

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, April 12, 2026:

Second Sunday of Easter ~ 9: 30 am Worship  
Hallelujah Hand Bells are playing  
8:45 Fresh Start Host: Pam Thompson  
9:30 **Worship Message:** Jackie McLaughlin  
**Liturgist:** Arlene Messenger  
**Ushers:** Walt & Laura Elliott  
**Counters:** Margie Gibson & Jim Riha  
4:00 Bear Scout Meeting

### Monday, April 13, 2026:

9:30 Women's Bible Study  
7:00 Bible Study @ Ken & Diana Rodd's home

### Tuesday, April 14, 2026:

6:30-7:30 Hallelujah Handbell Choir Reh.  
7:00 Scout Troop 71

### Wednesday, April 15, 2026:

8:00 Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Perry Family Diner  
3:00 Prayer Time: live Streamed

### Thursday, April 16:

2:00 Group Prayer Session @Chapel UMC  
Praying for our Church Family, COMMUNITY,  
and God's direction and guidance as we  
connect and build relationships.

### Saturday, April 18:

9:00 Church Clean up day

### Third Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2026:

9:30am Worship  
8:45 Fresh Start Host: ?  
9:30 **Worship Message:** Pastor Scott Racut  
**Liturgist:** Sharon Biddle  
**Ushers:** Walt & Laura Elliott  
**Counters:** Jim Riha & Arlene Messenger  
4:00 Bear Scout Meeting

## Announcements

Perry United Methodist  
Church CLEAN UP DAY  
Saturday, April 18th  
starting at 9am



Our scout troops and youth group have volunteered to help clean up around the church on Saturday, April 18th starting at 9am. We could use a few other volunteers to help out - if you could spare a couple of hours on Saturday morning please be at the church at 9am. Any questions - please see Randy Morris, Dave Gilson or Walt Elliott. Thanks for volunteering.



Prayer requests: please fill out a yellow card in the pews and put into the offering plates when passed by the ushers. Offering amount: 6641.00  
Amount needed weekly for Budget:

**\$2,250.00**

Attendance: 50 in-house  
25 on-line

## Perry United Methodist Church

John 20:29

**Blessed**  
Are those  
who  
**Have Not**  
seen and  
yet believe



April 12, 2026 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

Live streaming on YouTube  
@ perryumc450

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**Church Office Hours:**

Monday 10a - 4p and Wednesday 10a - 4p

These are not the Pastor's office hours.

# ***Welcome to Worship***

*\*Stand to worship the Lord as you are able in body or in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC/PRELUDE Brian Mather  
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jackie McLaughlin  
HALLELUJAH HANDBELLS Ken Rodd, Director  
“Song of the Cross” Arr. by Arnold Sherman

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Arlene Messenger

*L = Liturgist P = People*

L: Easter People, Christ is risen!

**P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up:  
How do we know? What’s the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**P: Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

L: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses to Christ’s resurrection  
who struggle to understand the doubts of others.

**P: Within our uncertainty, Christ appears**

L: Whether you come to worship full of uncertainty or doubt, you are welcome here,  
for we are all participants in the story of God’s salvific work in the world, a story still  
unfolding all around us.

**P: We gather to worship believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected  
Christ dwells among us. Amen.** {Rev. Lisa Hancock}

\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to  
redeem us by sending your son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that  
the resurrected Christ is giving us. A life beyond our doubts, faith over fear,  
courage over confusion belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As  
we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst,  
reminding us of your love and purpose. Amen.**

{Rev. Vinod Wesley}

\*OPENING HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” UMH # 154

GIVING INVITATION: Jackie McLaughlin  
USHERS: Walt & Laura Elliott

\*RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS:  
“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW” UMH # 95

\*DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS Jackie McLaughlin

SHARING OF PRAISES & PRAYERS Jackie McLaughlin  
Livestream CommUNITY Requests

**HYMN OF ILLUMINATION** “Lord of the Dance” VIDEO  
by Sydney Bertram Carter  
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SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 1: 3-9 Arlene Messenger

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 20: 19-31 Jackie McLaughlin

MESSAGE: “IS YOUR NAME THOMAS?” Jackie McLaughlin

\*CLOSING HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH # 431

\*BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE ~ Go in Peace and Live in Love! ~ Computer

Anyone needing additional Prayer, please join Mary at the front of the church after  
service.

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## **Scripture to Meditate on During Seasons of Transition and Change:**

One of the greatest ways to remind ourselves of what God has to say during these times of Transition and change is reading His Word. God has left us with His Word to help give us Peace during these seasons where everything around us or in us is changing.

“For I hold you by your right hand - I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, ‘Don’t be afraid. I am here to help you.”

Isaiah 41: 13