

1st Presbyterian Church Newsletter

December 2025 - January 2026



First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg

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Celebrating Christ's love for all people

Una Posada

Sun Dec 14 at 5:00pm

Juan Pablo and Pastor Katie invite you to their home this evening to experience one night of Las Posadas which are nightly gatherings usually between Dec. 16 and Dec. 23, that reenact Mary and Joseph looking for some place to stay in Jerusalem before Jesus was born. Our address is 29644 East River Rd., Perrysburg. We live in Hamlet Commons. We are in the center of the three buildings on the property. And we live on the second floor, so we are only accessible by stairs. You can find parking in front of the buildings off of River Rd., and a couple of cars can park in front of our garage door, which is visible from White Rd. We will be offering a traditional Mexican ponche (similar to mulled cider), pork and chicken tamales, churros, and a variety of Mexican candies in the piñata.



SOLSTICE PARTY

SAT, DEC 20 AT 5:30PM

The Hollar Chavez family warmly invites you to their residence at 16420 West River Rd., Bowling Green for a gathering on the longest night of the year. Please inform them if you plan to attend. Feel free to bring your own drink. Also, you can park in their yard.

The annual Christmas Pageant will be held during the Sunday service on December 14th. Please ensure that children arrive at church by 9:30 so they can put on their costumes and rehearse the songs. As always, this promises to be a lovely morning commemorating the birth of our Lord and Savior. Don't forget to join the children in Fellowship Hall for a cookie reception to celebrate yet another successful pageant.

Christmas Pageant on Dec 14

Join us during Sunday service

Kindly remember to purchase and bring poinsettias on Sunday, December 21, for the Christmas Eve service.



Pastor's Page:



“Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

—Luke 1:78-79

Holy Advent & Blessed Christmas to you, my siblings in Christ.

At this moment we are still less than a month out from hosting the November meeting of the Maumee Valley Presbytery, which is kind of stunning considering all the other things we did *after*. So, I want to congratulate all who participated in hosting the meeting. It was very well done. You all *impressed* with the joyful welcome you so effortlessly produce. The lunchtime meal was simple and satisfying. The hallway and doorway hosting was on point. The registration crew were utterly charming. Well done, good and faithful servants.

And I give special honor and recognition to all the behind the scenes work and worrying that was done partly by Stephen Potts, a little by Juan Pablo Rivera Torea, and A WHOLE, WHOLE LOT by Nancy Gates, Jo Salvage, and Amy Reiter. (I only worry that we did so well they will ask us to host again next year. Ha!)

The following day, the Community Outreach Team hosted the Thanksgiving Table. It was quite a blessing and very well attended. Huge thanks to the Community Outreach Team, as most of you helped with the Presbytery meeting as well! And on the heels of that you all prepared for the arrival of the Christmas Trees, Hung the Greens, and commenced with selling the Christmas Trees. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

The goal now is to create space for quiet, for rest, for coziness amid all the swirl of Christmas and end of the year preparations. The goal is to let God comfort us in our tender places a bit. The goal is to receive the love God is extending to meet our needs. Take time, Beloveds. Make time, Beloveds, to receive the gift of Christmas, which is for all who are weary, brokenhearted, and yearning.



In January we hope you will join a study group for the book *Nonviolent Communication*, by Marshall Rosenberg. The church has purchased 20 copies of the book which are available now—simply ask Pastor Katie. If you purchase your own copy, MAKE SURE it is the 3RD edition. If you have a family, a job, a social group, a neighbor, if you in some way or another encounter other people, you will find this book and its practices useful.

God bless you and keep you, Pastor Katie



Community Outreach

The Table: Dec 17th at 5pm

PCU "One Day Sunday": Dec 30th - Soup
Reverse Advent Calendar - Are you filling up your box?

*Louis Kashiri Fundraiser: CO Team
donated \$300*

**Christmas Joy Offering: ends Dec 21st - please
consider giving!**

ANGEL TREE: THANKFUL AND GRATEFUL FOR THOSE THAT SPONSORED A
CHILD - RETURN GIFT BY DEC 14TH

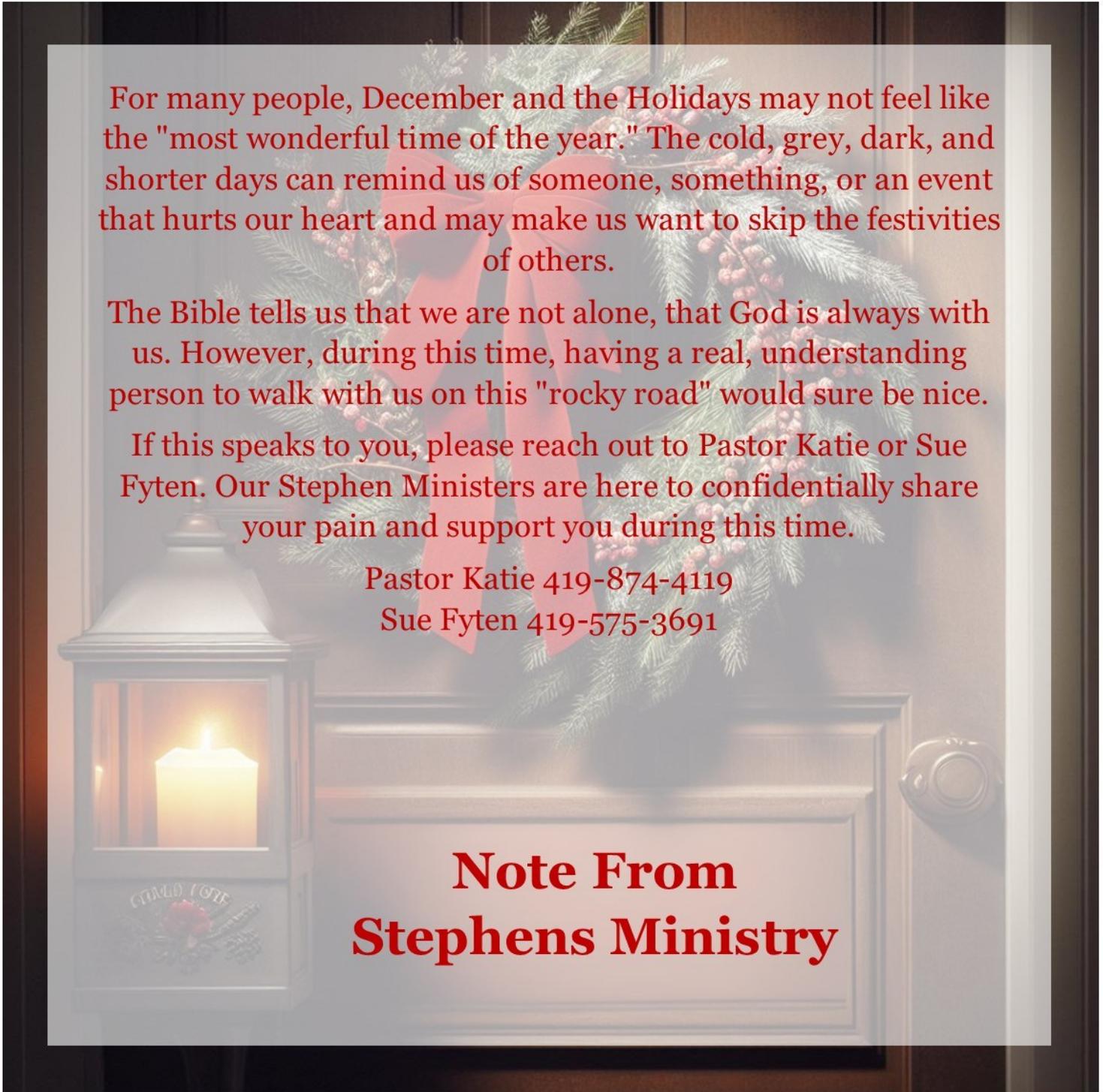
Christmas "Adopt A Family": Our same family as last year -
mom, 7yr old, 3 yr old

David Nunn - Thank you again for your generous donation of
\$300

CO Team - \$224

Gilts' - \$75 towards food/gas cards for mom

Thank you Lisa Nunn for all the fun shopping and wrapping!



For many people, December and the Holidays may not feel like the "most wonderful time of the year." The cold, grey, dark, and shorter days can remind us of someone, something, or an event that hurts our heart and may make us want to skip the festivities of others.

The Bible tells us that we are not alone, that God is always with us. However, during this time, having a real, understanding person to walk with us on this "rocky road" would sure be nice.

If this speaks to you, please reach out to Pastor Katie or Sue Fyten. Our Stephen Ministers are here to confidentially share your pain and support you during this time.

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Note From Stephens Ministry



Bring 1-2 dozen cookies for the Cookie Gala on December 14. Let's celebrate another successful Children's Pageant!



Peyton & Celeste Hollar received their personal Bibles during the service on Dec 7th .

Clerk of Session, Jo Salvage & Pastor Katie welcome Paul Martell & David Rowland-Miller into church membership on Nov 16th.



May God's grace be with you every step you take.



December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 Children's Pageant Cookie Gala 5pm Una Posada	15	16 10am Bible Study	17 5pm The Table 6pm AlAnon	18	19 5:45pm Toastmasters	20 5:30pm Solstice Party
21 10am Worship	22	23 10am Bible Study 1pm JoyBelles	24 7pm Christmas Eve Worship	25 	26	27
28 10am Worship	29	30 10am Bible Study	31 6pm AlAnon			

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS:

December 14: Stephen Potts, Lowrie Gilmore & Allison Mackin, Sarah Magoun, Kathy Jarosz

December 21: Don Youel, Cecilia Richardson & Delbert Duckins/Marty Sloan, Fay Mitchell, Gretchen Downs

December 28: Stephen Potts, Sarah & Lizzie Crawford/Allison Mackin, Isla/Fiona Davies, Stephen Potts

January 4: Don Youel, Rick & Mary Beth Gilts, Fay Mitchell, Nancy Gates

Communion: Kathy East & Kathy Jarosz, David & Susan Rowland Miller

January 11: Stephen Potts, Jay & Jo Salvage, Matt Hollar/Michelle Chavez, Kathy Jarosz

January 18: Don Youel, Rauscher Family, Marti Clayton, Gretchen Downs

January 25: Don Youel, Tom & Karen Lingeman, Megan/Jane Merrell, Stephen Potts

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4 10am Worship Communion	5	6 10am Bible Study	7 5pm Worship & Music Team 6pm Community Outreach 6pm AlAnon	8	9	10
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