



# Perry Christian Church

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### Farewell Blessings

Many churches, and certainly every church I have visited, has professed to be friendly. But what they really meant was that they were friendly to each other within the church. **I've not experienced in other churches the depth of hospitality extended to the stranger or neighbor that Perry Christian Church embodies.** And, as it seems, to test our hospitality: a visitor, not realizing worship begins at 9:30am, joined our worship service during communion. Yet, after worship, our church took the time to welcome not only long time members who were visiting from out of town, but the stranger among us. All were **made to feel God's love and acceptance** here in our church. God has truly blessed Perry Christian Church with the gift of hospitality, and God has blessed Glenn and me to have had the privilege to serve here in Perry among you.

As you move forward loving God with all your heart, strength, and soul, and loving your neighbor as yourself, remember the gifts God has given you: to serve God like

Jesus in your community. Blessings are poured out upon those who serve God like Jesus. But sometimes in the **midst of our service in God's name** we forget that there were those who persecuted Jesus as he served his Father in Heaven. We all forget at times that Jesus told us we too would meet those who would persecute us because we love and serve God in Jesus name. Sometimes we need reminders **that it isn't our job to save the world. Saving the world is Jesus' job. No, our job is to be obedient to God and serve as Jesus served.**

So as you move forward in the months and years ahead serving as Jesus did, remember you are a child of God, you are blessed, you are loved. And you are called to serve in your community like Jesus served God, whether in the face of opposition or in times of acceptance. And as you serve, **don't forget to look for the blessings of grace that will rain down upon those who humbly serve God like Jesus.**

I thank God for Perry Christian Church and I ask God to bless His Church in all generations

with gifts of the Holy Spirit. Remember, we are Disciples moved by the Holy Spirit, bringing Community to God through Worship, Ministry, and Mission. This is what it means to: Serve God like Jesus, in our Community. We work for the joy of serving the **"One True God"** – God the Father, in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. So when you feel tired and weak, remember to turn to the Spirit who empowers those who seek God and strengthens those who work in the Name of Jesus. Empowerment and strength are the blessings given those who obey and serve God. And when you remember our ministry together here at this Church, please know that I am praying for all of you.

Blessings beyond measure for our beloved Perry Christian Church in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, the One Who Is, Who Was, and Who Ever Shall Be. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Blessings Beyond Measure,  
Pastor Janet Mers

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Special point of Interest:

- Single's Event
- Project Hope



## WORSHIP

### Selection of an Interim Pastor

Plans are underway for the search of an interim pastor. A team, consisting of: Sherry Smith, Laurie Martin, Don Bartlett, Joann Rom-bough, Linda Warfield, Vickie Wakelee, Earl Johnson, Rick Bartlett and Carole Martin met with Regional Pastor, Rev. Steve Bentley to review the procedures involved in searching for and selecting an interim pastor. After reviewing the procedures, Rev. Bentley answered our questions.

Rev. Bentley gave us the profiles of three (3) possible candidates for interim pastor. The team reviewed the three (3) profiles and met at a later date to discuss our thoughts. We then decided on one of the candidates and conducted a short telephone interview. We decided we would like to meet this candidate for a face-to-face interview, which has been scheduled for Thursday, July 27th.

If all goes well and we like the candi-

date and he likes us, we will make him an offer to come to Perry to guide us through the selection of a settled pastor.

We will keep you posted as we move forward in the process.

Carole Martin and Sherry Smith,  
Team Leaders



## MINISTRY

### Connectional Garden Team

Come and see what is in the garden. Please pick and take what you would like. We have green beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, yellow squash, peppers and more. I did see some strawberries too!



## FELLOWSHIP

### SINGLES' MINISTRY

**CALLING ALL SINGLES!** Let's meet at THE FEST on Sunday, August 6, 2017! Held at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, Ohio) THE FEST is the annual free outdoor Christian Music festival in Wickliffe, OH! Performing will be For



King & Country, Crowder, Matt Mayer and Laura Story. Event starts at 12 noon but we will be there around 10:30. Please visit [www.thefest.us](http://www.thefest.us) for important info about parking, seating, etc.

Tim Johnson

## MISSION

### PROJECT HOPE

This month we will prepare a **“loaded” potato salad for Project Hope** at 6p on Thursday, August 17th for delivery on Saturday, August 19th.

Susan Callahan will be picking up **most of the ingredients, but here’s** what else we need:

- 2 large pkg. shredded cheddar
- 1 bunch celery

For lunches this month, we need:

- 5 loaves of bread
- 55 Slices of Bologna
- 55 Slices of cheese
- 2 cases of water bottles
- 2 Bags of 20 individual chips
- Cash donations are used for the purchase of fresh fruit.
- Someone is needed to deliver the meals on Saturday,



August 19th at 6:45 p.m.

Sign up is located on the bulletin board.

Your help with this ministry is appreciated more than you can imagine.

Susan Callahan and  
Brenda Carr

## THIS & THAT

### INVESTMENT OF DREAM BUILDING FUNDS

It was announced on July 23rd during worship service that there would be a congregational meeting to discuss the board action regarding investments. The Board unanimously voted to place all four (4) Church Extension notes (these notes represent the principle and interest of our dream building funds) to Christian Church Foundation for the following reasons:

- 1) The Foundation exists to make money for its member churches for ministry and mission in the Christian denomination.
- 2) Christian Church Foundation pays a higher interest rate than Church Extension because the Foundation expects the investment to stay with the Foundation for many years. We anticipate our investment to remain with the Foundation for 10-15 years.
- 3) Investing member churches at the Foundation can receive a distribution of interest each year. We anticipate taking our first distribution in year six (6).
- 4) Principle is subject to the fluctuations of the market. However, having our investment in the Foundation for 10-15 years should reduce the effect of these fluctuations over the life of the investment.
- 5) Remember....all retirement funds...401K's, pension, annuities, etc. are vulnerable to the market fluctuations. This is the nature of investing.

If you have questions, please call Carole Martin at 440/259-2257.

# August 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 9a Community Mission	3 2p Prayer Team	4	5
6 8:00a CWM Board Mtg. 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	7	8	9	10 2p Prayer Team	11	12
13 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	14 7p Trustee Mtg.	15 School Begins in Perry today. Drive safely!	16	17 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	18	19 6:45p Deliver food to Project Hope
20 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	21 Newsletter articles are due.	22	23	24 2p Prayer Team	25	26
27 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	28	29	30	31 2p Prayer Team		

# August Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	All Month
6	Susan Callahan	Earl Johnson Linda Warfield	Deacons *Bob Wright Aaron Brewer *Head Deacon
13	Laurie Martin	Vicki Wakelee Carole Martin	Sacristan Penny Harrison
20	Penny Angeloro	Linda Warfield Earl Johnson	Counters Frankie Blanchard Vicki Wakelee
27	Linda Warfield	Rick Bartlett Joann Rombough	Hostesses Donna Van Boxel Mary Hale

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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4 Aaron Brewer
5 Emma Sines
6 Pauline Bowlus
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12 Lori Silvis
13 Sam Hinton
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17 Tricia Helmick
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21 Bob Kozlosky Kenton Polzer
22 Judy Bartlett
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27 David Helmick
28 Vicki Wakelee
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During the month of August...

- If you need a hospital visit, call Earl Johnson at 440.259.3591
- For prayer concerns, call Mary Hale at 440.639.8833.
- For administrative concerns, call Carole Martin at 440.259.2257

# THIS & THAT

## CWM ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Have you volunteered for the fundraiser? We invite everyone to get involved!

1. Donate items for a gift basket for the Chinese Auction
2. Donate food for the event
3. Sell tickets
4. Distribute flyers
5. Set-up and/or clean-up
6. Sell 50/50 tickets during the event.

These are all things that contribute to the fundraiser's success.

Thurlene Lawson will gladly accept help

with food for the event. Please let Penny Angeloro or Carole Martin know if you can donate for the Chinese Auction. For other volunteer opportunities, speak with **Laurie Martin**. Remember, "Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success!" Working together we'll all have a great afternoon of "fun"draising!



The entertainment for the day will be Michael Mage who is a comedian stuck in a magician's shoes. Michael will perform jaw-dropping magic that is suitable for all audiences. So put the event on your calendar!

October 15, 2017

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Perry Community Center

CWM  
Executive  
Board Meeting  
Sunday,  
August 6th  
8:00 a.m.



We are so excited to welcome the newest member of the Perry Christian Church family.

On July 23rd Alexander Braff was baptized and received into membership.

**May God's blessings be upon you as we worship and grow together in Christ Jesus.**

# THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to the Congregation of Perry Christian Church for all the cards, telephone calls, and visits during the last couple of months since the cancer diagnosis. They are all very much appreciated.

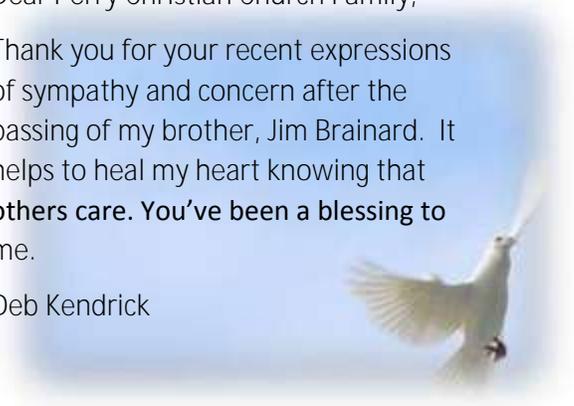
In Christ,

Rae Peattie

Dear Perry Christian Church Family,

Thank you for your recent expressions of sympathy and concern after the passing of my brother, Jim Brainard. It helps to heal my heart knowing that **others care. You've been a blessing to me.**

Deb Kendrick



Dear Pastor Janet & Friends,

On behalf of Project Hope for the Homeless, we would like to thank you for being instrumental in the mission. Thank you very much for your gift of food donated on June 17, 2017.

For the past 24 years, we have found that the support of our community has never failed to **respond to those we serve. It is through the kindness of our neighbor's that we are able to continue to offer shelter, care and guidance to those who find themselves homeless in Lake County.** You play a very special role in that response.

In Service,

Judy Burr, Executive Director



Dear Church Family,

As my ministry among you ends this July 31, 2017, I wish to thank the congregation for our 12 years of ministry together. I would also like you to know that all your many years of care for my family and me is the reason for our success. You are ready to write a new chapter in the life of Perry Christian Church which will be even greater than the one we wrote together.

You have blessed me with gifts of love and joy: by your willingness to think outside the box of traditional worship and ministry, by your gift of freedom to be creative in: the liturgical work we created together, and the administrative work (with the gift of the best administrative assistant a pastor could ever work with – Deb Kendrick), also in your gift of time to complete my Doctorate of Ministry, and by your willingness to rise again and again to meet each and every challenge for the glory of God.

Within this very congregation there is every **resource and talent needed, such that “you shall never be in want”, to meet each and every challenge** you may face in the future. It has been my joy and my privilege to have served you as your pastor. I will not forget such a privilege. May God bless each and every one of you and your families to the fifth generation.

Also, I would like to thank those secret sisters who have uplifted me with their prayers and gifts. You have blessed me more than you will ever know. And I ask God to bless each of you 100 times over for your kindness and for caring about my well-being. Thank you.

And last but by no means least; to my gracious and loving husband Glenn of 34 years, I am blessed to be your wife. You have supported me throughout my pastorate by always making sure I had everything I needed to lead meaningful worship in the **audio/visual department and with the band's music.**

Who can forget the joy you brought to the VBS children with the life-like props: the green John Deere tractor and windmill, the thatched house, or the shuttle that had realistic engine fire as it blasted us into the heavens. Nor will your cooking be forgotten, but the best delights were the strawberry sundaes we had each Sunday in the summer. You truly are the **better half of my ministry and I couldn't have succeeded without you.** You are the joy and love of my life. You have blessed me beyond measure. Thank you God, for Glenn.

I pray all blessings beyond measure from God our Father upon Perry Christian Church,

Pastor Janet Mers



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## August 2017 Newsletter



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