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PSALM 121:2



**Pastor Vic's
Epistle**

In trying times, look to rules of the church

Greetings,

The past several months have been a time of mixed feelings for many. On one side of the spectrum, there are those who are elated their candidate won — and who seems to me attempting to keep many of his campaign promises by causing upheaval in government. On the other end, there are those who are worried, sadden and fearful of what may come next. They read or watch the news and wonder what is becoming

of the country they love.

The reality is that both those viewpoints exist within the same families, workplaces and even churches. Perry Hall is a diverse community and our church is a reflection of that. My concern is that we will allow the current political situation to pull us apart and away from the plans that God has for us as individuals and as community of faith.

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March 5 (1st Sunday of Lent): “Led by the Spirit”; Matthew 4:1-11

March 12: “Looking for Help”; Psalm 121

March 19: “Conversation by a Well”; John 4:5-42

March 26: “Seeing Clearly”; John 9:1-41

April 2: “Unbound”; John 11:1-45

April 9 (Palm Sunday): “Triumph and Passion”; Matthew 21:1-11

Worship Assistants

	Service	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Ushers	8:15 a.m.	Jim George, Walt Pittack			
	11 a.m.	Troy Lingelbach, Bonnie Lingelbach, Andrew Lingelbach, Jacob Lingelbach			
Greeters	9:30 a.m.	Ryan and Willow Schneider			
	11 a.m.	Neil and Debbie Zimmerman			
Security		TBD			
Acolytes	8:15 a.m.	Sam Dinesh Kumar	—	Lily Van Hook	—
	11 a.m.	Jackson Mlynski	Alyssa Hausman	Faith Kalendek	Gabbi Paulson
Altar Guild		Bettye Gramlich Lois Welsh	Lisa Ashmore Helen Geppi	Peggy Whiting Pat Walter	Bonnie Lingelbach Kay Pokrzywa
Sunday School office		Ken McCracken	Dawn Hastings	Charlene Paulson	Kim Harner
Cribbery	9:30 a.m.	Debbie Zimmerman and Mary Janowich	Willow and Ryan Schneider	Amy Harryman and Leah	Jason and Brenda Reinhart
Lay Reader	8:15 a.m.	Al Simkins	Bettye Gramlich	Al Simkins	Tom Parker
	9:30 a.m.	Charlene Paulson	Kay Pokrzywa	Julie Evans	Dan Walker
	11 a.m.	Peggy Whiting	Norm Smith	Robb Paulson	Kim Harner

Our Mission Statement

“As members of Perry Hall United Methodist Church, we proclaim God’s unconditional love for all, which compels us to love one another as Christ loves, and to provide opportunities to grow through nurture and service.”

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EPISTLE: Guidance in rules of the church

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But how do we, with such divergent opinions, move forward in times like this? I suggest we look to our history and follow the General Rules of the church.

Rule #1: Do no harm. This means that all my actions will not Harm another of God’s children or to any part of God’s creation. I will stop and consider before — I speak, write, or do — will these word or actions cause Harm to the others, my faith, my church or even the cause of Christ?

Rule #2: Do good. This means that I will follow the example of Jesus and extend hospitality and goodness to all people. I will listen and respond with love to everyone I meet. I will replace hatred with love.

Rule #3: Stay in love with God. This means that I will practice my faith in such a manner as to sustain me in my daily life. I will use all of the “tools” of my faith: worship, prayer, fellowship, fasting, service and more to keep my grounded and centered in the love of God so I can extend that love to others.

My prayer, as a church and as individuals, is that we be there for one another and our community at large.

*Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Vic*

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Awesome eats await for lunch March 25

Do you know what you are having for lunch on **Saturday, March 25**? Why, pit beef, pit ham and pit turkey, of course!!

Stop by the church parking lot for a great sandwich. We will be **open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** No other event, just a delicious lunch! Hope to see you there!



COM meetings shift to Tuesday rotation

The **Council on Ministries**, which for years has met on Saturdays, is shifting its bimonthly meeting to the first Tuesday of every other month. The next **COM meeting is Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m.** in the meeting room on the first floor.

The move aligns COM with the church's other regular meetings — joining the rotation of Trustees (2nd Tuesday), Finance Committee (3rd Tuesday), and Administrative Board (4th Tuesday) meetings in January, March, May, September, and November.

All are invited to attend COM, which help plan the activities of the church's various ministries. Any questions, please see Jeannie Ross, COM chairperson.

We are planning our **annual Acolyte training session** for children who have signed up to begin acolyting this year. Acolyting is a great way for our younger members to become involved in worship and service to the church.

Tentatively scheduled is an hourlong meeting in the Sanctuary on a Friday evening within the next few weeks. If your child is at least 8 years old and is interested in becoming a PHUMC acolyte this year, please contact Joyce Ziegler at 443-540-6825 to be included in the training.



Indie artist Teporah comes from a long line of musicians on both sides of her family. Her songwriting and piano talents, influenced by classical, blues, jazz and folk and molded into her own sound, will be on display as the featured artist at this month's Folk Music Night.

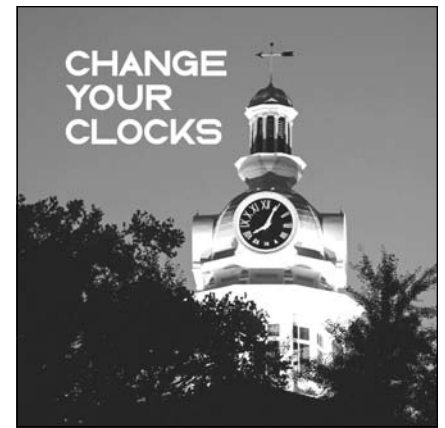
Check her out at www.teporah.com/.

The **March Folk Music Night is Saturday, March 11, 7-10 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The stage (and mike) is open before and after the main act and light refreshments will be served. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. If you wish, you may bring a dessert or snack to share. Questions? Contact Neil Zimmerman at (410) 529-7176.

OCC UPDATE AND THANKS: Many thanks to all of our PHUMC family for their generous support of Operation Christmas Child again this year. Thanks to you, we sent 168 shoeboxes on their way, filled with toys, school supplies, handmade gifts, toiletries and letters to warm the hearts of children. And thanks to the many of you who helped in other ways, such as contributing to shipping costs, making jump ropes (even at home), and helping out at packing parties.

All told in 2016, OCC came very close to their goal of 12 million shoeboxes this year, with 11,485,662 boxes that will delight millions of children and share the news of Jesus Christ with many families all over the world.

*Thank you again for your generous hearts,
Your Friends in 5th/6th grade Sunday school class*



It's time to officially **spring forward** — even if it feels as if spring has been here awhile with winter barely causing a stir the past month.

Daylight saving time begins **Sunday, March 12, at 2 a.m.** The night before, be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour.



On Wednesday, March 1, Pastor Vic will lead two services to mark **Ash Wednesday.**

Join us at **noon and 7 p.m.** for a Service of Prayer, Communion and the Imposition of the Ashes.



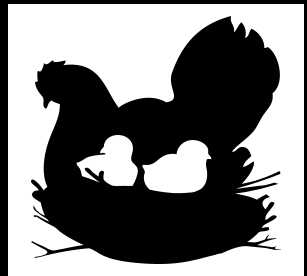
A **Welcome Lunch** to celebrate those who have **joined us from Overlea UMC** is planned for **Sunday, April 2,** after the 11 a.m. service. More details will follow in the bulletin, but please hold the date for this special event.



CHURCH 101

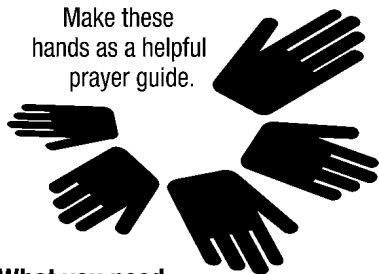
Hen

The hen represents Jesus' deep care and compassion even for those who killed prophets God had sent to them. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem," mourned Jesus shortly before his death. "How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (Matthew 23:37, ESV).



PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below. Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7, NIV



- 2 — Betty Burton
- 3 — Taylor Baranoski, Violet Johnson
- 4 — Kenneth Ramberg
- 7 — Betty Ireland
- 11 — Andrew Lingelbach
- 12 — Shirley Burton
- 14 — David Ross
- 19 — Faye Burton, Jacob Benner
- 20 — Janeen Beebe
- 23 — Thomas Proffitt
- 24 — Taylor Malatesta
- 25 — Joey Schneider, Victoria Williams
- 27 — Camryn Moore
- 28 — Patricia Perry
- 31 — Donald Wilkins

EACH WEEK AT PERRY HALL:

Monday
 Pastor's Bible Study — 7 p.m.

Tuesday
 Pastor's Bible Study — Noon

Wednesday
 Girl Scouts — 6 p.m. (1st/3rd)
 Brownies — 6:15 p.m. (1st/3rd)
 Daisy Troop — 6:15 p.m.
 Adult Choir — 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
 Brownies — 5:45 p.m.
 Handbells — 6 p.m.
 Seekers Bible Study — 7 p.m.
 Praise Band — 7:15 p.m.
 Community Choir — 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
 Thrift Shop — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship — 8:15 and 11 a.m.
 Choristers — 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School classes, all ages — 9:30 a.m.
 Contemporary Worship — 9:30 a.m.
 Library open — 8:15-11 a.m.
 Coffee Hour — Following all services
 Cherub Choir — 10 a.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1 • A S H • Wednesday 	2 1030a: WISH Group	3	4	
5 FIRST Sunday in Lent 	6	7 630p: Confirmation Class 7p: COM meeting	8	9	10	11 7p: Folk Music Night	
12	13 <i>Perry Scope articles due (April issue)</i>	14 630p: Confirmation Class 7p: Trustees meeting	15	16	17	18	
19 	20	21 630p: Confirmation Class 7p: Finance meeting	22	23	24	25 9a-3p: Giant Food Drive 10a-2p: Pit Beef lunch	
26 <i>Perry Scope pickup (April issue)</i>	27	28 630p: Confirmation Class 7p: AdBoard meeting	29	30	31	APR 1	
APR 2 Noon: Welcome Luncheon	APR 3 <i>Perry Scope articles due (May issue)</i>	APR 4 630p: Confirmation Class	LOOKING AHEAD: April 9: Palm Sunday April 9: Easter Cantata April 15: Bunny Breakfast			April 16: Easter May 6: Spaghetti Dinner June 11: Confirmation Sunday	



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DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles

**Upcoming Perry Scope
deadlines:**

- March 13: Articles for April due
- March 26: April newsletter pickup
- April 3: Articles for May due