

# The Messenger

## Perry United Methodist Church

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## COMING TO GRIPS



In *Run with the Horses*, Eugene Peterson tells how he saw a family of birds teaching their young to fly. Three young swallows were perched on a dead branch that stretched out over a lake. The

mother swallow got alongside the chicks and started shoving them out toward the end of the branch. The first one fell off. Somewhere between the branch and the water four feet below, its wings started working, and the fledgling was off on his own. Then the second one took off the same way.

But the third chick was not to be bullied. At the last possible moment his grip on the branch loosened just enough so that he swung downward, then tightened again, bulldog tenacious. Mama bird was merciless. She pecked at the desperately clinging talons until it was more painful for the poor chick to hang on than risk the insecurities of flying. He let go, and the inexperienced wings began pumping. Mother swallow knew what the chick did not—that it would fly—and there was no danger in making it do what it was perfectly designed to do.

Peterson said, "Birds have feet and can walk. Birds have talons and can grasp a branch securely. They can walk; they can cling. But flying is their characteristic action, and not until they fly are they living at their best..."

His point was this: "Giving is what we do best. It's the air into which we were born. It's the action that was designed into us before our birth. Some of us try desperately to hold on to ourselves, to live for ourselves. We look so bedraggled and pathetic doing it, hanging on to the dead branch of a bank account for dear life, afraid to risk ourselves on the untried wings of giving. We don't think we can live generously because we have never tried. But the sooner we start, the better, for we are going to have to give up our lives finally, and the longer we wait, the less time we have for the soaring and swooping life of grace."

Ironically, sometimes we get our best grip on life by loosening our grip on our possessions, because they can get a grip on us.

*Rev. Jenny*

June 7  
The Church At Worship  
**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**  
**Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams**

**No Evening Worship Service**  
**Annual Conference June 7 Thru June 10**

### Greeters

9:00 a.m.  
Draper and Dawne  
Watson

11:00  
Jayson and Andrea  
Prichard

### Acolytes

9:00 a.m.  
Patience Hall  
Tyler Hall

11:00 a.m.  
TBA

The Perry Area Chamber of Commerce  
Cordially invites you and your guests to attend the  
**Professional Women's Day Luncheon**  
at Perry United Methodist Church  
June 17 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

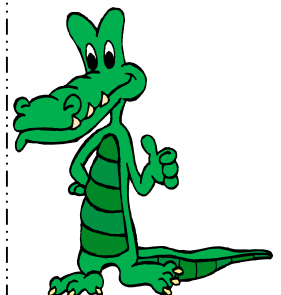
**Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams**  
*keynote speaker*

Members: \$30/person  
Non-Members: \$40/person  
Reservations required by Friday, June 12  
987-1234 or  
Email: [maggie@perrygachamber.com](mailto:maggie@perrygachamber.com)

## VBS Crocodile Dock

**June 22 - 26**  
Ages 4yrs to 5th  
grade

Register today at the  
church office or  
online at  
[www.perryumc.org](http://www.perryumc.org)!



# Mission . . . Possible!

## ON THE FRONTLINE WITH PVO

The Perry Volunteer Outreach (PVO) is an ecumenical ministry which partners with local churches and other interested groups and individuals to provide assistance for people in need in our community. Their mission is to help, counsel, support and assist all of those who come to their office at 801 Commerce Street in Perry. In addition to the "frontline" mission work of our congregation and Mission Committee, our church actively partners with PVO to provide help and care for those who are in difficult situations. A referral to PVO is a referral to "our" effort to provide effective and efficient ministry opportunities to members of our community. They are a part of our PUMC "frontline" effort to be a genuine source of support and care for others. They have been effective, Christ-centered partners with our church and many others throughout the years.

PVO welcomes volunteers to its ministry. They welcome your visit to their ministry center on Commerce Street and your referral of those who need assistance.

Interested in helping out with missions, please contact . . . Brian Bowen through the church office or at [blbowen@aol.com](mailto:blbowen@aol.com).

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9!

An Early Notice to Mark Your Calendar!  
Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams will start WNS off with another series of special programs.  
Keep your eyes on The Messenger for more information and the exciting topic.

### DATES - DATES - DATES!

June 7 - 10 - Annual Conference  
June 22 - 26 - Vacation Bible School  
June 28 - July 3 - Youth Mission Trip - Hendersonville, NC  
July 3 - Church Office Closed for Fourth of July  
July 11 - 17 - Youth Camp at Indian Springs  
July 15 - 19 - Children's Camp - The Mountain, Highlands, NC  
July 19 - Youth Led Service  
August 30 - Perry PraiseSing

### PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Sgt. Bert Branson, brother of Lyle Massey

Captain Henry Donaldson, brother of Juliana Horsting

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



## Music Notes

### A Note About the Communion Anthem

The Sanctuary Choir anthem, *Welcomed Home Again*, uses the familiar Irish melody, *The Salley Gardens*. This graceful offering, appropriate for Holy Communion, is arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram. Corresponding scriptures include Psalm 51, John 2:13-25 and 3:14-21, and Romans 8:31-34.

*Like helpless sheep, we have wandered  
Far from the Shepherd's fold.  
We have chosen a path of darkness,  
Been lost out in the cold.*

*God has laid on Jesus  
The burden of our sin,  
And we have been forgiven,  
And welcomed home again.*

*We come to this gracious table  
To take the heavenly bread,  
With thankful hearts partaking  
Of the feast before us spread.*

*For God has laid on Jesus  
The burden of our sin,  
And we have been forgiven  
And welcomed home again.*

Thanks to Miriam for directing in my absence and to Donna Hooper for accompanying. I will be in Columbus fulfilling my duties as Worship Committee Chair for the South Georgia Annual Conference.



Blessings,  
Jane

### 2009 PEACE CONFERENCE

"Building Partnerships for Peace"

September 20-22 - Lake Junaluska

Registration Information

\$89 (\$79 before August 1)

\$65/Students

Register online and learn more at  
[www.lakejunaluska.com/peace.aspx](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/peace.aspx)  
or call 800-222-4930



The Kids of the PUMC  
Children's Department are looking  
forward to a fun summer!



Let's get Summer started TOGETHER this Sunday...

**Summer Kick-Off**

June 7th, 4-6 PM

Back Porch, PUMC

AGES 4 yrs old-5th grade

Nursery available for children under the age of 4.

Dinner will be served! Cake and Ice Cream for dessert!

Kathy's Rock Giant Birthday Cake, T-shirts, and more!

Come join the fun!

**VBS**

Crocodile Dock

June 22-26

9 am-12 N

Ages 4yrs old-5th grade

(3 year olds welcome if a parent volunteers to help.)

\*Register today in the church office or online at

[www.perryumc.org](http://www.perryumc.org)!

We welcome Meghan Phillips to our summer team this week. Meghan is a member of PUMC, a member of the Choir, and a charter member and active participant in our newest Sunday School class. Meghan is a student at Georgia Military College and is majoring in Education. Please stop by and welcome Meghan to our church staff for the summer. We appreciate your prayers as we begin our summer ministry with the children. We have a large number of children signed up for VBS from other churches as well as several who have no church home. Please keep these children in your prayers daily that they may receive the message of God's love in the week they spend here at PUMC.

## Youth News

God's Blog

**Matthew 7:7** - *Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.* Have you ever noticed that each one of these statements begins with a verb? Ask, Seek, and Knock are all things that we have to do to initiate a response from God.

Summer Cookouts

I really want to get to know you guys during the summer so I have begun setting up a series of summer cookouts for each grade level. Here's the tentative schedule. If you would like to host a cookout, please give me a call! Looking forward to hanging out with all of you!

Sat., June 6, 6th & 7th grades - The Tolbert's

Fri., June 12th - 8th grade - TBA

Fri., June 19th - 9th & 10th grades - TBA

Fri., June 25th - 11th & 12th grades - TBA

Brant's New Contact Info

Cell Phone: 478-235-1679

Email: [wbpickard@gmail.com](mailto:wbpickard@gmail.com)

Welcome Summer Staff

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Summer Staff!

Ashley Williams has begun her work as an intern. She will be helping get things ready for the upcoming mission trip and camp! She will also be lending us her beautiful voice this summer during the MYF Summer Series by leading worship!

Nathan Cyr will begin as Youth Assistant this summer helping build new games for Youth Camp and will help set up the new sound system in the Youth Center. Nathan will begin his time on staff June 7.

Come by the office Monday through Thursday and help us greet the summer youth staff!

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## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, 7

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
5:00 p.m. - UMYF  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Summer Kick-Off  
6:00 p.m. - No Evening Worship - Annual Conference

### Monday, June 8

Annual Conference  
2:00 p.m. - JOY Choir Sings for Annual Conference in Columbus  
4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room  
7:00 p.m. - Trustees Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, June 9

Annual Conference  
11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, June 10

Annual Conference  
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Attendance Report 2009	May 31
<b>Morning Worship</b>	<b>523</b>
<b>9:00 and 11:00 a.m.</b>	246 and 277
<b>Sunday School</b>	283
<b>Evening Worship</b>	55
<b>PUMYF</b>	28

Finance Report 2009	May 31
Budget Needed Weekly	21,518.31
Budget Receipts	20,586.10
Needed Year to Date	473,402.82
Disbursements to Date	490,567.75
Received Year to Date	463,485.95
<b>Other Contributions</b>	

United Methodist Men's Meeting is on Monday, June 15 at 6:30PM in the PUMC fellowship hall.



Enjoy a personal testimony from guest speaker Chad Wood, Area Representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

All United Methodist Men are invited.  
Look forward to seeing you there!

*Meal Provided*



HAVE YOU SEEN ~  
**Enthusiasm Makes the Difference**  
**Have a Great Day**  
**Understanding Prayer**  
**Today's Dictionary of the Bible**  
**Who Moved My Cheese**

These books are missing from the PUMC Library. Please help us locate them. Thanks!

### 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
Brant Pickard	Youth Pastor
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



**CenterStage for Christ**  
will begin practice for its next  
**play in May. Watch The**  
**Messenger for more information**  
**about this upcoming play!**  
*The clip art is a little hint*  
*of the title of the play.*



Kay Adams - Macon Northside  
Allen Tabor - Coliseum Rehab