



PERRY CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Can any of you name a community, or a municipal locality somewhere where a church somehow figures prominently within either the skyline and outline of the city's landscape, or, somehow figures prominently within the city's attractions or community focal point for things? Other than what might be New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral, Washington D.C.'s National Cathedral, Paris France's Notre Dame Cathedral, London's Westminster Abby, or Rome Italy's St. Peters Cathedral, I'd be hard pressed to think of too many others. All of those named churches are huge, monstrous-sized shrines dedicated to Roman Catholicism and its ornate and grandiose symbolic building projects from the past. The one exception being Westminster Abby in London. After Henry VIII broke rank with and went away from the Catholic Church because the Church would not grant him a divorce, he decided to form his own Anglican Church of England so that he, (along with the likes of people like car manufacturer Henry Ford within this country,) could somehow attempt to control all of the means of production associated with producing whatever it is you want within this life. In their each respective way, they both played a large part in inventing an **"assembly line"** of sorts most often seen in today's manufacturing processes. For Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer extraordinaire, his assembly line produced the Model T in great quantities. For Henry VIII, monarch of the royal throne in England, his assembly line operation helped him produce a brand-new Church of England as well as a complete string of wives. As you may recall, most of them often ended up falling head over heels on his behalf with each body part separated and landing several feet apart. For convenience sake, many of the wives had been cut into smaller pieces made easier for transport **to the nearest "set" of cemetery plots.** (In this case – the dual plots were NOT his and hers...)

Hmmm, a church that could somehow become the focal point of prominence, or activity within a greater community. **Sound outlandish to you? I'd be willing to bet that a church congregation dedicated to any such type of venture would face many challenges -** not the least of which would be to somehow creatively come up with one major theme upon which to build any such prominent church structure. I wonder how attractive the whole idea of somehow becoming a cultural symbol of generosity would appear to others within a given community? Maybe we should give it a try here as we approach the new year just to see what could possibly happen. **Need I remind you we've already been saved through God's graciousness, and therefore, we have absolutely nothing to lose for our efforts!**

I'll look for you Sunday,

Pastor Paul

CWM NEWS & NOTES

Many thanks to all for your help with CWM projects in 2018. We accomplished a lot, but only with the help and cooperation of all –MEN AND WOMEN. Whether you helped set up tables and chairs for luncheon/teas, or tore them down; were hosts/hostesses for Sunday fellowship, baked for events when asked, donated to special fund **raisers, participated in Samaritan's Purse, donated to special charities or attended our many events—we are most grateful. Nothing would be successful without you.**



Thanks to all current officers and committee chairs, all who agreed to stay on for year 2019. If you are not a team leader or officer, but have ideas or suggestions for programs or events (i.e. scarf exchange, book exchange, ornament exchange), please let one of us know. These events all proved to be a lot of fun.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We look forward to a great 2019.

Carole Martin and Penny Harrison Co-leaders

NEW FISH YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group had a full agenda during December as they participated in so many activities. On December 2nd, we had Christmas play practice and lunch at Perry UMC; then repeated that on December 16th at PCC—practice makes perfect! So on Christmas Eve we were ready for our debut performance of **“Just a Little Christmas” during the worship service of the combined congregations. The youth group wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during our portion of the Christmas Eve worship. We received many positive comments. We finished out the month on December 30th with lunch and a game day at Perry UMC.**

In January we'll be viewing the movie, “God's Not Dead” and follow up with a study series. On January 19th we'll be attending a game day at New Leaf UMC in Conneaut. We'll meet at Perry UMC to carpool at 12:30p.

Tim Johnson & Sue Leffler
Youth Leaders



PROJECT HOPE

This month we'll gather to prepare the food for the "Project Hope Saturday Side Dish" on Thursday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. The food will be delivered on Saturday, January 19th at 6:45 p.m. We need a volunteer to deliver the food on that day.

Here's what is needed: 3 Loaves of French or Italian Bread not sliced, 1 lb. of sliced ham, 1 lb. of sliced salami, 1 lb. of sliced turkey, 2 lb. of sliced cheese, 1 small bottle of Italian dressing, 1 small bottle of ranch dressing, and 2 small bags of shredded lettuce.

For the sack lunches we need: 2 cases of water bottles, 3 Bags of 20(or more) individual chips, 2 boxes of fruit/granola bars, 55 slices of ham, 5 loaves of bread, and 55 slices of cheese.

Thanks for your generosity!

Frankie Blanchard and Brenda Carr



CHURCH BOARD MEETING

The first Church Board Meeting for 2019 will be held on January 9th at 7:00p. I encourage all members of the board to be in attendance; that includes the Elders, Deacons, Trustees and Sacristans. Our leaders **need to be informed and this is one of the best ways to do that. If you are a small group leader, it's in the best interest of your group to have you attend.** This year something new is happening at the church; come to the board meeting to hear about it. Please note that all members of the congregation are welcome to come to the board meeting. However, if you are not in one of the positions mentioned above, you do not have voting privileges.



Sherry Smith,
Board Chair

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports are due on Sunday, January 27th. If you are the leader/ chair of any committee or small group you need to write a report highlighting activities of 2018. Please email them to sec@perrychristianchurch.org or place them in the note box on the secretary's desk.



This report is a way for future generations to look back and see the history of this congregation and also gives us the ability to look back at accomplishments of the past year.

New Address: Karen & Sam Hinton, 8080 Harbor Creek Dr. Unit 1202, Mentor, OH 44060
Phone: 440-417-4915. Please update your church directory.

January 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | <i>1</i> Happy New Year! | <i>2</i> 9a Community Outreach Team | <i>3</i> 9:30a Prayer Team 5p Bell Choir | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> |
| <i>6</i> 9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>9</i> 6p Elder Mtg. 7p Church Board Mtg. | <i>10</i> 9:30a Prayer Team 5p Bell Choir | <i>11</i> | <i>12</i> |
| <i>13</i> 9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship | <i>14</i> 7p Trustee Meeting | <i>15</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i> 9:30a Prayer Team 5p Bell Choir 6p Project Hope Food | <i>18</i> | <i>19</i> 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery |
| <i>20</i> 9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship | <i>21</i> | <i>22</i> | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> 9:30a Prayer Team 5p Bell Choir | <i>25</i> | <i>26</i> |
| <i>27</i> 9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship | <i>28</i> | <i>29</i> | <i>30</i> | <i>31</i> 9:30a Prayer Team 5p Bell Choir | |  |

January Service Schedules

| | Worship Leaders | Elders | Hostesses | All Month |
|----|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 6 | Linda Warfield | Vicki Wakelee Carole Martin | Laurie Martin Mary Hale | <u>Deacons</u> *Bob Wright **Rod Collins |
| 13 | Frankie Blanchard | Don Bartlett Laurie Martin | Laurie Martin Mary Hale | <u>Sacristan</u> Taunya & Andy Brewer |
| 20 | Connie Smith | Earl Johnson Donna Van Boxel | Laurie Martin Mary Hale | <u>Counters</u> Judy Bartlett Frankie Blanchard |
| 27 | Virginia Brennan | Gayle Salsberry Vicki Wakelee | | |



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | | 1 Austin Pierce | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Alexander Hale-Braff | 12 Lee Polzer |
| 13 Dustin Johnson | 14 | 15 Wally Johnson | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Landon Hogan | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Rob Martin | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Lyndsay Rombough | 28 | 29 | 30 Joseph Rombough | 31 | | |

GIFTS OF THE SEASON

I would doubt seriously, my feeble ability to do justice to just some of tremendous treasures that this congregation has recently been rewarded with. It may be of interest for all of you to note, that we are the only D.O.C. Christian Church congregation vibrant enough within our own NE Ohio district, to maintain a level of having full-time ministerial staffing. In simpler terms that means that we currently achieve the ability to fund ministry on a full-time basis, but it also means, we can maintain ministry programs and outreach efforts that other churches are simply not able to do. We do not take joy in misfortunes that are situated elsewhere, but we do take a righteously aligned viewpoint that helps us lead the way in terms of demonstrating to others a Culture of Generosity. It is not just within the walls of this church that such a cultural identity becomes possible. By also taking that same culturally enriching theme and freely letting it spill out and onto the lives of those we live next to, we then become agents of change for the entire culture that Christ calls us to be



But I'm just warming up. In case you missed it, some of our other recent treasures can be traced to the Christmas Eve skit produced by our very own youth group that became the "highlight" of our joint service held on the 24th. And, could I possibly leave out the newly reformulated bell choir, and or the special music performances conducted by many varied contributors? What about the efforts of our very own, "they fly under the radar screen for most people," worship committee – without whom the detail connected with the entire season of advent could not have been set-up, or even taken place? Oh, and how on earth could the CWM group with all they do, possibly not get counted in amongst the church's numerous valuable "items?" There is a lot to this church, and that phrase can be taken any number of treasured ways! Be forewarned! We are not going to slow down in our efforts to give, to share, and to be generous. We have far too many treasures to somehow be able to sit back, slow down, or give less.

Pastor Paul

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone involved to help make the Christmas Eve service such a success. It truly takes many, many people to create what we hope to be an inspirational service. Thank you also to Deb and Pastor Paul & Pastor Liz. Our last count was 104 in attendance. We will not try to list everyone who helped, since we would somehow forget an important part or person involved, but THANKS AGAIN for the many that helped and participated in our Christmas Eve Service including the Perry United Methodist Church.

Blessings to you, The Worship Team



To Our Entire Perry Christian Church Family,

The entire staff of the church wishes to thank you all for the many kindnesses shown to us throughout the year, but also with specific regard to your tokens of appreciation bestowed upon us here at Christmas. We, as a collection of individuals, see many times over the wonderful things you do on our behalf and we feel so very blessed to be but a small part of the workings and events in the life of this church. Thank you all again for the gifts and cards given to us, and they by comparison, have absolutely nothing to do with the true treasures we receive from all of you as we live and work in service to **Christ’s Church together.**

Sincerely,
“The Staff”

Thank you all so very much. I really appreciated my Christmas present and have enjoyed playing for our services this year. I am very blessed to be a part of your family.

Thanks again, Jeray

Dear Perry Christian Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of 100 bags of candy for the Center’s Christmas boxes, along with dish soap, laundry detergent, bar soap, shampoo, and toothpaste donated during the month of December and of course, your donations throughout the year. You have provided much needed assistance that has blessed our clients, and they are grateful for your kindness. It is our hope that you have also been blessed as you gave from the heart. Since, without your help our client’s needs would not be met, we appreciate all that you have done.

Yours truly,
Carole Martin, Administrator



Dear Perry Christian Church Congregation,

Two words: Endless gratitude. That’s how your generosity makes me feel! Thank you so very much for your monetary donation of \$200.00 to the domestic violence shelter in Lake County. There is no greater gift than an expression of caring. Because of your caring, you are helping domestic violence survivors in their transition from lives of fear and danger to lives of safety and healing.

All the Best,
Wanda D. Simmons, Exec. Director
Forbes House

Dear Friends, Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan’s Purse. May God richly bless you with his peace this Christmas and in the coming year. Sincerely, Franklin Graham

Thank your, everyone, for Christmas card that was signed by many. I t means a lot to me.

Dustin Johnson

Thank you, CWM for my Christmas Basket and the Christmas tea.

Ellen Maier

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| Fellowship | 10:45 a.m. |
| Sunday School | 11:00 a.m. |
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