



Perry Christian Church

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Goodbyes are Bittersweet

Last Sunday God told me it was time to say goodbye as the Pastor of Perry Christian Church. God is calling me to pastor on a regional level. After 12 years to the day, you are those who will see the fruit of the ministry we have built together for the Kingdom of God.

It grieves me to leave my church family as your pastor, but at the same time I am excited for the future ministry to which the Christian Church in Ohio calls me. I am so grateful for the time we had together and for what we were able to accomplish together in Jesus' Name. I am aware there is more to finish, but I believe Perry Christian Church has grown able leaders, active Elders, functioning ministries, and has a bright future ahead walking in the light of Christ.

As I engaged in the dis-

cernment process regarding this very difficult decision to resign as your pastor, I grieved over ending my ministry of preaching, healing, empowering leaders and elders, and leaving the future building of the facility uncompleted. It had been my wish to stay until my retirement at age 70. However, for the sake of rebuilding the Ohio Region, I believe God is calling me to walk alongside others to build up and empower other pastors and congregations. For this task the Christian Church in Ohio has called me to the Project Director of the awarded million dollar Excellence in Ministry Lilly Grant to empower pastors through debt relief, and to encourage congregations to retain their pastors by offering a living wage through matching grants.

My last day as your Pastor will be July 31, 2017, and I look forward to our

celebration together on July 30th. However, I am not leaving the area, as the Lilly Grant expects the Project Director to administer the Grant from home. I am grateful to have shared 12 years of service with Perry Christian Church, and look forward to God fulfilling the prophecy of "church growth such that the building will not be able to hold all the people." I continue to pray for those who are on our prayer list and for those whom God brings to my mind. I also pray God's blessings be poured out upon each of you and your families to the 4th and 5th generations as you faithfully walk with God, and humbly minister by trusting in and relying on the power of the Name Jesus the Christ.

Blessings and much love,
Pastor Janet Mers

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Special point of Interest:

- July Fun Night
- Singles' Ministry



WORSHIP



July 30, 2017 we will be celebrating Pastor Janet's time with us at Perry Christian Church. Also we will be having a luncheon with hot dogs, burgers and some favorite side dishes. The family picnic is our way of thanking our Pastor for her dedication to us for the past twelve years. Stay tuned for details on how you can help.

Linda Warfield



Search for an Interim Pastor

The Elders and Board Officers met with Regional Pastor, Steve Bentley, Tuesday night June 20th.

Rev. Bentley reviewed the procedures for selecting the Interim Pastor and answered our questions.

He presented us with profiles for three candidates for Interim Pastor. The Team will review these profiles and meet again on



Tuesday, June 27th to discuss the candidates.

Please keep the Team in prayer....we need GOD's guidance, as we go through the process of selecting the right person. The candidate chosen will then lead this church as we all discern our future.

Another team will be selected to lead the search for our settled Pastor.

We will keep you all updated as this

process goes forward. Your continued prayers are requested and needed.

Carole Martin,
Elder and Board Chair

The Interim Pastor Search Team:

Sherry Smith, Laurie Martin, Donna Van Boxel, Don Bartlett, Joann Rombough, Vicki Wakelee, Earl Johnson, Linda Warfield, Rick Bartlett and Carole Martin

FELLOWSHIP

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

GET YOUR REMOTE CARS READY!

Our next Family Fun Night is set for Saturday, July 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will have outdoor activities, as well as, some friendly competition on the "race track".

Hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill will be plentiful.....as well as other goodies.

Please respond with those attending to Facebook, leave a message at the church (259-4821) or call Taunya Brewer (440-579-2011).



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Many thanks to all who donated school supplies for our "Stuff the Backpack" project from May-June Family Nights. We had more than enough "stuff" to pack the 10 backpacks we had available.

The Perry Center is most appreciative of your efforts.

MISSION

PROJECT HOPE

It seems as though the submarine sandwiches are a hit! Let's do it again in July! Here's what we need:

1 lb. sliced salami
1 lb. sliced ham
1 lb. any type sliced cheese
1 small Ranch Dressing
1 small Italian dressing

1 small tub of soft butter
For lunches this month, we need:

5 loaves of bread
55 Slices of Bologna
55 Slices of cheese
3 cases of water bottles
7 boxes of fruit/Granola bars
3 Bags of 20 individual chips
Cash donations are used for the purchase of fresh fruit.

The food prep will take place on Thursday, July 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Someone is needed to deliver the meals on Saturday, July 15th at 6:45 p.m.

Sign up is located on the bulletin board.

Thanks for all you do to feed the homeless in Lake County!

Susan Callahan and
Brenda Carr



THIS & THAT



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

On May 28th we received into membership: Jackie Williams and sons, Zachery & Christopher and Rae Peattie.

On June 11th Sandie Sajner joined the church and on June 18th Ethan Knoke was baptized and received into membership.

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

SINGLES' MINISTRY

Save the following dates for upcoming events:

Friday, June 30th - **Let's go out to the Captains' ball game and fireworks on June 30th at 7p!** Feel free to **invite your friends and family. We'll be seated in Section 107.** You can prepay for tickets, \$10.50, by contacting Tim Johnson, or purchase your own at the gate or by visiting the **Captains' website.**



Tuesday, July 25th - Outdoor Concert at Mentor Civic Center Amphitheatre - 7:00 pm - Abbey Rodeo 60's music

Sunday, August 6th - The Fest outdoor Christian Music Festival in Wickliffe

Saturday, October 14th - Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at Cornerstone Friends Church

More information will be available closer to the event. See Tim Johnson if you have any questions.

July 2017

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 2 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship | 3 | 4 Independence Day  Church office is closed. | 5 9a Community Mission | 6 2p Prayer Team | 7 | 8 |
| 9 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep | 14 | 15 5-7 Family Fun Night! 6:45p Deliver food to Project Hope |
| Pastor at General Assembly in Indiana July 8th-12th; then on vacation from July 13th-16th. | | | | | | |
| 16 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship | 17 | 18 | 19 6p Elders' Mtg. 7p Board Mtg. | 20 2p Prayer Team | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship | 24 Newsletter articles are due. | 25 | 26 | 27 2p Prayer Team | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:30a Worship Celebration with Pastor Janet & Luncheon Cook-out | While Pastor is at General Assembly and on vacation... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you need a hospital visit, call Vicki Wakelee at 440.259.2116 • For prayer concerns, call Mary Hale at 440.639.8833. • For administrative concerns, call Carole Martin at 440.259.2257 | | | | | |

July Service Schedules

| | Worship Leaders | Elders | All Month |
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| 2 | Susan Callahan | Vicki Wakelee Carole Martin | Deacons *Judy Bartlett (not 7/16 & 7/23) Eric Van Boxel (7/16 & 7/23) **Frankie Blanchard *Head Deacon |
| 9 | Tim Johnson | Joann Rombough Linda Warfield | Sacristan Sandy McKenna |
| 16 | Sherry Smith | Earl Johnson Rick Bartlett | Counters Judy Bartlett (not 7/16 & 7/23) Vicki Wakelee (7/16 & 7/23) Connie Smith |
| 23 | Carole Martin | Carole Martin Vicki Wakelee | Hostesses Penny Harrison Linda Warfield |
| 30 | Judy Bartlett | Rick Bartlett Joann Rombough | Hostesses Penny Harrison Linda Warfield |



July Birthdays



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CWM ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

You may be thinking it's too early to think about the CWM Annual Fundraiser. **Well, no it's not! Plans are well under-way.**

We invite everyone to participate in some way...donate items for a gift basket for the Chinese Auction or food for the **event...sell tickets...distribute flyers...set-up...clean-up...sell 50/50 tickets during the event...these are all ways to make this fundraiser successful!**

Please let Penny Angeloro or Carole Martin know if you can donate for the Chinese Auction. Thurlene Lawson will gladly accept help with food for the event. For other volunteer opportunities,

speaking with Laurie Martin. Remember **the old saying, "Many hands make light work."** Those many hands can also enjoy a **"fun" 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



Tell your family, your friends, your neighbors, your **neighbors' friends** about this great event!

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my secret sisters for the basket of teas I received in May, and for the wonderful tomato plant growing in my yard in June. Thank for thinking of me and for all you do for the Church. You are most generous with **your time, talent and gifts.** May God's blessings rest upon you.

Blessings,
Pastor Janet



Abridgement of two thank you letters from Project Hope

June 7, 2017

Dear Pastor Janet & Church Family,
Thank you for your gift of \$245.50 donated on May 15, 2017 and your gift of food donated on May 20, 2017. Gifts like yours help us to restore hope and renew lives. Your donations have taken families with infants who have nowhere to go and given them an opportunity to get back on their feet in the midst **of their struggle.** It's donations like yours that allow us to continue the mission of serving our local homeless population.

With your continued support, we will be able to fulfill not just our own financial goal, but also our **mission statement: "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,
Executive Director

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



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July 2017 Newsletter

Pastor
Rev. Dr. Janet Mers

Worship
9:30am

Fellowship
10:30am

Sunday School
11:00am

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