

# The Chimes

April 2024

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE — NOT TO BE SERVED

**WORSHIP**



**April 7th- June 2nd**

**A WORD FROM PASTOR JIM**

Greetings!

We have just celebrated the greatest moment in the history of the church and even in the history of this world; Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

I love Luke's account of when the women visited the grave on Easter morning only to find the tomb to be empty. An angel met them and asked "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" You don't normally visit a grave to look for the living. In fact, it's quite the opposite. They did not come expecting to find Jesus alive. Imagine how this rattled their understanding of everything they knew before this moment!!

In that one moment, Jesus re-wrote the script of life – and it shook the foundations of the earth. *Dead people no longer stayed dead!* Jesus initiated a new way. A way marked by eternal hope. An assurance and a deep confidence, that the best is yet to come. We know death no longer has the final say and that gives us the freedom to live our current lives to the fullest. To live together as a resurrected people.

Let's get to living!

Grace & peace,

Jim

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 2024 UMC General Conference will convene in Charlotte, NC from April 23 – May 3.

The General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The General Conference convenes once every four years and is comprised of delegates elected by annual conferences around the globe. Representation of all the churches that make up the global United Methodist is thereby provided at this gathering. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for churchwide programs. Due to the worldwide pandemic brought on by Covid, this body has not convened since 2016.

If you would like more information on the 2024 General Conference you can find that on the website of our Annual Conference, West Ohio.

Here is that link: <https://westohioumc.org/general-conference/general-conference>

Please be in prayer for all the delegates that will be traveling to Charlotte from around the world for this important conference. Ask God to grant his wisdom and discernment to all involved and the decisions to be made as they seek God's leading for the Future ministry of the United Methodist Church.

## UMCOR DAY OF GIVING– APRIL 21

We will be observing the UMCOR Day-of-Giving at Perrysburg First on Sunday April 21. UMCOR offering envelopes will be distributed the Sunday before, April 14. UMCOR stands for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR responds to natural disasters and loss here in the U.S. and around the world to provide much needed relief. For regular contributions made to UMCOR, 100% of those funds go directly to relief efforts. The UMCOR Day-of-Giving however, is the one day of the year where all proceeds go to help support the *administrative costs* of UMCOR. Please consider giving to this vital ministry of the United Methodist Church.

## INFORMATION

### CHANGE FOR CHANGE UPDATE/ LENTEN OUTCOME :

This Lent, as a church being the hands and feet of Jesus to the world, we provided an egg hunt for Riverside Elementary School, collected bedding and participated in a bed build for Let's Build, continued to donate needed items to PCU, shared the gospel of Jesus with over 130 children and their families at our Easter Carnival, and collected approximately \$10,000 for our "Change for Change" campaign to feed children and families in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. Our first contribution provided food for 110 families and many of the school children who attend New Hope school.



**OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will be closed on Monday, April 8th. We will re-open on April 9th at 9:00 am.

**APRIL VACATIONS**

Jodi will be on vacation from April 1st-April 7th. Jim will be on vacation from April 8th-15th. Please respect their space during this time and redirect any questions you have to the office at 419-874-1911.

**LOST JACKETS**






There were several coats and jackets left in Fellowship Hall. If you or your kiddos are missing one, stop by the church office!



**ADOPT-A-DOOR**

The trustees are having our exterior doors refinished this spring. They are definitely in need of a lot of love. We have contracted Schoen Painting, and they will begin in May, after pre-school is finished for the school year. The cost for this project is \$12,500 for 11 doors. We need your financial help with this project. Please consider helping by donating to the Trustee’s non-campaign fund. If giving by check, please include “Adopt-a-door” in the memo line. Thank you!

**APRIL PRAYER CALENDAR**

 <b>April 2024</b> <b>PRAYER FOCUS</b>									
1 Trust Proverbs 3:5	2 Forgiveness Luke 15:24	3 Confidence 2 Kings 18:5	4 Peacemakers Mathew 5:9	5 Never Forsaken Psalm 55:22	6 Peace Romans 12:18	7 Perfection Psalm 138:14a			
8 Protection Isaiah 41:10	9 Prayer Acts 2:42	10 Support Psalm 46:5	11 Gifts James 1:17	12 Servanthood Mathew 25:40	13 Acceptance John 8:11	14 Helpers Galations 6:2			
15 Safety Psalm 91:15	16 Legacy Mathew 28:20	17 Anchored Hebrews 6:19	18 Gratitude Revelation 3:20	19 Listening 1 Peter 5:6-7	20 Grace Colossians 4:6	21 Childlike Faith Mathew 18:3			
22 Wonder Psalm 19:1	23 Thankfulness 1 Thessalonians 15:18	24 Strength Hebrews 12:3	25 Trouble John 16:33	26 Abundance Matthew 14:16	27 Persevering Psalm 71:9	28 Redemption Romans 2:4			
29 Direction Matthew 23:37	30 Serving Psalm 100:2								

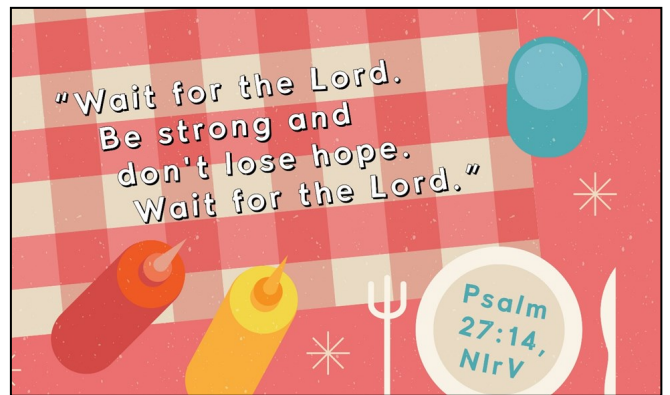
# FAMILY MINISTRY

## APRIL CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Theme



Memory Verse



### GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PEACE AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Waiting is a part of life. Thankfully, we don't have to wait on our own. Through the Holy Spirit, God can help us experience the patience we need to wait well. After all, God is patient with us. God is in control and knows what's best for us. Even though God's people had been waiting for years for the promised Savior, at just the right time, God sent Jesus. Because we're created in God's image, we can reflect God's patience in our lives. We can be patient when we remember what God has done. We can lean on God's Holy Spirit to give us the strength we need to trust God and show patience with the difficult circumstances in our lives.

Bottom Line 1: Waiting can make you wise

Bottom Line 2: When you think you can't wait, think twice

Bottom Line 3: When you have to wait, remember what's true

Bottom Line 4: God is with you while you wait

### APRIL NURSERY/PRESCHOOL THEME:

Preschool Monthly Overview:

Have you ever been somewhere where it was so dark you couldn't even see your hand in front of your face? No light shining under the door. No stars in the sky. No screen glaring back at you. Just darkness. So much darkness that you have to shuffle slowly, stumbling your way across the room with arms stretched out, hoping, searching . . . and then finally, with the flip of a switch, LIGHT! Light changes everything.

This month, we're talking about light, but not just any light. We're talking about Jesus—the light of the WORLD—and how when we do what Jesus says, we shine. We shine the light of Jesus! After this month, we hope every time you and your preschoolers see a lamp or a star-filled sky, you remember that people were made to shine, and we have Jesus—the light of the world—to show us how. So, let's not hide our light. Let's SHINE and light up the dark so others can see their way to Jesus.



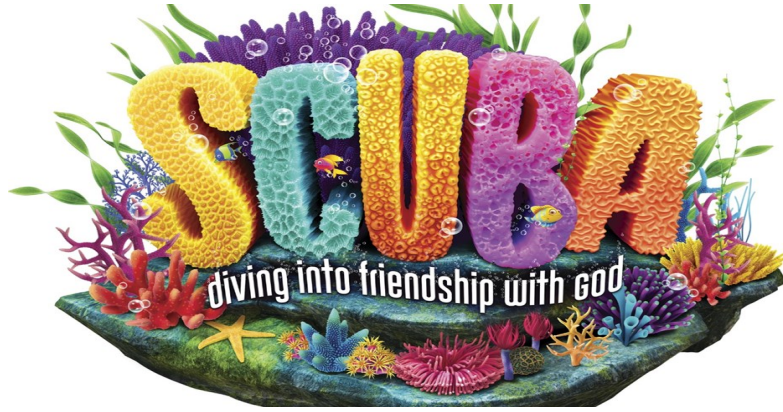
Story Focus Week 1: Jesus says to let my light shine

Story Focus Week 2: Jesus says to tell others about Him

Story Focus Week 3: Jesus says to love like Him

Story Focus Week 4: I shine when I do what Jesus says

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



Vacation Bible School is 4 evenings of faith, food, fun, and fellowship for fully potty-trained 3-year-olds through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 July 7<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm-8:15 pm, more details to come.

Planning and preparing for VBS has already started! Mark your calendars to attend one, or both, of our collaborative decoration-making days at Grace Church on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-12 pm and again on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-12 pm. We encourage children to come as we will have an area for them to work on decorations! LITTLE HANDS CAN DO BIG THINGS!

### Items needed:

In preparing for VBS, there are items we need such as Command Strips (lots and lots of the poster strips), pool noodles of all colors, blue plastic table clothes, coffee filters (all sizes), paper cupcake wrappers (all solid colors), and popcorn Styrofoam package filler. A complete list of needs will be coming in the next couple of months, but these are items we will need a lot of! Items can be left in Pastor Jodi's office.

Team Kid/Youth:

Team Kid/Youth Group resumes on April 3<sup>rd</sup>



### *An Easter Carnival Thank You!*

Thank you to all who donated to this event, participated in providing or supervising an activity, or brought your family to participate! A big thank you to Kristina Gutyon for organizing this event!

*We had 130 children and over 200 people join us for this fabulously fun morning!*



## TROOP 198

Troop 198 welcomed twelve new members to the troop after Cub Scout crossover in February. The new scouts participated in a lock-in, where they worked towards their scout rank.

Troop 198 has been taking advantage of the weather holding a recent meeting outside at Woodland Park. The scouts worked on orienteering, using a map and compass to navigate from point A to point B.

Janet

## OUR STAFF

**Senior Pastor**  
Jim Jennings

**Pastor of Family Ministry**  
Jodi Packard

**Administrative Assistant**  
Brittany Gilpin

**Treasurer**  
Irma Wolf

**Music Director**  
Tim Cloeter

**Multimedia Coordinator**  
Dax Rice

**Organist**  
Tolanda Kronfield

**Prime Timers**  
Tolanda Kronfield

**Preschool Director**  
Sharron Waclawski  
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## TROOP 219

The ladies of Troop 219 have 2 brand-new scouts. Both new scouts have crossed over to Troop 219 from Cub Scouts.

Welcome:

Ruby from Pack  
384



Kendra from Pack  
209



## SERVE

### PERRYSBURG FIRST AND PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. For the month of April, we are asked to donate cereal. For May, donations of toilet paper 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

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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.