PERRYSBURG
FIRST CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICE
10:15am

The Chimes

Novemeber 2026

WORSHIP

A Word From Pastor Jim...

November is here, and I am sure, many of you are already beginning to look forward to Thanksgiving Day. I know that I look forward to gathering with family and enjoying our time 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. We praise God and give thanks for his faithfulness!

I share with you a Prayer of Thanksgiving and I pray you find it to be a blessing.

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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CHURCH FAMILY

In Memoriam

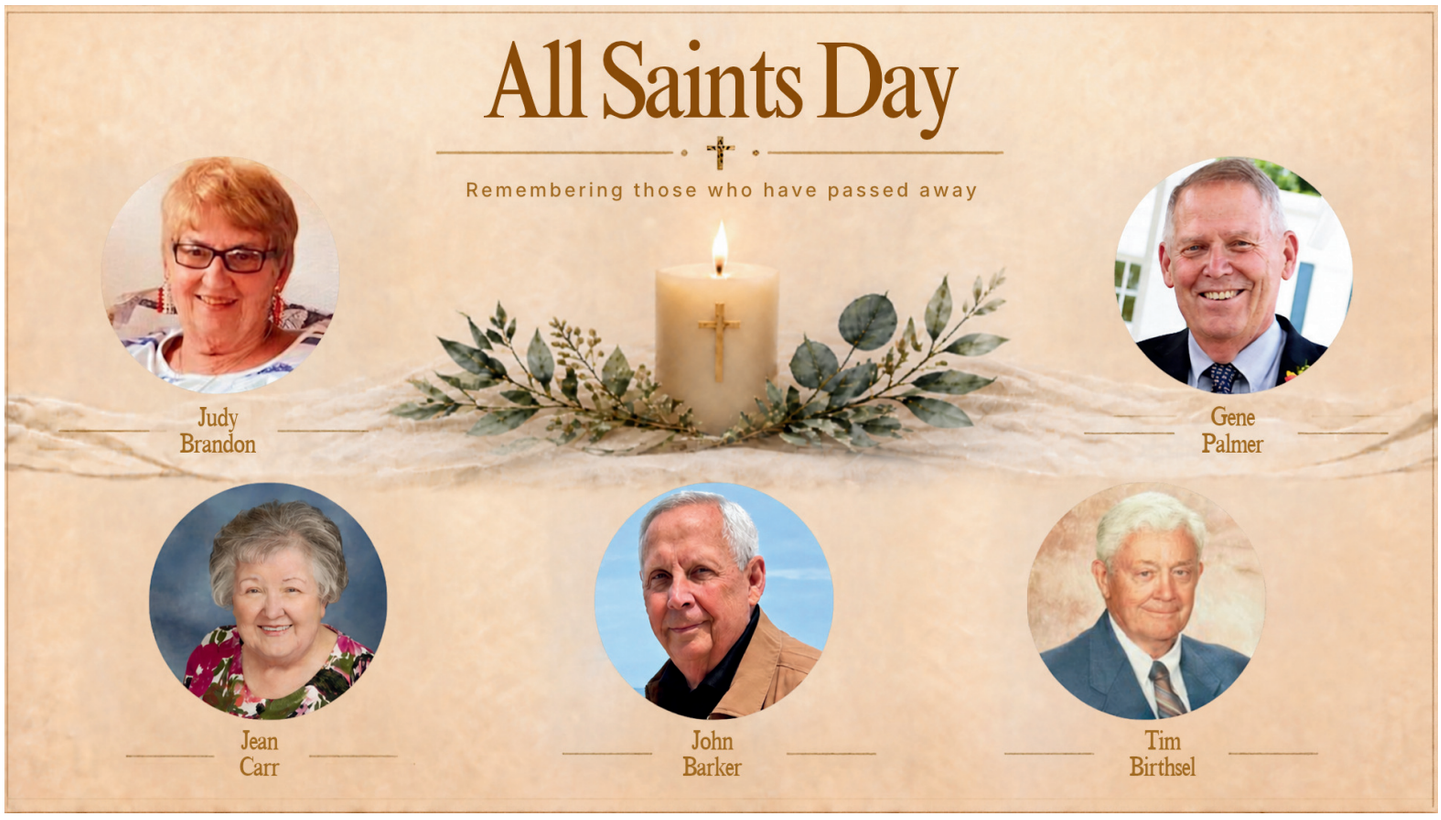
In loving memory and honor of those in our congregation who have recently passed. Gracious God, we thank you for those we have come to love but see no more.
Receive into your arms your servant:

John Barker, 77 years old– October 7th, 2026– member for 25 years

John Barker's Celebration of Life Service

John's Celebration of Life Service will be held here at Perrysburg First Church on **November 21st,2026 at 1pm.** Let's gather to remember, celebrate, and honor John's life. Please join us afterwards at Belmont Country Club for tributes, drinks and grazing.

All Saint's Sunday



Join us on **Sunday, November 1st** for All Saint's Sunday as we honor those from the congregation who have passed this year.

Gene Palmer: December 4, 2025- member for 51 years

Tim Birthisel: January 06, 2026- member for 59 years

Jean Carr: June 28, 2026- member for 29 years

Judy Brandon: July 19, 2026- member for 22 years

John Barker: October 07, 2026- member for 25 years

INFORMATION

Financial Update: End of September

	YTD (Jan-September)
Actual Expenses	$304,064
Budgeted Expenses	$299,415
Operating Income/Giving	$301,884

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

-Pastor Jim & Sara Sosa, Church Treasurer

Charge Conference

Perrysburg First Church's annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, Nov 15th at 2pm at Sylvania First UMC in Sylvania. Any church member is welcome to attend.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on November 26th and 27th in observation of Thanksgiving.

Advent: Beginning November 29th

Advent Decorating: Save The Date!

We will be decorating for Advent and Christmas on November 28th. All are welcome to join in and lend a hand! The time is TBD.

Bountiful Bags

November Prayer Calendar

November 2026 PRAYER FOCUS						
1 Perseverance Hebrews 12:1	2 Loyalty Psalm 139:21	3 Shelter Ruth 2:8	4 Plea Exodus 2:23	5 Priority Matthew 6:33	6 Judgment John 7:24	7 Salvation Luke 19:10
8 Hope Psalm 34:18	9 Provision Matthew 6:11	10 Relax Ephesians 4:31	11 Acceptance Luke 22:42	12 Support Isaiah 43:2	13 Abiding Love John 6:37	14 Light Isaiah 60:19
15 Paths Proverbs 3:6	16 Trust Psalm 37:5	17 Grace John 1:14	18 Compassion Colossians 3:12	19 Anger Ephesians 4:26	20 Future Jeremiah 29:11	21 Joy Matthew 18:2–3
22 Trust Exodus 2:3	23 Suffering Isaiah 53:5	24 Hospitality Luke 14:23	25 Perspective Matthew 5:44	26 Thankful Colossians 3:15	27 Service 1 Peter 4:10	28 Light John 12:46
29 Celebrate Isaiah 9:6	30 Transform Romans 12:2					

EVENTS

Prime Timers Luncheon

The Prime Timers will meet on **Tuesday, November 17, at 12 noon** in the multipurpose room for a Thanksgiving celebration. Do your thoughts go to the Pilgrims, the Indians, or the turkey? I'm guessing most of you would say……the turkey! Yep, you're thinking of some delicious slices of turkey meat together with all the trimmings that go with it. Now the question is…will the luncheon meal be a traditional Thanksgiving feast or will the turkey get a pardon? You will have to show up on the 17th to get that answer!!

As always, there will be lots of fun fellowship with our friends while we enjoy lunch together. Please make sure to mark your calendar noticing that it is a **Tuesday** this month!!

Looking ahead, **Thursday, December 3**, will be the date of our **Christmas celebration**. It will be loaded with gifts and games while we celebrate the birth of Jesus with a party. If it is anything like the last couple of years, it will also include some shenanigans as well as a delicious meal!

Family Ministry

Family Ministry: Thankful Hearts Month 🍂

November is a wonderful time to reflect on God's goodness and the many blessings in our lives! This month, our children and youth will be celebrating **Thankful Hearts Month** as we discover how practicing gratitude can renew our joy in the Lord and inspire us to share His love with others.

Our hallway will become a Gratitude Tree! Each week, children and youth will have the opportunity to add a paper leaf sharing something they are thankful for. As our tree grows, we will be reminded of the many ways God blesses us, both big and small.

Our memory verse for the month is **1 Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances."** Together, we will explore what it means to have grateful hearts—not only when life is easy, but in every season. We will also discover how the joy we find in God's goodness can move us to notice those in need and find meaningful ways to serve and care for others.

Families, join us at home! At dinner or bedtime, take a few minutes to share what each family member is thankful for. Then ask, "How can we share God's love with someone else this week?" A grateful heart can inspire even the smallest act of kindness!

I am excited to see our Gratitude Tree grow throughout November and to watch our children and youth grow in gratitude, joy, and love for others.

OUR STAFF

Senior Pastor
Jim Jennings

Director of Family Ministry
Laura Wingate

Administrative Assistant
BrittanyGilpin

Treasurer
Sara Sosa

Music Director
Tim Cloeter

Multimedia Coordinator
Dax Rice

Prime Timers
Tolanda Kronfield

MISSIONS

Bed Build

Save The Date!!

We have scheduled our next bed build for **Saturday, Sept. 11, 2027.** Thanks to all who participated this year to get 50 children off the floor and into their own bed!

Your Missions Donations at Work!

The Missions Team was able to pay for repairs to the water system for New Hope School. A new motor and pump were purchased and installed to restore water to the school and to families in the neighborhood. We are happy to report that repairs have been completed, and clean water is once again accessible! Your donations to missions helped to make this possible. Thank you and praise God!

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**. In **December**, donations of **instant/dry potatoes** 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.