

Perry Christian Church Newsletter

The Crier—June 2019



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

At some point within these last couple of weeks, I've taken my small, shaggy female canine companion Heidi, to the Vet's office. I should clarify things just a bit, and indicate that whereas I took her with me, it was Heidi who had the appointment. I'm sure the Vet would be able to provide me with my own distemper shot if needed, but Heidi makes for a much more enjoyable patient experience for the entire staff. Not to be overshadowed by her surroundings, I'm kind of amused to find that my picky, finicky puppy is no less picky while there in their office. As a means of attempting to calm down anxious animals, they place "medicated," decorative scarves around their necks immediately upon arrival for their appointments. They also immediately pull out dispenser cans of snack cheese, and huge generic jars of peanut butter with which they administer healthy doses of both atop a washable, ribbed rubber mat as a means of providing both a tasty snack, and a "brain exercise" for each animal to become distracted by. Overall, all the measures are designed to distract the animal away from any feelings of anxiousness they may be experiencing based upon the strange and fearful surroundings. Heidi, upon arrival, immediately "rids herself" of the pesky scarf they've just given to her, (Somehow it must clash with her greater sense of fashionable attire choices.) She then at times dabbles her tongue into the canned cheese-looking stuff, but only with a marginal amount of effort. And when it comes down directly to the generic peanut butter, well...let's just say this; Have you yourself, ever opened a jar of cheap, generic peanut butter to simply look at it? I want to choose my words here, very carefully. Let's put it this way, it is in some vague respects, somewhat similar in appearance to various activities infants wearing diapers are known for. She no more has anything to do with coming anywhere near that generic stuff, as would most of us in terms of wanting to get near to something that we too, could tell at one quick glance, was not worth the material needed to have it somehow exist.

I bring her visits and the entire situation up, because just like finicky puppies, we also need to be able to cut through the clutter, slice through the distractions, and immediately recognize cheap, imitations and knock-offs that have somehow long stood in our way as somehow representing something of value and importance within the structures and organizational components of our faith through God. As you are probably very much aware of by now, I as a man and as a pastoral leader of others, do not let grass grow under my feet in terms of status quo repetitive behaviors. I am constantly on the look-out for other possible, innovative, and creative ways to approach the activities and life experiences of those who enter these church doors. Why? Because life is to be experienced in terms of the fullness of whatever that is being meant by that phrase. Life, if only a series of repetitive "acceptable," routine-oriented "routines," can only therefore ever become as a maximization of things, a routine of convenience and a continual series of known, and completely (already) understood experiences. I'm sorry if you have no desire to be challenged in any way, but in the absence of challenge, even a belief system like Christianity becomes nothing other than boring, meaningless routine, based primarily upon completely understood convenience.

I'll look for you on Sunday. Come, to meet that challenge with me!

Pastor Paul

Elders' Spotlight

What Is An Elder?

Titus 1:6-9 says: ⁶An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

These verses seem difficult to live up to all the time as a way of life, however, as Elders here at Perry Christian Church, we are expected to be spiritual leaders. The Elders serve at the table during worship on a rotating schedule by praying for the offering and communion and serving the communion elements to the congregation through the Deacons. We also take communion to those who are unable to attend church services due to health conditions that keep them home or hospital/nursing facility bound. At various times during the year Elders will be called upon to assist the Pastor in different capacities during baptisms, holiday observances, and in the Pastor's absence. The Elders meet every other month prior to the Board meeting and upon occasion in between as needed. If asked to be an Elder for a three year term, please prayerfully consider committing to seek God's will for Perry Christian Church.

Vicki Wakelee

The Worship Experience

Pentecost is approaching quickly on June 9, 2019. Remember, this is the day to wear red. We are celebrating the birth of Christianity this day.



We are planning an outdoor church service on July 21, 2019. Do you play an acoustic instrument? Would you like to help provide music that day or maybe on a different Sunday?

We are searching for volunteers and ideas regarding some different ways to provide music. We are asking for input from you. Talk to us about what you have experienced in the past during worship services that has had special meaning or you found enjoyable or enlightening. Many have come from other church backgrounds and we welcome your insight. Help us to enrich the worship experience for everyone.

Please share your thoughts with one of the team.

The next Worship Committee meeting is tentatively set for June 18th at 6:00p.

Linda Warfield, Carole Martin, Rick & Darla Bartlett, Don & Judy Bartlett, Donna VanBoxel, Frankie Blanchard, Jerry Bunnell, Laurie Martin, Lori Silvis, Penny Harrison, Sherry Smith, Taunya Brewer, and Pastor Paul Bomeli

Valuable “Gold” Chain has been Found!

Nope, just kidding! Nobody that I’m aware of has somehow uncovered or found any type of valuable gold jewelry. I’m just being fiendishly clever so that your eye will be enticed by the title of this news piece. The true excitement, though, can be found through knowing just what kind of chain I’m referencing. Whereas it won’t truly be new in any sense of the word, the soon to be reformulated church prayer chain will become a newer, more up to date version available to all for inclusion, and for active participation in. Simply, the chain operates by stringing along for the active, participating “links,” (people involved, in other words,) the prayerful, contemplative pieces of news and events which impact each of our lives in such dramatic fashion. The prayerful components are not gossip related “stories” per se, but should and do represent actual fact related circumstances, which must, by definition, be dutifully approved by whomever it is that has been dramatically affected. There are four segments of the greater chain, and gloriously both Virginia Brennan, and Joyce McCreia have willingly indicated that they jointly will assist the church by helping to co-administrate this newest, more comprehensive version. Collectively, they will work with Deb Kendrick and remove outdated contacts, as well as implement and add new additions and chain “links” which all do indeed help us turn this communication chain into a “golden” chain filled with prayerful compassion, and a glorious uplifting of valuable prayers to God.

Virginia’s phone number is: 440-571-2595

Joyce’s phone number is: 440-259-4408

To reach Deb Kendrick in the church office: 440-259-4821

To be considered a prayerful church and congregation, it certainly would be wonderful if the active prayer chain was a very full, and active representation of most if not all the congregation. Bearing in mind that the “effort” needed to somehow move the chain along from contact to contact is minimal, it should be a no-brainer in terms of electing to participate. Sure, it might be aggravating to find that so -and-so is not available by phone at 3:00 PM, but cannot a voice mail be left, or an additional call be placed a few hours later? This “job” of communicating prayerful concerns is not really a job. The proper approach to take and bear in mind is an important construction of helping to build a more spiritual church family.

Pastor Paul



PROJECT HOPE

Another month, another Saturday Side-Dish for Project Hope for the Homeless! The clients at Project Hope just love our sub sandwiches! Here’s what is needed this month: 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 lbs. of sliced cheese, and 2 bags of shredded lettuce.

For sack lunches, items needed include 55 slices of ham, 5 loaves of bread and 1 case of water bottles.

Mark your calendars for July 27th from 10a-12p Project Hope will be having a “Christmas in July Open House & Tour” and from 6p-8p a “Concert of Hope.” More details to come...

May God bless each one of you for participating in this ministry to care for His children.

Frankie Blanchard & Brenda Carr



JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00a CWM Executive Mtg. 9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship	3 7p Trustee Mtg.	4 5:30p VBS Mtg. at PUMC	5	6 9:30 Prayer Team 6:30p Bible Study	7	8
9 9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship 11a CWM Mug Exchange	10	11	12	13 9:30 Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep 6:30p Bible Study	14	15 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
16 9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship	17	18 6p Worship Committee Mtg.	19	20 9:30 Prayer Team	21	22
23 9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship	24	25	26	27 6:30p Bible Study	28	29 5-7p Call Road Hangout
30 9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship						



June Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	All Month
2	Virginia Brennan	Vicki Wakelee Carole Martin	<u>Deacons</u> Sherry Smith Connie Smith
9	Penny Harrison	Don Bartlett Laurie Martin	<u>Sacristans</u> Penny Harrison
16	Sherry Smith	Earl Johnson Donna Van Boxel	<u>Counters</u> Vicki Wakelee Judy Bartlett
23	Frankie Blanchard	Gayle Salsberry Vicki Wakelee	<u>Hostess</u> Jeray Bunnell
30	Virginia Brennan	Carole Martin Don Bartlett	

Thank You!

May 14, 2019

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for your gift of lunches and a side dish donated April 20, 2019. And thank you for supporting the ones we serve. As we enter the new year we couldn't be more thankful for God's grace, mercy, and blessings shown through the support of our community. It is friends like you who have walked beside us to achieve the mission of restoring hope and renewing lives to those experiencing homelessness in NE Ohio. With your help we successfully transitioned 82% of the 471 individuals that walked through our doors in 2018.

We pray you have received great blessings this year, just as you have been a blessing to those we serve.

In Service Judy Burr

Executive Director, Project Hope



June 11

Ted Chapman

June 16

Almeta Morris

CWM

Women's Bible Study will conclude with two last meetings on June 6th and June 13th at 6:30 pm. We will finish the last two chapters of Mark Batterson's *the Circle Maker: "Trusting God with Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears."*

Our next study will begin on June 27th for six weeks. Dates are July 11th, 18th, 25th, August 1st, and August 8th. (No study on July 4th). The study will be Book by Book: Esther. The book of Esther teaches us that the living God is hard at work in all the

complexities of our lives even though He rules from the throne-room in the invisible creation! Book by Book: Esther covers the ten chapters of the book of Esther in six

segments of approximately fifteen minutes each. Study books orders will be taken at the first meeting.

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming CWM events:

June 9th - **Mug Exchange** **It doesn't matter if you are a coffee or a tea drinker, there is nothing like a nice mug to drink from.** Be on the lookout for a special mug to exchange. A light lunch, a devotional, and a fun exchange of mugs.

October 20th – Annual Fundraiser It is not too early to be thinking of a special basket to donate. (There are only 21 Sundays till this event.)

Penny Harrison, Co-Leader



New Fish Youth Group

The youth group had their last meeting before summer on Sunday May 5th with a Cinco De Mayo party. We held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Saturday May 18th. Many thanks to all who supported us, helped cook, clean up, etc. We raised \$298.00.

This Summer we are planning a trip to Waldameer Park on Saturday July 27th. Cost for youth members is \$10.00 per person. Cost for guests are \$15.00 per person. We are planning a picnic lunch. All are welcome. There might be other activities planned for the summer so stay tuned.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped make this youth group a success.

New Fish Youth advisors,

Sue Lefler, Taunya Brewer, Tim Johnson



Vacation Bible School

Our next VBS meeting is Tuesday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Perry United Methodist Church. We are looking for volunteers to bake, cook, volunteer, help with decorations and set up. Please see Taunya or Tim if you are interested in helping.



Call Road Hangout



Our next Call Road Hangout is Saturday, June 29, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Please see Taunya or Tim if you would like to help out.

From the Financial Secretary

When making a check out to the church or CWM, please be sure to use the entire name **“Perry Christian Church”**. **Huntington Bank is becoming more particular regarding how checks are written.** They will not accept checks made out to Perry Christian, PCC, or CWM. Thanks for your help!

Donna Van Boxel

Thank You!

To my friends at Perry Christian Church:

Thank you for the many cards, gifts of food, loan of chairs and prayers. Your kind support has been a true blessing. A special thank you to the angel who arrived with chicken salad and stayed to clean my kitchen.....for 2 hours.....what would I do without all of you

Sincerely,
Susan Callahan



Thank you all for the wonderful welcome and support you provided while I filled in for Pastor Paul. From the very beginning, you made Audrey and me feel like partners in your ministry. I felt so supported by all of you as I fumbled through learning the details of the worship service. I should not have been surprised by the cake, card and gifts you offered us last Sunday, but I was! You are a genuinely kind and loving congregation. I treasure these gifts and the weeks I was able to be with you. Again, thank you so very much for everything.

Pastor Jeff Jackson



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Pastor Paul Bormeli

Worship

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship

10:45 a.m.

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