

## PERRYVILLE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

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WHAT A TIME TO SAY "THANK YOU" TO GOD! That is what time it is. We have past the calendar new year. We have past the Chinese new year. We will remember Ash Wednesday and begin Lent later this month of February.

Isn't it time for us to say, "Thank you," to God? Think about the hurts and losses we have suffered over the past several months. Think about the times of great joy and blessings we have received over the past few months. Think about the needs and concerns of the people around us over the past few months. It is time to say, "Thank you," to God!

One of the formats for prayer that I sometimes use for the Pastoral Prayer is ACTS: meaning Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. I might begin the prayer with words of adoration and praise for the Lord God Almighty. I would then state some things that we need to confess. Words of thanksgiving would follow which would remind us that God's mercy has been shown upon us. Then I would proceed to lift up needs and concerns which the congregation has already mentioned in the Joys and Con-

cerns. We generally proceed with The Lord's Prayer, although we sometimes use that following The Great Thanksgiving when we receive Holy Communion.

Now I certainly do not always use this format for the Pastoral Prayer. It might, however, be a format which would be good for you to use in your daily prayer, meditation, and devotional time: Praise, confess, give thanks, and lift up the needs of others.

A couple of years ago, I offered a study of Spiritual Growth practices. In that study we talked about several different methods of prayer including centering prayer, breath prayers, labyrinths, and praying the scriptures.

During Lent this year, I invite you to join in a study of the scriptures. Beginning on February 23, I will offer a study of the prophet Amos. I would like to begin on the 23rd and will go through March 29 (except for March 15th, Church Council meeting). Our class time will be about one hour, starting at 7 pm.

Prayer, Bible Study, worship, receiving the Sacraments, deeds of mercy are all ways for us to participate in the Body of Christ—to be the church.

This message is from the people of the United Methodist Church. Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. Amen.

Bro. David

### Conference Apportionments

The good news is that we paid more of our conference apportionments in 2011 than we did in 2010. The bad news is that I am not sure that 3% is much to brag about.

Our Conference Apportionments provide for the mission and ministries of our conference and for the ministries of our Jurisdiction and the General Church.

It seems to me that for several years the leadership of the Perryville United Methodist Church has seen the Conference Apportionments as the slack in our church budget, meaning that if we don't have enough money to meet our budget, then we won't pay the Conference Apportionments.

See the following example of what it means for churches not to support their apportionments.

On a District level, the North Central District had apportioned \$14,000 for its Mission Fund Apportionment. Since the payout of the District was much lower than 100%, several mission funding requests were limited and much lower than needed.

Bro. David



February 5—5th Sunday after Epiphany—Holy Communion — Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147: 1-11, 20a; 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 29-39. "And He Prayed." First Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law, then any who were sick, then he spent time in prayer.

February 12—6th Sunday after Epiphany—2 Kings 5: 1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27; Mark 1: 40-45. Melinda Collins preaching (Pastor on vacation).

February 19—Last Sunday after Epiphany—2 Kings 5: 1-14; Psalm 50: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9. "Transfiguration." Up a mountain, see Elijah and Moses with Jesus, build three booths, get scared by the booming voice of God, see Jesus only. Don't tell anyone. Sounds like a wonderful day with the Lord, doesn't it?

Wednesday, Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday—Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6: 10; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21.

February 26—1st Sunday in Lent—Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-10; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15. "Signs from Heaven." The rainbow and the Holy Spirit falling on Jesus like a dove are signs from God about the life of the faithful. What signs do you see about your faith?

February 26—Sunday Night Live beginning at 6:00 pm.



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



IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

Carmon Anderson, Opal Boshears, Annie Dodson, George Holbrook, Tom Kelley,  
Dona Laywell, Mike Martin, Connie McNeal, Diane Robertson, Joe Tipton,  
Johnnie Mae Ware, Don Weiss, Penny Wegner *CHURCH ATTENDANCE & FINANCES*

**PRESENCE:** During the period of December 25, through January 22, we averaged 34 people in Sunday School and 63 in Worship Service.

### SERVICE & WITNESS

*Welcome to our newest member: Brandi Smith.*



#### Month of -12/25 - 1/22

Operating Fund

\$11,858.41

Building Fund

\$2,505.00

Designated Giving

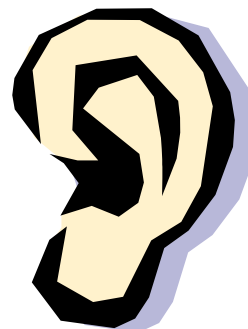
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**Are there service projects which could be Service Sunday projects? Please let the office know.**

#### **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.

We have Tweens! And it's time that they have their own Sunday School class. Listen closely... is God asking you to be a Tween leader? You'll be blessed and so will they!



## Jan 19, 2012 Church Council Minutes

Attendance: Arnie Jester, Lester and Ida Rose, David and Lynn Baker, Linda Musselman, Dan Gudahl.

Bro David opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:08 pm.

**Meeting agenda-** attached - Previous minutes from Nov 17, 2011, were reviewed and approved.

**Unfinished Business:** Harvest Home fest was a fun event and several people requested that we do it again. Billy Reeder is waiting on a part for sound system in The Connection Center and will finish it when it gets in. Movie screen in connection center needs to be finished and fixed and repositioned. During the showing of a movie recently it was not working. A carpenter is needed to fix this and maybe an electrician to fix the motor. Recommend Trustees look into fixing this. Plaque wall per April 6, 2010 discussion- memorial plaque (made by Bud Leach) for Pastors served and memorials still outstanding per Lester's comments. This needs to be taken care of. Boards are still at trophy shop? Greg Spinks will be contacted about this. Lester brought up the need to look at refinancing for Connection Center in order to get a lower interest rate.

**UMW:** Linda M and Lynn report nominating committee is working on finding people for positions. President position is still open. Melinda is VP, Ruth Ann Smith Treasurer, Ann Davis Secretary. Cindy L will call unit together to get started with 2012 activities.

**Hospitality:** Our group provided a meal in Morrilton this evening for 20+ Community Volunteers that assist with volunteer health clinic. 18% of their patients come from Perry County.

**Trustees:** No meeting recently. Lights over choir need to be looked at and replaced/updated. A time to replace these will be set by Trustees. Indoor basketball goal keeps ending up out of doors and we need to figure out how to utilize this. Also status of gymnastic stuff needs to be figured out. Connection Center reserved for February 4 by Lynn for rummage sale and anyone can go in with Lynn on this rummage sale. Suggest people give 10% to church on whatever they make. Parsonage has two leaks-dining room overhead light has a leak and in bathroom. Toilet floor is soft and needs to be replaced. Light above kitchen sink shorts out and needs to be rewired. Electricity to shed needs to be fixed. Bathtub reglazed and is wonderful but plumber never finished changing out stopper in bathtub and this needs to be done. Before March meeting the annual parsonage review is requested to be done-trustees and staff/parish.

**Nominations:** Committees need to meet. We still need a church historian.

**Finance:** The 2012 budget will be posted on bulletin boards. Building insurance amount is a correct amount-\$4,509. Total budget recommended \$160,136. This includes the amount for the building fund. No raises to staff were given due to tight budget. Motion to accept budget made, seconded and approved. Finance will work on commitment campaign.

**Staff Parish-** Pastor's evaluation was done and submitted. Cindy, Linda, Kate, Dan, Charla, Brenda, Greg, Kate and Melinda will meet with District Super on Sunday January 22 at 6:30 to discuss next steps for Brother David. Any church member is welcome to speak with the District Super.

**Sunday School:** Several parents looking for program for their "tweens". 18 children were at SS last Sunday. Sunday school is growing and we need more help consistently that the children can count on. Please prayerfully consider this mission for the church. We have a fun group and the children are learning.

**Nurture:** No report

**Outreach:** Will meet Jan. 29, 2012. The 180 group is doing a great job. David and Lynn met with the Whites (visitors). Ida and Lester had a great mission trip and will do a program at the first fellowship meeting in February.

**Pastor's Report:** See attached. Our district will be merged with the Central District and now called the Central District. This year apportionments will not be changed. After annual conference there will be a district conference to adopt a new budget for 2013. Melinda is preaching on Sunday, Feb 12, when David and Lynn are on vacation.

**Other Business:** Garden will be done again this year. We need a truck to haul fertilizer. A new Beth Moore Bible study on the Book of James is starting again February 6. There is a video needed to be purchased and workbooks.

There was a discussion about how to develop a spirit for Perry County "mission" work to help those in need.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm. Next meeting: March 15, 2012 7 PM

Respectfully submitted: Dan Gudahl substitute reporter

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COME ONE -- COME ALL



2012

## Fellowship Group

Perryville United Methodist Church Fellowship Group will begin their activities for 2012 on Saturday evening, February 4th at 6:30 pm, in the Connection Center.

Lester and Ida Rose will be showing their movie of their Mission Trip to Guatemala and invites everyone in the church to attend. Jenni Langston and Ida will be bringing various items to show and tell about from their trip, so we hope for a big turnout.

We invite everyone to share in this fun time of fellowship with church friends. The Fellowship Group will have a short meeting afterwards to plan activities for the year. We meet the first Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM unless the activity dictates otherwise. **COME AND JOIN US!** For additional information, please call Lester and Ida Rose at 889-5493



Women's  
Bible  
Study

*Ladies of the church! We are planning a new Beth Moore Bible Study, entitled: James: Mercy Triumphs. This is an eight week study on the book of James; each session includes a video as well as discussion.*

*While the study book includes 5 day per per week lessons, please be assured that you may participate in the study without keeping up with those lessons. In the intro, Beth Moore states: do as much as you wish; what-*

*ever blessed you! If you have never participated in a Beth Moore study, please consider this one. Those of us who have participated in several have been truly blessed!*

*When: Beginning Monday, February 6, 6:30 - 8:30*

*Where: PUMC Parlor*

*How Much: Each study book cost \$14.95; we will share the cost of the video series, which is \$199.95 Per person cost will depend upon the number of ladies who wish to participate.*

**Contact Person:** Linda Musselman 889-2225.

**Clean out those closets! Empty those garages!  
Sweep out those sheds!**

**Saturday, February 4**

**Connection Center**

**Rummage Sale**

**Call the Church Office**

**if you want to participate.**





**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.*

**Delivery Schedule-  
Meals on Wheels**

2-13	B. Hyatt
2-14	B. Hyatt
2-15	R.A. Smith & A. Munn
2-16	K. Keough
2-17	R.A. Smith & A. Munn
2-20	K. Keough
2-21	I. & L. Rose
2-22	I. & L. Rose
2-23	D. Baker & B. Camp
2-24	L. Wolf

*January food offering - We donated 54 pounds and \$1.00 of misc. items this month to Partners for Progress.*

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

- Sat. Feb. 4 7:00 am - Rummage Sale
- Sun. Feb. 5 *"Souper Bowl" Sunday*  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
10:55am - Announcements  
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Wed. Feb. 8 7:00pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Feb. 9 9:00am - UMM Coffee
- Sun. Feb. 12 9:45 am-Sunday School  
10:55am - Announcements  
11:00am- Worship Service
- Wed. Feb. 15 6:00 pm - Handbells  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Feb. 16 9:00 am UMM Coffee
- Sun. Feb. 19 9:45am - Sunday School  
10:5am - Announcements  
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Tues. Feb. 21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Wed. Feb. 22 - *Ash Wednesday*  
6:30pm - Worship Service
- Thurs. Feb. 23 9:00am UMM Coffee
- Sun Feb. 26 9:45am - Sunday School  
10:55 am - Announcements  
11:00 am - Worship Service  
6:00pm - *Sunday Night Live!*
- Tues. Feb. 28 1:30 PM - Mary Marthas meet

**Where would you go if you needed food? Partners for Progress  
Who counts on us to help put food on their shelves?  
Partners for Progress**



*Each of us can be a Partner for Progress: pick up a canvas bag, purchase the items on the list, (or meat items such as chicken & dumplings, Spam, canned ham, tuna) and return the filled bag to the church.*

**Fight hunger in Perry County. Be the solution, *not* the problem.**



**Souper Bowl Sunday  
Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Bring \$1.00 and one canned food item to Church with you.**

*We'll make sure Partner's for Progress gets it.*



**BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY**

Charla Edwards	2/4
Peggy Davis	2/4
Brady Barham	2/8
Sarah Hyatt	2/10
Michelle Hill	2/17
Grant Rives	2/23
Jerry Cole	2/25
Jennifer Langston	2/25



<i>Rick &amp; Vicky Fletcher</i>	2/8
<i>Nick &amp; Jessica Spinks</i>	2/13
<i>Bob &amp; Linda Wyatt</i>	2/15
<i>Robert &amp; Carol Allen</i>	2/27
<i>Norman &amp; Dixie Martin</i>	2/28
<i>Ralph &amp; Ann Davis</i>	2/29

*The Perryville Chamber of Commerce will hold their yearly banquet Thursday, February 9th, at 6:30 pm - in the Connection Center*

