

The Messenger

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O God of all that is: You have cared for the earth and filled it with your riches. Abundance flows wherever You are trusted. You provide for our land, soften it with showers, bath it in light, and bless it with growth. The hills sing with joy; the meadows and fields glorify your name!

During this time of Thanksgiving, may we, as church and nation, consider Your many blessings. We thank You for our freedoms, for they make possible the opportunity to contribute our skills, attributes, and values toward the good of society. We thank You for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto all nations, and to further the cause of freedom throughout the world.

We remember those less fortunate than ourselves. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty, hatred, and despotism, and all those who suffer from political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of Your justice and Your peace; and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all.

We humbly ask Your blessing as those who have come to experience your presence among us. Give us Your guidance, O God, and empower us for Your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto You, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

Freely and boldly adapted from a prayer by T. P. Roberts

See you in church this Sunday where we thank God together!

Rev. Jenny



The Church At Worship

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams

November 23

6:00 PM - Charge Conference

Special Music - The Sanctuary Choir

November 30

6:00 PM - Rev. Billy Kimbrel

Special Music - Grace Daniel, soloist

November 23

Greeters

9:00 a.m.

Kollyn and Bob Lawson

11:00 a.m.

Larry and Janice Walker

Acolytes

9:00 a.m.

Jackie Bard

John Edward Bard

11:00 a.m.

TBA

November 30

Greeters

9:00 a.m.

Roland and Teddie Berry

11:00 a.m.

Ed and Tamatha Beckham

Acolytes

9:00 a.m.

Ada Harrison

Patience Hall

11:00 a.m.

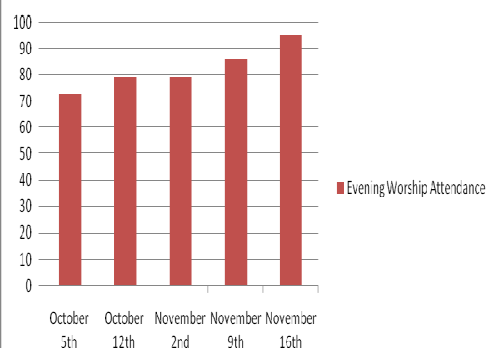
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And the Lord Added

Lisa Hays

Welcome!

Evening Worship Attendance



Come and be a part of our 6:00 Evening Worship Service... Let's fill the pews! We would like to reach our goal of 100 by the end of the year!



Kay Gale, Macon Medical Center
 Gay Moore, Perry Hospital
 Jeff Slade, Perry Hospital
 Ken Simpson - New Orleans

Music Notes



JOY Choir Takes the "Show on the Road"

The JOY Choir will take their show on the road to Augusta on November 20 and 21. They will perform at Trinity-on-the-Hill United Methodist Church, where Rev. Danny Key (son of Billy and Sunshine) serves as music director, and at St. John Towers, a 300 resident retirement facility affiliated with the United Methodist Church. During the trip the choir will enjoy a chartered boat tour down the Savannah River, dinner at Sconyers Barbecue Restaurant, and lots of fun and fellowship. Our thirty member JOY Choir will represent our church well with their outstanding program, which includes both sacred and secular selections, and special music by the men's ensemble and by instrumentalist Gene Salyer. The JOY Choir will share selections from their Augusta program in our worship services on Sunday.

Blessings,
 Jane

December Music Dates:

- 12/4: 12:00pm Ladies' Ensemble Sings for Prime Time
- 12/7: 4:00pm Children's Musical, *Operation Christmas Child*
- 12/14: 9:00am and 11:00am The Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary Bells and orchestra present *Festival of Carols*

Mission . . . Possible!

Loaves and Fishes Canned Good Food Drive

The Missions Committee invites the members of PUMC to support the local Loaves and Fishes food assistance ministry by donating canned goods during this Thanksgiving season. Boxes for the canned goods are located in each Sunday School classroom, in the Narthex (front entrance), Main Street entrance (back entrance), and the church office. Thank you for your support with this Food Drive. This important local ministry helps so many people each week.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

All Ladies are Invited to Attend this Wonderful Event

Thursday, December 4 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

What is "Advent by Candlelight?"

Advent: The coming or arrival of something momentous.

- a. the birth or coming of Christ
- b. the period including four Sundays before Christmas

Advent by Candlelight is a service for women, by women, to prepare for the Season of the Nativity of Jesus.

Hostesses voluntarily decorate a table for eight in a Christmas manner and provide dessert for eight. Beverages are provided by UMW. (details are provided in letter to hostess)

Anyone who wishes to decorate a table or attend, please call Ginger at the church office at 987-1852, Marguerite Messer at 987-2364 or Janie Pugh at 287-6314 and reserve your seat.

Special music, an inspirational speaker and warm fellowship give a wonderful beginning for the season.

Child care will be available. If you need this service, please state number of children and their ages when making reservations.

There is no charge for this event. A freewill offering will be taken to support UMW Missions.

Sympathy is extended to Phil Brannen and family in the death of Phil's mother, Doris Brannen.

To Hatsie Kinsley in the death of her cousin, Sharon Bonura.

To Alice Releford in the death of her cousin, Ann Lundy.

To Martin Beeland in the death of his aunt, Cornelia Borders.

**Prime
 Time
 Luncheon**



**Thursday
 December 4
 12:00 Noon
 Fellowship Hall
 \$5/Person**

**The Ladies'
 Vocal Ensemble
 Miriam Marchetti, Director**

Make your reservations by 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday before the luncheon. If you make a reservation and find that you cannot attend, please call the church office and cancel by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday before the luncheon. If cancellation is not made by the deadline, the payment of \$5 per person is due. For reservations call 987-1852.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Capt. Elmo Cooper Wright, III , Lt. William R. Wright, grandsons of Elmo and Elaine Wright

Lt. Barrett Perdue, PFC John Lane Sirmon, grandsons of Rene Fendley Sirmon and John Sirmon

Lt. Phillip Ferris, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris

Happy Thanksgiving from Perry UMC Children's Ministry!



Thanksgiving

The PUMC Children's Department is thankful for all of our kids, our parents, our families, our youth helpers, our Nursery Coordinators, our Children's Coordinators, our Choir Helpers, our Acolyte Coordinators, our Nursery Workers, our Children's Church assistants, Alice for cleaning up all of our many messes, all of the people who pray for us, and the countless other volunteers who help make PUMC a great place for children!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Please come see us ride in the Perry Christmas parade on December 6th as an outreach ministry from the Children's Department at Perry UMC.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
DECEMBER 7TH AT 4:00
PUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**MISSION: TO FIND THE CHRISTMAS CHILD
AND DELIVER THE SHOEBOX GIFTS
COME SEE UNIT 12-25 FIND THE SIMPLE AND
TRUE MEANING BEHIND THE SAMARITAN'S
PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY!**



YOUTH NEWS

Dinner Theatre

December 1 and 2, 2008

Our youth will present "A Cricket County Christmas Cruise" in the fellowship hall at 7:00pm. Tickets cost \$8.00 and are available in the church office Monday through Friday and after worship services on Sunday.

MYF November 23, 2008 FRUIT BAG DELIVERY Joint Schedule

All youth should come to the youth center at 5:00 pm and bring fruit for gift bags to take to the nursing homes and homes of members who have not been able to attend church for a while. We will stuff bags with goodies and then separate into groups and deliver them. Please bring the following: 6th grade bananas, 7th apples, 8th sugar free candy, 9th and 10th oranges, 11th and 12th grapes.

DRAMA PRACTICE

November 23, 2008 Practice is 3:00 –5:00 PM in the fellowship hall

November 30, 4:00-8:00PM DRESS REHEARSAL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL IS MANDATORY! Dinner will be served. We will call parents when practice is over.

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 23

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Operation Christmas Child Practice
3:00 p.m. - Ladies Ensemble Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. - UMYF

6:00 P.M. - Charge Conference

Monday, November 24

4:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
6:15 p.m. - Handbell Quartet Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 25

11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Mom's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 27

THANKSGIVING DAY - Church Office Closed (also closed Friday, 11/28)

Sunday, November 30

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
5:00 p.m. - UMYF
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

Monday, December 1

4:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study
6:15 p.m. - Handbell Quartet Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. - Youth Dinner Theatre "Show Time" -Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 2

9:30 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal
10:15 a.m. - JOY Choir Sings at Montezuma Nursing Home
2:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Mom's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Youth Dinner Theatre "Show Time" -Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 3

3:45 p.m. - Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. - Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 4

12:00 p.m. - Prime Time Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. - Advent By Candlelight - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 6

9:00 a.m. - Children's Choir Dress Rehearsal

Attendance Report 2008	November 16
Morning Worship	527
9:00 a.m.	217
11:00 a.m.	310
Sunday School	307
Evening Worship	95
Youth	62

Finance Report 2008	November 16
Budget Needed Weekly	22,376.25
Budget Receipts	18,222.48
Needed Year to Date	1,029,307.50
Disbursements to Date	1,002,331.49
Received Year to Date	938,353.74
Other Contributions	
Memorial/Library Fund	25.00
Operation Christmas Child	10.00
Center Stage for Christ	1,000.00

YOUTH DINNER THEATRE

December 1 and 2 - 7:00 p.m.

\$8.00/Ticket

Tickets will be sold November 23 in front of the Sanctuary after the 9 and 11 a.m. Worship Services.
Tickets also available in the church office.

Church Staff and Our Methodist Connection

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams	Senior Pastor
Rev. Roland Fall	Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Rev. Billy Kimbrel	Associate Pastor for Evangelism
Dr. Billy Key	Pastor Emeritus
Krissy Pope	Children's Pastor & Dir. Of Christian Ed.
Jane Kimbrel	Minister of Music
Miriam Marchetti	Music Associate/Pianist

John Williams, Building Supt.
Leslie Mercer, Financial Secretary
Ginger Vance, Admin. Assistant
Grace Daniel, Organist
Deborah Walker, Pianist
Alice Releford, Custodian

Nursery Workers
Christie Rooks
Linda Hall
Amanda Suttmueller

Bishop James R. King, Jr.
Rev. Ronnie Wills

Resident Bishop
District Superintendent

Thank you for the prayers and expressions of love and concern you've shown to us and our family following my precious mother's death.

Janice Walker