

Perry Press

Volunteer Opportunities

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HOW you can HELP

At PPC, we always welcome volunteers to help in our many ministry areas. Here are a few ways you can prayerfully consider:

WORSHIP MINISTRY:

Our Worship Teams consist of musicians, sound and live streaming technicians. All share a love for music, a passion for worshipping God, and a desire to use their talents to serve Him. We welcome all those interested in serving! If you are interested or have questions, Gary Johnson would love to hear from you.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Our Creekside Kids program will begin September 7. We need volunteers to help teach Bible Study classes to elementary age students, volunteers to help serve snacks, and volunteers to help with music and craft projects. If you are interested, Denise O'Neal would love to hear from you.

The Pastor's Pen

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Readings from Romans

Dear Covenant Family,

I hope and trust that you are well and ready for more temperate weather that we will get in September. I think perhaps I am being overly optimistic because at present I am in Bar Harbor, Maine visiting Susanna and Tyler and the grandchildren. And, it is a beautiful and balmy 60 degrees and very comfortable. Anne and I are having a wonderful time of family, R & R and we are enjoying the grands and our visit with Susanna and Tyler. We are also enjoying this beautiful city with it's amazing views! I appreciate your prayers as we rest and get rejuvenated.

In my reading, I ran across some verses in Romans 15 that I found very challenging and encouraging. It is Romans 15:5-7 which says, "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

These verses remind us that living together in harmony requires endurance and encouragement that comes from our very generous and powerful Savior and Lord. It is only as we trust in and depend upon His grace that we can love one another with the love of Christ and glorify our Heavenly Father as we live in harmony. And it is only by God's grace and enabling. But as Jesus reminds us in His word of promise, "My grace is sufficient, and my grace is made perfect in weakness."

Our purpose statement at Perry Presbyterian Church is *"Perry Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God by making disciples who love God, who love one another, and who reach their world with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."* Loving one another with the kind of love the apostle Paul describes in Romans 15 is part of our purpose at Perry Presbyterian Church. It is part of our identity as His children. And when we by God's grace and enablement, learn to love one another well, we will glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. And, Jesus will use this love to draw men to Christ. Remember our Lord said, "By this will all men know that you are my disciples if you love one another." (John 13:35)

May the Lord give us grace and strength to love one another well!

Have a wonderful September! My prayers are with you!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Parker



Please let us know how we can pray for you. Contact the church office or an elder with any prayer requests.

Health Concerns

For Our Church Family:

Kat & Leeza Brown, Jim and Jona Clark, John Geiger, Donna Lehr, Doug Lilley, Virginia Bryant, Carol Fudge, Herbert Moore, Joanne Solomon, Jim Stovall, Ellen Wright

For Extended Family:

Ryan Brewer, Diane Graham, Brian Griffin, Steve Howe, Adam Jones, Hulda Moseley, Chalese Newberry, Joe Rogers, Scotty Rogers, Erin Vogel, Landon Whitehead, Sandy Woods' daughter – Heidi Doster, John Legg

Military Families: Troy Doster, Nick & Izelde Fricchione, Tyler & Kelly Franklin, Aaron Lilley, Cody Ramos, Jeff & Beth Sabelko, Jason & Ellen Skelton, Grace Tinkey, Eddie Wiggins

Other Needs: Lexi & Art Reilly and their twin babies, Evalyn & Trace

Senior-itis

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Fun Facts Associated with Senior Adults and the Senior Adult Ministry of Perry Presbyterian Church

STATS

Some 47 million senior adults live in the United States, which represents 14.5 % of our population. It is estimated that by 2060, that number will more than double, with 100 million Americans being 65 or older!

STARS

Amy Carmichael was an Irish Christian missionary in India, who founded the Dohnavur mission, a home for rescued children. She wrote 35 books about her work there and served others into her 80's.

STITCHES

I got myself a new Senior Adult GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get there...it reminds me why I went there in the first place.

I don't plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have facelifts until my ears meet.
– Rita Rudner

Wrinkles merely indicate where the smiles have been. – Mark Twain

STATUTES

The Lord says, "Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will carry you! I have done it, and I will bear you; and I will carry you and I will save you." Isaiah 46:4

STANDBY

Senior Adult Luncheon – Monday, September 26, 2022

Missionary Update

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College students are the focus of 10 ministries we pray for. Seven of those are Reformed University Fellowship ministries. While we pray earnestly for them all, this month we focus on John Gordy, the RUF campus minister at Valdosta State. His wife, Sarah and daughters Grace and Charlotte are frequently involved. John shares glimpses to guide our prayers for them:

The last month has been busy with outreach, as avenues to meet new students, we have helped with move-in day, hosted a kickoff dinner, given out popsicles on the 1st day of class and participated in VSU's student organization fair. So encouraging to see a mix of believers and unbelievers come to our group. I am preaching through Mark's gospel this fall. Please pray God will work in students' hearts...changing them as they confront Jesus' person and work. Pray they will continue to feel welcome and connected to our group. Our family is doing well. The girls are enjoying school and their ballet classes after school. Pray they continue to grow in knowledge of Jesus and trust in Him as their Lord and Savior.

Our RUF missionaries and all others involved will colleges are on the cutting edge in our culture today. Pray for them without ceasing.

Youth Ministry

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We are back!

What does it look like to be a Christian in a community? How are we to love our neighbor? These are questions that the book of James seeks to answer. As the youth group learns to grow together after seeing so many old friends graduate and younger faces coming up, this book is essential for us to hear.

WHEN: Sunday evenings from 6:00pm – 8:00pm beginning the 11th

From the heart of Jesus to His stories

Have you ever wondered what it was like to share a meal with Jesus? What would it be like to hear Jesus talk and pray in private? We have gotten a glimpse of that during the summer by studying John 13-17 where Jesus shares with His disciples behind the closed doors of the upper room. As we end the study, we will shift our gaze to the stories Jesus shared in public...His Parables. We will explore the meaning of the confusing yet rich stories of Jesus.

WHEN: During Sunday School beginning the 11th

What are we doing?

This month we will take a ride up to Lithia Springs, GA to visit Sweetwater Creek State Park. There we will hike to get a view of the old Civil War ruins and enjoy a nice picnic in God’s creation. To cap it off, we will then head to Dekalb Farmers Market to explore the many different cultures represented there via a scavenger hunt.

WHEN: Saturday, September 17th

Parent Encouragement

Parents who are committed to Christ, growing in their faith, and humbly learning to rely on Christ quickly learn that weaknesses are the stage on which God showers us with His grace and His power. Through it all, we learn not to depend on our undependable selves, but on Him. The greater our awareness of our own weaknesses, the more conspicuous is the power of God’s grace in our lives and in our parenting. God’s power is manifested in the weak...and that’s just where He wants us! (CPYU Parent Page, August 2022)

Deadlines

Hiking & Hunt (Sweetwater State Park) September 17th

Permission Form due September 11th

Snowwonder January 13-16

\$30 deposit due September 4th

September Church Calendar

- 4th Worship, 9:30am
- 5th Office Closed
- 6th Playschool Open House
- 7th Playschool Classes Begin
- 7th Creekside Kids begin 3:45
- 11th Worship – 9:30am
- 11th Combined Youth Bible Study
- 14th Deacon’s Meeting 6:30pm
- 14th Creekside Kids – 3:45
- 15th Women’s Bible Study – 9:30
- 17th Men’s Breakfast – 8:00 am
- 17th Youth Hiking Trip
- 18th Worship – 9:30am
- 18th Combined Youth Bible Study
- 21st Session Meeting – 6:30pm
- 21st Creekside Kids – 3:34pm
- 22nd Women’s Bible Study – 9:30
- 25th Worship – 9:30am
- 25th Combined Youth Bible Study
- 26th Senior Saints Luncheon 12pm
- 28th Creekside Kids – 3:45



**LOOKING
TOWARD
FALL**

July 2022 Financial Report

	July 22	YTD (Dec 21 – July 22)
Undesignated Offerings	\$44,440.94	\$485,444.15
Carlos Molina Educational Fund	\$450.00	\$3,060.00
Capital Fund	\$600.00	\$19,545.00
Total Offerings	\$45,490.94	\$508,049.15
Expenses	\$74,432.41	\$523,919.48
Capital Fund Balance		\$58,148.38

Children's Ministry

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Our mission at Perry Presbyterian is for children from birth through fifth grade to learn the essentials of the Christian faith. We believe parents have the primary responsibility before God to train their children, but the church supports parents in this task. Children of this age have the opportunity to learn the doctrines of faith through Sunday School, Creekside Kids and Vacation Bible School. These activities give children the opportunity to invite friends to our church exposing children to evangelism at an early age. It is our goal to encourage children to enter into a personal relationship with Christ and to know His Word.

Creekside Kids is our weekly children's meeting, every Wednesday from 3:45pm to 5:30pm during the months of September through March. This mission of Creekside Kids is to help children put Christ first in every phase of life, form healthy relationships, and develop positive feelings about themselves. We use this club to organize many fellowship activities for our children. Volunteers are needed

Meeting Schedule for September: September 7th, September 14th, September 21st, September 28th.

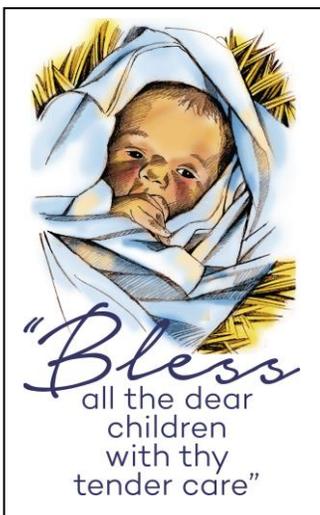
September Birthday wishes: Happy Birthday Emma Eubanks!!!



Fall Into Fun with WOW

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You may have heard the Women's Ministry at Perry Presbyterian has a new name – WOW! Recently, we launched a search for the perfect name that would honor God and reveal the secret mantra of us all – "Girls just wanna have fun!" Susanna Agnew Walden gave us the answer – WOW – Women of Worth. This new name captures everything we were hoping for! Our worth as women comes straight from our Creator. The role He created for us to play is multi-dimensional and unique. That role can often be overwhelming, but He is always there to strengthen and empower us. He does that through His Word, prayer, worship, teachings and time spent with other women whose experiences are so similar to our own. The Thursday morning Bible Study will begin September 15th. We will meet at the home of Jane Shepley at 9:30am. The new study is Nancy Guthrie's book on Revelation. Call Bridget to reserve a book. Come and invite a friend. As WOW would indicate, we like to have fun. Our group loves to take a break from busyness and relax and have fun. We've been doing just that with skits, games, hilarious conversations, and food. Yes, dinner! No covered dish, no cook and bring. Even transportation can be provided if you need a ride. Our next WOW night is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th. "Fall Into Fun" will have some surprises (you may discover a hidden talent!) The evening will not disappoint! So...join us October 6th for a soup and salad supper and be prepared for fun. More details to come.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Carsten and Lesley-Anne Franklin welcomed a baby boy, John Michael Hilton Franklin in the world on Wednesday, August 31. He weighed 7 lbs 7 oz. His proud grandparents are Mike and Bonnie Franklin.

Art and Lexie Reilly were blessed with twins, a boy and a girl on September 1. Arthur William Reilly III (Trace) weighed 2.9 lbs and Evalyn Frances Reilly weighed 3.9 lbs. Proud grandparents are Bill and Robin O'Neal.

They are doing very well, but ask for your continued prayers..