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**Pastor Vic's  
Epistle**

## Mother's Day a reminder of God's love

*Greetings,*

May is right around the corner and that means Mother's Day is not far behind – it's May 14 for those who may not have looked on their calendar yet!

Mother's Day is a day when we celebrate and remember the love that we received from our Moms. While this is a wonderful day for many, it can also be a day of difficulties for others. Sadly, not everyone has been blessed with a good relationship with his or

her mother, and therefore celebrating Mother's Day is difficult.

For those have been blessed with mothers who showered them in love, celebrate that incredible relationship. Do your best to say thank you for all your mother has done. For those who find Mother's Day difficult, look to the women who God has placed in your life that have had a motherly influence. Maybe

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**April 30:** "A Walk Toward Faith";  
Luke 24:13-35

**May 7:** "Our Shepherd"; Psalm 23

**May 14 (Mother's Day):** "The Other Side";  
John 21:1-14

**May 21:** "Joyful News!"; Luke 24:36-44

**May 28:** "Commissioned to Serve"; Matthew  
28:16-20

**June 4 (Pentecost):** "The Gifts of the  
Spirit"; Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

## Worship Assistants

	Service	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Ushers	8:15 a.m.	Everett Simkins			
	11 a.m.	Rob Zell, Heather Zell, Jordan Zell, Gabe Zell			
Greeters	9:30 a.m.	Libby Wilkins and Mary Harryman			
	11 a.m.	Neil and Debbie Zimmerman			
Security		TBD			
Acolytes	8:15 a.m.	Lily Van Hook	Austen Widomski	Bailey Cordell	Margaret Patterson
	11 a.m.	Faith Kalendek	Emily Knight	Taylor Bond	Trystan Boyd
Altar Guild		Diane Lawrence, Christy Moore	Bettye Gramlich, Lois Welsh	Lisa Ashmore Helen Geppi	Peggy Whiting Pat Walter
Sunday School office		Ken McCracken	Dawn Hastings	Charlene Paulson	Kim Harner
Cribbery	9:30 a.m.	Kathy Loggins and Heather McLaughlin	Debbie Zimmerman and Mary Janowich	Willow and Ryan Schneider	Amy Harryman and Leah
Lay Reader	8:15 a.m.	Al Simkins	Jim George	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."

### Ministry Team Leaders

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## Prayers for covenant reminders of our faith during conference

The **233rd session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference**, with the theme "We Are One: Connected in Covenant," will be held May 31-June 2 in Washington, D.C.

This year, members will be called upon to vote on several items including the 2018 annual budget and several resolutions, all presented on the conference website.

This year, conference members will also vote on five Constitutional Amendments, which were ratified at General Conference last May. Voters will consider changes that address matters of gender equality, inclusiveness in membership, delegate and bishop elections, as well as bishop accountability.

Annual Conference also includes many opportunities for inspirational worship, reports from Discipleship and Stewardship areas; a memorial service recognizing those clergy, clergy spouses and lay members who died in the previous year; recognition of clergy who are retiring, and the Ordination and Commissioning service. Worked in are celebrations of various kinds, Bible study and times of fellowship.

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it was a neighbor, a teacher, someone at church, or some other female who has cared for you, and loved you, in a way that your mother was unable to.

Mother's Day celebrates the best expression of motherly love, which is meant to be seen by us as a reflection of God's love. Whether you have a good or troubled relationship with your mother, Mother's Day can inspire us to share motherly love with those around us. May we use this reminder of God's love to love one another as God has loved us.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Vic*

## Spaghetti dinner to benefit church family in need

It may not be the moon hitting your eye like a big pizza pie, but the **annual Spaghetti Dinner** is all about **amore**.

Proceeds from the dinner on **Saturday, May 6**, will go to help a church family, **the Benners**, in their time of need.

“Chef” Mike DePalo will be stirring up his scrumptious homemade sauces and homemade meatballs. There will be something for everyone, including a vegetarian sauce.

We will also be having a **bake sale** along with the dinner, so start getting your ingredients together. We will need lots of goodies!

Prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children. Dinner is served 4-6:30 p.m.

We'll also need help with ticket sales, serving, kitchen work and other tasks. Please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4da4ae29a57-spaghetti](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4da4ae29a57-spaghetti) or talk to Denise Boyd.



## New Bible Study focuses on core Christian beliefs

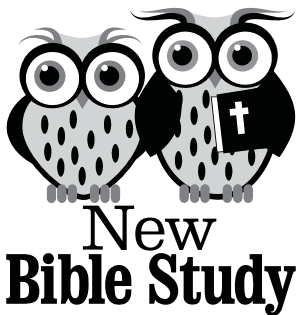
We're all searching. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life.

**Adam Hamilton**, a noted author/scholar and United Methodist minister, believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In his book, “**Creed: What Christians Believe and Why**,” Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters.

This new Bible study meets at two separate times during the week. The Monday evening sessions begin **Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m.** The Tuesday lunch and

learn discussions begin **Tuesday, May 23, at noon.**

For information and to register, please see Pastor Vic.



## FROM THE FAMILY OF MELVIN

**BURTON:** Our sincere thanks to all for the prayers, cards, flowers and visits for Melvin, a special thank you to Pastor Vic for his many visits. This meant a lot to us.



**Brooksie Wells** makes her annual visit to Folk Music Night this month as the featured artist. She's performed at this event in June 2013, April 2015 and April 2016.

The **May Folk Music Night** is **Saturday, March 13**, 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. You may bring a dessert or snack to share.

Questions? Contact Neil Zimmerman at (410) 529-7176. Check out the Folk Music Night Web page at [www.perryhallumc.org/music/folk-music/](http://www.perryhallumc.org/music/folk-music/).



The **new acolytes** have gone through training and are ready to begin serving Perry Hall UMC. So many showed up for training that the roster has nearly doubled — to 17, the most we've ever had.

Welcome and congratulations to our **new acolytes** (some of whom have been waiting years for this chance to serve): **Emma Paulson, Ella Widomski, Austen Widomski, Emily Knight, Bailey Cordell, Taylor Bond, Margaret Patterson, and Trystan Boyd.**

These new acolytes join our **current group**: **Faith Kalendek, Lance Hastings, Gabe Zell, Gabbi Paulson, Oviya Dinesh Kumar, Sam Dinesh Kumar, Jackson Mylnski, Lily Van Hook, Alyssa Hausman.**

Our new acolytes were awesome at training. Can't wait to see them acolyte for the first time during the next few weeks. Ms. Joyce is so happy these youngsters have chosen to serve God and our church during our weekly worship. She knows they will do a wonderful job as PHUMC acolytes. They are an important part of each service when they serve.



## Upcoming events

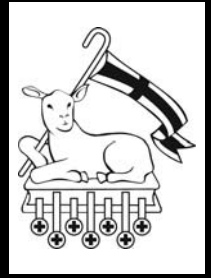
- May 7 — Regular meeting
- May 21 — Regular meeting
- June 16-17 — Lock-in
- June 18 — Youth Car Wash
- June 25 — Regular meeting



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## Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei — Latin for “Lamb of God” — seated on a book (perhaps the Lamb’s Book of Life, Revelation 13:8), symbolizes the final judgment. The seven seals shown in the image align with the seven attributes that Christ is worthy to receive, according to praises around the heavenly throne: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” (*Revelation 5:12, NIV*).



**Graduation Recognition Sunday** is set for **May 28**. Please send the information (school graduating from, college, degree, etc.) for the graduate and a picture (scanned and emailed if possible) to the church office by May 22. Thanks.

On **Sunday, May 7**, during 9:30 worship, we invite the families of all children on the **Perry Hall UMC Cradle Roll** to join in celebration of the youngest members of our church family.



Throughout the year, we happily add booties to our Cradle Roll bulletin board as little ones are baptized. We enjoy seeing many of them with their families each week at worship. And have a wonderful preschool class that is anxiously awaiting the day when they come to Sunday school, too.

We hope that all members of the Cradle Roll – all 13 of them – will bring their folks to church to share in this Cradle Roll celebration. We can’t wait to see all of you, standing at the altar where we shared in your baptism.

At the end of the service, we will be taking a photo of all of the Cradle Roll families, and then gather for refreshments in the church Fellowship Hall. Please mark this special day on your calendar. We hope that you will be able to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Brown.



**Amy and David Harryman Jr.** celebrate the baptism of their son, **Ryder William**, on April 23.

*Congratulations to all family and friends, and welcome to the newest addition to God’s kingdom!*



A local observance of the **National Day of Prayer** will take place at **Beachmont Christian Ministries** in Kingsville on **Thursday, May 4, 11 a.m.–noon**.

This year marks the 66th annual observance. The spring event was established by President Harry Truman in 1952.

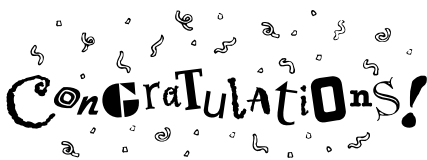
Beachmont Ministries is located at 6433 Mount Vista Road, Kingsville (just off Route 1).

## A mother’s prayer

A.T. Pierson writes that “all true prayer trusts [God] to give his own answer, not in our way or time, or even to our own expressed desire, but rather to his own unutterable groaning within us which he can interpret better than we.”

As an example, Pierson points to Monica, the mother of the man who came to be known as Saint Augustine. Although Monica “pleaded with God that her dissolute son might not go to Rome, that sink of iniquity,” he went anyway. While there, he met Ambrose, bishop of Milan, who led him to the Christian faith. Saint Augustine is considered one of the most important church fathers.

“God fulfilled the mother’s desire while denying her request,” Pierson writes. How might God be meeting your desires, even amid what appear to be unanswered prayers?



Congratulations to **Andy and Linda Gaylor**, who joined the church on April 2.

*Welcome to the Perry Hall UMC church family!*





- 3 — Sophia Rose Van Hook
- 4 — Sloane Connor
- 5 — Carol Trent-Walker, Brady Austin Knepper
- 7 — Joseph Paul Orzolek
- 10 — Dawn Brown, Alyssa Hausman
- 16 — Caroline Harris
- 17 — William Blake Hausman, May Martel, Parker Pauliny
- 25 — Fiona Kerry Connor
- 29 — Diane Hall
- 31 — Sherri Elam

*Did we miss your birthday? If you are a new member or for some reason your name and birthday has never been included in our roster of special days, please contact Mary at the church office (410-256-6479). Just let us know your name, month and day of your birthday (no year is necessary) and we'll make sure you are included. Until then, Happy Belated Birthday!*

### 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	2 7p: Council on Ministries (COM)	3	4 1030a: WISH Group	5	6 4p-630p: Spaghetti Dinner
7 930a: Cradle Roll recognition 530p: Youth Group	8	9 630p: Confirmation Class 7p: Trustees	10	11	12	13 7p: Folk Music Night
14	15 <i>Perry Scope articles due (May issue)</i>	16 630p: Confirmation Class 7p: Finance	17	18	19	20
21 530p: Youth Group	22	23 630p: Confirmation Class 7p: Administrative Board	24	25	26	27
28 	29 	30 630p: Confirmation Class	31	JUN 1	JUN 2	JUN 3
JUN 4 	JUN 5	JUN 6	<b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>			
<b>LOOKING AHEAD:</b> May 31-June 2: Annual Conference June 4: Pentecost June 4: Confirmation Sunday				June 10: Luau June 11: Christian Education Sunday June 16-17: Youth Lock-In		



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**DEADLINE:**  
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**Upcoming Perry Scope  
deadlines:**

- May 8: Articles for June due
- May 28: June newsletter pickup
- June 5: Articles for July due