



# PERRY CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## PONDERINGS

I saw this poem on the internet the other day and felt it would be appropriate to share. Hopefully this will be the kind of garden that can be on-going in our lives and not just for Thanksgiving. It's credited to "Unknown Author." We may never know him/her, but God knows that author for sure! —Deb

### The Thanksgiving Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind  
Peace of heart  
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip  
Squash indifference  
Squash grumbling  
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful  
Lettuce be kind  
Lettuce be obedient  
Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for meetings  
Turnip for service  
Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience  
and cultivate with love.

There is abundance in your garden....  
Because you reap what you sow

To conclude our garden,

We must have thyme:

Thyme for God  
Thyme for study  
Thyme for prayer



*Happy Thanksgiving!*  
*Remember the goodness of God.*

## THANKSGIVING GIFTS TO THE PERRY CENTER

It is our custom to give back to our community each Thanksgiving through the Perry Center. This year we will donate “\$1 sized items” of: toothbrush, toothpaste, laundry detergent, shampoo, bar soap, and dish soap. Please start bringing your gifts for Thanksgiving Sunday starting November 4th.

We would like all items to be at the church by Sunday, November 18th.

Do you have an extra turkey you won't be using? Let Pat Johnson know; the Perry Center would be glad to have it!



## CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THE PERRY CENTER

This year our church has been asked to supply candy for the Christmas Baskets that the Perry Center distributes. They have 100 such baskets to prepare this year, so that's a lot of candy!

Here's how you can help...if you are willing, please make a cash donation to Pat Johnson. The best time would be on October 28th, because she's hoping to take advantage of the candy sales after Halloween. We'll keep you posted if there is a further need. Thanks!

## PROJECT HOPE SATURDAY SIDE DISH

We'll gather to prepare the food for the “Saturday Side Dish” for Project Hope on Thursday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m. The food will be delivered on Saturday, November 17th at 6:45 p.m. We need a volunteer to deliver the food that day.

Here's what is needed: 3 loaves of French 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, and 2 small bags shredded lettuce.

For the sack lunches that we provide to Project Hope clients we need: 55 slices of turkey, 3 bags of 20 individual chips, 5 loaves of bread, 1 case of water (20 or more bottles) Sign-up sheets for food needed and delivery people are on the church bulletin board.

Your continued support of this mission is amazing! Thanks, everyone.

Frankie Blanchard and Brenda Carr



*General Church Board Meeting is being held on Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.*

*I'd like to remind all the Elders, Deacons, Sacristans, Trustees, and Committee Chairs that you are voting members of the board.*

*—Sherry Smith*

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE — OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

There's still time to put a shoebox together! Just imagine the joy you can bring to a child this Christmas; but your gift goes beyond just toys. The gifts of love, care, and Jesus are among the testimonials on the Operation Christmas Child website. People who received these gifts as children are now filling shoeboxes for others because of the impact the gift had in their lives.



Last year CWM paid for the postage on the boxes, but with the cost going up to \$9 per box, any monetary donation made out to CWM will help defray this cost.

We'll have a blessing of the shoeboxes on Sunday, November 11th during worship. Please have your shoeboxes and or donations ready for that day.

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## NEW FISH YOUTH GROUP

We are very excited about youth group this year. Perry Christian Church has participated in youth group with Perry United Methodist Church and Chapel United Methodist Church for the past several years. With new pastors at all three churches, we are taking a more active role in leadership.



We kicked off the year on September 9th with a United Methodist district youth event at North Mentor Centenary UMC. Their theme for the year is Fruit of the Spirit.

September 23rd we had a regular youth meeting at Perry Christian Church. October 7th we attended a district youth event at Ridge View Farms. This comprised of about 250 youth and adults. October 21st we had a regular youth meeting at Perry United Methodist Church.

The youth are currently getting ready for Christmas, planning for service projects, engaging in some study, and designing t-shirts. At our regular youth meetings we will be meeting at one of the churches from 12:30-2:00. So ... we may be asking for help providing meals and/or lessons.

*Meetings for November:* November 4th from 12:15-2:00 lunch and youth group meeting at PUMC

November 17th: Game Day at Hope Ridge UMC. Meet at PUMC at 4:30 to carpool and we will be at game day from 5-8 p.m. Bring a snack to share and we will stay there for cleanup.

Watch for upcoming events or look us up on Facebook ... just search for New Fish Youth Group

Tim Johnson & Sue Leffler

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## HANGING OF THE GREENS

This year we hang the greens on Saturday, November 24th at 9am. Everyone is welcome to help decorate the church. It is a fun time and after we decorate we will have lunch. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board for lunch items.



Sherry Smith



# NOVEMBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30a Prayer Team 6:30p Bible Study	2	3
4 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship & CWM Sock Exchange & lunch 12:15 Youth Lunch & Meeting at PUMC	5 Julianna Brewer	6 Election Day— Exercise your right to vote!	7 9a Community Outreach Team Mtg.	8 9:30a Prayer Team 6:30p Bible Study Pastor Paul	9	10
11 9:30a Worship “Shoebox Blessings” 10:45a Fellowship Wendy Curtis	12 7p Trustee Mtg.	13 Joann Rombough	14 6p Elder Mtg. 7p Church Board Mtg.	15 9:30a Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep 6:30p Bible Study Laura Pierce	16 5-8p NEW FISH YOUTH Game Night at Hope Ridge UMC 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery	17
18 9:30a Worship Perry Center Items 10:45a Fellowship	19 Angie Silvis	20 Earl Johnson	21 Sandie Sajner	22 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Church office is closed.	23	24 9:00a Hanging of the Greens & lunch
25 9:30a Worship 10:45a Fellowship	26	27	28	29 9:30a Prayer Team 6:30p Bible Study	30	

## NOVEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULES

	WORSHIP LEADERS	ELDERS	ALL MONTH
4	Penny Harrison	Carole Martin Vicki Wakelee	<u>Deacons</u> * Jeff Bartlett Aaron Brewer
11	Isabelle Martin	Don Bartlett Laurie Martin	<u>Sacristan</u> Taunya Brewer
18	Laurie Martin	Rick Bartlett Carole Martin	<u>Counters</u> Judy Bartlett Vicki Wakelee
25	Sydney Martin	Laurie Martin Rick Bartlett	<u>Hostesses</u> Judy Bartlett Darla Bartlett Thurlene Lawson

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Christian Women's Ministry would like to thank everyone who contributed to or provided a basket for our 2018 fundraiser. We have the most generous congregation. It is with your help, we are able to contribute to the support of many missions.

There will be a blessing of the Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 11th. There is still time to fill a box.

Just a reminder. November 4<sup>th</sup> will be our first sock exchange and light lunch after worship. Please let Penny Harrison know if you are planning to attend.



December 12<sup>th</sup> is our annual Sue Tally tea. This year we are doing an ornament exchange.

The blessings of the CWM continue as we keep on collecting medicine bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries.



Please keep in touch with Dustin Johnson by sending cards or notes to:  
Northern Ohio Juvenile Community Corrections Facility, c/o Dustin Johnson,  
1338 Tiffin Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It seems a little early to be talking “poinsettias”, but there is a deadline to meet for the garden center.

Donating poinsettias in honor or memory of those we care about is a Christmas tradition. They grace the church with beauty during this special time of the year.

If you would like to participate by purchasing poinsettias this year here’s the information you need to know. You may choose either white or red poinsettias.

They will be in 6 ½ inch pots and will cost \$5.50. Orders need to be made by Sunday, November 25th. Order forms will be available in the Sunday bulletin.



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## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



On Friday, November 23rd and Friday, November 30th, we will have the opportunity to raise funds for The Perry Center by ringing the bell for Salvation Army.

We will be ringing at the Perry IGA. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board, but **you can always call Pat Johnson to discuss when you’d like to ring.** As usual the shifts are just for a few hours. Mark the dates on your calendar, please!

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## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

On the 6th of October five members of our congregation (Eric, Donna, Carole, Pastor, and I) went to Columbus for the Regional Assembly. We all decided to attend because we have heard how much disarray there is in the region. I am overjoyed to share that in 18 months they have managed to become somewhat more financially solvent and have reduced the mortgage on Camp Christian from \$389,000 to approximately \$50,000.



We were given a packet of four resolutions which we discussed before lunch, then voted on later. Since the region still **is not in great financial shape, they don’t have the funds to hire a new regional Pastor when Rev. John Richardson (the current interim pastor) leaves in November.** Therefore, we voted to elect a Regional Church Council of 21 member both lay and clergy to oversee the region. There will also be an executive council of 10 members plus 4 pastors from other areas to do the work of the regional office.

If you would like more information or would like to see the packet we were given, please see one of the attendees.

## THANK YOU

We want to thank anyone and everyone that had a part in putting the baby shower together for Jimmy and I. I also want to thank everyone that participated in the baby shower and to everyone in the church community. We were not expecting everything and everyone that had a part in the baby shower, we are truly blessed. We truly do have an amazing church family. We appreciate everything you all have done for us. We also want to thank all of you **for everything. Words can't express hope grateful we are** to have all of you a part of our lives.

Cindy, Jimmy, Cameron, Landon and baby Keegan



Thanks a million to everyone who helped with the baby shower for Keegan. Everything went well and Keegan will, no doubt, be the best dressed baby in town.

Carole

## An Advent Retreat For Women

### "A Christmas Circle"



A time of prayer, reflection, & conversation

Saturday December 8th

9a-3p

Harold B. Monroe Lodge, Camp Christian

Led by: Rev. Margot Connor & Wendy Taylor

During the retreat we will each be making a live pine wreath to take home.

The cost is \$50 per person if registered by November 29th (\$55 the 30th & after)

Registration includes lunch & wreath supplies

Come the night before for an additional \$25.

Register at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org) or get a registration form off the church bulletin board.

## THANK YOU FROM PROJECT HOPE

Dear Pastor Paul and PCC Congregation,

We want to thank you for your gift of food donated on Sept. 15, 2018. Your donations serve those in need, such as this father and his children.

**"A dad and three children came to Project Hope in May.** He and his family were previously living in Ashtabula County and his wife left him and the children. He lost his job and was eventually without a home due to eviction. The family came to the shelter with many struggles and **very little hope. In July, this dad's hard work and resiliency** paid off and he was hired at a local machine shop. Due to having no income, he became eligible for a housing program he had been waiting for. On August 1st the dad and his three children were able to successfully **transition into their own housing."**

May you receive great blessings this year, just as you have been a blessing to those we serve.

In Service, Judy Burr, Executive Director

## Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 2nd after Worship

Agenda:

1. Approve new slate of officers
2. Approve Financial Forecast for 2019

Please try to attend this important meeting!



Pastor Paul Bomell  
 Pastor  
 Worship  
 Fellowship  
 Sunday School  
 E-Mail  
 Phone  
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 9:30 a.m.  
 10:45 a.m.  
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