

The Chimes

December 2021

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE — NOT TO BE SERVED

WORSHIP



FROM THE PASTOR

As we enter into the season of Advent, I offer an Advent prayer to guide you these next few weeks as we wait with joyful anticipation for the arrival of Jesus. May this be a blessed holiday season for you and your family! -Jim

O Come, Emmanuel
Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear
your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward
to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy
of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people,
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

~ Henri Nouwen

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INFORMATION

HOLIDAY HOURS

The church/office will be closed from December 27th - 31st for the holidays. Melissa and Tracey will be on vacation so please contact Pastor Jodi (419-297-5121) or Pastor Jim (740-707-3724) if you need anything.

DECEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

		1 No need to fear Deut. 31-6	2 Believe in hope Psalm 62:5	3 Following Jesus Acts 16:31	4 Broken relationships Genesis 33:4
5 Those battling illness John 1:14	6 Promptings from God Matthew 25:44	7 Trust in God Psalm 118:24	8 Light of the world Matthew 4:16	9 Loving first 1 John 4:19	10 Focus on Jesus Hebrews 12:1-2
12 When in need Matthew 1:23	13 Being a leader 1 Corin. 11:1	14 God's refuge Psalm 46:1	15 God is Love Romans 12:9	16 Work of the spirit John 14:26	17 Pray without ceasing Acts 1:14
19 God's light Psalm 119:105	20 Value yourself Psalm 139:14	21 Rooted in love Eph. 3:17-19	22 Unexpected miracles Isaiah 41:10	23 Forgiveness Ephesians 4:32	24 Hopefulness Hebrews 11:1
26 God the perfect parent Ephesians 6:1	27 Faith in miracles Galatians 3:5	28 Restlessness Matt. 11:28	29 Change the world Luke 6:46	30 Overcoming sadness Psalm 30:11	31 Focus on Jesus Isaiah 43:2
					25 CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH
					

CHURCH UPDATES

- AA and Al Anon will return on Saturdays at 7pm beginning December 4th.
- Lighting has been updated throughout the building including motion sensors on both floors of the education wing and in the stairwells. We are grateful for the donation that made these updates possible.

EVENTS

Join us for Candlelight *Christmas Eve Services*



**PERRYSBURG
FIRST CHURCH**

5:30PM FAMILY - 7:30PM TRADITIONAL



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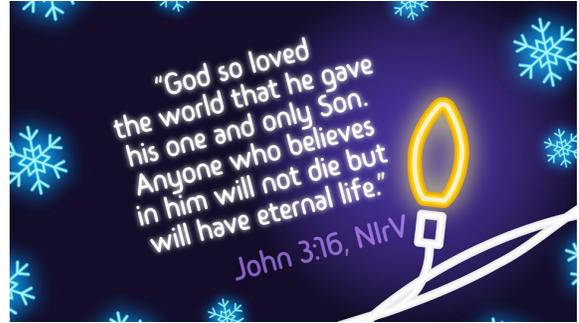
CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

The Prime Timers will gather on Tuesday, December 14th at 12pm in the Multi Purpose Room to celebrate Christmas! We will look at customs from other countries and taste some foods originating from those countries. So put on your Christmas party hat and come ready for some good food and Christmas fun!! Prizes may be involved?!! (Future event dates include Jan. 11th, Feb. 1st, and Mar. 17th.)

CHURCH FAMILY

FAMILY MINISTRY-DECEMBER

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CURRICULUM:



Monthly Overview: The connection between Christmas and God's character. For many of us, Christmas lights are the best and brightest part of Christmas celebrations. It doesn't matter if it's the high-rises in the big city or houses lining Main Street; when the lights come out, it's a wonderland! People celebrate big at Christmas because there's Someone big to celebrate: Jesus! The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we remember the Christmas story, we take time to celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known.

Bottom Line 1: Celebrate because God can do anything

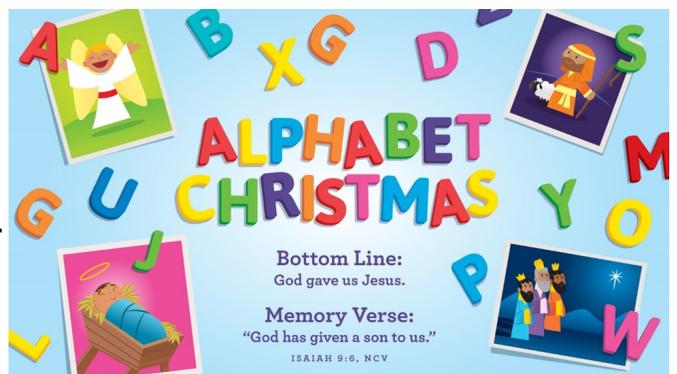
Bottom Line 2: Celebrate because God has a plan

Bottom Line 3: Celebrate because God sent a savior

Bottom Line 4: Never stop celebrating Jesus

NURSERY/PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM:

Merry Christmas! It's time to celebrate the birth of our Savior! We are using the alphabet this month as a fun way to introduce the true story of how God gave us Jesus. One day—sooner than we think—our now preschoolers are going to grow up and start asking some hard questions. How do I know God really loves me? Does God still



love me? We want the answer to be right there and ready for them—I know God loves me because God gave us Jesus. Whenever doubt comes into our heart, whenever our mind begins to ask questions and seek proof, we need only remember back to that first Christmas when God sent His Son to us. Merry Christmas! May you be filled with joy this Christmas season as you remember that God loves the world so much, He gave us His Son, Jesus.

Monthly Overview:

Story Focus: God told us He would give us Jesus

Story Focus: Jesus is born

Story Focus: The angels tell about Jesus

Story Focus: The wise men come to see God's Son

ADVENT MATERIALS

Advent materials are available for all ages. Please contact the church office if you would like copies.

PAJAMA PARTY!!

We will have a pajama party in Children's Church and the nursery on Sunday, December 26th! Feel free to wear your festive PJ's to church as we reflect on our Christmas experiences.

TEAM KID AND YOUTH GROUP

Join us for food, fellowship, faith, and fun at TEAM KID (grades K-6) and YOUTH GROUP (grades 7-12) every Wednesday from 6pm-7:30pm! Dinner is included.



Team Kid and Youth Group will have a Christmas Party on December 15th! Everyone is encouraged to wear festive Christmas attire whether it be an ugly sweater, PJ's, or fancy holiday outfit.

In addition to the party, Youth Group will also have a gift exchange. The youth will draw names and purchase a gift of no more than \$20 to be exchanged at the party.

(NOTE: NO TEAM KID OR YOUTH GROUP DECEMBER 22ND AND DECEMBER 29TH FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK.)

Youth Group attended an archery lesson and activity on November 20th at AJ Archery in Toledo. It was an amazing event! We all had so much fun learning how to properly shoot a bow and arrow. Coach AJ taught us about the equipment, proper form, and other instruction. Stay tuned for more adventures to participate in!

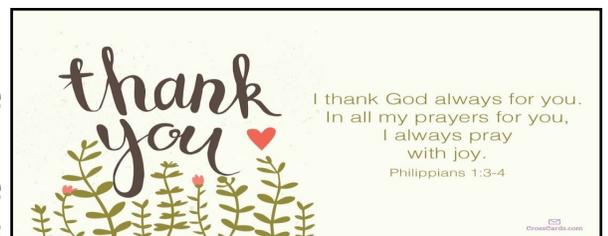


FROM PASTOR JODI

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Scripture tells us that as the church, we are one in the body of Christ. When we use our God given gifts together in mission and ministry, we are living into being the church He has called us to be. It is teamwork that makes that happen. I am exceptionally grateful for the people who share their gifts with the family ministry at Perrysburg First Church!

Kristina Guyton: For teaching in Children's Church at least once per month, providing take home resources for preschool chapel time, and for always being willing to help in any way!



Serena Lipski: For taking on the task of preparing our Children's Church environment with the monthly theme; creating an environment in fun and engaging ways for our kiddos to learn about Jesus!

Kristi Samuel: For serving in both the nursery and Team Kid. Your sweet nature is sharing the love of Jesus with all of our kiddos.

Maggie Humphrey: For coordinating our monthly mission activities for the children and youth. Teaching our kiddos to serve others before self is a life lesson that will last an eternity and make a difference in the lives of the kiddos and our community!

Amy Jennings: For consistent monthly help in the nursery. Your gift of loving on littles has been such a blessing!

Tolanda Kronfield, Dan Packard, and a team of others for coordinating and cooking monthly meals for our preschool families. This is a ministry that has generated so much love and support for our community. God is love.

Sarah Dhondt: For teaching and guiding our Youth Group. Teaching what it means to be a follower of Christ through your example will lead to a better understanding for our youth of who they are, who God created them to be, their personal gifts and talents, and how to be a part of the body of Christ. The memories you are creating with them will last a lifetime!

Thank you to all who contribute to our family ministry at Perrysburg First Church; whether through feeding Team Kid and Youth Group, providing encouragement and support, or any of the other amazing contributions, it is greatly appreciated!

And last, but not least, **thank you to all who prayed** for Dan and I or provided a meal (or other health related items) to assist while we were ill with Covid. We could definitely feel the love and healing prayers!

TROOP 219 SPOTLIGHT

The ladies of Troop 219 have decorated a snowperson for Toledo Metroparks. Our snowperson will be displayed at the Glass City Metropark with over 100 other snowpeople. The snowpeople will be on display in December through January 2022.



TROOP 198 UPDATE

Congratulations to Mr. Evan Patterson who has achieved the highest rank advancement of Eagle Scout and can now proudly wear the Eagle Scout patch, neckerchief, and metal. Evan completed all requirements for Eagle rank on October 15th, 2021. Requirements include earning merit badges, serving in leadership roles, participating in scoutmaster conferences, and completing an Eagle Scout service project. For his Eagle Scout service project, he designed, organized, and built a GaGa ball pit at Hull Prairie Intermediate School. He built this at HPI for kids to enjoy during recess and after school. The new ball pit will provide great experiences for everyone to enjoy.



The troop had the opportunity to complete the horsemanship merit badge thanks to the generosity of H&H Farms in Whitehouse. The scouts performed service in return for the time provided by the volunteers.

OUR STAFF

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Jim Jennings

Children & Family Ministry Pastor

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In early Nov., 11 scouts and 3 adults hiked and backpacked at Pickney in Michigan. The group hiked a total of 13.5 miles, setting up camp close to halfway. Everyone had to carry their own gear and supplies for the two days.

SERVE

CALLING ALL COOKS!

We are looking for people or groups to sponsor, prepare, and serve dinner for Team Kid and Youth Group. (Thank you to those who have already provided a meal or have committed to future meals!)

We still need help with Team Kid/Youth Group, entryways, and the nursery. If interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Pastor Jodi.

MISSIONS UPDATE

This month, Youth and Team Kid will assemble the items donated for stockings being delivered to the Marketplace for All People in downtown Toledo. Thank you to all who contributed to this amazing mission.

Let's Build Beds has planned a 'Bed Delivery Blitz' to bless as many children as possible before Christmas. They will need help delivering and setting up beds for children 3-17 years old. (Photo ID required.) 110 volunteers are needed to make this event a success.

The Blitz is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11 with two scheduled delivery times: 10:00am - 12:00pm and 12:00pm - 2:00pm.

Pickup location will be: 122 N 11th St, Toledo OH 43604

A SignUpGenius link is available on the Let's Build Beds Facebook page: Let's Build Beds > Events > Christmas Bed Delivery Blitz > tickets. Please sign up if you can help.

PERRYSBURG FIRST AND PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. For the month of December, we are asked to donate instant potatoes. For January, donations of pasta (no spaghetti, please) 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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There is always a chance we could be out of the office, so we encourage you to call ahead before stopping by.