

# The Messenger

## Perry United Methodist Church

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### TMI

TMI. Too much information. Generally, TMI is not a good thing. Oversharing. In the real world, it seems to happen all the time. Sometimes it's WTMI. Way too much information. If the guy in the next office insists on showing you his rash. TMI. You get the idea. I suppose a good part of wisdom is knowing what to keep to yourself. You can preserve a little dignity and protect others from awkwardness by learning how to avoid TMI. However, in that alternative universe we call social networking where people make status updates on Facebook such as "Never eat leftover sushi for breakfast. Feeling SO queasy right now. LOL!" — or go into go into rants on Twitter, typically we'd say, "TMI!"

On the other hand, suppose, for a moment, that all you do is now seen and shared with a watching world. What kind of person would the world see? It's been said that the truest test of character is not what you do under pressure but what you do when no one is looking. That's probably why people get so excited when someone does something virtuous without the pressure of prying eyes, such as returning a wallet full of cash or returning to a store, receipt in hand, when an error was made in their favor. Just Google "Good Samaritan" in the news section if you doubt such things happen. Unprovoked kindness still exists.

In Ephesians 5, the Apostle Paul presses us to be people of little or no surprises when it comes to our character. To be clear, he doesn't demand perfection. He doesn't expect followers of Jesus Christ to be flawless. Far from it. Paul simply urges us to proactively expose our struggles to the light of day rather than hide them in the darkness of duplicitous living. He's essentially urging Christ's followers to live as if the "camera is always on."

Before we came to faith, all we knew was a life of darkness and hiding. Sure, prior to becoming a Christian we may not have been living a wild, secret life of sin, but our whole existence was still hidden in the darkness of unbelief. Paul puts it like this: "At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" (v. 8, ESV).

Look forward to seeing you in church this Sunday!

*Rev. Jenny*

### SUNDAYS IN 2011

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
5:00 p.m. - Ladies' Ensemble Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. - UMYF Combined 5-7\*  
5:45 p.m. - UMYF Supper\*  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service\*  
6:15 p.m. - UMYF High School\*

#### **August 14 - Administrative Board Meeting**

#### Mondays

4:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room

#### Tuesdays

**August 9** - 7 p.m. - Trustees Committee Meeting - Conf. Rm

#### Wednesdays

**August 31 - Huddle Up - \*see Children's page**

9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursdays

**August 11** - 5:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting

#### First Thursday

12 p.m. - Prime Time Luncheon (registration required)

#### **\*UMYF -**

See inside Youth Page for info

### *The Church At Worship*

**AUGUST 2011**

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**Morning Worship Services**

10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School

6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service

**INFORMATION FOR  
THE SEPTEMBER  
MESSENGER IS DUE  
BY NOON ON  
WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 24.  
Call the church office  
to submit info,  
987-1852, ext 21**

### GREETERS for AUGUST 2011

Date	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<u>August 7</u>	Chesley and Evelyn Cawthon	Alan and Felicia Everidge
<u>August 14</u>	Ben and Mildred Newberry	Darrell and Kate Lewis
<u>August 21</u>	Billy and Claire Beckham	Chip and Laura Harrison
<u>August 28</u>	Gary and Lynda Bishop	Ron and Rita Duda

### **CENTERSTAGE FOR CHIRST**

**"PAID PROGRAMMING"**

7:00 P.M. ~ PUMC Fellowship Hall September 19, 20, 22, 24  
Keep an eye on the PUMC website!

## Mission . . . Possible!

The Missions Committee wants you to be in the know about the mission work of PUMC. This month we are asking for help in the area of Missions. . . .

### ERSLA (Emergency Response Services of Latin America)

Delivery of the water filters we purchased has begun in Costa Rica and as you can see in the picture below, it is a needed service. Rodney McDonald is sending a video of the installation of the water filters to Channel 24. Watch for the news of this wonderful project.



**Book Bag Roundup** Local elementary schools are in need of book bags for this year's students. These book bags can be purchased at area stores for \$5-\$10. If you would like to purchase a book bag, you can bring it to church or drop it by the Crossway. Donations can be made to the church and marked for *Local Missions*.

### Operation Christmas Child Boxes

are being packed each week. Now is the time to stock up on school supplies to pack in the boxes. There are awesome low prices at our area stores. Donations can be made in Sunday School classes, the Fellowship Hall, or the Crossway.



As you can see, your Missions Committee is very busy and needs your help. We always need your prayers as well. If you are interested in helping out with any of these jobs, contact Linda Mason @ 478-997-1582 or [evanmason@comsouth.net](mailto:evanmason@comsouth.net).

### Special "2011" Dates

**July 31:** Youth Led Worship - Evening Worship Service  
**August 14:** Promotion Sunday, Blessing of Teachers, Camp Meeting  
p.m. - Administrative Board Meeting following Evening Service  
**August 21:** Acolyte Training and Recognition  
**September 5:** Labor Day - Church Office Will Be Closed  
**September 19, 20, 22, 24,** : CenterStage For Christ Showtime

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Seaman Brook Maynard, nephew of Bonnie West  
E3 Brooks W. Warren, US Air Force, grandson of Bill and Mary Warren  
Airman Jamie Price, USAF, A1C Nathan Dowling, USAF, Seaman Walter Hartley, USN - nephews of Dot Price  
PFC Christopher Black, ANG, fiancé of Dot Price's niece, Ashley Price  
LCpl Zachary G. Vogt, USMC, grandson of June Vogt  
Master Gunnary Sgt Joel Whitmoyer,  
son-in-law of Skip and Betty Dawkins.  
Sr A Rick A. Maye and Christian H. Craig, 330 MP Company/SPS,  
grandsons of Jane Whipple  
Capt. Matt McNeal, nephew of Susan Pierce  
Capt. William R. Wright, grandson of Elmo and Elaine Wright  
Capt. Phillip Ferris, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris  
**Please help the church office keep this list updated. 987-1852**

## This Month in Music

### Americus District Service Welcoming New District Superintendent

Thanks to the Sanctuary Choir, and to Miriam and Gene for their participation in leading the worship service welcoming the new Americus District Superintendent, Dr. Wayne Moseley, on Sunday afternoon, July 17. The choir was outstanding and represented our church well.

### Sanctuary Choir Barbeque

Martha Johnson will again host a fall barbeque for the Sanctuary Choir, on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:45. Thanks, Martha!

### JOY Choir Outing

The JOY Choir will share a meal together at the downtown restaurant The Perfect Pear (formerly the Tea Room) on Tuesday, August 16, at 11:30. Plan to meet there. Rehearsals will resume on Tuesday, September 20, at 11:00.

Blessings,  
Jane

### Sunday School News

#### August 14 @ 9am and 11am services

##### **Blessing of the Teachers**

We will recognize and pray for all teachers to start off the 2011-2012 school year. We encourage all teachers to attend.

#### August 14 @ 10am

##### **Promotion Sunday**

Ceremony will be held in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. All parents are encouraged to attend.

#### August 14 @ 4:00pm

**Sunday School Teacher's meeting** will be held for ALL teachers in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School teachers for children, youth, and adults please make plans to attend.

**To Our Church Family ~** Thank you for all the acts of kindness that have been shown to us. Whether it was a call, card, flowers, food, visits or prayers, we will always be grateful. We love you and ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers.

*Audrey and Henry Abrams*

### GRACE VILLAGE ~ Perry's Women's Homeless Shelter NEEDS VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS

Share weekly, monthly, quarterly. One to two hour sessions needed during the day but we'll work with your schedule. Cooking, domestic skills, personal finances, arts and crafts, gardening, computer skills, personal fitness, health, job skills. Let us know what you can offer. Contact Larry Wood - 478-218-2274. [pvo@windstream.net](mailto:pvo@windstream.net)

### PRIME TIME BRANSON TRIP

Get your bags packed!  
SEPTEMBER 12 - 19



**Planning  
for Fall**

**The PUMC Children's Department is getting ready for another great year!**

**Mark your calendar with these upcoming dates as we start the Fall with two great events your family won't want to miss:**

**Sunday, August 14th- Yearly Parent Meeting, 5pm in the Back Porch**

**\*\*\*2011-2012 calendars will be available at this meeting!**

**HUDDLE UP**

**Wednesday, August 31st- "Huddle Up" Family Fall Kick-Off Event 5:30-7pm  
\$5/person \*Reservations required\***

**Youth NEWS**

**MYF SCHEDULE FOR JULY**

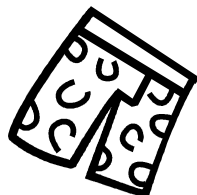
August 7  
5:00-7:00

August 14  
5:00-7:00  
MYF Welcome  
6th Grade Party!

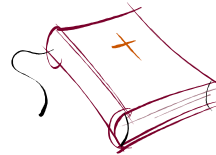
August 21  
5:00-7:00  
Baby Shower for  
Kyle and Amanda!

August 28  
5:00-5:45 - MS  
5:45-6:15 - Snack Supper  
6:15-7:00 - 6:15-7:00

**WELCOME THE  
*SIXTH*  
*GRADE!!*  
PARTY AT THE  
GILBERTS' HOUSE  
AUGUST 14,  
5:00-7:00  
BRING BATHING SUITS**



*Breakfast &  
Bible Study*



**MYF,  
August  
7th.  
(MS &  
HS)**

*Starting Back Up  
August 17th!*

*Prayer Breakfast:*

*7:00 a.m.*

*Bible Study:*

*6:30 p.m.*

**Fall  
Schedule  
Starts:  
August 28  
MS- 5:00-  
5:45  
HS- 6:15-  
7:00**

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2011 Average Attendance	June	July 3-24
Morning Worship	409	341
Sunday School	249	237
Evening Worship	143	71
Youth	27	43

Finance Report 2011	July 1-24
Budget Receipts	78,077.15
Needed Year to Date	628,278.30
Disbursements to Date	596,476.83
Received Year to Date	625,468.04

Finance Report 2011	June
Budget Receipts	79,962.36
Needed Year to Date	585,619.50
Disbursements to Date	524,711.28
Received Year to Date	547,390.89



**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO A BABY SHOWER  
For KYLE AND AMANDA**

Hosted by the PUMC Youth

**Sunday, August 21  
5:00 until 7:00 p.m.  
PUMC YOUTH CENTER**

Downtown Stores of Perry and  
[www.thebump.com](http://www.thebump.com)

**ALL DONE BUT THE FLOOR!**

**The new PUMC Library and Historical  
Room are almost finished.  
Only the new floor needs to be installed.**

**Donations are welcomed!  
Make your check payable to PUMC and  
indicate it is for the PUMC Library and  
Historical Room Flooring.**

**Added to the PUMC website each week ~**  
New happenings and information! A  
PUMC calendar is available through the  
website too. **Take a look at**  
[www.perryumc.org](http://www.perryumc.org)

**DON'T WAIT!**

Do you need to reserve a room at PUMC for a  
Sunday School gathering, Committee Meeting,  
Conference, etc? Call the church office now! The  
Church Calendar is filling up quickly!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER Begins September 21.**

**Church Staff and Our Methodist Connection**

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams	Senior Pastor
Rev. Roland Fall	Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Kim Cassell	Assistant to the Pastor for Evangelism
Dr. Billy Key	Pastor Emeritus
Krissy Walker	Children's Pastor
Kyle Barfield	Youth Pastor
Amanda Barfield	Director of Christian Education
Dr. Jane Kimbrel	Director of Music Ministries
Miriam Marchetti	Music Associate/Pianist
Deborah Walker	Pianist
Dicky Gilbert	Audiovisual Technician

John Williams, Building Supt.  
Alice Releford, Custodian  
Polly Passinault, Financial Secretary  
Ginger Vance, Admin. Assistant

Bishop James R. King, Jr.  
Dr. Wayne Moseley

**Nursery Workers**

Denishea Richardson  
Christie Rooks  
Tessa Hilgendorf  
Amanda Barfield  
Cassie Lyon  
Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent

**Deepest Sympathy is Extended To**

Eunice, John and Jennifer Andrews and  
family on the death of Eunice's uncle,  
Eugene Wurm.

Gary and Peggy Crum and family in the  
death of Gary's mother, Minnie Crum.

**Mark Your Calendar!  
FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY  
September 25!**

**UMW CIRCLES**

NO UMW Meetings June thru August  
Meetings will begin in September.  
Have a Great Summer!

**PRIME TIME LUNCHEON  
August 4, 2011**



**Travelers Quartet  
Dublin First UMC**

Make your reservations by 9  
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  
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, Ext. 21

**Menu:** Hot Chicken Salad, Copper  
Pennies, Baby Lima Beans, Mandarin  
Congealed Salad, Biscuits, Key Lime Pie



**Perry UMMen  
August 15 - 6:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

**Former Georgia Governor,  
Sonny Purdue, speaker**

No reservations required. Dinner Served

**Bible Studies**

**Ladies Bible Study -**  
**Mondays - 4:30 p.m.** - Conference  
Room - "Wising Up"  
**Ladies Bible Study - Mondays - 7:00**  
**p.m.** - Conference Room - **Begins Sept. 12**

**Staff Telephone Extensions**

30 - Kim Cassell	24 - Krissy Walker
29 - John Williams	23 - Polly Passinault
28 - Jane Kimbrel	22 - Rev. Jenny
27 - Rev. Fall	21 - Ginger Vance
25 - Kyle Barfield	Alice Releford
26 - Amanda Barfield	987-1954

**UNWILLINGLY ABSENT**

If you are unwillingly absent, or if you have a  
loved one who is unwillingly absent, you are  
invited to receive the Lord's Supper on  
Communion Sundays at home. To make plans  
to do so, please call Rev. Roland Fall at the  
church office (987-1852 ext. 27) and he will  
make all of the arrangements.