

The Chimes

January 2022

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE — NOT TO BE SERVED

WORSHIP

My New Year's Resolution:
Jesus

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As 2021 comes to a close and a new year begins, I invite you to take a moment to reflect on the past year. Reflect on the joys, the celebrations, and the all the good things you've experienced. Also, reflect on the struggles, the pain, and any loss you have walked through.

I offer you this prayer for the New Year (adapted from a prayer I ran across):

Gracious God, we take time now to remember the struggles we've faced, mistakes we've made, and loved ones we've lost. In every year, we experience heartache. This one was no different. We thank you for your presence with us through it all and, in remembering our, Lord, may we find a seed of hope hidden in yesterday.

Lord, we also remember the many ways we were blessed. Moments when we found unexpected strength, times when we saw God's Spirit at work around us, and your great grace, mercy, and love that kept us going all this time. We give you thanks for your presence with us and continue to ask that you would grant us your peace.

Prepare us Lord for the New Year. Lifts us up and place in our hearts a renewed desire to know and worship you more. Grant us your abundant grace. Shower us with your healing love and your deep sustaining joy.

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May your eternal kingdom reign in our hearts and our lives. May the New Year show us once again your eternal mercy and glory.

And let us sing your praises with great joy!

In Jesus name.

Amen.

INFORMATION

JANUARY PRAYER CALENDAR

						1 Gratitude Psalm 90:12
2 Recognition John 13:34-35	3 Unbounded love Eph. 3:17-19	4 Struggle Job 1:22	5 Praise Isaiah 42:10	6 Day of Kings Matthew 2:11	7 Courage John 16:33	8 Value John 6:9
9 Compassion Ephesians 4:32	10 God's beloved John 5:44	11 Challenges Matthew 7:7	12 Potential Isaiah 62:2	13 Feeding Faith Proverbs 22:6	14 Forgiveness Luke 22:60-61	15 Kindness 1 Peter 3:8
16 Seekers Haggai 1:13	17 Creation Daniel 12:3	18 Obedience Psalm 111:10	19 Generosity Luke 11:34-35	20 Crisis Isaiah 41:10	21 Transformation John 4:10	22 Grace 2 Corinthians 12:9
23 Children Matthew 18:4	24 Belonging 1 John 3:1	25 God's Love Psalm 139:23-24	26 Prayer Mark 11:24	27 Trust Psalm 94:19	28 Words of hope Psalm 19:14	29 God's time Proverbs 19:21
30 Listen Ephesians 2:10	31 Letting go Hebrews 12:1-2	Wonderful Winter Wonderland				

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Morning Bible Study will begin a new study on January 6th at 10am in the Youth Room on the 2nd Floor. The elevator and the stairs are available to access this warm and toasty room that is awaiting you! Nancy Slykhuis will be leading a Max Lucado study called 'Life Lessons from Luke'. We welcome anyone who is free to attend this 12 week study. Toss the winter blahs aside and join us!

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR STAFF COMMITTEE

After much prayer and discernment, Melissa has made the decision to pursue a career change. This is a great opportunity for her and her family and we celebrate that with them! However, it is with a heavy heart that we announce she will be leaving the position of Administrative Assistant at the end of April after 4 years with us. We will truly miss her and all that she has brought to the position but wish her only the best. Melissa (and her family) will remain active members of our church, which we are so grateful for!

This brings us to the topic of her replacement. In January we will begin advertising for her position. After consideration by our SPR Team, we have decided to modify some aspects of the position to meet our current needs and better serve the church. If you are aware of someone who might be interested, we would love for you to mention it to them. A full list of job duties as well as qualifications will be available for anyone seeking to fill this role. Our plan is to have someone chosen by the end of March so they can work with Melissa for a month before she leaves.

Thank you for your continual prayers for our church as we move into this period of transition within our staff.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are happy to announce that confirmation class will begin in January! The class is open to those age 12 years through 12th grade. It will begin January 30th and will run through April 3rd. (No class February 20th and March 20th.) For those who complete the class and wish to be confirmed, a special service will be held during worship on Sunday, April 10th.

Classes will be held every Sunday from 11:45am to 1:15pm and lunch will be provided each week. For more information, or if you would like your child to be a part of this year’s confirmation class, please contact the church office.



CHURCH UPDATES

- Giving Envelopes: Production and printing of the boxed sets is delayed. We will have them available as soon as possible (hopefully early January), so stay tuned!

EVENTS

UPCOMING PRIME TIMERS EVENTS!


Join us for the ‘Souped-Up Super Soups’ luncheon on Tuesday, January 11th at noon in the Multi Purpose Room. What could possibly be on the menu? Will it be traditional or unexpected?!


In our ongoing quest to learn more about our friends, please be prepared to share a winter weather story. We will “warm our hearts” as we warm our bodies with some good wintertime food.

Souped-Up Super Soups!

Prime Timers Luncheon

Tuesday, January 11th
12pm

 **Multi Purpose Room**





Chinese New Year

Tuesday, February 1st @12pm

Join us for a luncheon in the
Multi Purpose Room



What better time for a Chinese meal than on the Chinese New Year?! A couple different entrees will be served so there should be something for all tastebuds to enjoy. All plans are centered on a Chinese theme which promises to be fun!

Join with friends on Tuesday, February 1st at noon in the Multi Purpose Room.

TOLEDO WALLEYE/TROOP 198 FUNDRAISER

Perrysburg First will join Troop 198 for some hockey fun on Saturday, March 12th at 7:15pm vs. the Idaho Steelheads at the Huntington Center! Troop 198 will participate in the Chuck-A-Puck fundraiser, earning \$3 per ticket sold by the troop! (If you’ve never participated in Chuck-A-Puck, it’s fun for everyone and a great fundraising opportunity for the troop!)



To reserve your tickets, please contact Melissa in the office (office@perrysburgfirst.church, 419-874-1911) and submit payment of \$20 per ticket by Sunday, February 13th. After that date, tickets will have to be purchased through the troop. We look forward to enjoying the game with you!

CHURCH FAMILY

MY PRAYER FOR YOU IN THIS NEW YEAR

I have stated this time and time again, what an honor and privilege it is to serve alongside Perrysburg First Church. Each day is filled with the wonder and awe of God’s presence and creation, in good times and bad. As we begin this new year, I pray that our only new year’s resolution is to seek more of Jesus in our lives, the lives of the church, our community, and the world. May this year be filled with the abundant grace of God, the unconditional love of Jesus, and the energy and movement of the Holy Spirit! I wish you all a happy and healthy new year!

-Pastor Jodi



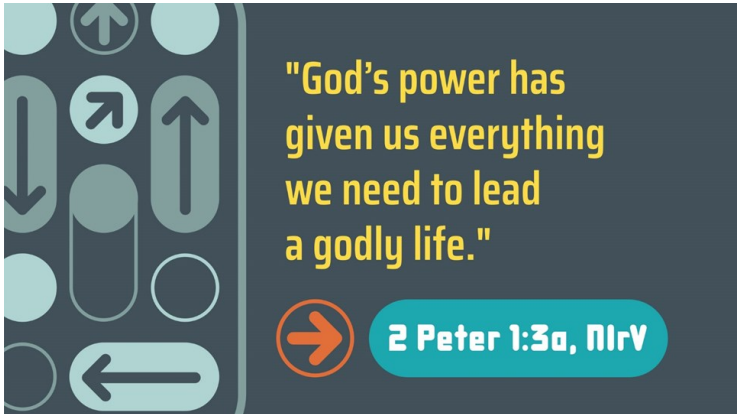
FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

JANUARY CHILDREN’S CHURCH CURRICULUM:

Theme:



Monthly Memory Verse:



Monthly Overview for Children’s Church: The connection between self-control and God’s character.

We trust God no matter what. Even when we face unexpected circumstances, we can respond to them with self-control. We can trust that we don’t need to rush in or take matters into our own hands. We can trust that God is working.

Self-control is a Fruit of the Spirit. As we follow Jesus throughout our lives, the Holy Spirit transforms us and helps us live more like Jesus. We can follow His example and choose to do what we should do – instead of what we want to do. The Holy Spirit can give us the power and the wisdom to show self-control.

- Bottom Line 1: Be ready to do the right thing
- Bottom Line 2: When you lose control, it can cause trouble
- Bottom Line 3: Don’t be controlled by your anger
- Bottom Line 4: Think before you speak
- Bottom Line 5: Know when to stop

JANUARY NURSERY/PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM:



A great storyteller can pull you in and make you forget everything else that is going on around you. They make you feel empathy and conviction for things that really matter. Life lessons are revealed with each word, and you walk away wanting to change and just be a better human. Jesus is that kind of storyteller.

Jesus is indeed the master storyteller and there is nothing better than story time with Him. When Jesus starts talking, it’s time to listen because Jesus teaches me important things.

- Story Focus Week 1: Jesus teaches us God loves us no matter what
- Story Focus Week 2: Jesus teaches us we are important to God
- Story Focus Week 3: Jesus teaches us we can share our stuff
- Story Focus Week 4: Jesus teaches us to help others
- Story Focus Week 5: Jesus teaches us how to live

TEAM KID/YOUTH GROUP

Join us for food, fellowship, faith, and fun at TEAM KID for grades K-6th and YOUTH GROUP for grades 7th-12th every Wednesday from 6pm-7:30pm! Dinner is included.

TROOP 198 UPDATE
COURT OF HONOR

Troop 198 celebrated their Winter Court of Honor on December 13th, 2021. The troop recognized 36 scouts who earned a total of 101 merit badges and 17 rank advancements. Congratulations to all those in Troop 198 for their continued merit badge earnings and rank advancements.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Troop 198 would like to wish Perrysburg First Church a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for all the support provided to Troop 198.

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MISSIONS UPDATE

The Missions Team voted to send \$500 to UMCOR just days before the devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and surrounding areas. UMCOR is a Methodist disaster relief agency that remains in devastated areas long after other relief agencies are gone, AND 100% of donations go toward serving others in the way that you choose.

Several members participated in the “Bed Blitz” organized by Let’s Build to set up beds in the homes of children without a bed of their own.

Missions continues to provide the meal on the first Wednesday of the month for Team Kid and Youth Group.

We are planning another bed build event in September 2022 and continue to collect new, twin-sized bedding, blankets, and comforters. Thank You to all that participated in the bed build and those who continue to donate bedding!

OUR STAFF

Senior Pastor

Jim Jennings

Children & Family Ministry Pastor

Jodi Packard

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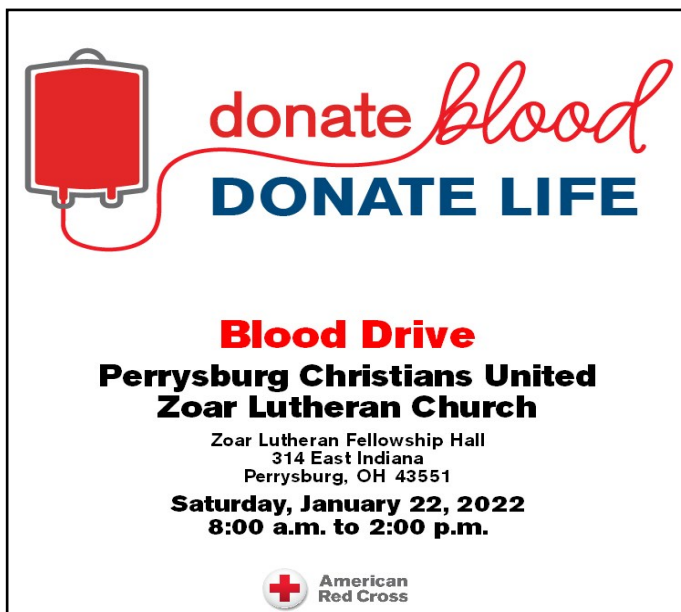
Zane Powell

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AT PERRYSBURG FIRST

Our Family Ministry program is looking for volunteers to serve in many different ways. Do any of these suit you??

- Sponsor, prepare, and serve dinner for Team Kid and Youth Group (it's really not difficult, and the children love seeing new faces!). Thank you to those who have already provided a meal or have committed to future meals!
- Share a special interest, gift, or story at Team Kid! Our kiddos love to learn and would love to learn from you! I've heard some amazing stories about experiences and gifts from our congregation members!
- Do you like to cuddle, read books, or do art with little ones? We have the opportunity to teach and show the love of Christ to our younger generations so that they too will know what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. YOU are needed for this mission!
- Please contact Pastor Jodi at 419-297-5121 to help in any of these areas.


PCU/RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



A poster for a blood drive. At the top left is a red blood bag icon with a red tube. To its right, the text "donate blood" is written in a red script font, and "DONATE LIFE" is written in a bold blue sans-serif font. Below this, the text "Blood Drive" is in bold red, followed by "Perrysburg Christians United" and "Zoar Lutheran Church" in bold black. The address "Zoar Lutheran Fellowship Hall, 314 East Indiana, Perrysburg, OH 43551" is in a smaller black font. The date and time "Saturday, January 22, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m." are in bold black. At the bottom right is the American Red Cross logo.

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 American Red Cross

PERRYSBURG FIRST AND PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. For the month of January, we are asked to donate pasta (no spaghetti, please). For February, donations of shampoo would be appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of PCU!



Consider letting a Stephen Minister help you. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you in difficult times. It's confidential and free. To learn more or talk with a Stephen Leader, contact Dalynn T. Badenhop (419.461.0451 or dtbadenhop@gmail.com).

Donations may be made online at www.perrysburgfirst.church under 'Give'.

The submission deadline for the next Chimes newsletter is the 25th of the month.

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There is always a chance we could be out of the office, so we encourage you to call ahead before stopping by.