

# PERRY SCOPE

**Perry Hall United Methodist Church**  
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“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.”

Sunday Services:	Traditional services	8:15 and 11:00 a.m.
	Contemporary service	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.

April 2018

## **Pastor’s Corner**

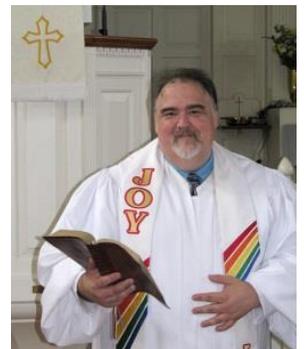
The question is often asked in the life of the church, “How do we continue to move forward in an age when so many seem to be falling away?” In order to stem the tide and continue a forward movement, I see at least three broad groups of people that have to be involved if we are going to have a growing and vital church far into the 21st century: The Young, Middle-aged, and Older people. All are important to the work of God – no one is exempt.

First, we need young people coming and staying as a part of our church!

The church in the book of Acts was able to "turn the world upside down" (Acts 17:6) because of all the young people that came to the faith. Peter, was probably in his thirties, and the apostle John was only a teenager. Most studies concluded that 90% or more of conversions occur before the age of 30, and most before the age of 25.

Since it is young people that are most likely to become converted we need young people coming in the church, or there will be no real growth from conversions. If we want to develop mature, steadfast, and faithful Christians who will become the future leaders of the church then we must bring them in and keep them. Perhaps in our midst today there is a future Jeremiah, Corrie ten Boom or even the future Chair of the Administrative Council?

Secondly, we need our middle-aged people to be set on fire for the Lord!



**Pastor cont'd**

The middle-aged persons who function as the leaders of our church need to catch the fire of the Lord in their belly. We need to realize that what we do today shapes the future of the church tomorrow. No one likes to sign up for another committee or an extra meeting a month, but if we don't burn with the fire of enthusiasm for our Lord how can we ever expect those behind us to take up the banner and move forward?

I'll make you this promise: give your church and the Lord 100% and I will do all I can to streamline the structure, eliminate meetings and help us create a way to better manage the business of the church so we can focus on the ministry that this world sorely needs.

Finally, our elderly need to be honored.

No church would be where it is today without the faithful service of those who have gone on before us. We need to find a way to honor our older members. We also need to realize that within and beneath those grayed hairs and bent bodies lies a wealth of wisdom that we would be wise not to ignore. I believe that in the senior members of our church we have a great untapped resource. We have persons of faith who can storm the very gates of heaven itself with their faithful prayers. We have persons who can help to mentor the young and guide the middle aged. We have persons to whom we need to reach out as a congregation and let them know that they will not be left behind, because we cannot move ahead without them

I believe in the depths of my very being that God has an exciting time laid out before us. Won't you join with me in seeing what God has in store?

Blessings,



The **Sunday School** office needs volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Rachael Desfosses.

**EASTER WEEK SERVICES**

<b>Palm Sunday, March 25</b>	Traditional Services	8:15 & 11:00 a.m.
	Contemporary Service	9:30 a.m.
<b>Maundy Thursday, March 29</b>	"Loving Service"	7:00 p.m.
<b>Good Friday, March 30</b>	"It Is Finished"	7:00 p.m.
<b>Easter Sunday! April 1</b>	Traditional Service	8:15 a.m.
	Contemporary Service with Cantata, "The Lamb of God"	9:30 a.m.
	Traditional Service with Cantata, "The Lamb of God"	11:00 a.m.

PHUMC is not hosting a Sunrise Service this year, but Beachmont Christian Camp (6433 Mt. Vista Road, Kingsville, MD 21087) invites everyone to dress warmly and join them at 6:45 a.m. to celebrate the "Rising of the Son!" (There will be FREE coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts after the service.)

**Folk Music Night: April 14, 7-10 p.m.**  
featuring Baltimore singer/songwriter **Damion Wolfe** [www.facebook.com/Damion-Wolfe-9233733420/](http://www.facebook.com/Damion-Wolfe-9233733420/) . Damion was previously featured in December of 2008. His set starts around 8:15.

The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00, and resumes after Damion's set.

**Admission is free**, but donations are welcome.

The Folk Music Night schedule, along with additional information, may be found at <http://folkmusicnight.weebly.com> . Questions may be directed to Neil Zimmerman: [410-529-7176](tel:410-529-7176) or [ndzimmer@comcast.net](mailto:ndzimmer@comcast.net) .

### **April Birthdays**

- 4 Aleksa Williams, Ken Chlada
- 5 Helen Geppi
- 6 Connor Harryman
- 7 Catherine Reinhart
- 9 Arelia Pittack
- 11 Bunny Barker, Austin Bosque
- 14 Lisa Ashmore
- 15 Jason Reinhart
- 17 William Hausman
- 19 Lily Hines
- 20 Matthew John Schneider
- 21 Peggy Whiting
- 22 Trey Butler, Mary Janowich
- 27 Lida Diller

**The Food Pantry** serves people from all over Baltimore County and provides a much needed resource for people who are food insecure. The Pantry feeds an average of 70 families (270 people) per month.

In addition to the kind donors who attend PHUMC, we are fortunate to have community partners who are very generous with their donations (Perry Hall Giant, Perry Hall Presbyterian, Fallston United Methodist Church, to name a few) as well. The Pantry is

open Wednesday afternoon and Friday and Saturday morning, and is staffed by volunteers.

If you know someone who could use food assistance, please have them call 410-256-1897 for an appointment.

**The most needed food items are cereal, tuna, canned beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly.**

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call Christy Moore at 410-248-0841.

### **Shut Ins:**

Marge Bell  
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Lida Diller  
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McMurray, PA 15317

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Baltimore, MD 21234

Nancy Franke  
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Baltimore, MD 21236

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Baltimore, MD 21236

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Jacob's Well  
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Bel Air, MD 21015

Esther Reback  
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Towson, MD 21286

Sheryl Reese  
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Baltimore, MD 21239

# **Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale**

**April 21, 2018 4:00-6:30 pm**

Mark your calendars for April 21! We will be having another one of our delicious Spaghetti Dinners! "Chef" Mike DePalo will be stirring up his scrumptious homemade sauces and homemade meatballs. There will be something for everyone, including a vegetarian sauce.

Prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Serving from 4-6:30 p.m.

There will be a bake table of goodies to buy, as well as homemade sauce by the quart. Be sure to take some home with you!



As usual, Denise is looking for help with setup, preparation, serving, and clean up. If you have internet access, PLEASE go online to sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4da4ae29a57-spaghetti>

If you do not have computer access, please fill out this sheet and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for all that you do to support our functions!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help:

- Sell tickets on Sunday, 4/8 (9-9:30 or 10:30-11)
- Sell tickets on Sunday, 4/15 (9-9:30 or 10:30-11)

On Saturday, 4/21, I can help:

- Set Up Fellowship Hall 11am-12pm
- Food Prep 11am-2pm
- Kitchen Help and line setup 2-5
- Serve Food (3:30-5:30 or 5:30-7:30)
- Bake Table (3:30-5:30 or 5:30-7:30)
- Ticket Sales (3:30-5:30 or 5:30-7:30)
- Kitchen Help (3:30-5:30 or 5:30-7:30)
- Clean up (7:00-8:30)
- I will donate baked goods!!**