

# The Chimes

January 2026

ORDINARY PEOPLE — EXTRAORDINARY GOD

## WORSHIP

# Happy NEW YEAR 2026

May you come to know the promises & possibilities of  
life with God in the year ahead!

### A Word From Pastor Jim...

Happy New Year!

I share with you this New Year's prayer as we head into 2026. Let us offer to God all our joys and sorrows of the past year and open ourselves to the possibilities and promises that await us in the year ahead.

*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 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 the outpouring of your great grace, mercy and love that kept us going all this time. We give you thanks for your tender mercy and continue to ask that you would grant us your presence and peace in the year ahead.*

*Prepare us Lord for the New Year. Lift 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. Meet us this year with your loving and comforting presence in all the challenges and losses we will also face.*

*May your eternal kingdom reign in our hearts and in our lives, and may this new year show us once again your eternal mercy and glory.*

*We sing your praises with great joy!*

*In Jesus name. Amen.*

Grace and peace to you in 2026!

Jim

### STAY CONNECTED



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2026 BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Total budget approved for 2026	\$394,727.50	
Salaries, payroll taxes, etc.	\$261,512	66.3%
Apportionments (our contribution to support the UMC conference expenses)	\$37,115	9.4%
Building (utilities, inspections, insurance, etc.)	\$58,300	14.8%
Office/treasurer expenses	\$13,600	3.4%
Program Ministries	\$24,200	6.1%

2026 COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Ad Council

- Ad Council Chairperson– Vicki Vath
- Finance & Stewardship– Amanda Graven
- Lay Member to Annual Conference– John Lepre
- SPRC Chairperson- Darrell Gill
- Treasurer– Christina Lepre
- Trustees Representative- Tracey Bowers
- Family Ministry- Pastor Jodi Packard
- Prime Timers- Tolanda Kronfield
- Missions & Social Justice- Barb Sanford
- At-Large Member- Melissa McGurk
- At-Large Member- Ed Wolf
- Ad Council Secretary- Terri Gill
- Youth Representative- TBD
- Pastor Jim Jennings

Finance Ministry Team

- Chairperson– Amanda Graven
- Finance Secretary– Brittany Gilpin
- Ad Council Chairperson– Vicki Vath
- Trustees Representative- Tracey Bowers
- SPRC Chairperson- Darrell Gill
- Treasurer– Christina Lepre
- At-Large Member– Amanda Costell
- At-Large Member– Theresa Stanley
- Pastor Jim Jennings

SPRC– Staff Parish Relations

- Chairperson- Darrell Gill
- Theresa Dhondt
- Del Vath
- Doug Stanley
- Rob Costell
- Amy Miller
- Marty Oakley
- Pastor Jim Jennings

Trustees

- Chairperson- Tracey Bowers
- Terri Gill
- George Minkkinen
- Steven Miller
- Bill Dhondt
- Andrew Bowers
- Zach Roth
- Pastor Jim Jennings

INFORMATION

A Note From The Trustees

Please remember to turn off the hallway lights on the third floor (balcony, choir room) when you are done up there. We do not have those on motion sensors like the other floors in the church. Thank you!

Undecorating

Join us to help take down Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 10th at 1pm.

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:

Gene Palmer, 82 years old– December, 2025– member for 50 years



EVENTS

Prime Timers: "January Snows"

Be sure to notice that this luncheon will be on **THURSDAY, January 22**. Snow or no snow, we will meet for our monthly fun filled gathering at 12 noon in the Multipurpose room. A good way to eliminate the doldrums of winter weather is to join with friends for some fun and fellowship while we enjoy a meal together.

Mark your calendar now so you remember it is a **THURSDAY** gathering on **January 22**. See you then! Encourage your friends to come!!!



January Prayer Calendar

 January 2026 PRAYER FOCUS				2026		
Renewed Isaiah 40:31	1 Learn Psalm 90:12	2 Goal Philippians 3:14	3 Abundance Psalm 65:11	4 Rebirth 1 Peter 1:3	5 Zephaniah 3:17 Zephaniah 3:17	6 Amazed Habakkuk 1:5
Gifts James 1:17	8 Needs Philippians 4:19	9 Blessed Psalm 1:1-3	10 Good 2 Corinthians 4:18	11 Trust Jeremiah 17:7	12 Plans Jerimiah 29:11	13 Unseen 2 Corinthians 4:18
Seasons Ecclesiastes 3:1	15 Unchanging Malachi 3:6	16 Steps Proverbs 16:9	17 Understanding Proverbs 3:5-6	18 Answer Proverbs 16:1	19 Worry Matthew 6:25-26	20 Anxiety Philippians 4:6-8
Strength Philippians 4:13	22 Delight Psalm 37:4	23 Commit Proverbs 16:3	24 Discernment Luke: 16:10	25 Exchange Matthew 16:26-27	26 Hope Psalm 25:3	27 Perseverance 1 Corinthians 13:17
Unfailing Psalm 33:18	29 Strength Isaiah 40:31	30 Joy Romans 15:13	 Happy New Year 			

## OUR STAFF

### Senior Pastor

Jim Jennings

### Pastor of Family Ministry

Jodi Packard

### Administrative Assistant

Brittany Gilpin

### Treasurer

Christina Lepre

### Music Director

Tim Cloeter

### Multimedia Coordinator

Dax Rice

### Prime Timers

Tolanda Kronfield

### Preschool Director

Monica Cook

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## FAMILY MINISTRY

### Pre-School Registration

Online preschool registration for current families and church members for the 2026/27 school year opens through our planning center on Tuesday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.** <https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com>

You can scan the QR code Here!



General public registration opens Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Any general public early submissions will be declined with fees forfeited, in order to allow prioritization space to current families and church members.

## MISSIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated a book to our Christmas Mission project. These books will be delivered to Mosaic Ministries for their Family Literacy program.

We provided hot chocolate and helpers for Riverside Schools Christmas celebration. Also, we spent \$1,000 to provide food bags for children to have over Christmas break.

We provided 4 TV sets and a set of headphones for prizes for the Plinko board. Kids with perfect attendance for a period of time are selected to play Plinko for a variety of large and small prizes.

We made a \$2,000 donation to PCU to help with the increase in food insecurity.

### 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.** In February, donations of shampoo 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](http://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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### Church Office Hours

**Monday - Friday: 9 am - 2 pm**

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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.