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October 2026

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A Word From Pastor Jim...

October 1st marks 20 years since I began serving in pastoral ministry. In those 20 years serving within various local churches, I have learned and come to expect that change happens. In fact, the Christian life is really all about change: cooperating with the work of the Holy Spirit to allow God to transform our hearts and change us from the inside out. Local churches – at least healthy ones – are constantly experiencing some degree of change and transformation. Healthy things grow and that requires change. As most of you know, our Family ministry is in the midst of change.

Along with any change (especially more significant changes) also comes a period of transition. Webster defines transition as a change or "*shift from one state, subject, place, etc. to another*" or "*a period or phase in which such a change or shift is happening.*" Again – **transition is a shift from one state/place to another.** So, the thing about all transitions, they start with an ending. A caterpillar must go through a period of change and transformation, an end to its "caterpillar stage," to eventually reach its destination of becoming a beautiful butterfly.

As Pastor Jodi ends her season with us and our new Director of Family Ministries, Laura Wingate, begins her time here at First, we are about to experience all that goes with significant change. (You can read more about Laura on the next page.) Likely, we will soon experience the time of transition that comes with a change like this. While sometimes trying, change and the corresponding period of transition offer the opportunity to embrace and realize the *new* God has planned to birth and bring to life through the change.

So, as we say goodbye to Pastor Jodi and pause to recognize all she has done in her 8+ years here to grow the family ministry, let us also look forward with great anticipation and expectant hearts as Laura now steps in to lead this vital ministry at Perrysburg First. I truly believe that God has great things planned for us and the future is rich with possibilities. God is good!

Pastor Jim

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INFORMATION

Meet Our New Director of Family Ministries!

We are excited to announce that our prayers have been answered! The search committee interviewed Laura Wingate on September 21, and we all felt she is a perfect fit for the Director of Family Ministry position at First Church. Laura graciously accepted our offer and will begin serving with us on October 19th. We look forward to having Laura and her family as part of our church family. Let us do all we can to make them feel welcomed! You can hear from Laura below:



Corey, Calen, & Laura

Hi, Perrysburg First Church family!

My name is Laura Wingate, and I am so excited and grateful to join Perrysburg First Church as the new Family Ministries Director! I have a heart for children, families, and creating spaces where people of all ages can grow in their relationship with Jesus and feel that they truly belong.

I have spent much of my career working in early childhood education and ministry, and I love the opportunity to encourage children, equip parents, and support families as they navigate the joys and challenges of life. I believe some of the most meaningful moments of faith happen in the everyday moments —around the dinner table, in conversations with our children, during worship, and when we serve one another.

I cannot wait to meet all of you soon!

Honoring Pastor Jodi

After 8 plus years, First Church is going into another chapter of our faith journey. Pastor Jodi will be stepping down from her role as Director of Family Ministry. We will try to say thank you for all she has done for our children, youth and families while serving here. So “thank you Jodi” from the kiddos, parents, church members and friends who have had the honor of having your guiding hands on us for the past 8 years. You and Dan will be truly missed in this role.

We pray that God blesses Pastor Jodi and her family abundantly in this next chapter of her journey, just as her time with us has been a profound blessing to our congregaton.

SPR Committee of First Church

Financial Update: End of August

Financial Summary

	YTD (Jan-August)
Actual Expenses	\$277,410
Budgeted Expenses	\$263,152
Operating Income/Giving	\$277,279

Thank you for your financial and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of Perrysburg First Church!

-Pastor Jim & Sara Sosa, Church Treasurer

Trustees Closet Project



Thank you to Steve Miller, George Minkkinen, Darrell and Terri Gill for helping to build out the closet where the tables and chairs are now stored in fellowship hall. This was paid for by a memorial gift honoring Dan Kronfield. Many have seen the finished product and “didn’t even realize” that it hadn’t been there for years. We matched it to the closet on the east side by the kitchen. It really cleans up the look down there. And best of all...no preschool or team kid toys get lost under the carts!

Team Kid & Youth

PERRYSBURG FIRST CHURCH

Children & Youth

Registration

2026-2027 Kids Registration:

It’s that time of year again! Time to register your child or youth for nursery, children’s church, team kid, and/or youth. Registration allows the family ministry team to learn information about your child(ren) and provides better communication about details of activities and events. Please go to our website or use the QR code above.

Team Kid Meals:

We are looking for people who would be willing to provide a meal. The details and sign-up sheet can be found at the QR code below.

Meal sign-up

October Prayer Calendar

 October 2026 PRAYER FOCUS						
Encouragment 1 1 Thessalonians 5:11	Trust 2 Proverbs 5-6	Shine 3 Matthew 5:16	Rejection 4 Matthew 21:42	Rest 5 Psalm 91:1	Peace 6 Philippians 4:7	Answers 7 Micha 7:7
Connection 8 John 15:5	Redeemer 9 Psalm 19:14	Service 10 Ephesians 4:7	Patience 11 Psalm 19:14	Persuasion 12 Acts 26:28	Rejoice 13 Psalm 118:24	Believe 14 Mark 9:22-23
Support 15 Galatians 6:2	Strenght 16 Psalm 28:7	Suffering 17 Hebrews 2:18	Vessel 18 2 Corinthians 4:7	Thanksgiving 19 Psalm 100:4	Prayer 20 Mark 6:45-46	Roadblocks 21 Exodus 14:11
Gifts 22 1 Corinthians 12:4-5	Righteous 23 James 5:16	Kindness 24 Matthew 25:40	Truth 25 Philippians 4:8	Faith 26 Matthew 6:26	Talents 27 1 Peter 4:10	Assurance 28 Deuteronomy 31:6
Lift 29 Job 22:29	Love 30 Romans 12:10	Signs 31 Matthew 12:38				

EVENTS

Prime Timers Luncheon

The Prime Timers will meet on Monday, October 5, at 12 noon in the multipurpose room. Our topic will be pumpkins. Give that some thought!

As per our custom, there will be tons of fun with our friends while we enjoy lunch. Mark your calendar! See you then!!

Prime Timers

PUMPKINS

Monday, October 5th at 12pm in the Mulipurpose Room



OUR STAFF

Senior Pastor
Jim Jennings

Director of
Family Ministry
Laura Wingate

Administrative
Assistant
Brittany Gilpin

Treasurer
Sara Sosa

Music Director
Tim Cloeter

Multimedia
Coordinator
Dax Rice

Prime Timers
Tolanda Kronfield

MISSIONS

Bed Build

Thank you to everyone who came out for the morning and helped with our bed build and to everyone that contributed by donating bedding or sponsoring a bed! What a joy to share the love of Jesus with families and children in such a meaningful and tangible way!

We built 50 beds and had around 70 volunteers work during the morning. We had lots of kids help as well, and they were SO helpful sanding, drilling, branding and loading the truck!



Perrysburg First and PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. For the month of October, we are asked to donate canned beans. In November, donations of canned fruit 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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Church Office Hours

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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.**