

# The Messenger

## Perry United Methodist Church

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## FLOWERS AND MEDITATION

Every year, as spring gets underway and the flowers begin to burst forth with color and extraordinary designs, I remember how much I love this time of year. Growing up in Savannah, spring was always the season of the azalea, with deep violets, reds, pinks and white tones. In Macon, it's all about the delicate Cherry Blossom, and in Perry it's a celebration of the beautiful, bright Dogwood Blossom. Throughout our town, blossoms of every description are in bloom and the gorgeous colors are contrasted with the new shades of green grass and budding leaves. A sense of "newness" and "life" is in the air!

Such times can inspire us and draw us into moments of contemplation and understanding. The psalmist declared, "Happy are those . . . who delight in the law of the Lord, and meditate on it day and night." *Psalm 1*. During times when we are immersed in the beauty of creation, God not only provides a rich visual and sensual blessing, but also gives us the wisdom and revelation of His word to ponder and draw strength from. That's typical with God ~ gifts of beauty and understanding!

I think I'll take my New Testament with me the next time I go into the flower garden . . .



Blessings,  
*Roland*

**March 29**

**The Church At Worship**  
**Confirmation Sunday**  
**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**  
**Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams**

**Evening Worship**  
**6:00 PM**

**Rev. Billy Kimbrel**  
*Special Music*

*Miriam Marchetti, soloist*

### Greeters

9:00 a.m.  
TBA

11:00  
Hatsie Kinsley  
Jane Whipple

### Acolytes

9:00 a.m.  
Patience Hall  
Tyler Hall

11:00 a.m.  
TBA

## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

**Sunday, March 29 - 7 p.m.**  
**I. H. S. Sunday School Classroom**



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

12:00 p.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.  
followed by lunch

**Monday, April 6**  
Perry United Methodist Church

**Tuesday, April 7**  
Perry Crossroads Church of God

**Wednesday, April 8**  
Crossroads United Methodist Church

**Thursday, April 9**  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church

**Prime  
Time  
Luncheon**



**Thursday  
April 2  
12:00 Noon  
Fellowship Hall  
\$5/Person**

**Ben Jones**  
Chief Meteorologist  
**13 WMAZ**

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.



**INTERESTED IN JOINING  
THE PUMC SOFTBALL TEAM?**  
Contact Lon Talton - 478-988-3024

**Wednesday Night Supper**  
**April 1 - Fellowship Hall**  
*Serving Supper: 5:15 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.*

*The Cherub Choir Presents*  
**The Bedbug Bible Gang Passion Play**

\$6.50/Adult    \$3.25/Child  
*No Registration Required.    Childcare will be provided.*

Dear Church Family,

Larry, myself and our family cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love and support you showed to Larry after his accident. We are so humbled by and appreciative for all your prayers, visits, calls and cards while Larry was in the hospital. We are so thankful for our church family. May God bless you all.



Larry, Juliana and Family

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

There will be **NO** Wednesday Night Supper  
**On April 8.**

**United Methodist Men's Spring Retreat - April 24 - 26**  
Epworth by the Sea. Dr. Jim Jackson, speaker.  
→ For more information go to [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org).



**Music Notes**

**The children's choirs** will sing in both worship services on Sunday morning. Please meet in the sanctuary at 8:30 for rehearsal.

**The Cherubs** will be wearing brand new robes and will sing songs from their upcoming Passion Play, to be held in the fellowship hall on April 1 at 6:00.

**The Celebration and Covenant Choirs** will sing *Miracle on the Sea*, based on the scripture of John 21:1-15. Set to a gentle calypso beat, this anthem tells the story about Jesus and his disciples casting their nets into the sea.

The older choirs will also sing an energetic arrangement of the traditional spiritual, *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho*, complete with finger snaps!

Thanks to the **Sanctuary Bells** and to the **Handbell Quartet** for a beautiful concert on Wednesday evening, and for participating in worship last Sunday. Your ringing contributed to moving services of music.

Blessings,

*Jane*

**A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!**

Now that we have peaked your interest, we can only tell you that it will begin on Easter Sunday. Because there is a growing need for more Sunday School classes, this could be just the one for **you!**

For more information, check upcoming publications of *The Messenger*.

**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

**PICNIC PIZZAZZ  
CONTINUES...**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>-Playtime  
at PUMC 2-4 pm  
Kathy's Rock Play  
Toys will be on the  
front lawn for an  
afternoon of fun and  
fellowship...bring a  
friend!!**



**PICNIC scheduled  
for April 5th**

\*This is a change from what it says on your magnetic calendar! This is the Sunday afternoon that starts Spring Break...we **will** gather and review the 10 Commandments and enjoy fellowship picnic supper and "Commandment Cake!"

**April 1st at 6pm-The Cherub Choir Presents  
The Bedbug Bible Gang Passion Play  
In the Fellowship Hall following Wednesday Night Supper**

April 2nd-Mini Egg Hunt and Easter Picnic for the "wee ones" of PUMC and siblings that are out of school.  
11:15 in the PUMC Courtyard

Children's Choirs will sing in church this Sunday at both services...Children should arrive in sanctuary at 8:30 am to rehearse. Following their performance at the 11 am service, children may be picked up on the back steps.

# Youth News

**SPECIAL MYF**

**MARCH 29, 4:30-7:30**

We are going to the Peach Palette in Fort Valley to paint ceramics. All youth should meet at the Youth Center at 4:15 for a 4:30 departure to Fort Valley. We will return to the Youth Center at 7:30 for pick up.

NO MYF  
SPRING BREAK  
APRIL 5 & 12, 2009

**MYF APRIL 19, 2006**

This will be Brant Pickard's first MYF with our youth. We would like all youth to come from 5:00-7:00 pm.

**YOUTH LED SERVICE**

**April 26, 2009 6:00 PM**

Our annual Youth Led Service is scheduled for the end of April.

We need greeters, speakers, scripture readers, singers, musicians and actors. Please email [marypumc@gmail.com](mailto:marypumc@gmail.com) with your commitment by March 29th.

**CONFIRMATION**

**March 29, 2009  
11:00 am Service**

**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*

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## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, March 29 Confirmation Sunday

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - PICNIC  
4:30 p.m. - Special MYF  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship  
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Board Meeting - I.H.S. Classroom

### Monday, March 30

4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room  
5:00 p.m. - Prime Time Mystery Trip

### Tuesday, March 31

9:15 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room  
11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal  
2:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting - Conference Room

### Wednesday, April 1

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  
6:00 p.m. - Ladies Ensemble  
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, April 2

11:15 a.m. - Children's Mini Egg Hunt - see Children's page  
7:00 p.m. - Invitation to Psalms Bible Study - Conference Room

### Friday, April 3

9:30 a.m. - Invitation to Psalms Bible Study - Conference Room

Attendance Report 2009	March 22
Morning Worship	516
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.	241 and 275
Sunday School	309
Evening Worship	65
Youth	35

Finance Report 2009	March 22
Budget Needed Weekly	22,336.65
Budget Receipts	16,339.27
Needed Year to Date	268,039.80
Disbursements to Date	234,799.12
Received Year to Date	267,789.66
<b>Other Contributions</b>	
Memorials	300.00
Darfur	30.00
Relay for Life	25.00



**IN THE  
Hospital**

**Coliseum Northside  
Billy Jerles**

### "ALL ABOARD" for the PRIME TIME "TRAIN" TRIP

Come take a ride on "Sam's Train"

April 25 - \$24.08/person

(payment due at registration)

Sandwiches and refreshments available for purchase.

Hurry to the church office and register.

Watch future Messengers for "Departure" time.



### GOOD NEWS from Samaritan's Closet!



In addition to being open on Saturdays, Samaritan's Closet will expand its hours to Thursdays 8 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Children's clothes are desperately needed. Long range plans include a move to a larger building and to be open six days a week.

For more information, or if you can help, please contact Joyce Dunham. 987-8944 or email at Dad85Roses@aol.com

*All proceeds go to local missions.*

### 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



### GET READY FOR ANOTHER "FUN" PRIME TIME MYSTERY TRIP **Monday, March 30**

*(buses will leave at 5:00 p.m.)*

To sign up call the church office at 987-1852.

Dinner is Dutch Treat.



**DEADLINE for Messenger information is Friday before the next week's issue.**