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Worship	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship	10:45 a.m.
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What are your thoughts?
 After our join Christmas Eve Service with Perry United Methodist Church, what are your thoughts regarding other shared activities & services?
 Pulpit exchange, shared meal, other shared worship???

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

"This year, I'm gonna..." What? What is it you're "gonna" do? I've heard you say things like that time after time. I've heard you say for years, what it was you were "gonna" do this year, but somehow each of those "this year's" have become, "not this year, but the next" year. Isn't it funny how the next, upcoming year always looks more appealing than the one we've become mired, and stuck within? Why is that I wonder? Why is it that the next opportunity we are somehow handed, always looks a whole lot more appealing than the one currently on offer to us? If I didn't know better, I'd somehow presume that the opportunities currently on offer, are not all that desirable or lucrative somehow. So, undoubtedly, some-

thing better, brighter, more appealing will certainly follow along behind the mess that someone is trying to shove our way now.

Have I just described you in any regard? Are the messes you face within your life, somehow more appealing to you, to somehow tackle, or put behind you next year, as opposed to now? I can bet the opportunities available to you then, (next year sometime) are not going to be the same as the opportunities available to you now. How can I possibly know that, and be able to forecast that on your behalf? Well, the forecast is not based upon logic. Also, the forecast is not based upon guesswork. The forecast, which in fact, **"is A FACT," is that whatever the opportunities available to you next year**

happen to be, they cannot possibly be the same as the opportunities available to you now. How could they be? Opportunities available to you now, are those that are ready to be implemented now. Opportunities available to you next year, regardless of their overall quality, or appeal, if ready and implemented next year, become by definition, opportunities that were only implemented after having waited for an entire year to pass by before they became realized opportunities. You **can't fight city hall. Nor** can you fight the opportunities provided now, by somehow relegating them to next year sometime.

So, getting back to, "This year, I'm gonna..." What? What is it Perry Christian Church, that you're somehow "gonna" do this year? Are you
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“gonna” take advantage of all of the opportunities that await currently within the scope of performing Christian service to others, or are you somehow “gonna” put off the opportunities of this new year in 2018, and try to shove them into next year’s calendar of events? Now then, don’t you dare try to tell me that your current 2018 calendar is

already too full for any such stuff. I’m not so daft as to believe for one moment, that you’ve already scheduled your time off for taking care of such things. The only way you could create that “imagined time off” already, would be if you had somehow known ahead of time that you did not want to do it. And the only Christians who might fall into that dreadful category, would be those that like the religious title that ac-

companies their names, but, don’t pay any attention at all to the opportunities all around them to perform Christian service to others.

Oh boy! We’ve now got 365.25 days in the calendar year of 2018, within which to schedule all sorts of Christian service stuff!
I’ll see you Sunday,

Pastor Paul

INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

On January 14th, immediately after worship, Pastor Paul will be hosting the “No Bibles Allowed – Bible Study.” It’s an intergenerational learning opportunity requiring all who attend to take an active part in

what takes place. The event is open to all age groups—kids and adults. This learning event will last one hour, and anyone attending should plan on having a good time. You’re required to bring nothing with you,



apart from whatever it is you take with you whenever you plan on having some intriguing fun with your friends!

JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULES

	<i>Worship Leaders</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>All Month</i>
7	Tim Johnson	Carole Martin Linda Warfield	<i>Deacons</i> *Bob Wright Rod Collins
14	Sherry Smith	Don Bartlett Vicki Wakelee	<i>Sacristan</i> Karen Hinton
21	Jeff Bartlett	Laurie Martin Rick Bartlett	<i>Counters</i> Judy Bartlett Frankie Blanchard
28	Carole Martin	Linda Warfield Carole Martin	<i>Hostess</i> Donna Van Boxel Carole Martin

JANUARY CALENDAR & BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>To save space, the January Birthdays are listed in red on this calendar.</i></p> 	<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>Church office is closed.</p> <p><i>Austin Pierce</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9a Community Mission</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p>	<p>5</p>  <p><i>Lexi Sexton</i></p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:30a Worship & Fellowship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7p Trustee Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6p Elders' Mtg.</p> <p>7p Church Board Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p> <p><i>Al Daugherty</i> <i>Alex Hale-Braff</i></p>	<p>12</p>  <p><i>Lee Polzer</i></p>	<p>13</p>  <p><i>Dustin Johnson</i></p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30a Worship & Fellowship</p> <p>After worship: Intergenerational Bible Study</p>	 <p><i>Wally Johnson</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p> <p>6p Project Hope Food Prep</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery</p> <p><i>Landon Hogan</i></p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30a Worship & Fellowship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Newsletter articles are due.</p>	<p>23</p>	 <p><i>Joanne Chapman-Smith</i> <i>Rob Martin</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p>	<p>26</p>	 <p><i>Lindsay Rombough</i></p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30a Worship & Fellowship</p>	<p>29</p>	 <p><i>Joseph Rombough</i></p>	<p>31</p>			

PROJECT HOPE SATURDAY SIDE DISH

We will be gathering on Thursday, January 18th to prepare **food for Project Hope's Saturday Side Dish.**

This month: Sub sandwiches

We will need:

3 loaves of French bread

1 lb. sliced Deli Ham

L lb. sliced Bologna

1 lb. sliced Deli turkey

1 small tub of butter

1 small Ranch dressing and

1 small Italian dressing

For sack lunches we need:

5 Loaves of bread

1 Large Jar of Jelly (Any Flavor)

3 Bags of 20 individual chips

1 Case of Bottled Water

6 Boxes of Fruit Bars

Our congregation has been so generous since the beginning of this mission in May 2012. We are thankful, but no more so than the clients at Project Hope. Please read the thank you on page 4.

Frankie Blanchard & Brenda Carr

PROJECT HOPE—"GIVING TREE"

Let's finish this 2017

Mission for Project Hope!

There were 31 ornaments at the beginning of the project. At the time of this writing there are only **10 remaining...but that's 10 people out in the cold for a night, or 1 person out in the cold for 10 nights.** Either way you look at in



someone isn't getting the help they need.

At Project Hope for the Homeless it costs \$39.11 to house someone for the night, be it a man, woman, or child.

On the Giving Tree pictured here each ornament represents the cost of one

night's stay. That's one night of protection from the elements of the weather and the dangers of the streets. With the snow and temperatures we've had this past week, "out on the street" could be deadly.

We've already provided for 21 people (good job!)

to receive a warm, safe, place to stay, dinner to nourish their bodies and Christian guidance to **fortify their souls. Let's add 10 more!**

The tree is located in the sanctuary. Envelopes for your donation are there as well.

THANK YOU

To Our Friends at Perry Christian Church,

We would like to thank all of you for the thoughtful gift of a fruit basket and the many Christmas cards we have received. We really appreciate your thoughts this holiday season.

Sincerely,
Susan and Gerry Callahan

To the Ladies of the Church,

Thank you very much for the lovely Christmas basket. It will be enjoyed and shared. The Christmas tea was very enjoyable!
Gayle

Dear PCC Family,

I thank you for all your gifts and kindnesses during the holiday season. It is a joy to serve a kind and devoted **congregation. I look forward to all the things we're "gonna do" in 2018.**

In Christ, Pastor Paul

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the Christmas gift which embodies the love and appreciation I receive from this church family all year long. It is a pleasure to work for you as we all strive to do our best for Christ.

Sincerely, Deb

Dear Pastor Paul and Congregation,

On behalf of Project Hope for the Homeless, we would like to thank you for your gift of sack lunches and the sub sandwich side dish for our Saturday dinner. It is through your kindness that we are able to continue our mission for those who find themselves homeless in Lake County.

Thank you for your partnership with us for restoring hope and renewing lives.

In Service, Judy Burr Executive Director