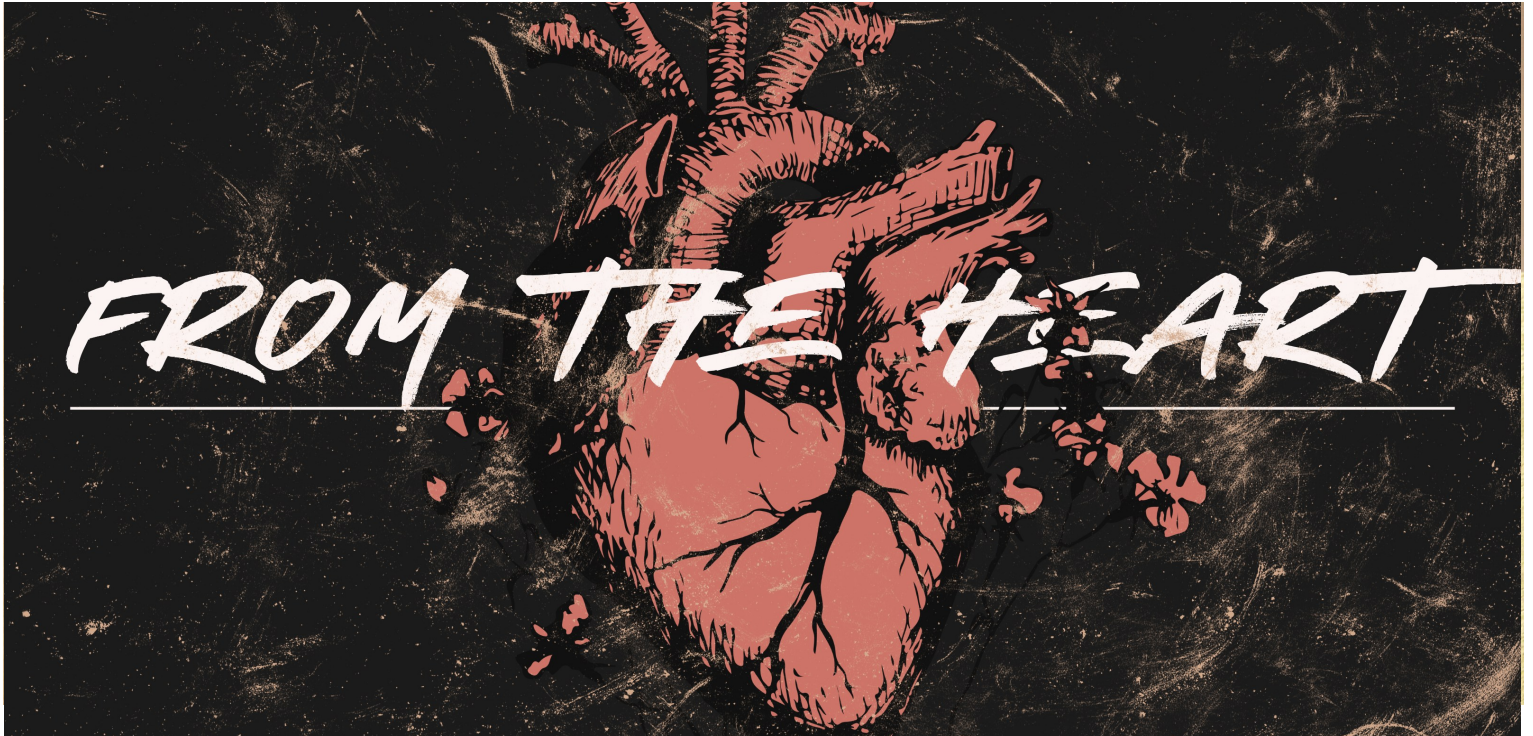


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May 2026

ORDINARY PEOPLE — EXTRAORDINARY GOD

WORSHIP



A Word From Pastor Jim...

Blessed to be a Blessing

The following comes from the writings of Henri Nouwen, a Catholic priest, writer, theologian and a leading voice in spiritual formation for many years. It is a timely word for us and for our world today.

"It is remarkable how easy it is to bless others, to speak good things to and about them, to call forth their beauty and truth, when you yourself are in touch with your own blessedness. The blessed one always blesses. And people want to be blessed! This is so apparent wherever you go. No one is brought to life through curses, gossip, accusations, or blaming. There is so much taking place around us all the time. And it calls forth only darkness, destruction, and death. As the "blessed ones," we can walk through this world and offer blessings. It doesn't require much effort. It flows naturally from our hearts. When we hear within ourselves the voice (of God) calling us by name and blessing us, the darkness no longer distracts us. The voice that calls us the Beloved will give us words to bless others and reveal to them that they are no less blessed than we."

Friends, our words have the power to speak life or to speak curses. We choose each day how to use those words and what kind of people we will be. Jesus, the Word made flesh, used his words to speak blessing, to bring healing, to restore life and to bring light to a dark world. As his followers, he invites us to do the same. We have been blessed to be a blessing. Let's be known for that!

Grace & peace,

Jim

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INFORMATION

New Church Treasurer

We're pleased to welcome our new treasurer, Sara Sosa, who began on April 20th. Sara is married to Kevin and they have three children; Arlo, Cora, and Linny. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome her!

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Christina Lepre for her faithful service as treasurer. We are grateful for all she has done and wish her God's blessings in her new opportunity.

May Prayer Calendar

<div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <h3>May 2026</h3> <h2>PRAYER FOCUS</h2> </div>													
Healing	1	Redemption	2	Protection	3	Refuge	4	Blessing	5	Saving	6	Heart	7
Exodus 15:26		Exodus 23:25		Deuteronomy 7:15		Psalm 91:9-10		Psalm 103:1		Psalm 107:19		Proverbs 4:23	
Safeguard	8	Redeeming	9	Greater	10	Promise	11	Health	12	Permanence	13	Ensure	14
Isaiah 41:10		Isaiah 53:5		Isaiah 55:9		Isaiah 58:11		Jeremiah 30:17		Malachi 3:6		Malachi 4:2	
Covenant	15	Miracles	16	Teaching	17	Praise	18	Faith	19	Signs	20	Anointing	21
Matthew 7:7		Matthew 8:16		Matthew 9:35		Matthew 15:31		Mark 11:22		Mark 16:17		Luke 4:18	
Authority	22	Greatfulness	23	Recovery	24	Outreach	25	Revival	26	Spirit	27	Redemption	28
Luke 9:1		Luke 10:8		Luke 13:16		Acts 4:30		Acts 5:15-16		Acts 10:38		Galations 3:13	
Singing	29	Confidence	30	Prosper	31	M A Y							
James 5:13		1John 5:14-15		3 John 2									

EVENTS

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TREASURE HUNT

The Great Perrysburg Treasure Hunt is a self-guided, clue-based adventure hosted over the length of the summer:

May 22, 2026 - August 10, 2026.

Participation in The Hunt requires registration. Early registration is strongly encouraged and allows you to sign up in advance of The Hunt. Participants may also register in-person at select Perrysburg locations throughout the duration of The Hunt.

<https://www.perrysburgtreasurehunt.com/>

Prime Timers: "May Gathering"- Thursday, May 14

The Prime Timers will meet on **Thursday, May 14, 11:30 am**, in the multipurpose room for their May gathering. Following our fellowship with fantastic friends while enjoying fabulous food, we will be making a craft. Even if you don't consider yourself a crafty person, it is something you can accomplish easily. Or there is always the option of just keeping company with those who like to craft.

Please make note of the time change and mark your calendar!

FAMILY MINISTRY

VBS- June 28th-July 1st!

The graphic features a vibrant jungle scene with a waterfall, various animals (monkey, toucan, toucanet, frog, leopard, and squirrel), and tropical plants. The text 'YOU'RE INVITED' is at the top, followed by 'VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL' in large letters. Below that, the dates 'JUNE 28TH - JULY 1ST' and time '6 PM- 8:15 PM' are displayed. The title 'RAINFOREST FALLS' is in a stylized font, with the subtitle 'Exploring the Nature of God' on a log below it. The Perrysburg First Church logo and address are on the left, and a 'Volunteer Here:' QR code is on the right.

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Exploring the Nature of God

PERRYSBURG FIRST CHURCH
 200 W 2nd St
 Perrysburg OH, 43551

Volunteer Here:

(Fully potty- trained)
3 YEARS OLD'S - 5TH GRADE:

- 4 evenings of faith, food, fun & fellowship
- \$15 per child (space is limited)
- Great bible stories
- Science fun
- Tasty snacks
- Awesome music

Register Here:

Registration Begins May 1st

REGISTER: WWW.PERRYSBURGFIRST.CHURCH

Vacation Bible School is 4 evenings of faith, food, fun, and fellowship for fully potty trained 3-year-olds through 5th grade! Not to mention the fun all youth and adult ministry partners have for those 4 evenings! It is a time of learning and growing in our faith and relationship with Jesus! This year, VBS is scheduled for June 28th - July 1st from 6pm-8:15pm, more details to come.

In preparing for VBS, there are items we need such as Boxes (of all sizes), Command Strips (lots and lots of the poster strips), rolls of brown paper, rolls of green paper, and rolls of white paper. We are also in need of fake greenery (put your name on them and leave them in the lower narthex by the missions wall). We will also be asking for donations to purchase this year's Book of Psalms books that each child will receive if they attend VBS. Each book is \$3.99 and we will need 50 books. A complete list of needs will be coming in the next couple of months.

VBS Ministry Partner Position Descriptions:

- **Crew Leader (10)**- A primary role for a group of up to 10 kids; stays with the same group all day, going from station to station; encourages spiritual growth, relationships, and discussion. This person is key!
- **Crew Helper (10)**- Assists the Crew Leader.
- **Imagination Station Helper**- Assists Imagination Station Leader.
- **Bible Adventure Actor**- Assists Bible Adventure Leader by memorizing lines for the Bible story.

(More positions on back)

OUR STAFF

Senior Pastor
Jim Jennings

Pastor of Family Ministry
Jodi Packard

Administrative Assistant
Brittany Gilpin

Treasurer
Sara Sosa

Music Director
Tim Cloeter

Multimedia Coordinator
Dax Rice

Prime Timers
Tolanda Kronfield

Preschool Director
Monica Cook
(419-874-9318)

- **Sticky Scripture Helper**- Assists Sticky Scripture Leader.
- **Host Team**- Greets families; helps with check-in process.
- **Preschool Leader (3)**- Leads pre-planned stations for 3-5 year olds.
- **Preschool Helper (4)**- Assists Preschool Leader.
- **Snack Leader**- Purchases and organizes all food and kitchen supplies needed for snacks; oversees preparation and ensures good hygiene is maintained.
- **Snack Helpers**- Assists Snack Leader.
- **Snack Setup/Cleanup**- Oversees set up and clean up of snack area.
- **Event Photographer**- Takes photos (or video) during the event and quickly creates a slideshow to be shown during closing.
- **Safety Team (4)**- Monitors the church building for the safety of participants.
- **Decorators**- Use creativity to help transform the church into a fun, kid-friendly environment; done prior to and during VBS.
- **Cleanup Crew**- Help before, during, and/or after the event.
- **First Aid Leader**- Provides first aid care to VBS participants and volunteers if necessary.
- **First Aid Helper**- Assists First Aid Leader.

MISSIONS

Growing God's Garden: Adopt-A-Child

Thank You for supporting our Adopt A Child Lenten/Easter project. 90 children have been adopted!!

Perrysburg First and PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. **For the month of May, we are asked to donate toilet paper.** In June, donations of soup would be appreciated. If you wish to give a monetary donation, you may do so by visiting: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQZA/home>. 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.