

# The Messenger

## Perry United Methodist Church

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### Two Good Words

Obviously, saying "thank you" is good manners.

But it's also good business. Not surprisingly, CEOs and managers are encouraged to look for opportunities to thank everyone on the staff, using simple phrases such as "I'm truly grateful," "Your contribution is important," and "You make my job so much easier."

But more than a business method to boost a company's bottom line, saying thank you is a way of life. And it's Biblical. Look at Paul.

The Apostle couldn't give thanks enough. Granted, in Paul's day, people typically included an expression of thanksgiving in the opening section of letters. Paul certainly did that in all of his epistles to churches, with the exception of the one to the Galatians. In that single case, it's likely he was so distressed about problems in Galatia that he couldn't think of any basis to thank them! In fact, that single exception suggests that when Paul includes thanks in a letter, he doesn't do it as a matter of routine, but only when he believes it is warranted. In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul starts with thanks (1:2-5), thanks God for them halfway through the second chapter (2:13-16) and again in the third chapter (3:9-10), which is a lot, considering there are only five chapters in the whole letter!

Are you due a 'gratitudinal change'? Admit it, on some days all of us are deficient in the gratitude department. Whenever that deficiency emerges it's time for a "gratitudinal change"! Because, when gratitude becomes your default setting, your life changes. The whole world looks different. The problem that used to bury you now takes its rightful place behind twenty other blessings that are bigger than it'll ever be.

So thank the Lord and use these two little words – Thank You - over and over again.



Rev. Jenny

*And the Lord Added .....*  
**Mary Crawford**  
*Welcome!*

**ALL SAINTS**  
**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 6**

**HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING!**



**DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME  
ENDS NOVEMBER 6!  
BEFORE GOING TO  
BED ON NOVEMBER 5,  
MOVE YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK  
ONE HOUR!**

**CHARGE CONFERENCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

### SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER 2011

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
4:45 p.m. - Handbell Quartet Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

**Nov. 6 - All Saints Day**

**Nov. 13 ~ Administrative Board Meeting**

**7:00 p.m., IHS Classroom (immediately after evening service)**

**UMYF and Children** - See inside Youth and Children's Page

**Mondays**

**Nov. 21 - UMMen Meeting - see back page**

**Tuesdays** - 11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal

**Nov. 8 - 5:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall**

**Nov. 8 - 7:00 p.m. - Trustees Committee Meeting - Conf. Rm**

**Wednesdays**

**WASP & Wed. Night Supper, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30**

*for more information, see back page or [www.perryumc.org](http://www.perryumc.org)*

**6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

**First Thursday 12 p.m. - Prime Time Luncheon - see back page**

**Nov. 10 - 5:30 p.m. - SPR Committee Meeting - Conf. Rm.**

**Nov. 29 - Advent by Candlelight - see back page**

*Bible Studies, see back page*

*November 24 and 25 - Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving*

### GREETERS for NOVEMBER 2011

Date	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<u>Nov. 6</u>	Billy and Claire Beckham	Bill and Lura Amos
<u>Nov. 13</u>	Gary and Lynda Bishop	Darrell and Kate Lewis
<u>Nov. 20</u>	John and Rene Sirmon	Allen and Donna Tabor
<u>Nov. 27</u>	Rick and Martha Davis	Chip and Laura Harrison

## 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. . . .

### Project Agape Love (PAL)

*Goal: To Assist 500 Families With Food During December*

The Perry Volunteer Outreach (PVO) is again this year partnering with over 60 churches, civic clubs, schools and other organizations to fill 500 boxes that will be distributed to families in need in our area. The PVO has undertaken this project for the last seven years, bringing together all these groups to act as one, unified, caring outreach to those in our community who are in need. This Christmas Season the effort continues, and our church has been requested to help.

The PVO has invited us to donate 260, 4 pound bags of sugar. Thus, the congregation is invited to bring bags of sugar to the church which will be forwarded to the PVO for the food boxes. The deadline for bringing sugar is December 2. Boxes will be placed in Sunday School rooms, the church narthex, and the church office. You are welcome to bring bags of sugar on Sunday, during Wednesday Family Night Supper, or any time during the week to the office during regular office hours.

Thank you for your faithful and generous support of PAL in years past, and for the efforts you will make this year. Our community is blessed by your love!

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)

**Perry Emmaus Cluster** meeting Nov. 19 at PUMC, Fellowship Hall. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. followed by fellowship and communion.

### Special "2011" Dates

- November 6** - All Saints Sunday
- November 20** - Charge Conference and Thanksgiving Sunday
- November 29** - Advent by Candlelight
- December 4** - Christmas at the Square
- December 11** - PUMC Christmas Cantata

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

**PFC Alexander Buhl, USMC**, nephew of Greg and Laura Beth Hawkinson  
**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 x21**

## This Month in Music



Thanks to the **Sanctuary Bells** for ringing a great fall concert on Wednesday, October 26. The handbells will ring during the worship services on November 20 and on December 4. A Christmas luncheon is planned on December 4 at 12:15 at the Swanson House.

On Tuesday, November 1, **The JOY Choir** will sing at John Wesley Villas in Macon. The center will serve us lunch following the performance. On Wednesday, December 7, we will present Beautiful Star: A Southern Gospel Senior Adult Christmas Musical during the Wednesday night supper program. Our annual Christmas party will be held at Martha Johnson's on Tuesday, December 13, at noon. The choir will sing selections from the Christmas musical during the worship services on December 18.

**The Sanctuary Choir and Children's Choirs** will combine to present A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday morning, December 11, at 9:00 and 11:00. The choirs will be accompanied by string players from the University of Georgia. The Sanctuary Choir Christmas party is scheduled for December 11 at 6:00pm at the Walker Barn.

Blessings,  
Janø

### PUMC CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE!

What to Wear: Worship leaders will go casual (jeans & sweaters/or shirts). Please feel free to dress as you wish! **ONE service 10 AM**

### OPERATION LEATHERNECK!

Due to the wonderful generosity of people of Perry United Methodist Church, support for the most recent effort for our Marines in Afghanistan again exceeded expectations. On September 30, 23 boxes of baked goods, powdered drink mix and reading materials were shipped, following up the highly successful effort in August. This program will continue in October, and this month we are requesting donations of prepaid telephone calling cards, eye drops (Visine, etc) and personal hygiene items (disposable razors, deodorant, body powder, etc). Our efforts to date have been greatly appreciated by the Marines and their attached allied forces, as evidenced by the numerous thank you letters that we have received. Cash donations to PUMC Methodist Men are greatly appreciated, and will be used to purchase additional items or pay shipping charges. Again, thanks to everyone who has supported this effort.

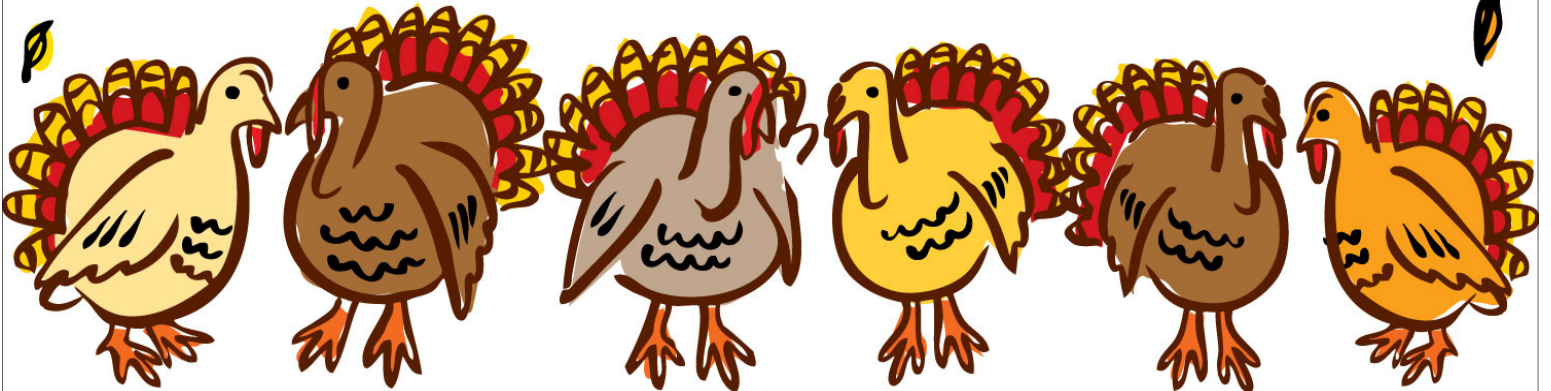
Dear PUMC, Thank you for your gift of \$3,000 to the ministry of The Methodist Home. Your gift is keeping us open in these difficult days. May God acknowledge your gift to us as a gift to Him; may His grace respond with blessing!

Dr. Derek W. McAleer  
Vice President for Development

November News from the PUMC Children's Department:

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party-November 6th at 4:30-Families invited to gather at the O'Neal building on Sunday afternoon to pack shoeboxes for OCC. We will all go to dinner after packing!  
 No W&SP Wednesday, November 23rd-Thanksgiving Break

We are thankful for our parents, our Sunday school teachers, our W&SP helpers, our children's church volunteers, our Bible study leaders, our acolyte coordinators, our nursery workers, and all others who help to nurture our children here at PUMC! Happy Thanksgiving!



 **YOUTH NEWS** 

**MYF SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER**

**11/6  
REGULAR SCHEDULE**

**11/13  
REGULAR SCHEDULE**

**11/20  
NO MYF:  
THANKSGIVING  
HOLIDAYS!**

**11/27  
NO MYF:  
THANKSGIVING  
HOLIDAYS!**

MYF FALL SCHEDULE

5:00 P.M.- MIDDLE SCHOOL  
 5:45 P.M.- SNACK SUPPER  
 6:15 P.M.- HIGH SCHOOL



**DINNER THEATER**  
 THURSDAY DEC. 1  
 AND  
 SATURDAY DEC. 3  
 7:00 P.M.  
 PRACTICE SUNDAYS AT 3:30 PM.

**PUMC  
 SKI TRIP  
 BOONE, NC  
 2/17-2/20  
 2012  
 \$195**

**SIGN-UP  
 BY  
 JAN. 8,  
 2012**

**\$100  
 DEPOSIT  
 DUE AT  
 SIGN-UP**

*WEDNESDAY  
 BREAKFAST &  
 BIBLE STUDY*



*PRAYER BREAKFAST:  
 7:00 A.M.  
 BIBLE STUDY:  
 6:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.*

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2011 Average Attendance	Sept.	Thru Oct. 23
Morning Worship	424	383
Sunday School	267	232
Evening Worship	38	65
Youth	36	25

Finance Report 2011	Thru Oct. 23
Budget Receipts	72,927.40
Needed Year to Date	900,532.23
Disbursements to Date	837,974.46
Received Year to Date	877,894.69

Finance Report 2011	Sept.
Budget Receipts	74,460.26
Needed Year to Date	878,429.25
Disbursements to Date	794,346.28
Received Year to Date	804,967.29

### MINISTERIAL SCHOLARS

Scholar Speaks: "Thank you for all the support in helping send me to Candler School of Theology this fall. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I will continue to be in prayer for the ministries God has given you at Perry UMC.

*Jonathan Brown,  
2011 recipient of Perry UMC Ministerial Scholarship*

### UMW CIRCLES

**BYKOTA** ~ Monday, Nov. 14, 3 p.m.

Hostess: Susan Pierce  
Program: Susan Pierce

**The Mary Marthas** - Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Hostess: Janie Pugh

**The Say So Circle** - Monday, Nov. 14, 12:00 p.m.

Hosts: Peggy Crum, Peggy Jerles, Hatsie Kinsley,  
Hazel Patton, Hilda Walker

### Ladies Bible Studies

Each Study is held in the Conference Room

**Mondays - 4:30 p.m.** - *Wising Up*  
**Mondays - 6:45 p.m.** - *Here and Now, There and Then*  
**Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m.** - *Proverbs* by Beth Moore  
**Wednesdays - 9:30 a.m.** - *Real Women, Real Faith, Vol 2*

### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

The UMW will host its annual *Advent by Candlelight* on Tuesday, November 29 at 7 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a lovely affair, with each table adorned with traditional Christmas decorations. Dessert and coffee are served, and an inspirational program is presented. There is no charge, but an offering is taken for local missions. This year, the designated mission is the prevention of child trafficking. All women of the church are invited to attend this outstanding Christmas event! Call the church office for reservations. (reservations required/childcare provided)

*Frances Worrall*

#### 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/Organist
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*  
Christie Rooks  
Amanda Barfield  
Cassie Lyon  
Chelsea Thigpen  
Tessa Hilgendorf

Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent

**Deepest Sympathy** to Charles and Dianne Ayer and family in the death of Charles' mother, Madge Ayer.

For information about **Wednesday Night Supper**, check [www.perryumc.org](http://www.perryumc.org) and/or the back of the PUMC Sunday bulletins.  
\$7/Adult \$3.25/Child  
5:15 ~ 6 p.m. Program at 6 p.m.

**INFORMATION FOR THE DECEMBER MESSENGER IS DUE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
Call the church office to submit info, 987-1852, ext 21



### PRIME TIME LUNCHEON November 3, 2011

**Captain Lisa Angell**  
Warner Robins Police Department speaker

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 Turkey Sandwich with Bacon, Tomato and Parmesan Sauce, Sweet Potato Fries, Cranberry/Apple Sauce Congealed Salad, Pumpkin Dessert.*

### Perry UMMen

**Nov. 21 - 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall**

Program To Be Announced  
*Dove being served for dinner!*  
No reservations required



Thank you for your gift of \$3,000 to The Methodist Home for Children and Youth. Your gift is keeping us open in these difficult days.  
*Dr. Derek McAleer, VP for Development*

"ERSLA" Emergency Response Services for Latin America would like to thank the members that attended the Wednesday night supper and the Sunday School class last week to learn more about our program. Thank you all for your support. The money raised will help to improve the lives of others and the emergency response in their communities in Nicaragua. Rodney McDonald, Dir.

### 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.