



Perry Christian Church Newsletter

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Special Points of Interest:

- CWM Luncheon
- Open House Invitation
- Project Hope—Giving Tree



Pastor's Ponderings...

In the immortal words of our late president John F. Kennedy, he reminded us all that a question often gets posed that deals with what it is that we can expect whatever entity, agency, or organization **we're connected** with, can somehow do for us. He wonderfully twisted our thinking by suggesting that the true question that rests at the heart of all matters, should truly be – what is **it that "we" can more** correctly be doing for the named agency, organization, **or outfit we're talking** about. Was he by name, referring to the Church? No, in fact he was not even specifically referring to the structures of civic government. He more broadly referred to our country, our nation, and our identified position within this greater world.

How different is it then, for us to consider those things as we postulate about what our identification is, or should be as Christians? By identification, **we've labeled ourselves** – and proclaimed joy in being able to do so! The question then, is, just exactly what is the level of responsibility that goes along with that **type of "prideful" self-proclamation?**

Harkening back to JFK for just a moment, let us – just like he and Jackie **would've been doing** back in 1961 – have ourselves a grand time, and recognize that we too live in the lap of luxury. No, not from a wealth accumulation standpoint, like what they were probably swimming in, but from the viewpoint of knowing that our proclamation about being Disciples also means that

we have the surpluses and amassed blessings that overflow from our glorious God.

Feel free to join me as we have ourselves, here in Perry, and in the surrounding areas that are adjacent to this church – **a little "potty" as he** would likely have said, in his readily-apparent New England way. The party and the celebration has little to do with amassed fortunes, but has everything to do with being able to share in abundance, all of what we could do as we more broadly build the Christian community. Diapers are of course, optional but please wear your **best "potty" outfits!**

I'll look for you in and around the church,

Pastor Paul



CWM Happenings



Sunday, November 5th

First Annual Scarf Exchange

The event will start directly after fellowship. Please bring a new scarf in a gift bag. A light lunch will be served and a short worship and program will be presented.

Reservations should be made to Penny Harrison by calling 440-463-2562.

Saturday, November 17th — 5-7 pm
Chili Cook-Off and Baking Contest

Join us at the Call Road Hangout for a fun evening of friendly competition as we **“taste test” chili and baked goods to find the winners!** We encourage lots of participation! Prizes will be awarded. For more information or to make a reservation, talk with Aaron and/or Taunya Brewer.



Project Hope Saturday Side Dish



We will be preparing a submarine sandwich on Thursday, November 16th @ 6:00. We need: 1 lb. sliced ham, 1 lb. bo-logna, 1 lb. turkey, 2 lb. cheese, 1 small tub soft butter, 1 ranch dressing and 1 Italian

dressing. We also need aluminum pans. **It doesn't matter if** they are large or small and gently used ones are just fine. For sack lunches this month, we need:

2 case of water bottles, 100 Ziploc sandwich bags, 3 bags of 20 individual chips, 5 loaves of bread, 55 Slices of cheese, and 55 Slices of ham. Thanks for all you donate!

Project Hope—**“From Seed to Sustainability”**

Currently Project Hope for the Homeless is in need of our help to **sustain the growth they've** experienced in the last 24 years. By donating to **their “From Seed to Sustainability” Campaign**, we can help in their mission of restoring hope and renewing lives for

those in need. The Giving Tree pictured here has special ornaments representing the cost of keeping a child off the street...\$39.11. The tree will be placed in the sanctuary. Envelopes for your donation will be there as well.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons **let's empty the tree of it's 31 ornaments, which** are made around a small prayer bracelet, and restore hope and renew lives for some children of Lake County.



Week of Compassion - Hurricane Relieve 2017

In early September the country was shocked with the devastation in Texas with Hurricane Harvey. Many of our congregation questioned how they could donate and feel reassured that ALL the money they donated would 100% go specifically to help with this disaster. We announced to our congregation in early September that donating to **'Week of Compassion Hurricane Harvey'** through the regional office for the month of September would accomplish that objective. And donate, we did! Thank you and bless you all!

Then immediately came two more disasters, Hurricanes Irma (Florida) and Maria (Puerto Rico). After personally talking with the

regional office about our initial Hurricane Harvey donations collected and our new concerns for two other areas impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, we learned that the regional office had also received many calls and set up another Relief fund specifically named Hurricane Relief 2017. Ohio Disciples Outreach did state that we cannot designate a **'specific amount'** to a specified area and that we had to trust that the money will go to each of the three areas based on a specific need at that time. This is because funds are being collected and donated from all over the world. Disciple Outreach will insure that all areas received some of our donated funds **'specifically for urgent**

needs' known at the time of donation.

On the first Sunday in October we announced to our congregation that we were considering sending all dollars collected to **'Hurricane Relief 2017'** so that we could help all three areas so diversely impacted. We asked for input from our congregation and verbally learned that the majority wanted all three areas to receive some of our donated money, especially Puerto Rico. I am so pleased to announce that our congregation total donations designated through Ohio Disciples Outreach, Week of Compassion, Hurricane Relief 2017 through October 8 totaled \$1142.00.



A check has now been mailed for \$ 1142.00 to Ohio Disciples Outreach, Week of Compassion, designated for Hurricane Relief 2017 and requested that the funds be shared with these three specific areas with our blessing for our donation to help those most in need. What a blessing it has been to see how our Congregation all stepped up to donate and **share God's vision and blessings** to others in such need through the Perry Christian Church. God Bless!
Don Bartlett, Treasurer.

The Garden is Now Sleeping!

We have had some wonderful warm weather this Fall. But that can change quickly. Someone has cleaned out the vegetable beds and readied them for winter. I think it may have been Carole, but I am not

absolutely sure. Carole graciously watered the garden on a regular basis so we could enjoy the harvest of beans, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and watermelon. We should all thank her for her dedication to

keeping the beds watered.
THANK YOU SO MUCH
CAROLE.

Linda Warfield &
Penny Angeloro



NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9a Community Mission	2 9:30a Prayer Team	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Ends—"Fall Back" 1 hr. 9:30a Worship & Fellowship 11a CWM Scarf Exchange & Luncheon Meeting	6	7	8 6p Elders' Mtg. 7p Board Mtg.	9 9:30a Prayer Team	10	11
12 9:30a Worship & Fellowship	13 7p Trustee Mtg.	14	15	16 9:30a Prayer Team 6p Project Hope Food Prep	17	18 5-7p Call Road Hangout! 6:45p Project Hope Food Delivery
19 9:30a Worship & Fellowship Congregational Meeting after worship	20 Newsletter articles are due.	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Church Office is Closed.	24	25 3p Karl Locke's 100th Birthday Open House
26 9:30a Worship & Fellowship	27	28	29	30 9:30a Prayer Team	<p>O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever.</p> <p>—Psalm 136:1</p>	

November Service Schedules

	<i>Worship Leaders</i>	<i>Elders</i>	<i>All Month</i>
5	Isabelle Martin	Linda Warfield Earl Johnson	<i>Deacons</i> *Aaron Brewer Bob Wright
12	Andy and Taunya Brewer	Joann Rombough Vicki Wakelee	<i>Sacristan</i> Sherry Smith
19	Sydney Martin	Linda Warfield Carole Martin	<i>Counters</i> Judy Bartlett Vicki Wakelee
26	Aaron Brewer	Earl Johnson Rick Bartlett	<i>Hostess</i> Laurie Martin

November Birthdays



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Julianna Brewer	6	7	8 Pastor Paul	9	10	11
12	13 Joann Rombough	14	15 Laura Pierce	16	17	18
19 Angie Silvis	20 Earl Johnson	21 Sandie Sajner	22	23	24	25
26	27 Karl Locke	28	29	30		

Finance Team Update

This announcement was made to the congregation on Sunday, October 22nd.

The Finance Team met on October 17th to create a draft proposal called a Financial Forecast, for-

merly known as the Budget.

Last week Don invited you to come as well. So we say thank you to those that attended.

Not today, but soon, we will be circulating printed

copies for you to take home and digest.

If you have questions, please contact any of the Finance Team or Pastor Paul.

We will be voting on this document and others on



November 19, 2017.

Stay tuned for the next exciting episode in "The Life and Times of Perry Christian Church."

The Family of Karl Locke

I invites

you to an

Open House

celebrating

Karl's 100th Birthday

Saturday November 25, 2017

3 p.m.

Lantern of Madison



The CWM would like to thank every member of our congregation for the love and support during our Annual Fundraiser. We made over \$3400 to be used for our mission work. We could not have done this without each and everyone of you. Thanks to you, this was our best Fundraiser to date.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING NOV 2017

www.DisciplesMissionFund.org

Colleges & Universities

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Seminaries & Divinity Houses

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



Higher Education &
Leadership Ministries

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Currently, over 50,000 students attend our fourteen Disciples related colleges and universities or seven seminaries and divinity houses. And in the past twelve months, over 12,000 students have graduated from these

fine schools.

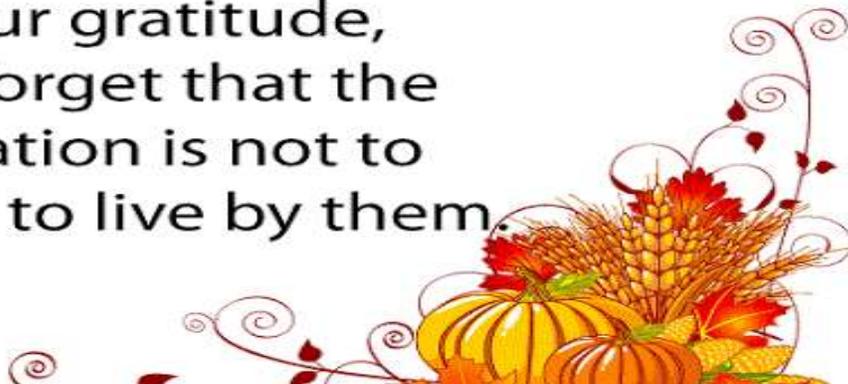
On November 12 and 19, Disciples churches across the US and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps to support the work of our institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices,

and providing scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education.

This November, please give **generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering**. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.

As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy.





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