

# The Chimes

April 2026

ORDINARY PEOPLE — EXTRAORDINARY GOD

**WORSHIP**



**CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US!**

Perrysburg First Church  
**April 5th at 10:15am**



## A Word From Pastor Jim...

Once again spring is beginning to awaken. Days are getting longer, new growth is emerging from the ground, the grass is greening up (it's already time to mow my yard!), buds are appearing on the tress, we are seeing more sunshine – all signs announcing that new life is emerging after a long hard winter.

I marvel every year at how in the rhythm of the seasons, God has set before us a reminder of his very nature and his amazing grace. *God is a God of new life.* The story of Easter, the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus, is that God brings life from places of hopelessness, of despair and even out of death. Spring testifies to us that God is faithful, new life awaits us, and in Jesus, you and I are invited to experience a foretaste of that new life here and now.

As the new life of spring begins to emerge all around us, let it be a reminder to you of the hope of Easter. Signs of God's grace and his promise of new life to you. Amen.

Jim

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# INFORMATION

## Leaving A Lasting Legacy

Giving to church is an act of worship and an outward expression of our faith in Jesus. You can share your faith and continue your support of the mission and ministry of the church beyond your lifetime on earth by including the church in your estate planning.

Our congregation's Permanent Endowment Fund has three funds—  
 Designated "Building & Grounds Fund"  
 Designated "Missions Fund"  
 Undesignated "General Endowment Fund"

See Pastor Jim or Ed Wolf should you have any questions.

## Perrysburg First Treasurer Position

We are currently seeking a dedicated and trustworthy individual to serve as our Church Treasurer. Christina Lepre, our current treasurer, will be stepping away from her role at the end of April to pursue another opportunity.

This part-time role involves overseeing the financial records of the church, managing funds, and providing regular financial reports. Basic accounting knowledge is preferred.

If you feel called to serve in this capacity or would like more information about the responsibilities involved, please contact Pastor Jim or the church office at 419-874-1911 or by email at [office@perrysburgfirst.church](mailto:office@perrysburgfirst.church). We appreciate your prayerful consideration as we look to fill this vital position.

Thank you Christina for all of your hard work as Treasurer and we wish you nothing but the best for your next life chapter!

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Thank you to all who joined us for our volunteer appreciation dinner. It was a wonderful night of food, fellowship, and fun honoring all our "VIP" volunteers!



## April Prayer Calendar

		<b>April 2026</b>		<b>PRAYER FOCUS</b>									
Pathways	1	New Creation	2	Faithfulness	3	Spirit	4	Mercy	5	New Song	6	True	7
Isaiah 43:19		2 Corinthians 5:17		Lamentations 3:22-23		Ezekiel 36:26		Titus 3:5		Psalms 40:3		Revelation 12:5	
Sing	8	Springtime	9	Rejoice	10	Dawn	11	Showers	12	Plenty	13	Thirst	14
Psalms 147:7-8		Zechariah 10:1		Joel 2:23		Hosea 6:3		Deuteronomy 32:2		Psalms 65:9-10		Isaiah 44:3	
Fresh	15	Harvest	16	Patience	17	Do Good	18	Endurance	19	Hope	20	Rain	21
Psalms 65:9-10		Jeremiah 5:24		James 5:7		Galatians 6:9		Hebrews 10:36		Psalms 27:14		Job 29:23	
Waiting	22	Compassion	23	Stillness	24	Flowers	25	Blossoms	26	Righteousness	27	Refreshing	28
Micah 7:7		Isaiah 30:18		Psalms 37:7		S of S 2:11-12		Isaiah 35:1		Psalms 85:11-13		Hosea 14:5	
Flowers	29	Praise	30				APRIL						
Matthew 6:28-29		Isaiah 6:11											

**EVENTS**

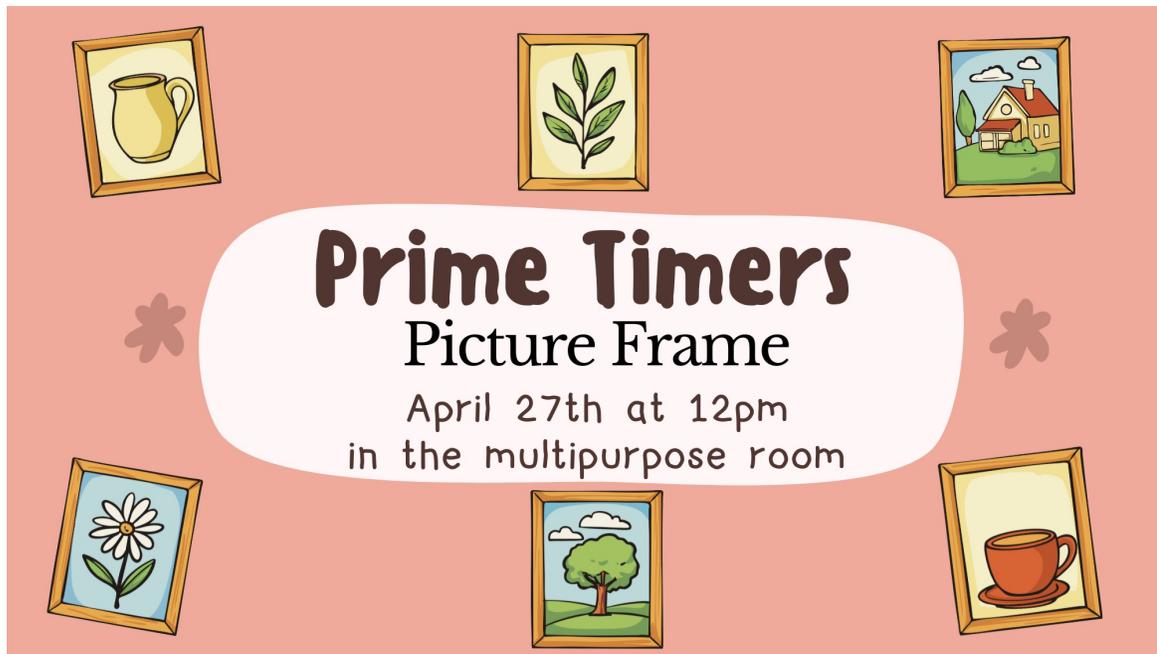
**Good Friday Service– April 3rd**



**Easter Sunday Service– April 5th**



**Prime Timers: "Picture Frame"- April 27th**



The Prime Timers will meet on Monday, April 27, at 12 noon in the multi-purpose room. Our title for April is "Picture Frame". This group is for anyone who is 50 and over or an empty nester. Does that qualify you to attend?

As per our usual, we will have frivolous fun with friends while enjoying food. What more could you ask for? Every month this group has a blast visiting with their friends. If you've never come, please put it on your calendar and give it a try. I think you will be pleased you did!!

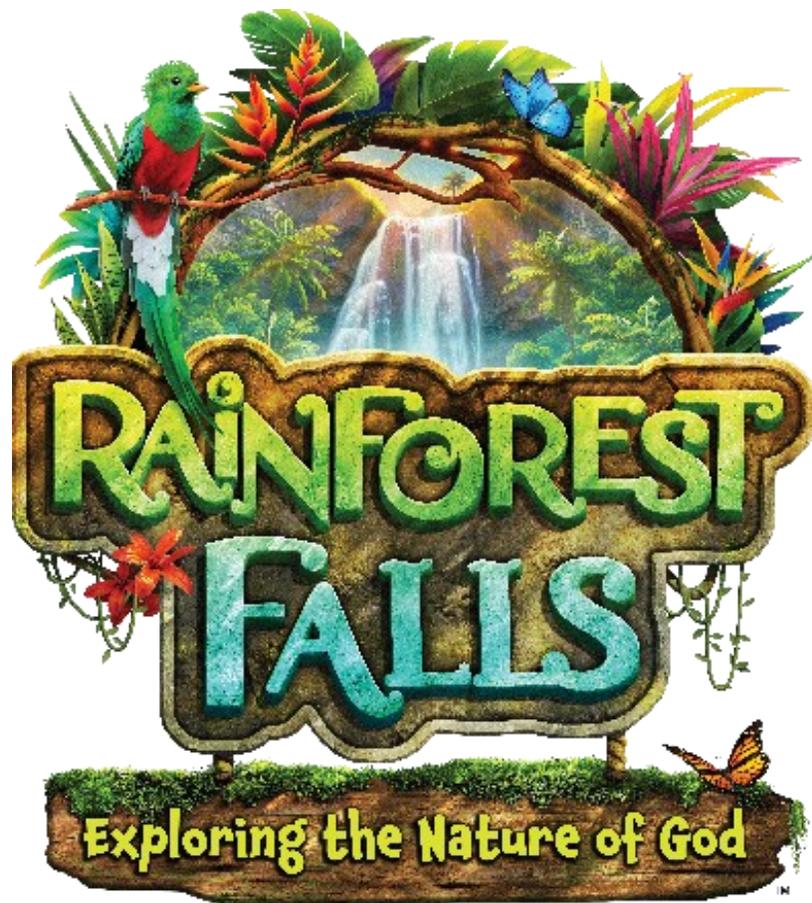
## FAMILY MINISTRY

### VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

With 45-50 children and youth in our family ministry, did you know that it takes at least 7 adult volunteers each Sunday for our children's ministry to operate and be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuaries policy? If volunteers take just one Sunday per month, it takes 28 volunteers each month to fill the need. Each week, 52 weeks a year, we have dedicated adults that give of their time to love and nurture the future. They are raising up the next generation in faith. I want to give a heartfelt thank you to all who contribute to this very important ministry.

Thank you to each and every one of you! You are a blessing beyond measure! If you are interested in being a part of the volunteer team for the family ministry here at Perrysburg First Church, please contact me.  
Pastor Jodi

### VBS- June 28th-July 1st!



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 June 28th - July 1st from 6pm-8:15pm, more details to come.

Planning and preparing for VBS has already started! Mark your calendars to attend our collaborative decoration making day at Grace Church on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm. We encourage children to come as we will have an area for them to work on decorations!

In preparing for VBS, there are items we need such as Command Strips (lots and lots of the poster strips), rolls of brown paper, rolls of green paper, and rolls of white paper. We are also in need of fake greenery (put your name on them and leave them with Pastor Jodi). We will also be asking for donations to purchase this year's Book of Psalms books that each child will receive if they attend VBS. Each book is \$3.99 and we will need 50 books. A complete list of needs will be coming in the next couple of months.

## 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  
(419-874-9318)

## MISSIONS

### Growing God's Garden: Adopt-A-Child

Have you noticed the flowers growing in our "Adopt A Child" garden along the steps to the upper narthex?

Thank You to those who have sponsored a child at our New Hope School in Kenya! Help us keep our garden growing by contributing toward the support of a child! \$180 supports a child for the entire school year. You can contribute any amount towards the support. Our goal this year is to sponsor 100 children and we are currently up to **51 children!**

A colorful poster for "Adopt A Child" featuring a blue sky with white clouds, a yellow sun, and various colorful flowers. The text is centered and reads:

**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*

### 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.** In 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

**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.