



# PERRY CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

Now that Pentecost Sunday has been recognized, celebrated, and appropriately established within the Church's liturgical year, we can all move into what within the liturgical calendar is known as "ordinary time." The term derives from delineations within the written and spoken Roman Catholic missal that have been brought to light by Pope John in 1962, Pope Paul in 1969, and then Pope Benedict in 2007. The missal, otherwise known as the words, music, and language contained within a Roman Catholic mass, have all had some subtle variations included within them that have then set into motion the slightly different wordings and interpretations presented by all three Popes in their respective time frames as head of the Church. Within a liturgical year, there are different seasons known commonly as Lent, Advent, Epiphany and so forth. The seasons that make up ordinary time, (there are two of them altogether) are then in some ways, "ordinary" in the sense that they are not the specialized seasons commonly known to Christians, at-large, who merely recognize advent, and lent (as but two examples,) as the more "special or unique" religious seasons during the year. Putting it another way, we as Christians celebrate Christmas, and Easter, but we don't spend a great deal of time worrying about, or celebrating various Sundays, or religious holidays that take place in July, August, September, October, and so forth.

If indeed this time of year is "ordinary," then what does that mean to Christians? Furthermore, what should it mean to Christians? Does it mean we are to go on vacation away from home, and the church that we claim allegiance to? Does it mean that the church ought to go on its annual summer schedule and shut down most activity so that we can all take a breather away from the work associated with doing stuff for the church? Oddly enough, the phrase "ordinary time" may have a very unfortunate consequence attached to it. For, if indeed, our own sense of "ordinary time" in some way denotes doing less for the church, (which also means doing less for God,) and that to us in some way indicates that it is okay to now do less in the summer months as we've tended to do all our lives, maybe we'd better revisit just what "ordinary time" truly stands for. I think, it means that no special significance is in any way a part of what we're to be doing, saying, and worshipping our way towards right now. That said, I also think it means that the "ordinary" things we do, say, and worship our way through right about now, should be fully dedicated to our service to both the church itself, and to God – just as it always should have been down through the years. I think it possible that for a lot us, "ordinary time," simply became a time during the year when we don't "ordinarily" do too much. Let me be the one to break that bit of news to you.

I'll look for you in church on Sunday, just as God and I "ordinarily" do,

Pastor Paul



## GRADUATION SUNDAY



We will be celebrating our graduates on June 10th during and after worship. If you have or know of someone that will be graduating and are part of our church family, please let me know so we can honor them.

Sherry Smith

## PROJECT HOPE SATURDAY SIDE DISH

In preparing the "Saturday Side Dish" for Project Hope for the Homeless this month here's what we'll need for submarine sandwiches.

- 3 loaves of French or Italian Bread not sliced.
- 1 lb. Sliced ham
- 1 lb. Sliced salami
- 1 lb. Sliced turkey
- 2 lb. Sliced cheese
- 1 Small bottle Italian dressing
- 1 Small bottle ranch dressing
- 2 Small bags shredded lettuce

- 55 Slices of Bologna
- 55 Slices Cheese
- 5 Loaves
- 3 Bags of 20 individual chips



### We'll gather to prepare the food

on Thursday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m. The food delivery will be on Saturday, June 16th at 6:45 p.m. We do need a volunteer to deliver the food that day. Sign-up sheets for food needed and delivery people are on the church bulletin board.

For the sack lunches that we provide to Project Hope clients we need:

Frankie Blanchard & Brenda Carr

## CWM — CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CWM will host a book exchange after church on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Participants need to bring a book in a gift bag or plain paper bag. The book should be new or in pristine condition. We will also have a light lunch. Reservations are needed. Let Carole Martin or Penny Harrison know if you are attending.



last week.

We are now collecting empty medicine bottles which will be sent to Cincinnati-based "Matthew 25: Ministries," an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization, accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles (prescription or over-the-counter) that are sent to places where medical supplies are needed. Our first shipment was sent



Plans continue for our annual fundraiser which will be held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Start thinking about what you may have to donate to our Chinese Auction. Mark your calendars now for a fun evening. And, let your friends know.

## KINGDOM BUILDING HERE AND NOW!

On Monday, May 21, 2018, Perry United Methodist Church and Perry Christian Church met to discuss possible mission/ministry projects that the two churches could work on together. Suggestions were as follows:

- 1) **Parent's Night Out** – one evening a month volunteers “babysit” for kids while parents have a night out. Food and activities are provided.
- 2) Youth Group – Tim Johnson & boys and Taunya & Andy already attend.
- 3) **“It's Your Birthday”** party for children ages 4 through 10 who cannot afford a party. Advertise through the Perry Center.
- 4) Super Bowl Subs – take orders for and make sub sandwiches for Super Bowl in January-February.
- 5) Fat Tuesday – Mardi Gras Fund Raiser
- 6) VBS – Sue and Taunya are discussing a joint venture this year.
- 7) Social for both churches to get to know each other better.
- 8) Outdoor church service – potluck after service
- 9) Help with summer lunch program held through The Perry Center.
- 10) Movie Night
- 11) Family Night
- 12) **Single's Group**



Notes:

- 1) Offering from joint Christmas Eve service is available for joint ministries.
- 2) **Let's look “outside the box” for new ideas for missions/ministries.**
- 3) **Include PUMC's new pastor, Pastor Liz in future planning meetings.**
- 4) **Ask ourselves: What works? What doesn't work?**
- 5) ***Saturday, June 2, 2018 is PUMC's Bicentennial Celebration. Ice Cream Social from 2-4pm at The Methodist Church. You are invited!***

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm at PUMC. We have chosen three of the suggestions to begin work on:

- 1) **It's Your Birthday**
- 2) Joint Social
- 3) Outdoor service with pot luck after.

Please join us and help plan joint mission/ministry projects.

Carole Martin,  
Note taker

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 2-4p Ice Cream Social at Perry UMC  Ethan Knoke
3 8:00a CWM Executive Board 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	4 Destiny Helmick 	5	6 9a Community Mission Team	7 9:30a Prayer Team	8	9
10 Graduation Sunday 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11:00a CWM Lunch & Book Exchange	11 7p Trustees' Mtg	12	13	14 9:30a Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	15	16 6:45p Food Delivery to Project Hope  Almeta Morris 
17 <b>Father's Day</b> 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	18 7:00p Joint Mtg. at Perry UMC	19	20  Harriet Daugherty	21 9:30a Prayer Team	22	23
24 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	25	26	27  James Helmick	28 9:30a Prayer Team	29	30

## *June Service Schedules*

	<i>Worship Leaders</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>All Month</i>
3		Laurie Martin Rick Bartlett	<u><i>Deacons</i></u> *Jeff Bartlett Connie Smith
10		Linda Warfield Vicki Wakelee	<u><i>Sacristan</i></u> Jackie Williams
17		Carole Martin Don Bartlett	<u><i>Counters</i></u> Connie Smith Frankie Blanchard
24		Rick Bartlett Laurie Martin	<u><i>Hostess</i></u> Penny Angeloro Mary Hale



## **IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!!**

There is a new mission committee operating at Perry Christian Church. If you haven't heard, this group is organized to celebrate birthdays – most especially for children between 4 and 10 who are missing out on the wonderful celebration of the joy of their life.

Through no fault of their own, children are often caught up in the trials and tribulations of their parents – poverty, illness, instability, and violence. When faced with these difficulties, birthdays can easily be overlooked or ignored leaving children without the simple joy of acknowledging their very birth and life.

Working with the Perry Center and other social service agencies to identify children, in Perry, who meet our guidelines, our group will be providing monthly birthday parties for these children. Each child, accompanied by their parent/guardian and up to 8 additional friends/siblings, will be invited to the church for a party to include: food, decorations, cake and ice cream and gifts for the guest of honor. We are planning on beginning our ministry with August birthdays.

If you know of any Perry children who should be included in our efforts or if you would like to help, in any way, please contact a member of the committee. We will be making a presentation to the congregation at a June service where we will be happy to answer any additional questions.

It's Your Birthday Committee: Frankie Blanchard, Pat Boehnke, Laura and Shelly Braden, Jeray Bunnell, Jackie Fernandez, Penny Harrison, Carole Martin, Laurie Martin, Connie Smith, and Vicki Wakelee

# THIS AND THAT

## DID YOU KNOW???

The Elders are the spiritual leaders of the church. Currently, the Elders serving the congregation are: Don Bartlett, Rick Bartlett, Carole Martin, Laurie Martin, Vicki Wakelee and Linda Warfield.

Besides participating in the Sunday worship service, the Elders serve communion to the shut-ins, visit hospital patients, and offer healing prayer for health and/or hardship issues.

**If you have a need for our services, PLEASE, let one of us know. We can't be of service if we don't know you need us.**

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## Watch the Bulletin for Updates

A Worship Team Meeting and Endowment Fund Meeting will be scheduled soon to occur during the month of June. Watch your bulletin for the date & time.

Linda Warfield



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## Treasurers May 9, General Board Meeting Crier Report

General Fund Budget Expenses – Our 2-month period for March & April 2018 expenses were \$15,750.82 leaving us a checking account budget balance of \$ 8,369.09. Our approved budget allocation for 2018 is \$108,950.00. Non-budget expenses from monies donated were \$ 2,037.97.

Designated Fund Expenses (not budgeted) – Our March & April non-budget expenses distributed were \$732.25 for flower fund, Bethany Student support and Perry Center.

LT Designated Expenses (not budgeted) – Includes regular Memorial and Dream Memorials, Property Repair & Maintenance (for Inside and Out, County Required Inspections, Periodic Upkeep, Small Equipment Replacement and Long-Term Property Repairs (roof, etc.)). March & April 2018 2-month expenses were \$1905.19 for 2 sanctuary blinds, mower repairs, security, freezer repair, and sanctuary emergency light replacement. Taken from the Dream Capital Reserve \$ 698.98 to replace our clothes washing machine. We also recognize and thank several members who are covering some our repair expenses out of their own personal donations. Also note that the county required annual water back flow prevention valve was successfully completed May 22, 2018.

Balance Sheet Summary for 4-months through April 2018.

As previously directed by our General Board because Huntington back started charging dormant account fees, on January 25, 2018, we closed & transferred 2 accounts:

Huntington Savings account full balance of \$10,821.77 to Short Term Designated Fund Expenses (Not budgeted).

Huntington Money Market account to Dream Funds (\$25,225.09) and Labyrinth (\$ 5,000.000) (Not budgeted).

Investments at Christian Church Foundation. Our Initial Investment Principle commencing July 2017 was \$ 500,000.00. Investment interest unrealized through December 2017 was \$ 26,343.69. Balance Dec 31, 2017 was \$ 526,343.69. Do note, with recent market turbulence, that value as of March 31, 2018 is now \$ 522, 691.58 and will be adjusted in Power Church reports.

General Comments:

Rickie of Peoples Pest Control treating has moved and no longer providing this service.

Our 5-year lease on our current copier expired May 1. We replaced our copier with a Kyocera from same supplier IGM. Monthly costs and lease agreement for new 5-year lease are approximately 30% less. Thank you to Eric, Trustees, Pastor Paul and Secretary Deb!

2018 - non-budgeted - We thank and bless the members and community for the below support:

Haiti Mission – \$ 670.00 paid March 11 to Rachel Collins.

Fundraiser for Perry 500 Race - \$ 540.03 paid March 11 to Project Hope.

Sanctuary Blinds - \$258.00 was donated by members. Cost for blinds was \$ 516.00.

Respectfully submitted, Don Bartlett, Treasurer

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## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, and flowers. It was very much appreciated.

Love to all of you,

Angie Silvis



*Thank You!*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members:

Donald Curtis and Wendy Harrick

Don and Wendy transferred their membership to the church on Sunday, May 20th.

Don and Wendy, We thank God for your decision to join with our congregation as we strive to be the people God created us to be.





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