

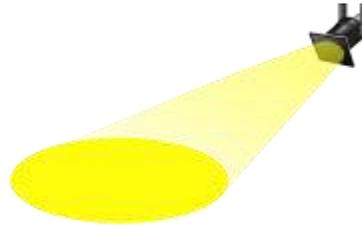


Perry Christian Church Newsletter



The Crier — March 2020

Elder's Spotlight



BLESSINGS!

What is a blessing? The dictionary describes a blessing in this way...

1. a special favor, mercy, or benefit: example—the blessings of liberty.
2. a favor or gift bestowed by God, thereby bringing happiness.
3. the invoking of God's favor upon a person: example—The son was denied his father's blessing.
4. praise; devotion; worship, especially grace said before a meal: example—The children took turns reciting the blessing.
5. approval or good wishes: example—The proposed law had the blessing of the governor.

To me, a blessing could be anybody or anything and being grateful helps me to recognize God's blessings. What about people helping others out? We have persons in our church family that take others to doctor or hospital appointments. Some "blessings" bring food to the sick or the shut-ins. Many of us visit the shut-ins and bring a cheerful greeting.

Have you ever been someplace and have been having a bad day, when someone walks by and gives you a smile? To me, That is a BIG BLESSING! It puts some pep into my step.

What about God's artwork? A rainbow after a summer rain, the beauty of flowers, the colorful fall season—oh, and don't forget the sunset! "Then the Lord looked upon the earth, and filled it with His blessings." —Sirach 16:27

Each one from the church family is a blessing to me and I thank God for all of you. God's blessings go all of you. Below are some poems I've found about blessings.

Earl Johnson

Blessings come in many forms to help us through the day,
 And we have much to thank Him for each time we stop to pray.
There are no limits to God's love if we just look around.
 Everyday there are blessings just waiting to be found.

Thank you, God, for blessings,
 The large ones and the small;
 When I stop to count them,
 So many I recall...
 The sunshine in the Summer,
 Golden meadows in the Fall,
Winter's crystal beauty
And springtime's' pastel shawl...
 The love of tender friendships,
 Peace at the even hour,
 Home and hearth so cozy,
 A shady, verdant bower...
Blessings aren't oft noticed
in life's busy show,
But it's good to sometimes count them
 As on our way we go.

Special Worship Opportunity—Sunday, March 1st

On Sunday, March 1st, we will have a representative from Cleveland Christian Home deliver the message during worship. It will be great to get an update on a mission project that Perry Christian Church has supported for many, many years.

Lenten Devotionals

Ash Wednesday is February 26th. Lenten devotionals from Disciples Home Mission have been printed and will be available Sunday, February 23rd. It is also available online at www.discipleshomemissions.org/events/lent/. At the time of this printing you could click “The 2020 Lent Resource is available. View online” and read or download from there. The PDF link led to the 2019 publication.



Easter Flowers

By purchasing Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, you can help PCC decorate for Easter Sunday.

This year you may choose from lilies, tulips or daffodils. All flowers are \$6.50 each. Order forms have been placed in the Sunday bulletin and on the church bulletin board. The deadline for orders is Sunday, March 22nd. If you have any questions, contact Pat Johnson or the church office.

Mission Matters

“Every act of kindness done, makes life better for someone.”

Young Perry Man in Need

I was contacted by the Perry Schools about a senior boy (whose father is incarcerated) who is living in a trailer without heat or electricity. He is not willing to go to a shelter because of an incident he had at an early age. He also has no transportation.

The school is helping him, but asked if The Perry Center could help. We could provide food, but without **electricity, there is no way to cook. We don't have the ability to give cash unless someone donates it to us with the stipulation it is to go for this specific cause.**

During our discussion, it was decided that gift cards to Sheetz, IGA or The Perry Family Restaurant would be useful and within walking distance for the young man.

If you would like to help with a gift card or cash donation, please let me know or simply purchase a card and I will see that the student gets it.

If you have any questions, please call Carole Martin at 259-2257.

Project Hope

On March 19th at 6 p.m., we will prepare a side dish and sack lunches for Project Hope. Here's what is needed to make our work successful! For the lunches we'll need: 55 slices of ham, 55 slices of cheese, 5 loaves of bread, and 1 Bags of 18 Individual chips.

Needed for the side dish are 3 Loaves of unsliced French bread, 1 lb. of sliced ham, 1 lb. of sliced salami, 1 lb. of sliced turkey, 2 lb. of sliced cheese, a bottle of ranch dressing, and 2 small bags of shredded lettuce.

As always there are sign-up sheets on the church bulletin board for the supplies and delivery. Please take a moment to read the full length thank you and coming events on pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter.

Thank you.

Frankie Blanchard & Brenda Carr

The Perry Center—Easter Baskets 2020

The Perry Center has made some exciting changes this year for the Easter Basket Program. The decision was made to include the older children of their clients. Last year the age limit was 12, this year it will be 17.

The community is being asked to adopt children ages 0 through 12 and provide baskets valued around \$20. We, the churches and The Perry Center will provide baskets for the older children, ages 13-17.

At Perry Christian, the candy we would usually provide for the baskets has already been donated. The way we can help is by making a monetary donation to The Perry Center so additional items for the baskets can be purchased. i.e. small hand-held games (non-electronic) religious books, and other age appropriate inexpensive items

There is a potential of 50-75 youth (ages 13-17) who could apply for this program. Applications are due soon, so we will be informed of the exact number of participants within a week or so.

You can place your donation in the church offering, or send it directly to The Perry Center, P.O. Box 446, Perry, OH 44081. Please make a memo on your check "Easter Basket Program".



Christian Women's Ministry (CWM)

After worship on Sunday, March 1st, CWM will be meeting to plan our fundraiser for 2020. There have been many suggestions, so we will need to narrow things down to doable plan. We appreciate your ideas and suggestions, so please plan to attend.

CWM's next regular board meeting is Sunday, April 5th after worship.





March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship</p> <p>After worship CWM Planning Mtg.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7p Trustee Mtg</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9a Community Outreach Team</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p> <p>6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6p Elders Mtg.</p> <p>7p Church Board Mtg.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p> <p>6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship</p> <p>12:30-2p New Fish Youth at PUMC</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30a Prayer Team</p> <p>6p Project Hope Food Prep</p> <p>6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship</p> <p>Easter Flower orders are due.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30p Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30a Worship followed by Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				

March Service Schedules

	Worship Leaders	Elders	All Month
1	Carole Martin	Earl Johnson Gayle Salsberry	<u>Deacons</u> Jeff Bartlett Diane Lett <u>Song Leader</u> Laurie Martin <u>Sacristan</u> Carole Martin <u>Counters</u> Connie Smith Judy Bartlett <u>Hostess</u> Pat Johnson
8	Sherry Smith	Joann Rombough Laurie Martin	
15	Vicki Wakelee	Linda Warfield Don Bartlett	
22	Penny Angeloro	Donna Van Boxel Earl Johnson	
29	Diane Lett	Gayle Salsberry Joann Rombough	



March Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Frankie Blanchard	5	6	7
8 Carole Martin	9 Donna Van Boxel	10	11	12	13 Don Curtis	14 Dillon Johnson
15	16	17 Andy Lawson Thurlene Lawson	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Tim Jalovec	26	27	28 Joe Kraws
29	30	31				

Thank You!

2020 Vision of Hope

FOCUSING ON ABUNDANT LIFE



January 23, 2020

Pastor Paul Bomeli
Perry Christian Church
PO Box 177
Perry, OH 44081

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for your gift of **55 lunches and 3 subs, donated 12/21/2019**. Your partnership is critical to the success of the nearly 500 men, women, and children that we serve here in our NE Ohio community each year. Your gift allows us to continue providing essential care like food and shelter to those in need. It also helps us provide simple things like hygiene items, clothing, and linens. Thanks to your partnership, each week we are also able to provide one-on-one goal-planning meetings for our guests with an experienced staff member. This allows nearly 90% of our guests each year positively transition back out into the community!

We pray you that you are blessed by your gift to the community. We look forward to a long-lasting partnership with you as together, we continue to have a great impact on our community.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Burr".

Judy Burr

Executive Director

director@projecthopeforthehomeless.org

Ecumenical Shelter Network of Lake County dba

Project Hope for the Homeless

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www.projecthopeonline.org

YOU HAVE RECEIVED NO GOODS OR SERVICES FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION.

2020 Vision of Hope

Based on the Scripture, “**Open my eyes so I can see what you show me of your miracle-wonders**” – **Psalm 119:18**, in 2020, we are being led to focus on how we can help our guests achieve their most abundant life in greater ways. We will once again see hundreds of men, women and children come through the doors of 25 Freedom at what is more often the lowest point of their lives. It is our job, together, to see them through different eyes and to get them to see themselves through different eyes, God's eyes. As we do this together, we are witness to miracle-wonders!

As they begin to focus on this abundant life, resources are released into their lives and they achieve exceptional outcomes. As an organization, we have the vision to accomplish the following goals in the next few years to best help our guests reach this abundant life: (1) Expand the hours for the family shelter to accommodate school holidays and extra weekend hours; (2) To secure extra staffing on high capacity evenings for the adult shelter; (3) Strengthen our guest services by evaluating guest programming.

Upcoming Events

March 19, 7:30pm – Network Meeting – As a network member, this is where YOU can hear about the accomplishments we have achieved together, learn about the plans for the future, and weigh in with your thoughts on the pathway to help our guests achieve abundant life. Meet us in the lower level of St. Gabriel's church in Concord at 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.

March 21, 9:00am – 11:00am – Spring Shower Open House – Join us here at 25 Freedom Rd for a time to meet with our staff and board members, hear what's going on for 2020, and take a tour of our facility.

Project Hope for the Homeless – 2019 Stats

476 served with 88% positive transitions
72 households participated in Aftercare
\$185,625 value of donated time and donated meals by
142 volunteers, for a total of 9,219 volunteer hours



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