



Perry Christian Church

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Pastor's Pondering

As I was contemplating my sermon for Memorial Day Sunday I happened upon a document dated April 2006. This was a document that stated that all the undersigned agreed to go forward into the blessings that God had for Perry Christian Church. As I reviewed each and every signature on the document I noted there were 60 who signed. 60 people that April Sunday committed to going forward and to living as a viable stable forward looking church. As I reviewed all the names I noted many had died before seeing the new church on Call Road.

The document that I held in my hands represented a testimony to the commitment of you, Perry Christian Church. In Joshua's day he required a commitment of the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. The first commitment that he required was that the priests would lead the people to cross over the Jordan

River. The priests entered the flood stage Jordan River carrying the Ark of the Covenant first. As they entered the river the waters stopped flowing upstream, and flowed away downstream leaving dry land for the Israelites to cross over to the other side.

The second testimony to **the Israelite's commitment** was a monument Joshua required of each of the 12 tribes. Joshua 4:4-9 (NIV) ... Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, **"what do these stones mean?..."** These stones are to be a memorial to the **people of Israel forever."**

Each tribe was to bring a stone from the Jordan and together build a monument standing tall. The purpose was when their children would ask why this monu-

ment was standing there, it would be a time of educating the younger generation as to what God had done for them.

Today we have a testimony to give to our younger generation as well. The very building we worship in each Sunday is a monument and testament to what God has done for Perry Christian Church. Though many have died hoping they would see that which they had prayed for and financially supported to come to fruition, they **never lost hope. And that's** the purpose and point of a monument. To give hope and testimony to all generations.

The first Sunday of June is a time when we give recognition to the hope and testimony of our graduates. Each graduate is recognized and given the opportunity to celebrate with

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Special point of Interest:

- Fun Night—Remote control car races & cook out!



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Perry Christian Church the joy that God has delivered in their lives. Each has a hope given to them by God to complete **in their lifetime. The monument that we give each graduate to acknowledge God's hand in their life, is God's Holy Word.** Each Bible is hand-picked and delivered to the graduate the first Sunday in June. Come share the testimony and celebration of our graduates this year, June 4th.

May God bless each and every one of you,

Pastor Janet

WORSHIP

LOOKING BACK

Each Memorial Sunday we celebrate how God has used the United States in a mighty way. Human rights are advocated from the Oval Office to around the world. Preservation of

our green earth is raised to a level that other countries join in the fight. Animal husbandry, agriculture, and the plight of food scarcity are met with generous donations. Diplomacy is preferred over war. God has given us a great responsibility in this country, and each and every person who

lives here, is privileged beyond belief. May 28 we will raise the American flag our flag pole at Perry Christian Church as a testimony to the brave men and women who have given their lives to further the endeavors to which God has called this country to testify.



FELLOWSHIP

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

June 4 we will celebrate with Tonya Brewer her graduation from college with an AA degree in young child development. Please join us for cake and punch following worship.



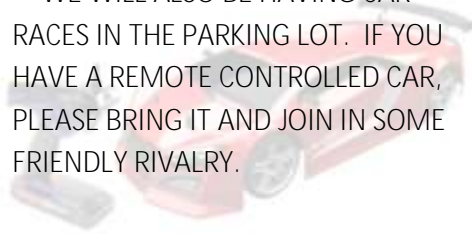
FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our next Family Fun Night is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We are still collecting school supplies and will be packing some backpacks on the 10th. Items we are collecting include:

- wide ruled notebook paper
- No. 2 pencils
- Hand held pencil sharpeners

- single subject spiral notebooks
- crayons
- washable markers (not the "scented ones")
- post it notes
- glue sticks
- stick pens - blue or black

WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING CAR RACES IN THE PARKING LOT. IF YOU HAVE A REMOTE CONTROLLED CAR, PLEASE BRING IT AND JOIN IN SOME FRIENDLY RIVALRY.



We will be cooking on the grill, so bring your appetite. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, please do. Everyone would enjoy it.

Please let us know if you will attend and how many. Reply on Facebook, call the church and leave a message (259-4821) or call Carole Martin (259-2257) with reservations!

MINISTRY

Planting Party Scheduled June 3, 2017--1:00 PM

Would you like to participate in a planting party this year? Have you enjoyed the fruits and vegetables from the Kitchen Garden and the strawberries from the Children's garden in the past? On Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 1:00 pm we will be preparing the beds and areas. We will be weeding and prepping the

soil so that we can also plant in the garden areas that day. Remember, the gardens belong to the congregation. We invite all that are willing to help to join us on June 3rd at 1pm. Bring your garden gloves and tools. If you have some left over energy, the planting beds around the church can also use weeding and care. Come and be a part of this fel-

lowship as we prepare to grow some fruit and vegetables for harvest later this summer and fall. It is always fun to see how God has created such bounty in those small seeds and plants.



MISSION

PROJECT HOPE

This month for Project Hope Saturday Side Dish we will **once again be making "Sub Sandwiches"**. Here's what we need:

- 1 lb. sliced bologna
- 1 lb. any type sliced cheese
- 1 small Ranch Dressing
- 1 small Italian dressing

For lunches this month, we need:

- 5 loaves of bread
- 55 slices of turkey
- 55 slices of cheese
- 3 bags of 20 individual bags of chips
- 5 pkgs. Fruit/granola bars

Cash donations are used for

the purchase of fresh fruit.

The food prep will take place on Thursday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Someone is needed to deliver the meals on Saturday, June 17th 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

PROJECT HOPE "S2S" 2017

From seed to sustainability

Project Hope has been in service to the Lake County community for 24 years. They strive to not only supply food and shelter, but also professional guidance to the homeless in our midst.

24 years ago they had a 16-bed temporary shelter and operated on \$8,000 per year. Today their permanent 50-bed facility operates on nearly a million dollar budget! Nearly 90% of the 400 people served annually are breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Even with such great growth and success, there is more work to accomplish. This year, it is with humble hearts that Project Hope asks for continued financial support. The **campaign for 2017 is "From Seed to Sustainability"**. 24 years ago a seed planted in Lake County, has now blossomed into a beautiful organization that continuously bears much fruit. The scripture, 1 Corin-

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June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	May 29 Church Office is closed.	May 30	May 31	1 2p Prayer Team 6:30p Bible Study	2	3
Pastor's on vacation thru June 1st.						
4 GRADUATION SUNDAY 9:30a Worship 10:45a Graduation Cele- bration	5	6 6-8p Leadership Team	7 9a Community Mission Ladies Night Out (watch your bulletin for up- dates.)	8 2p Prayer Team 6:30p Bible Study	9	10 5-7p Family Fun Night
11 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	12	13 10a Pastor at Ex. Council Mtg. in Columbus	14	15 2p Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep 6:30p Bible Study	16	17 6:45p Deliver food to Project Hope
18 FATHER'S DAY 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	19 Newsletter articles are due.	20	21	22 2p Prayer Team	23	24
Pastor's on vacation from June 19th through June 25th.						
25 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	26	27	28	29 2p Prayer Team	30	

Please Note for the July General Board Meeting it will be postponed to July 19th
until after General Assembly.

June Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	Greeters	All Month
4	Eric Van Boxel	Linda Warfield Rick Bartlett		Deacons *Donna Van Boxel Eric Van Boxel *Head Deacon
11	Don Bartlett	Earl Johnson Vicki Wakelee		Sacristan Karen Hinton
18	Earl Johnson	Carole Martin Joann Rombough		Counters Vicki Wakelee Judy Bartlett (not 6/4) Connie Smith 6/4
25	Donna Van Boxel	Rick Bartlett Earl Johnson		Hostesses Penny Angeloro Susan Callahan

June Birthdays



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While Pastor is on vacation...

- If you need a hospital visit, call Rick Bartlett at 440.520.2079.
- For prayer concerns, call Mary Hale at 440.639.8833.
- For administrative concerns, call Carole Martin at 440.259.2257



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thians 3:6, describes the mission well: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but it is God that has been making it grow."

Project Hope is respectfully asking for your help in reaching their \$1.2 million year-end goal, designed to sustain their growth. It costs the shelter \$39.11 a night to provide their services to one guest. Would

you consider providing a family of four shelter for five night (\$782) or two weeks (\$2,200) or an average stay (\$5,000)?

You can donate now by visiting us online at www.projecthopeonline.org or mail a donation to Project Hope, 25 Freedom Rd., Painesville, OH 44077

Through God's direction and grace, Project Hope continues to serve our community with great

impact. Through our faithfulness to those in dire circumstances, Project Hope is able to sustain their success daily. Thank you, church family, not just for your consideration, but also for your current commitment to Project Hope's endless pursuit of restoring hope, and renewing lives in Lake County in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

THIS & THAT

CWM

Our Ladies Night Out is going to be a pot-luck dinner at the church on June 7th. We are hoping that Haley Richardson will be sharing some more of her missionary experiences with us. More info will follow.

Plans are well underway for our annual Fundraiser which will be held at the Perry Community Center on October 15th from 4:00 -7:00. This is an all-church event and we hope everyone will want to participate in some way. Carole Martin and Penny Angeloro will have suggestions for Chinese Auction baskets and Thurlene Lawson will have a list of food items needed. They also need volunteers for their teams.



Of course, we will also have tickets to sell and flyers to distribute. The day of the event, we will need people for set-up and clean-up, to sell raffle and 50/50 tickets and to help greet our guests. It takes many hands to make this a successful event so please let us know how you can help!

SINGLES' MINISTRY

Save the following dates for upcoming events:

Friday, June 30th - Captains Baseball Game - 7:00 p.m. family and friends invited

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.

THANK YOU

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FROM SEED TO
SUSTAINABILITY 2017

April 20, 2017

Rev. Dr. Janet Mers
Perry Christian Church
PO Box 177
Perry, OH 44081

Dear Pastor Janet & Friends,

On behalf of Project Hope for the Homeless, we would like to thank you for being instrumental in the mission. 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 neighbors' donated time, talents and treasures 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. Thank you very much for your gift of **lunches & side dish, donated 04/11/2017.**

Our campaign, "From Seed to Sustainability" being launched this year, will help stabilize the shelter after the rapid growth in our efforts to meet the great need in the past 3 years. In 2013, we began Families Moving Forward, a program specifically designed to include daytime services for parents and children who are homeless. In 2014, we added a 5,200 square foot addition to accommodate families with children separately and to position the shelter for overall increased capacity. In 2015, we were able to increase our capacity from a 35 to 50-bed operation. Finally, this past year, 2016, we made the necessary changes in staffing, volunteers and operations to efficiently operate at 50-beds.

As we enter into 2017, we want you to know how valuable your contribution is in sustaining the ongoing vision. As we journey together through this year, we look forward to your prayerful consideration in helping us to attain our \$1.2 million goal by the end of 2017. Together, we can continue to help build better futures for those desperately in need of hope!

"Project Hope is full of angels looking for souls one at a time, and nurturing each soul to the transitional journey of salvation." - Former Guest

Thank you for restoring hope and renewing lives! Your partnership is important as we serve the homeless men, women and children who currently have no place to call home.

In Service,



Judy Burr
Executive Director | director@projecthopeonline.org

You have received no goods or services in exchange for your donation.
Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

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June 2017 Newsletter



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Worship
9:30am

Fellowship
10:30am

Sunday School
11:00am

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