

# The Messenger

## Perry United Methodist Church

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## Whoever Promised You Life Would Be Easy?

Most of us have had this question thrown at us from time to time. The truth is. . .

**Life isn't easy.** There are hard choices to make, difficult tasks before us, and personal weaknesses that set us up for failure. So, even though you and I might wish for an "easy" button to push at these difficult moments in life, it's not going to be there. We will still have to make the choice, face the task, and live with our weaknesses.

But one thing is clear -- that God gives us all we will need to face these moments in our lives. Jesus never took the easy way out and neither should we. I like this poem by Anna McKenzie:

We did not want it easy, God,  
But we did not contemplate  
That it would be quite this hard,  
This long, this lonely,  
So, if we are to be turned inside out,  
And upside down,  
With even our pockets shaken  
Just to check what's rattling  
And left behind,  
We pray that you will keep faith with us,  
And we with you,  
Holding our hands as we weep,  
Giving us strength to continue,  
And showing us beacons  
Along the way  
To becoming new.

See you in church this Sunday as we ask God to guide us and help us face all things through His strength!

*Rev. Jenny*



**March 1**  
**The Church At Worship**  
**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**  
**Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams**  
**Evening Worship**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Rev. Billy Kimbrel**  
*Special Music* - Grace Daniel and  
Miriam Marchetti, piano and organ duet

<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
9:00 a.m. Tee and Marti Tolleson	9:00 a.m. TBA
11:00 Martin and Kimberly Pinckney	11:00 a.m. Giles Amos



**"Split Endz"**  
*Final Performance*  
**Thursday, March 5**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Austin Theatre**  
**Fort Valley, GA**  
Admission is Free  
Love Offering Accepted

Prime  
Time  
Luncheon



Thursday  
March 5  
12:00 Noon  
Fellowship Hall  
\$5/Person

## Westfield Literary Musical Team

Directed by  
Mrs. Donna Hooper

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.



## Music Notes

### Sanctuary Bells to Attend Handbell Festivals



On February 27-28 and March 6-7 the Sanctuary Bells will travel to the Savannah area to attend the New Ebenezer Handbell Festivals in Rincon, Georgia. Our group will join with over 100 ringers each

weekend to ring bells. Each group prepares the same repertoire prior to attending. Rehearsals are held on Friday evening and Saturday, and a massed concert is presented on Saturday afternoon. Clinicians for the events are Arnold Sherman from Tyler, Texas and Dr. John Behnke from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Sanctuary Bells will share music from the festivals on Sunday, March 22 and Wednesday, March 25.

#### A Note About the Music

This Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent. Miriam Marchetti's communion solo, *The Shepherd Became a Lamb*, and the choir anthem, *Lest We Forget*, remind us of Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us.

Thanks to Dianne Scruggs for serving as soloist with the choir on *This Little Light of Mine* last Sunday, and to Elizabeth Flowers, soloist, and Fran Hartman and Anita Williams, handbells, for their contributions on the Ash Wednesday choir anthem, *Create in Me a Clean Heart O God*.

Blessings,  
Jane

## WNS

### Wednesday Night Supper March 4 - Fellowship Hall

Serving Supper: 5:15 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.  
No Registration Required

### Trinity Gospel Singers

\$6.50/Adult \$3.25/Child  
Childcare will be provided.

Chicken fingers, Beef Tips and Rice, Butter Peas, Squash Casserole, Tossed Salad, Peach Cobbler.

### 2009 Spiritual Growth Retreat - "The Power of Prayer"

March 27-29 Epworth by the Sea

For all women, including teens

\$25 - Registration Deadline is March 10

For information brochure call or leave message

Marguerite Messer - 987-2364

### Americus District Mission Study

March 21 - Hawkinsville UMC, hosted by Hawkinsville UMW

"I Believe in Jesus" -Lyn Dozier, speaker

\$5 Registration Fee

Bring sack lunch. Beverage and dessert provided

If interested call or leave message by March 15

Marguerite Messer - 987-2364

## INVITATION TO PSALMS

A Short-Term Disciple Bible Study

Rev. Roland Fall, facilitator

A Ten Week Study

Two Sessions Offered Beginning:

Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. and

Friday, March 6 at 10 a.m.

Conference Room

Space is limited so please call soon to register.

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### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Capt. Matt McNeal, nephew of Susan Pierce

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



## It's March Madness with PICNIC Pizzazz!

March 1<sup>st</sup>-PICNIC with pets at the Park 4:30-5:30 pm

Meet at Rozar Park for a pet picnic. Parents are encouraged to stay.

March 8<sup>th</sup>-PICNIC on the Porch with Pizza 5-6:15 pm

Meet at PUMC -We will walk to the Tolbert House to have pizza on their porch!

Children may be picked up at the Tolbert home.

March 15<sup>th</sup>-PICNIC at Peach Palate Pottery in Fort Valley 3-5 pm

March 22<sup>nd</sup>-PICNIC with Pretzels on Pineneedle 5-6 pm

We will meet at Miss Krissy's house for a prayer pretzel baking project!

March 29<sup>th</sup>-PICNIC Playtime at PUMC 2-4 pm

Kathy's Rock Toys will be on the front lawn of the church for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

# Youth March

**MARCH 1, 2009  
SPECIAL JOINT MYF**

**5:00-7:00 pm**

**A YOUTH PASTOR  
CANDIDATE WILL BE HERE  
TO SPEAK TO AND INTERACT  
WITH OUR YOUTH. WE WANT  
TO KNOW YOUR OPINION SO  
PLEASE COME AND MEET  
HIM.**

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT  
AT EPWORTH BY THE SEA  
MARCH 20-22, 2009**

All confirmands are invited to attend a retreat at Epworth by the Sea. Reverend Billy Kimbrel and Michelle Bearden will chaperone. Come experience a fun, faith filled weekend.



**MISSION TRIP  
JUNE 28-JULY 3, 2009**

**WE WILL GO TO  
HENDERSONVILLE, NC TO WORK  
WITH SERVICE WORKS. A \$50  
REGISTRATION FEE IS DUE BY  
MARCH 22, 2009. TOTAL COST  
WILL BE \$100.00 GO TO  
[www.serviceworks.org](http://www.serviceworks.org) OR  
CONTACT MARY CYR OR  
WALTER GRAY FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.**

Mission Trip

June 28-July 3, 2009

VBS June 22-26, 2009

Youth Camp at Indian Springs

July 11-17, 2009



**Dates to  
Remember**

**PRAYER BREAKFAST  
RESUMES THIS WEEK AT  
7:30 AM. TRANSPORTATION  
TO SCHOOL IS PROVIDED.**



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## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
4:30 p.m. - PICNIC - Pets in the Park  
5:00 p.m. - MYF  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship

### Monday, March 2

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

### Tuesday, March 3

9:15 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room  
11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 4

7:30 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast - Youth Center  
9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room  
3:45 p.m. - WASP - Wednesday After School Program  
5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper - Fellowship Hall  
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 5

12:00 p.m. - Prime Time Luncheon - Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. - Invitation to Psalms Bible Study - Conference Room  
Registration required

### Friday, March 6

10:00 a.m. - Invitation to Psalms Bible Study - Conference Room  
Registration required  
2:00 p.m. - Handbell Ringers Depart for Festival

Attendance Report 2009	February 22
Morning Worship	442
9:00 a.m.	217
11:00 a.m.	225
Sunday School	300
Evening Worship	75
Youth	25

Finance Report 2009	February 15	February 22
Budget Needed Weekly	22,336.65	22,336.65
Budget Receipts	21,398.51	15,773.18
Needed Year to Date	156,356.66	178,693.20
Disbursements to Date	130,864.06	145,319.67
Received Year to Date	163,932.45	179,705.63
<b>Other Contributions</b>		
Memorial Fund	175.00	
Emergency Response Team	40.00	
CenterStage for Christ	1,000.00	
Memorial/Benevolence		20.00



**A NEW BABY!** Mary Charles Ellerbee, born on February 4. Congratulations to Clay and Charla and brother, Hayes.



**Leona Mixon, Perry Hospital  
Dell Jackson - Montgomery, AL**



To Andrea Sells and family in the death of her father, Ronnie Hutto.

To Vicki Parker and family in the death of her mother, Ramah Lindsey.

### 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  
Dicky Gilbert, Audiovisual Technician

### Nursery Workers

Christie Rooks  
Linda Hall  
Amanda Suttmueller

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

Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent



### PLEASE!! TURN IT OFF!

Please help minimize PUMC's power bills by turning off the lights, heat and/or air conditioner when your meetings, Bible Studies, etc. are over.