remain the same. What we outlined on the lawn with paint on the day we voted to build Phase 2 as a shell, is still the same original footprint. We do not anticipate a change to the original building footprint the Church originally voted to build in 2008. If there was a recommendation to change the original building plans, that recommendation would have to be approved by 90% of the congregation.



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### Special points of interest:

- CWM Fundraising Event
- Operation Christmas Child
- FUN Night!

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When we build, we want a plan in place to grow the church, and the plan to grow the church is what the Leadership Team is working on.

*How is the Leadership Team going about designing an evangelism plan?*

The team is going back to the basics of what it means to be a Disciple and a member of this Church. The team is focusing on our mission which is to make Disciples. The process the team is using is to read research which tells us what successful churches have in common. The Ohio Region recommends the research book called "Simple Church" by Thom Rainer. You can purchase this book on Amazon.com. The goal of reading "Simple Church" is to help the team become unified in their efforts to discern the direction God is calling the team to lead the church.

The other book the team is using to help define discipleship and church membership is called, "I Am A Church Member" by Thom Rainer. You can check out a copy of this book from our church library located in the back of the sanctuary.

***Some said "if we build it, they will come." Did that happen?***

If you will review the members pages of each of your Annual reports starting with the year 2011, you will find the names of those who called our church home each respective year. The number of people since 2011 when we moved to Call Road are: 22 new active people, 16 deaths, 22 children, and 4 people returned that had left because we

moved from Center Road to our new location on Call Road.

The following are other questions being asked regarding new signage. These are not associated with the leadership team, but do relate to building Phase 2.

*Why are we getting a new sign?*

In 2011 when we moved to Call Road, we needed a sign. But the **Trustees didn't want to spend a lot of money** nor build anything in stone until we knew more about what we needed on the sign. The current sign is a temporary sign which cost approximately \$3,000. The trustees always intended to replace the current signage with a more permanent sign when we were settled and when we were starting to build the other phases of the original plan.

*Who is on the team to select a new sign?*

The team tasked with designing and replacing the current sign fell to the trustees and Rick asked the following people to be part of the team: Rick Bartlett Trustee Chair, Carole Martin General Board Chair, Lori Silvis Trustee, Laurie Martin, and Aaron Brewer members at large, and Pastor Janet.

*What is the Sign Team looking at for the permanent sign?*

It was a wise decision on the part of the trustees to wait to build a permanent sign, as several things have come to light since our move to Call Road in 2011.

Firstly, the wind that howls through our property is severe.

The current sign is not sturdy enough to withstand many more years of this weather. But at the time the trustees had no way of knowing this. And as a side note, the wind is the very reason we have to replace our American Flags so often, because the wind shreds our flags. Therefore, the sign team is looking to replace the current sign with a sturdy footer, and frame.

Secondly, when the trustees bought the current sign, there was no talk of advertising church events. We now want to advertise our community events and use the sign as another evangelistic tool. The sign will be used to advertise Family Nights, Fund Raisers, and rental of the new phase 2 shell, just to name a few.

*Where will the money come from for the new sign?*

The money for the new sign will be taken from the Dream Campaign monies.

The reason for this is: 1) the sign is for the property, 2) the trustees originally used Promise Campaign monies for our current sign, and 3) they had always determined to use building funds for the new sign.

I hope this has answered your questions, but if not, you may ask any questions you may have relating to the building of phase 2 or the new signage.

Blessings,  
Pastor Janet



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# FELLOWSHIP

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our next night of fun is on Saturday, September 17th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Weather will determine if we are inside or out.

Games, races, puzzles, lots of food and plenty of fun will be there to enjoy. We are also promoting participation in the Operation Christmas Child Project for September

and October.

Let us know if you will attend and how many children and their ages, so we can have age appropriate activities.

Please register on Facebook or by calling the church and leaving a message (440.259.4821) or by calling Carole Martin (440.259.2257)  
Hope to see you there!



## Upcoming Fun Nights

October 22nd—Samaritan's Purse Collection & packing shoeboxes

November 19th—Chili Cook-Off

December 17th—Christmas Party

# MISSIONS

## PROJECT HOPE

We will prepare submarine sandwiches for Project Hope on Thursday, September 15th @ 6:00pm to be delivered on September 17th. We need:

- 3 pkg. sandwich pepperoni,
- 3 pkg. sliced ham,
- 2 pkg. American cheese,
- 1 onion.

Susan will pick up the bread that's needed.

For the sack lunches, we need:

- 55 slices of cheese
- 55 slices of bologna (turkey or beef)
- 3 bags of 20 individual chips
- 2 cases of water (24 bottle or more each)
- 5 loaves of bread

55 apples

5 boxes of Fruit Bars

Your generosity continues to support this very important ministry to help the homeless. Thanks!

Susan Callahan and Brenda Carr



## SAMARITAN'S PURSE: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes have arrived for Samaritan's Purse Project - Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to participate, help yourself to a box. Instructions/guidelines for filling the box are listed on the back of the Family Fun Night flyer for September 17th. The flyers are located on the table in the lobby of the church.

If you are interested, please contact Laurie Martin (537-4907), Taunya Brewer (579-2011), or Carole Martin (259-2257) for more information.

### "Can This Go in My Shoebox?" FAQs:

Are playing cards allowed?  
Yes! Playing cards can be included in your shoebox gifts.

How about little toys like spiders, bugs, snakes, etc.?  
All of those items are allowed.

Can we include batteries?  
Yes. However, if the batteries are loose, both ends must be covered with tape.

Can videos, CDs, and DVDs be included?  
Yes, all of these may be included in your shoebox gifts. However, keep

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>September 29th—September 5th Pastor is on vacation.                      If you need a hospital visit please call Joann Rombough.                      440-488-9050                      If you need a prayer concern on the prayer chain please call                      Mary Hale. 440-639-8833                      If you have an administrative concern, please call Carole                      Martin. 440-259-2257</p>				1 2p Prayer Team	2	3
Pastor on Vacation thru September 5th.						
4 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	5 Labor Day Church office is closed.	6 6:15p Leader- ship Team	7 9a Community Mission	8 2p Prayer Team 3p Endowment Team at Chase Bank	9 11a Endow- ment Team CC Founda- tion  Women's Retreat- Camp Christian	10 Women's Re- treat at Camp Christian-Days for Girls Mis- sion Project  10a Band Practice
11 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship Women's Retreat- Camp Christian	12 7p Trustee Mtg.	13	14 6p Elder Mtg. 7p Board Mtg.	15 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	16	17 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery  5-7p Fun Night
18 8:00a Garden Team Mtg. (Teen Room) 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	19 Newsletter articles are due	20	21 9a Pastor at Coaching Semi- nar	22 9a Pastor at Coaching Semi- nar 2p Prayer Team	23	24 10a Band Practice
25 9:30a Worship and Sunday School 10:45a Fellowship	26	27 10a Pastor at Congregational Transformation Team	28 10a Pastor at Regional Fi- nance Team	29 2p Prayer Team	30	

# September Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	All Month
4	Donna Van Boxel	Joann Rombough Rick Bartlett Presiding Elder: Susan Callahan	Deacons *Judy Bartlett **Rod Collins Bob Wright
11	Eric Van Boxel	Don Bartlett Earl Johnson	Sacristan Donna Van Boxel Sandy McKenna
18	Jeff Bartlett	Susan Callahan Linda Warfield	Counters Judy Bartlett Frankie Blanchard
25	Earl Johnson	Rick Bartlett Joann Rombough	Hostess Brenda Carr

## Born in September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Greg Burzanko</i>	3 <i>Greg Helmick</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Tom Silvis</i>
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Kim Davis</i>	16 <i>Brian McAlister</i>	17
18 <i>Jessica Bartlett</i>	19	20	21 <i>Eric Van Boxel</i> <i>Addison Helmick</i> <i>Gavin Helmick</i>	22 <i>Isabelle Martin</i>	23	24 <i>Kathy Evans</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	

in mind that the children may not have a DVD player or CD player available.

Can we include paint sets or glue bottles?

No, both of these items are liquids and can't be included in your shoebox gifts. However, dry paint sets (such as watercolors) or glue sticks are OK to pack!

Can we include a toolkit with nails, screws, screwdrivers, and hammers?

**Yes! The only tools that can't be included** are saws or pocketknives.

Are scissors OK?

Yes! Scissors are OK to include in your shoebox gifts.

Can items with camouflage be included?

If the child can wear or use the items without looking like a soldier, they are OK to include in your shoebox gift. Pink or colored camouflage is safe as are pencils, wallets, or socks.

Are squirt guns allowed?

Squirt guns can be included as long as they do not look like real guns.

Brightly colored squirt guns are great to pack in your shoebox gift.

Can glow sticks go in a shoebox gift?

Yes, glow sticks are OK to pack in your gift. If the tube breaks, the liquid does not spill out and can't damage other items.

Can we include wet wipes?

Yes, wet wipes do not have enough liquid to spill out into the shoebox so they are OK to include in your gift.

Can rubber balls be included if they have liquid glitter inside?

No, these would be considered inappropriate because of the liquid.

What type of candy is allowed in shoebox gifts?

During 2016 collection, appropriate candy includes hard candy, candy corn, gummy bears, caramels, taffy, gum and Tootsie Rolls. For all of these, make sure that the expiration date is at least six months after National Collection Week. You may not include Hershey Kisses, Snickers bars, or any other chocolate, fruit roll-ups, fruit snacks, or drink mixes such as Kool-Aid. Starting in 2017,

no type of candy at all will be allowed in shoebox gifts, due to increasing customs regulations.

Is lip gloss OK to pack in a shoebox gift?

**Lip gloss is a liquid and can't be included.** However, Chapstick, lip balm or lipstick can go!

Can I include toothpaste in my shoebox?

During 2016 collection, toothpaste is allowed in shoebox gifts as long as the expiration date is at least six months after National Collection Week. Starting in 2017, toothpaste will not be allowed in shoebox gifts, due to increasing customs regulations. Please email us at [ocinfo@samaritan.org](mailto:ocinfo@samaritan.org) if you have any questions.

Is Play-Doh OK to pack in a shoebox gift?

Yes, Play-Doh can be included in your shoebox gift. However, some children might think it is edible.

Can compact mirrors go in a shoebox gift?

Yes. Compact mirrors can be included because if the glass shatters, it will be contained.

## THIS AND THAT

### CWM FUNDRAISER—CHINESE AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

October 2nd is fast approaching and CWM's fundraiser will be here. We still need your help with items for the Chinese Auction. If you would like to make a basket or donate lottery tickets, cash or miscellaneous items, just let us know. We would like to have items in by September 18th, so we can get the baskets put together and wrapped. We appreciate your help.

Carole Martin, Joann Rombough, Laurie Martin,



### Fresh From the...Connection Garden Team



There will be a Garden Team Meeting on Sept. 18, 2016 at 8a.m. in the teen room.

Just a reminder to everyone to stop by the kitchen garden and help yourself to the herbs or anything that is ripe. And feel free to do some weeding if you would like!

### Women's Fall Retreat!



The Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat will be held on September 9th-11th at Camp Christian. Registration for the retreat is now available online at the [website below](http://www.ccino.com/ministries/adult/ohio-womens-ministries.aspx). There's still time until the Aug. 29th registration deadline! Register today! See you there!

[www.ccino.com/ministries/adult/ohio-womens-ministries.aspx](http://www.ccino.com/ministries/adult/ohio-womens-ministries.aspx)

*Perry Christian Church CWM presents*

## The Good Knights

Oldies, Bluegrass, Jazz, Blues and Lots of Harmony!

Sunday October 2, 2016

4:00—7:00 p.m.

at

Perry Community Center

2800 Perry Park Road, Perry, OH



4:00-5:15 p.m. Appetizers and Chinese Auction

Drawing at 6:30 p.m.

5:30—6:30 p.m. Program

\$25.00

For Tickets call: Laurie at 440-537-4907 or  
Brenda at 440-487-8218 by September 26, 2016

Proceeds support Christian Women's Missions

Tickets are transferrable but not refundable.

# Newsletter



Pastor Rev. Dr. Janet Mers  
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