

The Chimes

November 2023

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE — NOT TO BE SERVED

WORSHIP



A WORD FROM PASTOR JIM

As we enter November, many of us are already beginning to look forward to Thanksgiving Day. I know that I look forward to gathering with family and enjoying our time together. I find I am even more thankful for these times as our children get older, and it becomes more difficult to get together. Plus, there will be pumpkin pie, and what's not to like about that!

We have much to be thankful for this year as a church family as well. God continues to work in this congregation and through all of you in amazing ways! The goodness of God's provision, grace, mercy, kindness, and love has been more than abundant once again. Praise God for his faithfulness!

I share with you a Prayer of Thanksgiving to bless you this month.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise forever.
Lord, you founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us,
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives
and your praises ever be on our lips.
As we rejoice in the gift of a new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and forever.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Grace & peace
Jim

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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our building here at Perrysburg First gets used every day of the week? We have multiple groups using our facilities. From church ministries and meetings to our wonderful preschool and multiple outside groups. Our building is a valuable ministry tool God has entrusted to us. Part of your regular giving goes to keeping our beautiful facility in good working condition and paying the gas, electric, and water bills so that we can utilize the building for mission and ministry. Check out all that goes on here!

- Church board meetings
 - Team kid & youth
 - Weekday Bible studies (evening & during the day)
 - Sunday School classes
 - Preschool
 - Sunday morning worship
 - Choir & bell practice
 - Funerals
 - Weddings
 - Boy Scouts
 - Girl Scouts
- Alzheimer’s support group
 - Alcohol Anonymous
 - Al-Anon
 - Perrysburg Chorale
 - Piano recitals
 - Birthday parties
 - Bridal & baby showers

INFORMATION

NOVEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2023 PRAYER FOCUS				 HELLO NOVEMBER!		
			Trust Psalm 56:31	Correction Proverbs 15:312	Signs Luke 2:123	God of All Romans 10:124
Fruitful John 15:55	Intercession Romans 8:266	Faith Hebrews 11:17	Joy Habakkuk 3:188	Peace Isaiah 46:49	Hospitality Hebrews 13:210	Sacrifice John 15:1311
Truth Psalm 119:10512	Cheerful Giver 2 Corinthians 9:713	Silence Psalm 46:1014	Value Mark 10:4915	Service Matthew 25:4016	Fear Not Psalm 120:117	Work Philippians 1:618
Parenting Hosea 11:419	Anxiety Philippians 4:620	Help John 15:121	Praise Acts 16:2522	Forgiveness Colossians 3:1323	Guidance Hebrews 2:124	Healing Matthew 14:35-3625
Giving Acts 3:626	Appearance 1 Samuel 16:727	God's Peace Philippians 4:728	Membership 1 Corinthians 12:24-2529	God's Care Luke 12:2830		

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Perrysburg First will hold their annual Charge Conference on Sunday, November 5th at 12 pm in the Sanctuary.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, November 12th for New Member Sunday where we will welcome the newest members of Perrysburg First Church.

THE COMING WEEKS

Pastor Jim will be away on vacation November 13th—November 20th. For all urgent matters during this time, please contact Pastor Jodi or the church office.

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SAFETY UPDATE

The Administrative Board for Perrysburg First has been working on adopting a Safety and Security Policy. Once the policy is finalized, the usher teams will be trained and the entire church will know what is expected if we have an emergency situation.

Along with these new policies, Perrysburg First will now be a “weapon free zone”. This means it is prohibited to carry a gun or other weapons inside of the church building. Further updates of the Board’s work will follow.

PHISHING EMAILS

Recently there have been phishing emails sent from a Gmail account posing as Pastor Jim. In these emails, the sender asks for gift cards or for the person receiving the email to call regarding an urgent matter. These emails are not from Pastor Jim. We are asking you to please be extra vigilant in checking the email address of the sender before responding or taking any action. If you suspect you have received a phishing email, please report it in Outlook, Gmail, etc. or simply delete it. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

CHURCH FAMILY

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory and honor of those in our congregation who have recently passed. Gracious God, we thank you for those we have come to love but see no more. Receive into your arms your servant:

Margie Gallagher, 91 years old – October 15, 2023– member for 66 years

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, November 5th for All Saint's Sunday as we honor those from the congregation who have passed this year.

Rahlo Buehler– November 10, 2022– 91 years old– member for 20 years

Robert May– December 11, 2022– 77 years old

Margery Kramer– December 25, 2022– 85 years old– member for 18 years

Martha Crall– December 27, 2022– 85 years old– member for 47 years

Christopher Wilbarger– January 30, 2023– 58 years old– member for 10 years

Richard Watkins– May 24, 2023– 87 years old– member for 56 years

Earl Printy Arthur– August 4, 2023– 99 years old– member for 60 years

Margie Gallagher– October 15, 2023– 91 years old– member for 66 years

EVENTS

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PRIME TIMERS

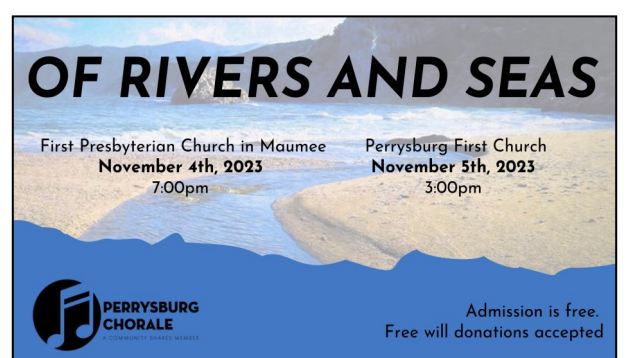
The Prime Timers will gather on **Monday, November 13th** at 12 pm in the Multipurpose Room for their November luncheon. This month's theme is "Thankful Hearts." Together they will discuss giving thanks, who and what makes us thankful, and who deserves our thanks? As always there will be food, fun, and fellowship with friends!



COMMUNITY

PERRYSBURG CHORALE

Perrysburg Chorale will have their first concert of the season on **November 5th at 3 pm at Perrysburg First Church**. Admission is free! If you are unable to attend in-person, the concert will be live-streamed on the Perrysburg Chorale Facebook page. Questions? Please contact Tolanda Kronfield.



FAMILY MINISTRY

NOVEMBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Theme



Memory Verse



Monthly Overview for Children's Church: The connection between GRATITUDE and God's character.

GRATITUDE – Letting others know that you see how they've helped you.

Gratitude sometimes feels like a lost art. Yet gratitude is an idea close to God's heart. Think about all of the Bible stories where people gave thanks to God. The Israelites celebrated God with feasts and festivals. The writers of the Psalms wrote songs of praise to thank God for being faithful. Throughout this month, we hope kids will learn to be grateful for everything God has done: for the world God made, for the promises God has kept, and for the new life God offers the world through Jesus. When we remember all of these things, we can always be thankful.

Bottom Line 1: You always have something to be grateful for

Bottom Line 2: Celebrate what God has done

Bottom Line 3: Take time to say thank you

Bottom Line 4: Make a habit of being grateful

NOVEMBER NURSERY/PRESCHOOL THEME:



Preschool Monthly Overview:

Thanking God for Who He is, what He has done, and what He has given us is something people have been doing for a very, very, VERY long time. You could say that the people in the Bible make up this super long PARADE OF THANKS . . . and it's up to us to keep it going! We want our preschoolers to continue this Parade of Thanks by teaching them they can thank God for everything—literally everything! Their light-up shoes, their new toy, their snack, their favorite rock . . . EVERYTHING! So let's make sure the Parade of Thanks that God's people began so long ago continues with us and our preschoolers as we choose to thank God for everything!

Story Focus Week 1: I can thank God for Family

Story Focus Week 2: I can thank God for friends

Story Focus Week 3: I can thank God for food

Story Focus Week 4: I can thank God all the time

SAVE THE DATES

- November 22nd - No Team Kid/Youth Group
- December 9th – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal Full Cast, 10am-11:30am
- December 10th – Christmas Pageant/Cookies, cocoa, and coffee to follow
- December 13th – Team Kid/Youth Group Christmas Party (wear your Christmas PJ's)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

PLEASE LET PASTOR JODI KNOW IF YOUR CHILD IS OR ISN'T PARTICIPATING IN THE PAGEANT

Christmas is coming! We will be having a church Christmas pageant on December 10th during our 10:15am worship service. This year will be a meaningful and spirit filled telling of our Christmas story. I have "arranged" our own pageant to the song "Come to Jesus" by Chris Rice. Along with the song and lyrics, we will have scripture readings. The congregation will be singing along. We will have minimal speaking parts, a narrator and scripture readers. If your child would like to be a reader, please let Pastor Jodi know as soon as possible.

The following roles will need to be filled (no speaking parts, just proper attire and willingness to act out the part):

Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Angels, Wisemen, and nursery/preschool kiddos will be sheep. This year we will be asking for adults to help play parts as well, including someone who will be Santa. If you have an interest in participating, please contact the church office.

If your child wants to be an **angel**, please have them wear white, silver, and/or gold attire. If your child is a **sheep**, please have them wear white or gray attire. We have costumes for the other parts. Some of the shepherds will be asked to help "herd" the sheep.

Our rehearsal schedule will be:

- Wednesday, November 8th, 6:00pm-6:30pm – explanation of the program and parts
- Wednesday, November 15th, 6:30pm-7:30pm, during Team Kid/Youth (no sheep, just K-5 & adults)
- Wednesday, November 29th, 6:30pm-7:30pm, during Team Kid/Youth (no sheep, just K-5 & adults)
- Sunday, December 3rd, during Children's Church/Nursery
- Wednesday, December 6th, Sheep - 6:00pm-6:30pm, Wisemen, Angels & adults- 7:00pm-7:30pm
- Saturday, December 9th, Dress Rehearsal from 10am-11:30am

On the morning of the pageant, December 10th, all meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. Children will remain in Fellowship Hall until it's time for the pageant. They will be escorted by adults and youth to and from the sanctuary.

Please meet your child in Fellowship Hall after worship and join us for a time of fellowship with some cookies, hot chocolate, and coffee.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY REGISTRATION

Parents/Guardians, if you have not yet done so, please register your child(ren)/youth for the 2023-2024 children and family ministry. This very important step helps us to keep your child(ren) safe and keeps you informed of all that is happening in those ministry areas; cancellations, events, mission opportunities, etc. To register, follow this link: <https://perrysburgfirst.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1868445>.

TEAM KID/YOUTH

You are invited to join us for Team Kid (K-5th grade) or Youth Group (6th-12th grade) on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 pm for a time of faith, free food (dinner is included), fun, and fellowship beginning September 13th.

We believe "Little hands can do big things!" The first Wednesday of the month all Team Kid and Youth complete a monthly mission project.

TEAM KID/YOUTH MEAL SIGN-UP

Every week, we serve a meal for Team Kid/Youth and are looking for individuals or groups that would be willing to provide a meal.

Meals can be anything; sloppy joes, hot dogs, walking tacos, chicken nuggets, spaghetti, mac-n-cheese, mashed potato bowl, etc. The kiddos love GoGurts as a side, chips, veggies and ranch dressing, fruit, etc. If you want to include a dessert, that's great, but it is not necessary. Meals should be ready to serve by 6:20pm; staying to help serve the meal is greatly appreciated! Please provide enough for approximately 20 people to eat. We have plates, napkins, silverware and water to drink. You are welcome to bring something different.

Please contact the church office or Pastor Jodi if you have questions or would like to get signed up, or use the link below:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q2Aa1Hfr3xqZSgw-F10_gvkNV6Tsl dhZuS9Uxs9iNUk/edit?usp=sharing

WANTED: CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKERS

This year, as an outreach to our preschool families, we will be sending home a dozen homemade Christmas cookies for each child and their family. We already have several people who have volunteered, but many hands make light work. All cookies would need to be prepared and ready to be plated by December 9th. If you are interested in contributing, please contact the church office.

TROOP 198 UPDATE

EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to Troop 198 Mr. Seth Merriman who has achieved the highest rank advancement of Eagle Scout. Mr. Merriman has put years of work toward this achievement and can now proudly wear the Eagle Scout patch, neckerchief, and metal.

Mr. Seth Merriman completed all requirements for Eagle rank on October 23, 2023. Over the years, the requirements include earning merit badges, serving in leadership roles, participating in scoutmaster conferences, as well as completing an Eagle Scout service project. For his Eagle Scout service project, while in a leadership role Mr. Merriman built picnic tables to provide additional seating on the ground of St. John the XIII.



Please join Troop 198 in congratulating Mr. Merriman on this achievement.

TROOP 219 SPOTLIGHT

The ladies of Troop 219 have been busy at Camp Miakonda. In September, the ladies taught fire starting with the Weeblos cubs scouts (4th and 5th graders) and helped the younger cubs make edible fire (grades K-3).

In October, the ladies decorated the Sylvania Cabin at Camp Miakonda for the annual Halloween party where over 1500 people attended. The theme for our cabin was the "Mad Hatter's Tea Party."



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MISSIONS

- "Let's Build" is having a Bed Blitz on **Saturday, November 11th**. They plan to deliver and set up 100 beds throughout the day. They will need lots of volunteers and you would go out with experienced volunteers to assemble the beds. To volunteer, sign up on the "Let's Build" website under "Events" or contact Barb Sanford.

SERVE

BOUNTIFUL BAGS

It's that time again! Bountiful Bags is our church's annual effort to donate food items to the Perrysburg Christians United (PCU) Food Pantry.

Empty grocery bags will be available at service on Sundays. Simply pick up an empty grocery bag(s) at Sunday service, fill it with the items listed on the flyer attached to the bag, and return the filled bag(s) the following Sunday. Bags will be collected on November 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

PERRYSBURG FIRST AND PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. For the month of November, we are asked to donate canned fruit. For December, donations of instant potatoes would be appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of PCU!

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

The submission deadline for the next Chimes newsletter is on/around 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.



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