

The Chimes

August 2022

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE — NOT TO BE SERVED

WORSHIP

Loving Kindness

A Study of Ruth

AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 28

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

The Book of Ruth is a hidden gem within the pages of our bibles. Filled with intrigue, drama, tragedy, struggle, and redemption Ruth speaks to the full scope of the human experience. We will spend the month of August immersed in this wonderful story, inviting God to use this epic tale to speak into our own stories.

Week 1 (August 7): *Great Stories*: An overview of the book of Ruth.

Week 2 (August 14): *Bitterness Redeemed*: A look at the life of Naomi.

Week 3 (August 21): *Loving Kindness*: A look at the life of Ruth.

Week 4 (August 28): *Kinsman Redeemer*: A look at the life of Boaz.

Invite a friend and plan to join us for this 4-week journey through one of the most delightful literary compositions of the ancient world!

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A WORD FROM PASTOR JIM



In His great wisdom, God has invited us, His church, to join Him in His great plan to reach the world with His love. Part of our mission is to extend compassion to those whom God cares for and to join with Him in the work He is doing to reach out to and care for those less fortunate – the widow, the orphan, & the outcast. As Psalm 9:18 reminds us: “God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.”

During our Mission Sunday on June 26 we presented a couple of opportunities here at Perrysburg First to join in that work. Through Adopt-A-Child and Adopt-A-Bed we can join with the work God is doing to make a difference in the life of a child in Nairobi, Kenya by helping to provide for their education and right here in our own back yard by helping to provide beds for children living without their own. Now, in addition, we have the opportunity to join with Riverside Elementary School in Toledo to help create a Community Closet, stocked with personal care and essential items for the homes of the students’ families (items many in this neighborhood struggle to afford.) You can find more information on all these mission opportunities later in these Chimes.

I encourage us to respond in faith and join with God in the work He has invited us into, and together, let’s make a tangible difference in the lives of children both here at home and overseas. Grace & peace, Jim

INFORMATION

AUGUST PRAYER CALENDAR

	1 God the Creator Revelation 4:11	2 Small Acts of Love Mark 12:43	3 Gratefulness Psalm 9:1	4 Faithfulness to God Revelation 14:13	5 Faith in the Future Proverbs 4:25	6 God’s great love Ephesians 2:4-5
7 Being an example Exodus 25:9	8 Jesus is our road map John 14:6	9 A step of faith Matthew 14:29	10 Transitions Hebrews 6:11	11 Share the good news 2 Timothy 4:2	12 Trust & Obey Proverbs 3:5-6	13 Active Prayer 1 Thessalonian 5:17
14 God’s Ways Isaiah 55:8-9	15 God’s Word Hebrews 4:12	16 Encouragement Acts 11:23	17 Enduring Care 1 Peter 4:10	18 Thankfulness Psalm 116:17	19 Silver linings Psalm 34:18	20 God’s Comforting Presence 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
21 Praying for Others 1 Timothy 2:1	22 Trust in God Jeremiah 17:7	23 God never leaves us Psalm 23:4	24 God’s Goodness Proverbs 4:23	25 Miraculous outcomes 2 Kings 5:13	26 Time with God Psalm 50:15	27 Beauty from bleakness Isaiah 61:1,3
28 Love in Action Romans 12:18	29 None are insignificant Matthew 10:29	30 God’s Path Exodus 13:17	31 Beloved child of God 1 John 3:1			

BAPTISMS

Perrysburg First is planning baptisms! If you have never been baptized and are interested, please contact the church office.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Pastor Jim is planning a membership class for this fall. If you are interested in attending and becoming a member, please contact the church office.

PERRYSBURG FIRST NEEDS YOU!

Perrysburg First has a history of being known as “Friendly First”. We would like to keep that reputation and we can’t do it without an adequate Usher Team, a very important ministry of Perrysburg First. (CONT.)

The dream is to have 6 teams (30 ushers) so that each team could serve 2 months per year (not a big commitment!). The minimum we can have is 4 teams (20 ushers), which means a commitment of 3 months per year; this is the level we have been operating at for many years. Going into the 2022-23 church year, we currently have 16 ushers. Needless to say, we need your help!

There are a couple common misconceptions about ushering. First, it takes a very outgoing personality, but that is not true! It only takes a welcoming attitude; truly anyone can do it. If you prefer not to be the person at the door greeting our members and guests, no problem. Many are more comfortable handing out bulletins in the Upper Narthex or quietly working the lift elevator each Sunday. Second, you must have a long history at the church and know everyone, but that could not be further from the truth! Ushering is a great way to get to know faces and meet people in a low-pressure environment.

There is a place for everyone at Perrysburg First and we need you! Should you choose to commit, the months your team is assigned to work, the expectation is 3 out of 4 (or 4 out of 5) Sundays, and subs are easy to find as the core group of ushers are always happy to serve.

If you have questions or are willing to serve as an usher in the 2022-23 church year, please contact Melissa McGurk at 910-585-2172 or melmcgurk318@gmail.com.

EVENTS

AUGUST PRIME TIMERS LUNCHEON

Come join the Prime Timers group on Thursday, August 18th at noon in the Multipurpose Room for an ice cream social! The group will gather for lunch before diving into a sundae bar for dessert. This month's challenge is to invite a church friend to join us. As always, plans for this event call for food, fellowship, and frivolous fun with friends! We look forward to seeing you there!



August Prime Timers Luncheon

Thursday, August 18th @ noon
Multipurpose Room

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun with friends!

AUGUST SECOND SUNDAY ON THE PATIO



Second SUNDAYS
ON THE PATIO

Join us after Sunday Service on August 14th!

Menu:
Taco bar



Perrysburg First Church

Mark your calendar for the August Second Sunday on the Patio! The gathering will be held on Sunday, August 14th after Sunday service. We will be having a taco bar. If the weather does not cooperate, we will meet in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Thank you to the Missions Team for sponsoring the July gathering!

CHURCH FAMILY

VBS "THANK YOU!"

A huge "thank you!" to all who helped make VBS a success! We were fortunate enough to have 75 kids, 33 adults, and 13 youth each night!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

There are still spots left for preschool this fall. If you, or someone you know, is interested in having their child attend, please have them contact the preschool.

TROOP 198 UPDATE

27 scouts and multiple adult leaders attended summer camp at Camp Frontier Pioneer Scout Reservation from July 17th through July 23rd in Pioneer, Ohio. Summer camp is an experience for scouts to start or complete merit badges, sleep in a tent, participate in outside cooking, handicrafts, camp-wide games, and work towards rank advancement for Tenderfoot, First Class, and Second Class. Troop 198 B and sister Troop 219 G, also supported by Perrysburg First, were co-champs of camp-wide games this year!



TROOP 219 SPOTLIGHT

The ladies of Troop 219 have had a busy summer so far. They worked on the Kayaking merit badge and white water merit badge to prepare for their whitewater rafting and kayaking trip. It was a blast!



SERVE

QUILT MINISTRY

Perrysburg First has a very caring outreach in our quilt ministry. Members of the church graciously sew and put together lap-size quilts with ties, which are then tied on Sunday mornings by those at service. With each tie, a prayer is said for the recipient.

The quilt ministry is not only for church members, anyone is welcome to request a quilt for a family member or friend. If you would like to request a quilt, please contact the church office.

STEPHENS MINISTRY

Stephen Ministries is an organization that trains lay people to provide Christian care to those who are hurting or in need. Stephen Ministries was founded in 1975 by Dr. Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, who saw that he alone as a pastor could not provide for all the caring ministry needs in his congregation. In Acts Chapter 6 Stephen was chosen by the Apostles to provide a caring ministry to those in need. Since the time of the Apostles, a caring ministry has been considered a hallmark of the Christian faith community. (CONT.)

Why Do We Have Stephen Ministry at Perrysburg First Church?

- To expand pastoral care
- We are called to care and reach out with Christ's love.
- The need for care in our congregation is always there.
- It fulfills the mission of our congregation to "serve others".

What Does a Stephen Minister Do?

A Stephen Minister gives one-to-one, lay Christian care.

One-to-one: Stephen Ministers are dedicated to meet privately with one care receiver of the same gender.

Lay: Stephen Ministers undergo extensive training and are regularly supervised by Stephen Leaders. They are not professional counselors or therapists, pastors or physicians.

Christian: Stephen Ministers are Christians who care in the name of Christ. They are willing to talk about spiritual issues but won't force them on their care receivers.

Care: Stephen Ministers care by listening, supporting, encouraging and praying for and with their care receiver. They are dependable and trustworthy by meeting with their care receiver on a regular basis.

Confidentiality: Stephen Ministers keep personal information confidential. As a result, a care receiver can feel free to share with their Stephen Minister without worrying that anyone else will know about it.

Who can benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister?

People who are dealing with:

Illness and/or hospitalization

Chronic illness

An ill family member

Family challenges

Death or serious loss

Divorce

Pregnancy / adoption

Etc.

What happens when you ask for help from a Stephen Minister?

When you ask for help, one of our Stephen Leaders, Mary Lauback or Dalynn Badenhop, will contact you to talk more about the program and what it can mean for you. If your needs can be best served by a Stephen Minister, you will be matched with someone who will support you through this tough time.

If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister provide care for you, please contact Mary Lauback (mlauback53@gmail.com) or Dalynn Badenhop (dtbadenhop@gmail.com).

MISSIONS

RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Perrysburg First Church is working with Riverside Elementary School to start a community closet for Riverside families. The goal is to create a space for students and their families to stop by and pick up supplies they need for their home.

We are collecting donations of the items listed below to help get the community closet up and running.

Items needed are: Cleaning & laundry supplies, body soaps, hygiene products, & toiletries, new or gently used youth/teen clothing & shoes, and organizational items (i.e. storage bins & racks).

Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday between 9am-2pm at the Church office or dropped off in the designated area in the Lower Narthex on Sundays. PFC is collecting donations through August 14th.

OUR STAFF

Senior Pastor
Jim Jennings

Pastor of Family Ministry
Jodi Packard

Administrative Assistant
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Treasurer
Irma Wolf

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ADOPT-A-BED

Mark your calendars, we are less than 2 months away from the "Build-A-Bed" event! This event will be held on Saturday, September 17th in the church parking lot. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare all the materials! We are continuing to accept donations of new twin bedding — sheets, comforters, and pillows. **Boys bedding and pillows are in high demand!** These donations help lower our cost per bed, which is currently \$160 per bed. Help make an impact in the life of a child and adopt a bed! We look forward to seeing you at this fun event!

ADOPT-A-CHILD

Just \$25 per month could drastically change the lives of 2 children who are living in extreme poverty in Kenya, Africa. For \$25 per month, these children will receive 2 meals per day and a year's worth of tuition at New Hope Education Center operated by Huruma Tent of Prayer UMC in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa.

Do YOU want to help make a difference in the lives of these children, their community, and help them to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus? A monthly donation of \$25 will support 2 children OR a one-time \$150 donation will provide an entire year of tuition for one child. Any and all amounts are welcomed! Let's change the world!

Ways to Give

Online

- Go to www.perrysburgfirst.church
- Click on "Give" located near the top of the webpage
- Scroll down to the "Other" option and click "Donate"
- Complete the required information (amount, frequency, date and note). Make sure to write "Adopt-A-Child" in the note
- Click "Continue to payment"
- Enter payment information (either credit or debit card or bank account) and contact information
- Click "Continue to review"
- Click "Submit"

In-Person

- You can give via check written to Perrysburg First Church with "Adopt-A-Child" in the memo line



PERRYSBURG FIRST AND PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. For the month of August, we are asked to donate canned tomatoes. For September, donations of Hamburger Helper would be appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of PCU!



Consider letting a Stephen Minister help you. A Stephen Minister is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you in difficult times. It's confidential and free. To learn more or talk with a Stephen Leader, contact Dalynn T. Badenhop (419.461.0451 or dtbadenhop@gmail.com).

Donations may be made online at www.perrysburgfirst.church under 'Give'.

The submission deadline for the next Chimes newsletter is the 25th of the month.

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