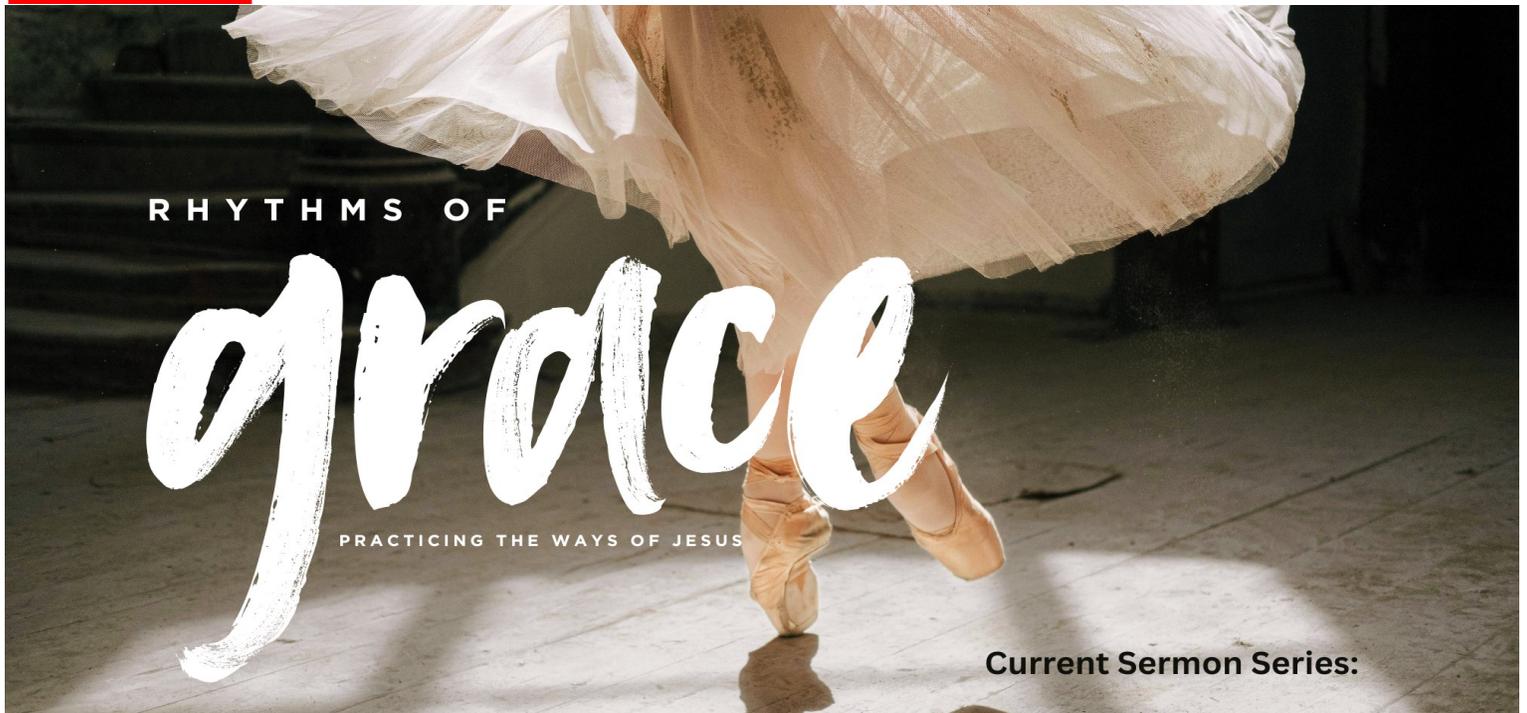


The Chimes

March 2026

ORDINARY PEOPLE — EXTRAORDINARY GOD

WORSHIP



A Word From Pastor Jim...

Hello March! We have made it through the cold and dark of another winter season and are now on the doorstep of another beautiful spring in northwest Ohio!

I marvel every year at how nature sets before us the reminder that our God is a God of new life. And each spring, I am reminded as we approach Easter, that God is faithful, new life awaits us and, in Jesus, we are invited to experience a foretaste of that new life here and now.

The prophet Isaiah wrote (chapter 35:1-2) *"Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. The wasteland will rejoice and blossom with spring crocuses. Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy!"* What a beautiful picture that reminds us of the coming joy of Easter and the new life God creates. (I encourage you to read the rest of chapter 35 of Isaiah. It is a beautiful picture of God's kingdom and new life!)

I invite you in the days ahead to be more mindful of the new life of spring emerging all around you. Allow this to be a reminder of God's grace and his promise of new life to you. I pray that we all may learn to walk in the fullness of God's grace and the life He has for us each and every day!

Easter is Sunday, April 5 this year. I hope you will plan to join us or our Easter celebration at 10:15 am!

Grace & peace,

Jim

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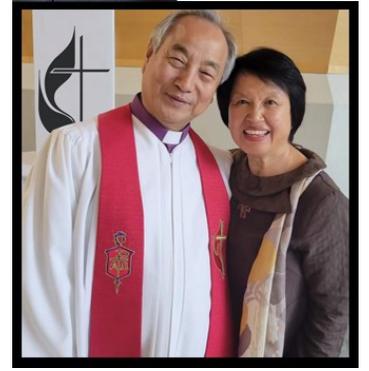


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INFORMATION

Bishop Jung's Visit

We are honored and excited to welcome West Ohio's, **Bishop Hee-Soo Jung** to our church for a short pastoral visit. Bishop Jung will be visiting on Thursday, March 19 at 9:00 am. His presence among us is a special blessing, and we look forward to a time of spiritual encouragement and fellowship. All are welcome to attend!



Tim Birthisel's Memorial Service

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Join us on Saturday, March 21st at 11am for a memorial service to honor Tim Birthisel's life. The family invites you to join them directly after service for lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Membership Class

Pastor Jim is holding a membership class on March 22nd, immediately after the worship service. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in becoming a member here at Perrysburg First or would like to find out more information on what it means to be a member, please contact the church office (419-874-1911) or use the Connection card and beside "Other," write in "Membership." The deadline is March 8th.

Care Team

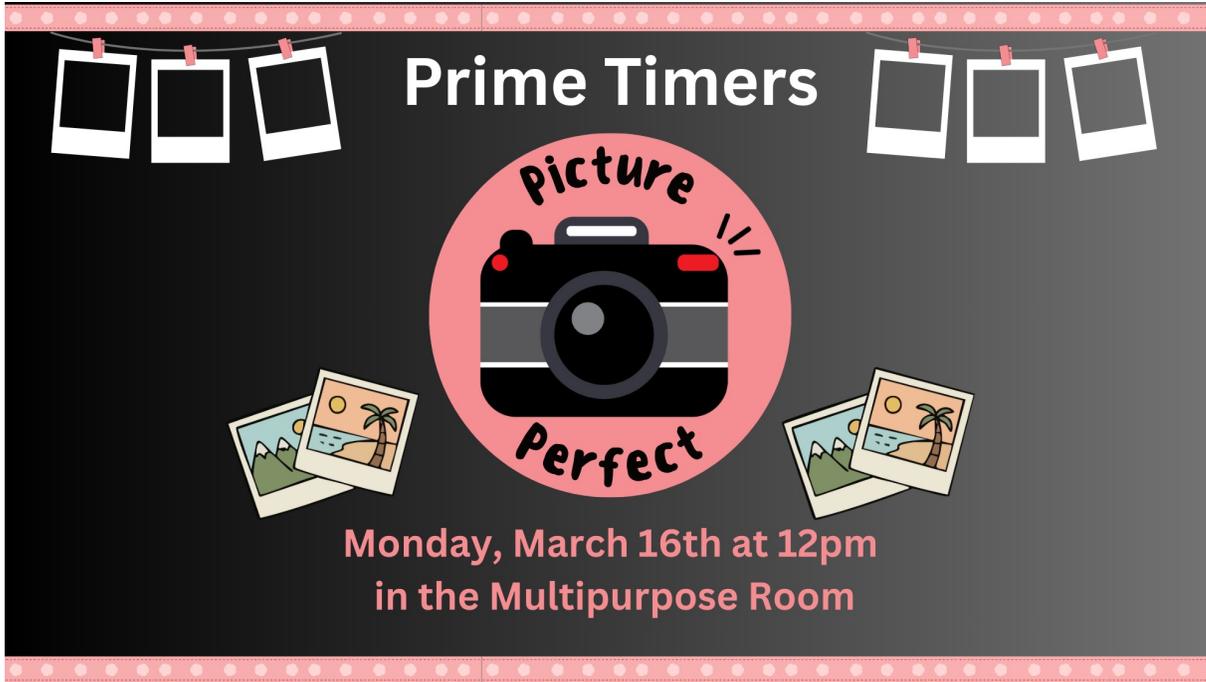
The Care Team is looking for individuals with a "servant" heart. Our team finds itself in need of a couple more servants to help with caring for some of our older congregation. Team members reach out to our shut-ins and elderly members to extend care and keep them connected to the life of Perrysburg First Church. This is done via visits, phone calls, and/or cards. We work through our list of care receivers on a monthly rotating basis with the other team members. Does this sound like a ministry you feel called to be a part of? If you would like to serve as a part of this vital ministry or if you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Jim or Tolanda Kronfield. Thank you!

March Prayer Calendar

<h3 style="margin: 0;">March 2026</h3> <h2 style="margin: 0;">PRAYER FOCUS</h2>													
Reward	1	Heart	2	Blessed	3	Compassion	4	Treasure	5	Generous	6	Rescue	7
Matthew 6:3-4		2 Corinthians 9:7		Acts 20:35		1 John 3:17		Luke 12:34		Proverbs 11:25		Matthew 5:42	
Possessions	8	Lending	9	Share	10	Lack	11	Give	12	Sowing	13	Abundance	14
Luke 12:33		Proverbs 19:17		Proverbs 22:9		Proverbs 28:7		Luke 6:38		2 Corinthians 9:6		2 Corinthians 9:8	
Light	15	Gifts	16	Open Handed	17	Denial	18	Share	19	Good	20	Blessings	21
Isaiah 58:10		Psalms 112:9		Deuteronomy 15:8		Proverbs 21:13		1 Timothy 6:18		Hebrews 13:16		Deuteronomy 16:17	
Power	22	Generous	23	Support	24	Prayer	25	Give	26	Helping	27	Appropriateness	28
Proverbs 21:13		Luke 11:41		James 2:16		Acts 10:2		Luke 19:8		Acts 10:2		2 Corinthians 8:12	
Needy	29	Foreigner	30	Brothers and Sisters	31	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FFD700; margin: 0;">MARCH</h1>							
Proverbs 31:20		Leviticus 25:35		Matthew 25:40									

EVENTS

Prime Timers: "Picture Perfect"- March 16th



Prime Timers will meet on Monday, March 16, 12 noon in the Multipurpose room. Lunch and fellowship with friends is always a good time. If you are trying to figure out this topic, you will just have to attend to get the answer. Invite your friends....there is always great conversation and even some frivolous fun!!

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner- March 20th



Easter Carnival- March 28th



Good Friday Service– April 3rd



Easter Sunday Service– April 5th



FAMILY MINISTRY

Collecting candy for the Easter Carnival and Riverside Elementary

- Looking for people to help bag the candy for Riverside and the Easter Carnival

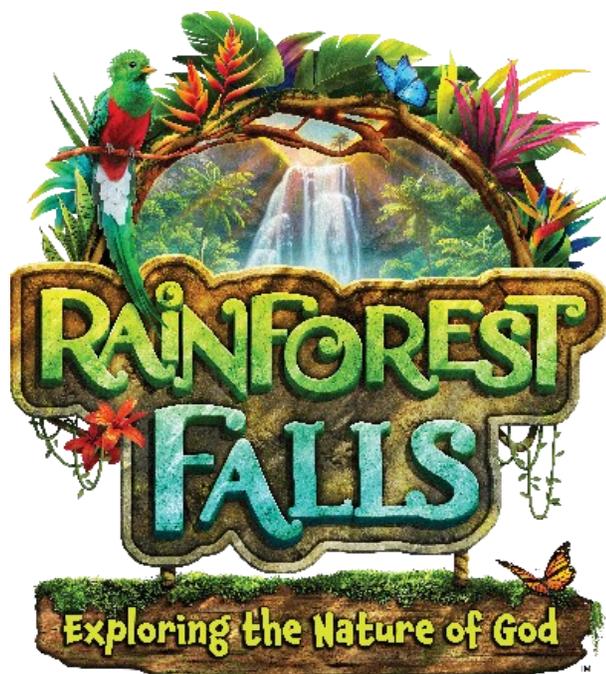
Easter Carnival

- Sponsor a table with a part of the Easter story and give away candy or toys. Contact Pastor Jodi with questions or for more information.

VBS– June 28th-July 1st!

Save the date for VBS – the planning has begun. VBS will be held June 28-July 1st this year!

- Join us for a decoration making day at Grace Church on April 18th 9am-12pm.
- Needed items to borrow for VBS: fake plants (put your name on them and leave them with Pastor Jodi)



OUR STAFF

Senior Pastor
Jim Jennings

Pastor of Family Ministry
Jodi Packard

Administrative Assistant
Brittany Gilpin

Treasurer
Christina Lepre

Music Director
Tim Cloeter

Multimedia Coordinator
Dax Rice

Prime Timers
Tolanda Kronfield

Preschool Director
Monica Cook
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TROOP 219

Troop 219 Spotlight

The ladies of Troop 219 had an exciting time at the Winter Weekend campout at Camp Mikaonda. The theme was "The Amazing Race" where the troops at the camporee raced each other through 30 stations of scout skills. Troop 219 won the race by completing all the stations in 2 hours and 3 seconds. They also won the spirit drum which represents their commitment to scouting and their ideals.



MISSIONS



ADOPT A Child

GROWING God's GARDEN

Make a difference in the life of a child living in poverty in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa.

A monthly donation of \$30 will support the tuition of 2 children **OR** a one-time \$180 donation will provide an entire year of tuition for one child at New Hope Education Center.

Let's help change the world!

"But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish" Psalm 9:18



Growing God's Garden: Adopt-A-Child

Our Lenten Mission project is "Growing God's Garden". We support the children at the New Hope School in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. Each child that we adopt gets tuition, 2 meals per day, a uniform and books provided. The cost to "Adopt A Child" is \$180 per year or for \$30 a month, you will support the tuition of 2 children. You can provide the full cost or whatever amount that you are comfortable with. Checks can be made to Perrysburg First Church with "Adopt A Child" in the memo line. Thank you for caring for these precious children that live in the slums of Nairobi!! Visit our website for more information.

Perrysburg First and PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. **For the month of March, we are asked to donate crackers.** In April, donations of cereal, ravioli, and spaghettiO's 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.