

PERRYVILLE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

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ACCORDING TO *THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 2008*, the mission of the local church is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” That is our call to ministry. Everything we do should reflect this statement. Worship, Sunday School, Outreach, Nurture, Staff-Parish Relations, Trustees, Finance, Nominations, and everything else we do should reflect this mission statement.

“Make Disciples” As Bob Reeder is teaching about the disciples and the apostles, we learn that disciples are students and followers related to a teacher. I think that all of us are teachers of the faith. I think that all of us are being watched by others who are evaluating everything we do. Think about children following a parent or teacher. Think about how you do your grocery shopping. Think about what you say when you are cut off on the road. Someone is watching.

“Of Jesus Christ” means that, yes, we are a



May 1—2nd Sunday of Easter—Holy Communion—Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31.

May 8—3rd Sunday of Easter—Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35.

May 15—4th Sunday of Easter—Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19-25; John 10: 1-10.

Christian Church. We believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He died for us while we were yet sinners that we might be saved. Our response to that gift of love is to follow and to lead others to our Lord.

“Transformation of the World” This means to me that all that we do is for the purpose of changing the lives of the people of the world. This is about doing mission and ministry. This is about helping persons to read. This is about helping persons have a little fresh, home-grown food on their table. This is about making sure that there is cereal at Partners for Progress. This is about taking the faith to persons around our world. This is about sharing the faith we have with persons who do not yet know Jesus.

“The Mission of the Perryville ...” We think of our Mission Statement as something that only the preacher and maybe the Church Council need to know. If we are to work together to be the church, then we should all know and follow our Mission Statement.

This information will be part of the Sermon Series I will preach during May. Please plan to be here for this series of sermons on the Mission of the Church.

Bro. David

Preaching Series for May: “Mission of the Church”

May 1—“Making Disciples” Matthew has “The Great Commission.” Luke has a “Commission” statement, too. Acts 1: 8, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

May 8—“Of Jesus Christ” By no other name will we be saved. By no works of piety or acts of mercy will we be saved. It is by Jesus Christ, the Lord.

May 15—“For the Transformation of the World” This is what we are supposed to do with the faith we gain by being disciples.

May 22—United Methodist Women Sunday, Melinda Collins, speaking.

May 29—“The PUMC Mission Statement” We have a Mission Statement which will be examined as the message for this morning service.

Sunday Night Live (SNL)—“Connection” Connecting God, Church, and Community.

May 22—5th Sunday of Easter—Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14.

May 29—6th Sunday of Easter—Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66: 8-20; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21.

Stewardship is HEART WORK

I will be loyal to U.M.C and support it by my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness."



Carmon Anderson, Carol Allen, Opal Boshears, Shane Brownlee, Becky Camp, Billie Carson, Jeron Crowwley, Caroline Day, Marge Dickson, Annie Dodson ,Fleming family,Gary Gookin Dick Gough, Moose Griffith, Gladys Guertin, Daniel Head, Micky Hill, Family of Shree Holder, Tandy Jones, Tom Kelley, Ronnie Lacy, Dona Laywell, Mike Martin, Alice Munn , Danny & Carolyn Myers, Jeff Nelson, Jane Northcross, Bob Reeder, Coach Taylor, Joe Tipton, Shawn Turney, Johnnie Mae Ware, Don Weiss, David Womack, Lyman Womack, Patsy Womack, Michael Woodall, Jamie Zimmerman

Weather related concerns, CHURCH ATTENDANCE & FINANCES

PRESENCE: During the four week period of March 27 through April 24, 2011 we averaged 52 people in Sunday School and 83 in Worship Service.

GIFTS



Month of 3/27 - 4/24

Operating Fund
\$11,185.90
Building Fund
\$3,363.30
Designated Giving
\$887.06

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Perryville United Methodist Church is to make followers of Jesus Christ through Bible Study, Worship, Fellowship, Service, and Witness, and we are to serve as a Connection Center between God, Church, and Community.

SERVICE & WITNESS

Why Go To Church?

A church- goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" Come to church and nourish your soul. Invite someone to come with you. Their soul could use some good food, too!

Up, Up and Away! Summer is almost here and the Followers & Little Followers are off to a learning adventure! We are recruiting helpers to give Nancy and Lynn a little break. Could you volunteer for a couple of Sundays? We promise it will be a time of fun, challenge and inspiration.



Calling all quarters! Calling all quarters!

Be a Swat Team Member!

The children ask us to "imagine a world with no malaria". They will be filling the "quarter tube" from now until Pentecost (June 12) to buy mosquito nets in the Nothing But Nets campaign to eradicate malaria worldwide. Bring your quarters, buy a net,

Do You Zumba??

We'd like to get PUMC and more Zumba is a fun type of exercise that of strength and stamina. And we us started with three or four les-video instructions. If you are inter-so we can set the times and days of



Perryville residents moving. can be adapted to your own level have a Zumba teacher that will get sons! After that, we will follow ested please tell the church office, the week



Meals On Wheels

Perryville UMC is actively involved in delivering Meals on Wheels and we are in need of more volunteers. *If there is anyone interested in volunteering their time to this cause, please call Katherine Keough at 889-3271.*

Food For Thought

Delivery Schedule-

Meals on Wheels

May 30	B. Hyatt
May 31	B. Hyatt
June 1	R.A. Smith & A.Munn
June 2	K. Keough
June 3	R.A. Smith & A. Munn
June 6	K. Keough
June 7	I. & L. Rose
June 8	I. & L. Rose
June 9 & 10	Still Open

April's food offering - We donated 144 pounds of misc. items this month to Partners for Progress.



YOUR CHALLENGE FOR MAY:

Fill a Partners for Progress canvas bag!

Please purchase your items and bring the filled bag to church as soon as possible. We can't do our part in fighting hunger in Perry County if the bags sit around unfilled.

Conference Apportionments

The total for our Conference Apportionments for 2011 has been set and are in our Church Budget. The Conference Apportionments are our fair share of the expenses of the ministries of the church. Part of our Conference Apportionments are figured by our expenses during the previous year.

Under our Conference Administration funds, several of our conference agencies use these funds to operate. There are some staff salaries which come from this fund. Financial support for our elected delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences comes from this fund. The Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (BoOM) receives its funding through this fund. The BoOM oversees the progress of clergy related to our conference, both local pastors and those in the process of ordination. This provides for BoOM meetings and retreats for evaluation and review of those persons in the process. Likewise, the Finance and Management portion provides fund for the Conference Treasurer's office and operation.

The Administration Fund may not sound important until we think about the ministries that these agencies bring to our Annual Conference. They track and examine the progress of the clergy who will be serving us. They plan and administer the funds which we provide to ensure that they are properly accounted for. They preserve our history and provide for the work of our Conference.

Let's plan to meet our Conference Apportionments at 100% for 2011.

_____ I / We want a visit from the Pastor.

_____ I / We do not expect a visit in our home.. I / We will call the church office in times of emergency, or the need for a visit.

Name _____

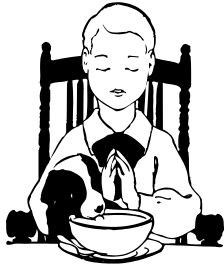


Jesus Christ gave us a Great Commission. Do you see that word? Co-
mission: in MISSION together! So let's get with it!

During the month of May we will continue collecting items for the disaster
site Health Kits.

Terry Cloth Hand Towels (15" or 16" x 27"; No kitchen towels.)

Metal Nail Files or Fingernail Clippers (no emery boards, no toenail clippers)



"If my people will only pray..."

*Concerned about our world, our nation,
our community, our church? Maybe God
is calling you to join a second PUMC
prayer team, the Prayer Connection. Let*

Lynn Baker know if God is whispering your name.

*Thank
You*

I've been part of this Church for 20 years and have
seen the Angels flutter around helping folks. Until
this past week luckily, I have never had to be on the
receiving end. However, things change and I stand
in amazement at the work of Angels in this Church.

I thank each and every one of them (you) for all the
love, support, caring, calls, food, money, prayers ----You just can't list every-
thing that has been done for me. There's no doubt in my mind with every-
one that's praying for me, I'll be fine. There's also no doubt God is defi-
nitely part of this Church Family - and thankfully I am too. I thank you from
the bottom of my heart. God Bless you all. Becky



Palmer Myers	5-3	Kim Bull	5-15
Linda Wyatt	5-3	Penny Wegner	5-17
James Carter	5-11	Cade Spinks	5-17
Harley Wegner	5-13	Charly Bull	5-23
Rick Fletcher	5-14	David Gill	5-23
Andy Gill	5-15	Charly Kelley	5-27



Kenneth & Linda Kline	5-7
Joe & Marjorie Tipton	5-9
Jason & Jerianne McCallister	5-17
Larry & Sandy Carter	5-18
Dan & Ana Gudahl	5-20
David & Nancy O'Such	5-22

MAY ACTIVITIES

- Sun. May 1 9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Tue. May 3 1:30 pm - Intercessory Prayer
- Wed. May 4 6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00pm - Choir Practice
- Thur. May 5 9:00 am - U.M.M. Coffee
- Sun. May 8 9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Tue. May 10 1:30 pm - Intercessory Prayer-
- Wed. May 11 6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thur. May 12 9:00 am - U.M.M. Coffee
- Sun. May 15 9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Tue. May 17 1:30 pm - Intercessory Prayer
- Wed. May 18 6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thur. May 19 9:00 am - U.M.M. Coffee
7:00 pm - Church Council
- Sun. May 22- *U.M.W. Day*
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Mon. May 23 - **Newsletter Deadline**
- Tues. May 24 1:30 pm - Mary Marthas
- Wed. May 25 6:00 pm - Handbells
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thur. May 26 9:00 am - UMM Coffee
- Sun. May 29 9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service
6:00 pm - *Sunday Night Live
Contemporary Worship Service*
- Mon. May 30 - **OFFICE CLOSED**

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Our Staff:

Pastor..... Rev. David E. Baker
Minister of Music..... Steve Collins
Pianist..... Lee Kelm
Secretary..... Becky Camp
Custodian..... Nate Spinks

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship service 11:00 AM



The U.M.W. reading program will be coming to an end in June. Please check your list, and be prepared. More information will follow.

MAY WORKERS ARE:

LITURGIST

May 1 Dan Gudahl
May 8 Jenni Langston
May 15 Dixie Martin
May 22 Tom Musselman
May 29 Nancy O'Such

GREETERS

Becky Camp & Edie Knight

C.H.I.M.E.S

To be announced

USHERS

Will be listed in the bulletins

COMMUNION WORKERS

Greg Spinks, Lynn Baker, Kate Cole

May's Bread Angel is Nancy O'Such

Sunday Night Live
Contemporary
Worship Service



The last Sunday of
every month 6:00pm

Snacks for May - 1st Chambers 8th Reeder 15th Rose
22nd Whiteners 29th Runyan