

# The Chimes

August 2026

ORDINARY PEOPLE — EXTRAORDINARY GOD

## WORSHIP

# Summer ... in the Psalms

### A Word From Pastor Jim...

The last few weeks we have been looking at Psalm 23. I want to offer to you this wonderful prayer crafted around Psalm 23 that comes from Dallas Willard:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We are so thankful to you that you have said,  
“Fear not, little flock,  
for it is your Father’s good pleasure  
to give you the kingdom.”  
We are thankful for the ease with which you walked upon this earth,  
the generosity and kindness you showed to people,  
the devotion with which you cared for those  
who were out of the way and in trouble,  
the extent to which you even loved your enemies  
and laid down your life for them.  
We are so thankful to believe that this is a life for us,  
a life without lack, a life of sufficiency.  
It’s so clear in you, the sufficiency of your Father  
and the fullness of life that was poured through you,  
and we’re so thankful that you have promised that same love,  
that same life, that same joy, that same power for us.  
Lord, slip up on us today.  
Get past our defenses, our worries, our concerns.  
Gently open our souls, and speak your Word into them.  
We believe you want to do it,  
and we wait for you to do it now.  
In your name, amen.

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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 servants:

Jean Carr, 93 years old- June 2026– member for 29 years  
Judy Brandon, 89 years old– July 2026– member for 22 years



Jean Carr



Judy Brandon

Judy Brandon Memorial Service- August 29th

Memorial Service- Judy Brandon

A memorial service to honor the life of Judy Brandon will be held on Saturday, August 29th at 11am. Visitation hours are from 10am-11am. The family invites you to join them directly after the service for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Summary

|                   | YTD (Jan-June) |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Actual Expenses   | \$214,646      |
| Budgeted Expenses | \$199,616      |
| Operating Income  | \$214,474      |

As you can see from the figures above, our church is off to a good start financially so far this year. We basically broke even the first six– months of the year.

Please continue to support the mission and ministry of Perrysburg First through your faithful and generous offerings.

-Pastor Jim & Sara Sosa (Church Treasurer)

Mid-Year Statements

Mid-Year statements and Qualified Charitable Distribution letters for January-June of 2026 have been mailed out. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 419-874-1911.



The Chimes Survey Outcome

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our *Chimes* survey—we had over 40 responses, and the feedback was incredibly encouraging! We’re happy to share that over 80% of respondents read *The Chimes* regularly and find it helpful for staying connected. The most loved sections are Events and Pastor Jim’s article, along with Missions and ministry updates. Most of you would like us to continue the full newsletter, while some are interested in a shorter version or additional ways to stay informed. Most importantly, nearly 80% said we should continue publishing *The Chimes*! We’re grateful for your input and excited to keep publishing *The Monthly Chimes* as a way to stay connected as a church family!

Director of Family Ministries

We are seeking a dynamic, Christ-centered leader to help nurture faith and build meaningful connections with children, youth, and families in our church. This full-time role involves leading family ministry programs, building and equipping a leadership team of servants, and partnering with parents to foster spiritual growth. If you know of someone who has a heart for discipleship, strong leadership skills, and a desire to serve, please have them send his/her resume and cover letter to [office@perrysburgfirst.church](mailto:office@perrysburgfirst.church).

Chancel Choir at Perrysburg First Church

Paul writes to the Ephesians: “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord . . .” The Chancel Choir at PFC meets on Wednesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm to follow Paul’s exhortation as we prepare choral music for worship. We welcome singers who wish to offer their musical talents! Rehearsals will resume for the new program year in September. Questions? Contact Tim Cloeter ([timothycloeter@gmail.com](mailto:timothycloeter@gmail.com), 262-527-8151 cell).

FAMILY MINISTRY

VBS Recap

What an incredible week at Rainforest Falls VBS! More than 40 dedicated volunteers and 70 children came together to explore and learn about the nature of God through a fun and meaningful week of faith, friendship, and discovery.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who served and helped make this a WOW week for God! A special thank you to Charli Sarver and Monica Cook for co-directing this year’s program and leading with such passion and dedication.

Through our **Operation Kid-to-Kid VBS mission project**, our children and families raised over \$600 to bless countless children in Central American countries by providing fruit trees that will continue to give for years to come. Additional donations were also given to support updates to our church outdoor classroom, creating a welcoming space for young children and families.



OUR STAFF

Senior Pastor  
Jim Jennings

Pastor of Family  
Ministry  
Jodi Packard

Administrative  
Assistant  
Brittany Gilpin

Treasurer  
Sara Sosa

Music Director  
Tim Cloeter

Multimedia  
Coordinator  
Dax Rice

Prime Timers  
Tolanda Kronfield

Preschool Director  
Monica Cook  
(419-874-9318)

MISSIONS



SAVE THE DATE



Join us for the Bed Build on **Saturday, September 12th**  
**in the church parking lot!**

We are collecting **new** twin-size bedding, comforters, blankets, and pillows!  
Interested in adopting a bed? The cost is \$200 and you can give online or in-person.  
Be sure to indicate the donation is for the Bed Build!



Registration: 8:30 am  
Build: 9:00 am



August Prayer Calendar

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| <div><div>August 2026<br/>PRAYER FOCUS</div></div> |    |                              |  |  |  |                                                                                                                 |    |                                         |    |                               |    |                             |    |
| Healing<br>Psalm 147:3                                                                                                               | 1  | Perseverance<br>Hebrews 12:1 | 2                                                                                   | Waiting<br>Psalm 40:1                                                                | 3                                                                                     | Follow<br>Ephesians 5:1                                                                                                                                                                              | 4  | Compassion<br>Matthew 15:26-27          | 5  | Peace<br>Philippians 4:12     | 6  | Knowledge<br>1 Samuel 17:46 | 7  |
| Pray<br>Daniel 9:23                                                                                                                  | 8  | Comfort<br>Isaiah 41:10      | 9                                                                                   | Forgiven<br>Romans 7:24-25                                                           | 10                                                                                    | Assurance<br>Joshua 1:9                                                                                                                                                                              | 11 | Transformation<br>Ephesians 4:22-23     | 12 | Salvation<br>Acts 4:12        | 13 | Hope<br>Hebrews 4:16        | 14 |
| Rejoice<br>Luke 15:17                                                                                                                | 15 | Strength<br>Habakkuk 3:19    | 16                                                                                  | Service<br>Proverbs 3:27                                                             | 17                                                                                    | Prayer<br>Psalm 66:20                                                                                                                                                                                | 18 | Love<br>Proverbs 8:17                   | 19 | Care<br>1 Kings 8:57          | 20 | Good Gifts<br>Matthew 7:11  | 21 |
| Shepherd<br>John 10:14                                                                                                               | 22 | Plans<br>Jeremiah 29:11      | 23                                                                                  | Choices<br>Luke 10:42                                                                | 24                                                                                    | Light<br>John 8:12                                                                                                                                                                                   | 25 | Encouragement<br>1 Thessalonians 5:8-15 | 26 | Guidance<br>2 Timothy 3:14-17 | 27 | Abundance<br>Romans 5:17    | 28 |
| Remember<br>Mark 8:18                                                                                                                | 29 | Trust<br>Psalm 62:1          | 30                                                                                  | Secret<br>Matthew 6:6                                                                | 31                                                                                    | <div><div>August</div></div> |    |                                         |    |                               |    |                             |    |

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*.** In September, donations of Hamburger Helper 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.