

# PERRY SCOPE

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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."

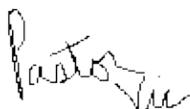
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| Sunday Services: | Traditional services | 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. |
|                  | Contemporary service | 9:30 a.m.           |
|                  | Sunday School        | 9:30 a.m.           |

## **Pastor's Corner**

Grace to you,

During your summer break, I encourage you to take some time and read the following article. It discusses important issues that are facing the life of our denomination. I also encourage you to pray.

Blessings,



**July 2018**



## **A Call to Prayer**

In preparing for how the church will address homosexuality, the Council of Bishops, in partnership with The Upper Room, has launched Phase 3 of Praying our Way Forward, encouraging every United Methodist to fast weekly and to pray daily. United Methodists are encouraged to:

1. Engage in a weekly Wesleyan 24-hour fast from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid-afternoon. Those who have health situations causing food fasts to be un-advisable might consider fasting from social media, emails or another daily activity.
2. Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for four minutes from 2:23 through 2:26 p.m. or at another time. This is because the Special Session of General Conference will be held Feb. 23 through Feb. 26, 2019.

## **(Pastor's Corner, cont'd)**

### **The Commission on a Way Forward**

The 32-member Commission on a Way Forward was created by the Council of Bishops at the 2016 General Conference in Portland Oregon to completely examine and possibly recommend revisions of every paragraph in the Book of Discipline related to human sexuality. The bishops' focus was the ongoing unity of The United Methodist Church.

The Commission's first meeting was Jan. 23-26. Its members are from nine countries and represent a vast array of viewpoints from throughout the denomination. It submitted a report of their deliberations to the Council of Bishops at a meeting April 29-May 4. That recommendation was for the so-called One Church Plan.

A Jan. 22 UMNS article stated that the Commission looked at three possible models for how the denomination treats LGBTQ inclusion. They included:

"Affirm the current Book of Discipline language and place a high value on accountability. The church policy book says the practice of homosexuality "is incompatible with Christian teaching" and lists officiating at a same-gender union or being a "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy member as chargeable offenses under church law.

"Remove the Book of Discipline's restrictive language and place a high value on contextualization. This sketch also specifically protects the rights of those whose conscience will not allow them to perform same-gender weddings or ordain LGBTQ people.

"Create multiple branches that have clearly defined values such as accountability, contextualization, and justice. This model would maintain shared doctrine and services and one Council of Bishops.

In April 2018, the Council of Bishops announced that they were recommending to the church the so-called "One Church Plan." Under this plan, decisions about whether to ordain LGBTQ clergy or to officiate at same-gender unions would be made closer to the congregational level. The plan would remove the restrictive language against the practice of homosexuality in the Book of Discipline, the denomination's policy book. The plan also adds assurances to pastors and conferences who in good conscience cannot perform same-sex weddings or ordain "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy that they don't have to do so. Central conferences — church regions in Africa, Asia and Europe — could maintain current restrictions.

The plan "encourages a generous unity by giving United Methodists the ability to address different missional contexts in ways that reflect their theological convictions," said the bishops' press release.

The bishops are expected to make this proposal to the church, which will be voted on by delegates from every Annual and Central Conference, at a Special Session of General Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, Feb. 23-26, 2019.

The Special Session of General Conference will also consider other petitions related to human sexuality. The deadline to submit petitions is July 8.

**Sunday, July 8**  
**ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Pot Luck Luncheon 11:00 a.m.**

Following the ONE SERVICE on July 8, please join us in Fellowship Hall for a Pot Luck Luncheon.

**There will be no Sunday School that day.**

While there is no need to declare what you'll bring in advance, we could use some help setting up tables Sunday morning. If you would sign up - to help or attend - here, it would put Denise's mind at ease.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4da4ae29a57-potluck1>

If you are unable to access this page, please speak to Denise Boyd with your information.

**Folk Music Night**  
**July 14<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 p.m.**

**Doug Alan Wilcox** is a uniquely engaging modern-day acoustic storyteller whose style reflects a variety of influences. His website is <http://www.dawilcox.com/>. Doug's set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Doug'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 or [ndzimmer@comcast.net](mailto:ndzimmer@comcast.net).

**The Thrift Shop Half Price Sale**  
Saturdays during June and July from 10-1 each week!

**July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Christmas in July**

Remember the last two years of Breakfast with Santa? The ones that were snowed out? We have a solution for that!

Join us on July 21<sup>st</sup> for brunch at 10:00, followed by crafts and a chance to visit with Santa!

Children are encouraged to bring a present of new school supplies. After the brunch, a few children will go along with Santa to the Eastern Regional Center to donate the school supplies to children there.

Stay tuned for more information!

**What's cooking at PHUMC?**  
**Find out in our own cookbook!**

We are looking for recipes for:

Appetizers  
Main Dishes  
Desserts  
Vegan dishes  
Soups  
Side dishes  
Family Favorites



Please include the name and any tips that you would find helpful when preparing the dish. Please include your name. Put the recipes in the box in the back of the church. **Deadline is July 31, 2018.** Questions? Contact Jen Malatesta.

The **Food Pantry** served 79 households (255 people) during the month of May.

**The most needed items are cereal, tuna, jelly, canned beans, spaghetti sauce and canned fruit.**

For more information or to volunteer, please speak to Christy Moore.

The **Sunday School** will be combining classes again for the summer. If you are willing to cover a week please sign up on the sheet on the door of Room 202, where the children will be meeting

***Mark Your Calendars!***  
**We've got TALENT!**  
**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Do you have a song you'd like to share, or a dance, a joke or a skit? All ages welcome to share their God-given talents! Contact Joyce Ziegler for more information or to sign up your talent.

**Fall Bible Study Starts**  
**Monday September 10 at 7:00 PM or**  
**Tuesday September 11 at 12:00 noon.**

*1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians -*  
*(Genesis to Revelation Series)*  
*By: Edward P. Blair*

*What does the Bible say?*  
*What does the passage mean?*  
*How does the Scripture relate to my life?*

Come and join us in an adventure. Signup sheets available late summer.

Part of the Genesis to Revelation Series from Abingdon Press, this 13-session study of the books of 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians delves into the church's unity, morality, integrity, and ministry. Some of the major ideas explored are knowledge and love in the church, worship, open-hearted sharing, false and true apostles, and the divine plan.

The series is a comprehensive, verse-by-verse, book-by-book study of the Bible based on the NIV. The Participant Book helps readers strengthen their understanding and appreciation of the Bible by engaging them with Scripture on three levels.

**July Birthdays:**

2 Emma Evans - Nolet  
5 Dan Walker, Jr.  
10 Charlotte Reynolds  
11 Russ Brown  
13 Carol Dilda  
17 Faith Ann Kalendek  
19 Florence Knoedler  
21 Marge Bell  
24 Trystan Boyd  
20 Steve Janowich  
30 Esther Rebach

**Shut Ins:**

Marge Bell  
8800 Walther Blvd., Apt 2114  
Baltimore, MD 21234

Lida Diller  
249 West McMurray Rd, Room 511  
McMurray, PA 15317

Joan Edwards  
8810 Walther Blvd, Apt 2319  
Baltimore, MD 21234

Nancy Franke  
3901 Darleigh Rd, Unit 3F  
Baltimore, MD 21236

Edith Hofferbert  
4108 Loch Lomond Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21234

Violet Johnson  
8820 Walther Blvd, Apt 3106  
Baltimore, MD 21234

Thelma Kerwin  
Jacob's Well  
522 Thomas Run Road  
Bel Air, MD 21015

Esther Rebach  
209 East Burke Avenue  
Towson, MD 21286

Sheryl Reese  
4605 Marbelhall Road  
Baltimore, MD 21239

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