

# The Messenger

## Perry United Methodist Church

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### Lent, Not Lint



The conversation usually goes something like this: “What in the world is Lent? Is that the stuff in your pocket?” “Not exactly. That’s L-I-N-T, not L-E-N-T.”

Seems like most people have two basic responses to Lent. On one hand, people know either nothing about it, or they see Lent as a perfunctory duty but don’t understand why they’re doing what they’re doing.

Actually, Lent like Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas) prepares us for what is coming. Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter when we give God time to capture our attention. Like an accident on the side of the road, Lent slows you down and gets you to looking at just what’s going on “over there.”

Lent is a kind of “testing” time —as Jesus was tested for 40 days in the desert— a time that reminds you that you are *not* in control, and you don’t have it all figured out. It’s a time of vulnerability and letting go only to discover that your true strength comes from another place -- weakness. Or, as Paul put it in 2 Corinthians 12:9 -- (the Lord said to me) “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

So then, Lent is a time to reconfirm your dependency on Jesus and stand firm against the arrows of evil or the personal demons you harbor —lust, pride, greed, envy. Lent invites you to look at the vices you are nursing.

My prayer is that you and I will be open to the spirit during these 40 days in ways we never have before. It all begins Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in our sanctuary.

See you at the Lent (not lint) place as we journey to the cross!

*Rev. Jenny*

### SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY 2012

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service  
4:45 p.m. - Handbell Quartet Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. - UMYF - *see Youth Page*  
7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal

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

**Monday Feb. 27** - UMMen Meeting - *see back page*

#### Tuesdays

11:00 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal  
2:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting - Conference Room

#### Wednesdays

7:00 a.m. - Youth Breakfast  
4:00 p.m. - WASP  
5:15 p.m. - Wednesday Night Supper  
6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursdays

7:00 p.m. - CenterStage for Christ Rehearsal thru March 8 - Fellowship Hall  
February 2, Trustees Committee Meeting - 7 pm - Conference Room  
**First Thursday 12 p.m. - Prime Time Luncheon** - *see back page*  
*Bible Studies, see back page*



### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22 ~ 6:00 until 6:30 p.m.  
Perry UMC Sanctuary

*And the Lord Added ~*  
**Mike and Bethany Ballard**  
*Welcome!*

### FEBRUARY GREETERS

Date	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Feb. 5	John and Rene Sermon	Bob and Kollyn Lawson
Feb. 12	Rick and Martha Davis	Andy and Dana McKenzie
Feb. 19	Gary and Peggy Crum	Larry and Janice Walker
Feb. 26	Homer and Pat Lassiter	George and Janet Nunn

**TOWARD**  
**12 STEPS**  
**TOWARD**  
**SPIRITUAL MATURITY**

**FEB 15, 29 & MAR 7**

**30-MIN PROGRAM BEGINS 6 pm**

**JENNY JACKSON-ADAMS**  
**TEACHER**

# 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. . . .

- **Winter Coat Collection:** If you get a winter coat for Christmas, consider donating your old one to a needy person. We will be collecting coats beginning in January. Please use the gray bin in the Fellowship Hall for collecting them. The local fire department will distribute the coats to needy families.
- **ERSLA:** Deliveries of water filters in Nicaragua began in January thanks to our donations. These deliveries helped uncover some dangerous electrical problems. Our mission dollars are not only providing safe drinking water, but they are also saving lives.
- **Relay for Life:** Plans are underway for this year's Relay for Life Team. If you would like to be a part of that team, contact Linda Mason or Anita Williams.
- **Missions Update:** The Missions Committee will be presenting the program for Wednesday Night Supper on February 1st. Please plan to attend and see how your mission dollars are at work.

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 "2012" Dates

February 10 - PUMC Women's Retreat  
February 17 - Youth Ski Trip to Boone  
February 18 - UMW Prayer Brunch - Fellowship Hall  
**February 22 - Ash Wednesday**  
March 11 - Daylight Saving Time Begins  
**April 1 - Palm Sunday**  
April 2 thru 6 - Holy Week  
**April 8 - Easter Sunday**  
May 13 - Mother's Day  
June 3 thru 7 - PUMC Children's Camp  
June 17 - Father's Day  
July 9 thru 13 - PUMC Vacation Bible School  
July 19 thru 26 - PUMC Youth Camp

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Maj. Bill Booth, US Air Force, husband of Dawn Booth  
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



News from the Music Department.....

\*Welcome to Sheryl McDaniel, our new pianist. Sheryl has served the Perry Presbyterian Church and the Ft. Valley UMC Church. She is sister to Sybil Brown and grew up playing the piano in the Marshallville UMC.

\* I attended the Chorister's Guild Workshop at the Alpharetta UMC on January 20-21. Nationally recognized clinicians led music classes related to children, youth, adults, and handbells.

\* The Sanctuary Choir will attend a Hymn Festival at Mulberry UMC on Sunday, February 5, at 4:00. The event will be led by world renown composer of church music, Hal Hopson. Mr. Hopson contributed three hymns to our United Methodist hymnal. His most popular composition is *The Gift of Love*. The Hymn Festival is sponsored by the Macon Chapter American Guild of Organists and is open to the public.

All choirs are off to a great start! It's not too late to join and participate in the Easter and spring programs.

Blessings,  
Jane

**Greeting Cards Needed!** Please donate any **unused greeting cards with envelopes** to the Sweet Peas (People Excited About Serving). This is a new ministry providing greeting cards to detainees at the McEver Center and is an easy way for the men to stay in touch with their children. **Any kind of card**, including Christmas Cards and note cards, can be left at the PUMC Church Office. Thanks for your help. *Cathy Shaw*

## "CENTERSTAGE FOR CHRIST" PRESENTATION!

### *Aunt Pinky's Place*

Bringing back several of the characters from *Split Endz* and *Merpy Christmas*, *Aunt Pinky's Place*, another original comedy by Michael Kinsley is sure to provide audiences with laughter and a lesson on greed. Diane Love never changes with her stubborn, judgmental behavior along with her limited knowledge of the Bible. Mark your calendars for March 15-18 at 7:00.

## Men's Young Adult Bible Study

Thursday's @ 6:30pm in the Historical Room  
Discussion of Scripture and its application today.  
A time of sharing, questioning, reading, and applying.  
*Contact Kim Cassell @ 542-1200*

# FEBRUARY

## Heart Attack!

A combined Valentine Party for Children and Youth!  
 Sunday, February 12th 6-8pm in the PUMC Fellowship Hall  
 Call the church office today to sign up to attend!

Dinner, Valentine activities, a special presentation by one of our youth, and lots of learning about God's LOVE!

Parents, enjoy a date night out while the kids have fun at church!

Sign up deadline is Wednesday, February 8th.

### WASP News!

We continue our Bible study on worship, Center Stage, each Wednesday from 4:00-5:30! We will have snacks on Wednesday, February 15th. We will not meet on February 22nd due to Winter Break.

In planning ahead for our Annual Easter egg hunt, if you have any empty plastic eggs at home that you would like to let us reuse this year, please drop them off in the bin in the church office.

The egg hunt will be held immediately following the 11am service on Palm Sunday along with a covered dish luncheon.

Family Bible Study coming in March! MYTHBUSTERS...Each Sunday in March from 2-3 in the Afternoon. Families can come to morning church service, go grab a bite for lunch, and come back to church to gather for Bible study and dessert. Families must sign up to attend by February 20th. Please consider making this 4 week commitment with your kids! We will study God's word, play games, make crazy snacks, and have family challenges! It's an event your family won't want to miss!

\*\*\*Nursery will be available for younger children by reservation.



## YOUTH NEWS



### MYF SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY:

2/5  
REGULAR SCHEDULE

2/12  
HEART ATTACK!  
6-8PM IN F.HALL

2/19  
NO MYF (SKI TRIP)

2/26  
REGULAR SCHEDULE

### WE HAVE A NEW MYF SCHEDULE

ALL TOGETHER FROM 5 TO 7 PM!!!!

**MISSION TRIP**  
**June 24-30th**  
**TEAMeffort!**  
**Blue Ridge Mtns.**  
 More info to come!

### Heart Attack!

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 Fellowship Hall  
 A Combined Valentine Party for Children and Youth!



### 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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Average Attendance	Dec. 2011	Thru Jan. 22 2012
Morning Worship	511	406
Sunday School	306	265
Evening Worship	44	38
Youth	18	38

Finance Report 2012	Thru Jan. 22
Budget Receipts	87,949.78
Needed Year to Date	65,374.38
Disbursements to Date	57,855.42
Received Year to Date	87,940.78

Finance Report 2011	December
Budget Receipts	129,741.43
Needed Year to Date	1,171,239.00
Disbursements to Date	1,033,725.82
Received Year to Date	1,129,915.65

**AMERICUS DISTRICT PRAYER BRUNCH AT PUMC**

February 18 Registration at 9:30 a.m.  
For reservations, call Ann Hargrave at 478-244-3167 or email granann@comsouth.net  
All Women of the Church Invited!  
9:30 until 11:30 am  
\$5 per person for brunch  
Suzanne Powell will tell of her mission trip to Brazil.

**Ladies Bible Studies**

Each Study is held in the Conference Room

**Mondays - 4:30 p.m.** - *Wising Up*  
**Mondays - 6:45 p.m.** - *James: Mercy Triumphs-Beth Moore*  
**Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m.** - *Proverbs* by Beth Moore  
**Wednesdays - 9:30 a.m.** - *The Life of Jesus: Connecting the Bible to Life*

**UMW CIRCLES 2012 ~ Monday, February 13**

**BYKOTA**, 3 pm - Hostess, Grace Cook  
**The Mary Marthas**, 6:30 pm - Hostess, Susan Barfield  
**The Say So Circle**, 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

**2012 PUMC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

February 10 and 11, 2012

Sixth Annual Women's Conference.

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams, Key Speaker

**Friday**, 6:30 pm - *Snacks/Fellowship*  
7 pm - *Speaker*  
8 pm - *Craft/Fellowship*

**Saturday**, 9-9:30 am - *Pancakes and Fruit*  
9:45 - *Music, Session with DVD and Small Groups*  
12:00 - *Lunch and Drama*  
*One Session with DVD Small Groups*  
2:30 - *Music/Prayer Ending Session*

For more info contact Nanette O'Neill at 988-7804

**Wednesday Night Supper**

\$7/Adult  
\$3.25/Child  
5:15 ~ 6 p.m.  
Program at 6 p.m.  
No registration

**WNS MENUS AND PROGRAMS**

**Feb. 1** ~ Pot Roast, Rice/Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Biscuits, Dessert  
**Feb. 8** ~ Chicken Pot Pie, Baby Lima Beans, Congealed Salad, Biscuits, Dessert  
**Feb 15** ~ Chopped Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Dessert  
**Feb. 22** ~ Chicken Chow Mein, Watergate Salad, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuits, Dessert  
**Feb. 29** ~ Meatloaf, Pear Salad, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Biscuits, Dessert

**WNS Program - 6:00 pm**

February 1 - Missions Report  
February 8 - Pam Bazemore  
Feb. 15 - Rev. Jackson-Adams  
**Feb. 22 - Dinner Only (Ash Wed.)**  
Feb. 29 - Rev. Jackson-Adams  
March 7 - Rev. Jackson-Adams



**PRIME TIME LUNCHEON**  
February 2, 2012

Entertainment by  
**Pam Bazemore, soloist**  
of Countenance Trio

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:** Ground Beef Stroganoff, Rice, Vegetable Salad, Cheesecake w/Cherry Topping



**Deepest Sympathy**

To Kim and Jeanie Cassell and family, in the death of Kim's mother, Caroline Cassell.

To Ann Hargrave and family in the death of Ann's sister, Martha Roberts.

Iris and Louis Tedders in the death of Iris' mother, Irene Stripling Hubble Davis.

**Perry UMMen**  
February 27 - 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Dinner Served  
No reservations required



**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.

**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
Sheryl McDaniel	Pianist
Deborah Walker	Pianist
Dicky Gilbert	Audiovisual Technician

**Nursery Workers**

John Williams, Building Supt.	Christie Rooks	Amanda Barfield
Alice Releford, Custodian	Cassie Murman	Chelsea Thigpen
Polly Passinault, Financial Secretary	Tessa Hilgendorf	
Ginger Vance, Admin. Assistant		

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

Resident Bishop  
District Superintendent