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Pulpit Exchange
On Sunday, Feb. 4th we
welcome Pastor Jim
Jenson from Perry
United Methodist
Church!

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

Jesus informs us, (those who are disciples) that we are to love, we are to show compassion towards others, and we are to abide through a complete and total level of trust and acceptance, in the bounteous provisions granted to us by **God. He, as God's offspring, did not have much difficulty in trying to do all those things. How about you? Are you also considered to be God's offspring? Yes? Well, that all may be true, but if that is the case, why is it that you at times, resemble someone who is not at all related to God? Wait, don't tell me. It's because you've done something different with your hair? Am I right? Oh, so the reason you do not resemble God, is due to the way you wear your hair? Well, being the cynic that I am, you do realize do you not, that the way you choose to wear your hair, is but one**

small sign signifying just how it is you choose to appear in front of others.

Appearances made by Jesus were welcomed – back in the day. Have you ever wondered if appearances by the disciples, (those in the first century C.E. AND called directly by Christ,) were just as warmly welcomed by others? I can understand if crowds somehow went everywhere in the pursuit of hearing directly from Jesus. He was quite charismatic, and was of course, speaking truths about God, and about Salvation. What about the disciples? Were they charismatic in any way? Did people leave home, business, village, or even the region they were living in, just so they could **"lean on every word"** coming out of the mouths of the disciples? **I don't get the impression that they did. Of course, I'm not so sure that other**

people would have any reason to want to listen to **"mere" disciples, if the "Real McCoy" Jesus, was present and accounted for.**

What about us, and what about us as **Disciples in today's world?** For starters, maybe some would cynically say that we have not been called directly by Jesus. Others might say that we, as **"mere" Disciples who profess all sorts of things, but deliver on very few of them, don't deserve any type of charismatic following. Still, others, might cynically ask just why it is that we have even dared to call ourselves Disciples, when by all reasonable accounts, there are not a lot of people flocking to rush into our Disciples churches, nowadays.**

Oh, so apparently there is a correlation between having been a disciple in the first century, and in being a Disciple here in the 21st century? In neither case is it ap-

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parent, that we're doing much of anything worthwhile – both, back in the day, AND, also in THIS current day's context? Jesus did not just stand around and talk to people about things like, Salvation, Redemption, Being Healed, and Being Whole. Jesus did not just stand around, or sit, (on Sunday mornings) and then figure that one hour a week was all it took to somehow change the world in which we live. No, the funny and odd part about all of this, is that we goof things up as Disciples of Christ nowadays, and they, goofed things up as disciples of Jesus back in that day. Lest we somehow forget that even Peter, the "Rock," upon whom the Church would be built, denied, or, stated somewhat differently, did not ac-

knowledge even knowing, Jesus when there was a looming push and threat within his own life, due to what the local crowds were calling for and demanding. As the heat in Peter's home kitchen was being turned up on high, he not only left the kitchen because of the oppressive heat building-up, but he also denied even knowing that the kitchen existed.

We, here within this church may not have identified with any specific description, just what it is that we wish to do, but one thing is abundantly clear. We have put out for the entire world of cars, trucks, and people who pass by our sign each day, that we are Disciples of Christ. Or, have we? If it is possible that we've somehow goofed things up, (without knowing it,) maybe the way

we can get back on track is to not just put up a sign indicating that we are called Disciples of Christ, based upon some regional documents held down in Columbus, somewhere. Maybe we have opportunities all around us, and squarely in front of us, that would allow us to indicate with more than just one "slightly broken" sign, that we are disciples of Christ, who willingly give up our entire lives in service to God, and in service to other human children of God.

I'll hope to see you in church. We have a whole bunch of fun stuff to do ahead of us!

Pastor Paul

LENT 2018:

ASH WEDNESDAY, LENTEN DEVOTIONAL, INQUIRER'S CLASS



The Lenten Season begins on Wednesday, February 14th with Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30p.

The Worship Team is working on a Lenten Devotional with each day following a suggested scripture for the day. We would like as many people from the congregation to contribute writings for the devo-

tional. We have a format to follow, so that's very helpful. If you are interested, please contact Linda Warfield or Pastor Paul to discuss which days are available.

Inquirer's Class aka Pastor's Class, will be conducted for those interested in possible church membership and baptism. Traditionally youth ages 11-13 attend such a class. The class is open to all age groups with the understanding that those who participate should be able to independently and maturely make this very important

decision of accepting Christ and joining the church. The course is planned for 4 weeks beginning February 24th and running through March 18th. Class time will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on those 4 Sundays. March 25th is Palm Sunday, and those who've completed the course, will be able to come forward during worship and make their public confession of faith. The Baptism Ceremony will take place on Easter Sunday, April 1st, during worship.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>To save space, the February Birthdays are listed in blue on this calendar.</i></p>				<p>1 </p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team Karen Hinton</p>	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>8a CWM Executive Mtg. 9:30a Worship & Fellowship</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>Tom Harrison</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>Ben Pierce</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>9a Community Mission Quinn Johnson</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p>	9	10
<p>11</p> <p>8a Garden Team Mtg. (Teen Room) 9:30a Worship & Fellowship 10:45 Intergenerational Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7p Trustee Mtg.</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>5:30p Ash Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>2:30-4p Perry \$500 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30a Worship & Fellowship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Newsletter articles are due.</p>	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p>	23	<p>24 </p> <p>Rachael Worrell</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:30a Worship & Fellowship 10:45 Intergenerational Study</p> <p>Brenda Carr </p>	26	27	<p>28 </p> <p>Roger Lett, Sr.</p>			

2018

RC Cars

Perry \$500



Fundraiser



for a Local Community Non-Profit
of YOUR Choice

COMMUNITY-WIDE

REFRESHMENTS

OPEN-TO-THE-PUBLIC

AVAILABLE

Feb. 17th 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Perry Christian Church
3270 Call Rd., Perry

NO ENTRY FEE

DONATIONS

FOR ALL AGES

ENCOURAGED

Register at the door or
online @ perrychristianchurch.org

PERRY \$500 FUNDRAISER

Hope you're all "revved up" for the Perry \$500 Fundraiser!

Here's the details!

We're seeking out those young, old or in between who want to participate in a remote control car race here at the church on February 17th from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

If you don't have a remote control car, don't let that stop you! We'll provide one for you to use.

Those who are participating will be able to vote for 1 of 4 local charities

to receive the proceeds of the day. The charities are: The Perry Center, The Perry Public Library, The Perry Senior Center, and Project Hope for the Homeless.

As you can see from the information on page 4, there is no entry fee. It is our hope that those who participate and those who are spectators will give generously to "the cause."

We are in need of refreshments for the event and would ask the church to provide finger food and beverages. If you can come up with a fin-

ger food that has a racing theme that would be spectacular. But **know that we'll take** all donations!

Pre-event volunteers are needed to **publicize the race. That's as easy as** telling your friends and family about it or distributing posters to local business. We also need people to register contestants, along with start and finish line officials, and of course those who just want an afternoon of **fun! "Get on track" and ask Pastor** how you can help!

SOUPER SUNDAY

February 4th is Souper Sunday fellowship. It is a time to mingle and to enjoy some hospitality from our great cooks. There's a signup sheet on the bulletin board if you can donate soup, sandwiches or dessert to share. Then...March 4th is also a Souper Sunday. We hope you can make it to one or both!



FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULES

	<i>Worship Leaders</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>All Month</i>
<i>4</i>	Frankie Blanchard	Don Bartlett Laurie Martin	<i>Deacons</i> Aaron Brewer Connie Smith
<i>11</i>	Rachel Collins	Vicki Wakelee Rick Bartlett	<i>Sacristan</i> Karen Hinton 4th & 11th Judy Bartlett 18th & 26th
<i>18</i>	Laurie Martin	Carole Martin Linda Warfield	<i>Counters</i> Connie Smith Vicki Wakelee
<i>25</i>	Isabelle & Sydney Martin	Laurie Martin Vicki Wakelee	<i>Hostesses</i> Laurie Martin Mary Hale

PROJECT HOPE SATURDAY SIDE DISH

We will be gathering on Thursday, February 15th to prepare **food for Project Hope's Saturday Side Dish** to be delivered on February 17th at 6:45 p.m.

This month: Sub sandwiches

We will need:

3 loaves of Italian bread

1 lb. sliced Deli Ham
1 lb. sliced Bologna
1 lb. sliced Deli turkey
1 small tub of butter
2 Bags of Lettuce mix

For sack lunches we need:

5 Loaves of Bread
55 Slices of Bologna

4 Boxes of Fruit Bars

3 Bags of Individual Chips

3 Cases of Water

Large Size Brown

Lunch bags, 50+

Thanks for all your help!

Frankie Blanchard & Brenda Carr



TREASURERS REPORT SUMMARY FY 2017

General Fund Expenses – Our expenses include budgeted, Designated Funds and Long Term Designated Fund expenses. Below is a summary YTD expenses for our annual 2017 budget. Our approved annual budget allocation for 2017 was \$108,977.

Total Worship - \$ 3,341.53 which was \$ 241.53 over budget.

Total Missions - \$ 2,000.00 and on budget.

Total Operations – (Property & Utilities) \$ 19,917.40 which was \$ 5,797.60. under budget.

Total Administration - \$ 6,671.75 which was \$ 274.25 under budget.

Total Personnel – Pastors – \$ 60,293.93 which was \$ 6644.07 under budget.

Total Other Payroll Secretary & Taxes - \$456.92 which was \$ 221.08 under budget.

Total General Fund Expense – \$ 96,957.61 which was \$12,019.39 less than budgeted.

Note: In 2017 we had a 1-time large donation to the general fund. That is why we say it is important that if **you miss a Sunday, please make the offering up the following Sunday's you attend.**

Designated Fund Expenses – Represents congregation & CWM donations and were not a part of our annual 2017 budget. The Designated expense amount of \$10,493.50 plus our budgeted Mission giving of \$2,000 for 2017 represents a mission giving total for 2017 of \$12,493.50 or approximately 11.5 % of budget.

LT Designated Expenses – Represents expenses for regular Memorial and Dream Memorials, plus (New since July 2017) Property Repair & Maintenance expenses (for Inside and Out, County Required Inspections, Periodic Upkeep, Small Equipment Replacement and Long-Term Property Repairs (roof, etc.)). These expenses for 2017 here were \$9,689.72 from monies donated or set aside for use and were not a part of our annual 2017 budget.

Respectfully submitted, Don Bartlett, Treasurer

GARDEN TEAM will have a 2018 kick-off meeting on Sunday, February 11th at 8 a.m. in the Teen Room. Hope to see you then!



HAITI MISSION

Rachel Collins has the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Haiti in March. If you are willing to help Rachel achieve her goal, donation envelopes are available near the bulletin board or simply mark your check memo line "Haiti Mission" and place your gift in the offering plate. We will be hearing more about Rachel's trip and other opportunities to help her as she prepares to do "Kingdom" work.



PERRY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Perry Schools are reaching out to local churches to announce the upcoming Kindergarten Registration at Perry Elementary School. If you know of anyone, family, friend, or neighbor that has a child of kindergarten age, please pass along this information. The school is trying to reach as many families as possible who may not otherwise receive information from the school. Our registration dates are Feb-6-March 23, 2018. For more information contact Perry Elementary School at 440-259-9600.

Thank You!



Thank you, EVERYONE for the Christmas cards and food basket. A special thank you to my secret sister, Pat Johnson for all the cool things you did for me.

Ellen Maier

Dear Friends,

A great big "THANK YOU" goes to the ladies of CWM for remembering me and many others with a lovely fruit basket.

Sincerely,

Barbara Head

Dear Pastor Paul and Church Family,

Welcome to 2018! Our in-kind donors and volunteers were such a huge support for us in 2017, bringing well over \$300,000 in volunteer hours, meals, and items that help us better serve our guests! We are so blessed to partner with community members like yourself who have come alongside of us to offer renewed hope and restored life to our friends experiencing homelessness in Lake County.

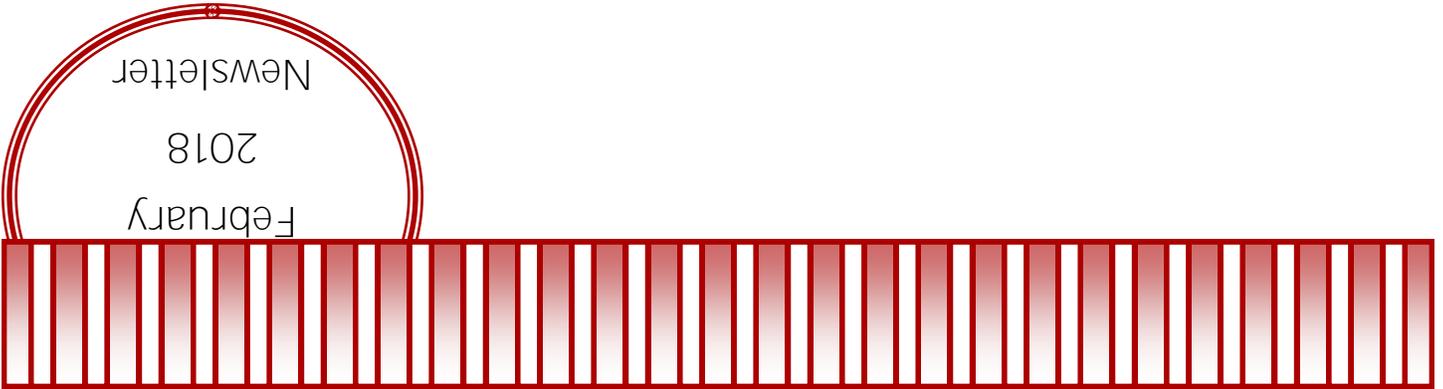
We want to thank you for your gift of food on December 16, 2017 and your donation of \$130.00 on December 31, 2017. With your continued support, we will be able to fulfill not just our financial goal, but also our mission of responding to the human hurts and hopes of persons in Lake County who are homeless by providing emergency shelter, care, and guidance in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

In Service,

Judy Burr,

Pastor Paul Bomeil
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Sunday School
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