

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.

October 2018

Pastor's Letter: A personal Story

This month's letter is more of a personal story. Most you know my wife has suffered from cerebral palsy since she was a baby. It affects her whole right side. She has no use of her left hand and walking can be difficult at times and has led to falls and broken bones over the years. Over the years she has had many surgeries to try and correct or help with related issues. Braces for her leg are a must.

This has led to many challenges for her over the years. She has faced each of them with bravery and a willingness to succeed.

When I first met her, one of our first conversations was about whether she needed my help to carry groceries into to her apartment. She told me then, “If I need your help, I'll ask for it.”

However, asking for help is a difficult thing for her. She wants to be able to do it on her own, I mean, after all, that's what's got her through all these years. Graduating with a master's degree, caring for two children, being employed in a variety of settings and even managing to be a pastor's wife and put up with me on the side.

However, the last two years have been especially difficult for her. Issues with her mobility have increased and that has led to several serious falls. Issues with her hand, her good hand, her only hand, has led to the need for surgery in October. Her surgeon has been encouraging her to do this for over a year. In the last few months, there have been noticeable changes to her hand as well as increasing issues related to pain.



We will be going to Union Memorial on October 19th at 10 a.m. for Thumb CMC (Basal Joint) Arthroplasty - Thumb Joint Reconstruction as well as surgery for a Trigger Figure. When the surgery itself has a 97% success rate, to say that Kim is worried is an understatement. When you only have one hand even a 3% chance of something going wrong seems like a great risk. There is the additional reality that some surgeries she has had in the past have not improved anything and have simply led to pain and disappointment.

We ask not only for your prayers during this time but your understanding. Because she will essentially be handless at first, I will be taking at least two and a half weeks off to be home and care for her. The three Sundays I am out will be covered in this manner: October 21st is laity Sunday, October 28th, Debbie Siegert will be preaching, November 4th, Rev Earl Mason will be covering.

During the time I'm off, Rev Earl Mason has graciously agreed to be on call for any emergencies. At this point, Charge Conference is still on October 24th at 7 p.m. at Ames UMC in Belair. I will be asking the district superintendent if I can be excused from attending since this will be early in Kim's recovery. This makes it even more important that we have representation from our leaders and laity of the church.

It is our hope that things will go better than expected and her initial recovery will be quick and as pain free as possible. By November 5, I hope to go back to work without needing to be home with Kim. Kim is hoping that after four to six weeks she will be able to return to work. However, full recovery can be as long as three months. Keep her employment in prayer as well because at this point it is uncertain whether they will hold her job for the time that she needs to be off.

We have already had offers for help and we greatly appreciate that. I would ask that for the first two weeks if you want to reach out and show your support to Kim please make it by a card, a note, an email, a text or on Facebook.

I know that, at first, she won't be up for visitors and most likely it will be awhile before she feels comfortable coming to church. I may need some help getting her to church when she feels up to it since she may not be able to drive.

Thank you for your prayers and your understanding. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jim". The signature is cursive and fluid, with "Pastor" on the top line and "Jim" on the bottom line.

Have You Considered the Ramifications of a Traffic Light on Belair Road, Right Smack In Front of the Church Doors?

Think about it.

Come out on **Wednesday, October 10th, at 7 p.m.** and share your thoughts with representatives of the State Highway Administration

A proposal has been put forth to put a light at Belair Rd and Klausmeier Rd. This would be directly in front our church and may very well impact our ability to enter and exit the church property. The State Highway Administration will be at Perry Hall UMC on October 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm to present their plans and ask for our feedback. It is very important that our leadership and membership come to this meeting so that we can make our voices heard.

Mark Your Calendars:

(details within)

September 30: Youth Group Car Wash during Church Picnic

September 30: Kick off for Operation Christmas Child mission campaign

October 1: Deadline for Cook Book submissions

October 6: Folk Music Night

October 7: Blessing of the Animals

October 10: 7:00 p.m. Meeting with State Highway Administration, re: Traffic Light in front of PHUMC driveway.

October 13: Community Fall Fest and Craft Fair.

October 24: Charge Conference

October 27: Food Distribution in partnership with Maryland Food Bank

November 10: Turkey & Ham Dinner

November 18: Blessing of the Shoeboxes at all services

Charge Conference

October 24th at 7 p.m.

Ames UMC, Belair, MD

Turkey and Ham Dinner

November 10

Make plans with the whole family!

Volunteers WILL be needed!

Mark Your Calendars!

September 30 Youth Car Wash!

Come to the Church picnic, Sunday, September 30 – get your car washed!

Donations are graciously accepted. All proceeds go towards our trip to Rock 2019.

The Ladies of **W.I.S.H.** invite any and all women to join them on **Thursday, October 4, at 10:30 a.m.** on the first floor of the church. Enter through the parking lot doors.

If you have any questions, please call Vivian Creasy at 410-256-5557 or Kathy Wallis at 410-668-3649.

The **Thrift Shop** is open Saturdays, 10-1.

An Invitation

The 5th, 6th & 7th Grade Sunday School Class is, once more, actively leading the way in our Operation Christmas Child Campaign.

If you are or know a 5th, 6th or 7th grader who would enjoy being part of an active, involved Sunday School class, Ms. Joyce and the class hope that you will join them on Sunday mornings at 9:30

Food Pantry News:

The food pantry continues to serve community members in record numbers. In fact, during the first 10 days of September the pantry served almost half as many families as in all of August. Almost every appointment is filled for each of the days that the pantry is open to clients.

This mission cannot exist without the support of the congregation – thank you to all who donate food and your time.

Our most needed food items are canned vegetables, canned fruit, rice, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, and cereal.

We also need volunteers to work on Saturday mornings or people who are willing to be a substitute. Please call or email Christy Moore if you are interested or have questions: 410-241-6959 or sky_cam@hotmail.com.

There will be a **Community Food Distribution on October 27** in the parking lot. (In case of rain, it will be in Fellowship Hall.) At the end of this newsletter, there is a sign up sheet detailing all of the ways in which you can be involved in this service.

An Answered Prayer

A week ago, two women showed up at our church office. They had heard about our Food Pantry, but having no transportation, they walked an hour and 45 minutes from Northern Parkway in hopes of receiving food. (One of them is a veteran who receives \$800 a month!!!!)

Our fearless Administrative Assistant, Mary, took them into the pantry and filled their bags. As they were preparing to walk home, she informed them that she would be driving them back. They tearfully accepted her offer.

I thought you would be interested in hearing a story of one example of those who are touched by this mission. Thanks to all of you who contribute time, money, and food items to make this possible. A big "Bless you!" to Mary who followed her heart and the Lord's teaching.

Community Fall Fest and Craft Fair

Saturday, October 13th

10-2

Happy Fall!!!

Time to get ready for our "funnest" fundraiser of the fall season.

We are looking for lots of helpers with our event, so please look over our list and sign up to help us for this awesome event!!

There are lots of things to do. There are even a few very sedentary jobs for those that need to remain seated.

The hours will be short (in blocks of 2 - 3 hours each), so feel free to sign up for more than 1!

You can signup online at

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=wm#inbox/ FMfcgxvzKbVkJpTGhqLCTZvbJfr>. If you have any sort of trouble accessing this page, you can contact Denise.

If you, or someone you know is interested in a vendor spot at this event, please email the church office at perryhallumc@verizon.net for further information.

We are also looking for a minimum of 6 - 10x10 (or larger) pop up canopies for use on Saturday. They need to be dropped off on Friday evening or by 7 am on Saturday.

Your Board of Trustees at Work!

The Board of Trustees has been very busy over the past few months working on several projects around the church. Here is a list of what we have done and what's next on our "to do" list:

Recently Completed Projects

- Parsonage was completely renovated, lease was signed and the house is now occupied.
- Garage door was replaced on the parsonage.
- The playground was weeded and new playground chips were added bringing the playground up to safety code.
- The siding that had been ripped off during a storm this spring had been replaced.
- Railings were installed on the outside steps by the 2nd floor side door exit.
- The eternal light and the large stained glass picture from Overlea were hung in the sanctuary and narthex. The picture will also have lights installed to provide back lighting to this beautiful piece.
- Repairs were made to the roof and drains were cleaned out to eliminate leaks in the building
- Flowers and palms were planted in pots around the building

New Projects to be Completed

- Repairing and painting the steeple and columns in the front of the church
- Major brick restoration project on the church structure and steps

*these will be a very large and very expensive projects, but are very necessary to maintain our building

- Repairing and filling pot holes in parking lot

October Birthdays:

9	Kim Harner
10	Edward Reinhart
18	Shannon Van Hook
19	Michelle Kalendek
19	Ernest Gayles
24	Skylar Moore
24	James Ramberg

Blessing of the Animals October 7 following 11:00 service

The blessing of pets and animals is often celebrated on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, or on a Sunday near that date.

In the Scriptures, the act of blessing means 'the imparting of power or life.' The person performing the blessing is mediating that power from God or Christ to the person performing for the animal involved. To bless is more than an expression of goodwill and caring. To bless is to impart God's power in person! The blessing of each animal, by name, means that health, healing and life are being mediated from God for the benefit of the animal in its relationship with its human partners.

We will celebrate this on **October 7 after the 11:00 am service.**

Youth News

September 30 Youth Car Wash!

Come to the Church picnic – get your car washed!

Donations are graciously accepted. All proceeds go toward our trip to Rock 2019.

Rock 2019

Feb. 8-10, 2019

Ocean City Convention Center

Ocean City, MD

Main Speaker: Ben Glenn

“I believe that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is Christ's (agape) love, which is greater than any differences we possess, and without which I have no right to claim myself a Christian. I believe that worship of God should be spiritual, inspirational, intelligent and fruitful. Led by the Holy Spirit and convicted by the Word of God, we should walk in love, remembering that the best is yet to come.”

Not only is Ben a great speaker, but he is also an artist. Ben's struggle with traditional learning led him to discover a love of art. Ben includes a dynamic, live art demonstration that always impresses audiences. He always manages to tie his message with the drawing. The integration of the speech with his drawing firmly plants the message into the minds of his audience.

Music: Salvador

Over the course of an acclaimed career spanning more than a dozen years, Salvador has embraced a veritable rainbow of musical styles, from the Tex-Mex and Latin sounds of the band's Austin, Texas birthplace, to hip-hop, pop, jam band rhythms, rock and much more all for the glory of God!

Spoken Word: Egypt Speaks

Egypt Speaks is a Spoken Word Artist from Cleveland, Ohio. After releasing her first full length album Stories independently in 2014, Egypt has toured the country and beyond sharing her stories through the art of poetry.

Egypt is a dynamic poet, emcee, speaker, and author who has also had the honor of sharing the stage with artists such as Phil Keaggy, Social Club Misfits, Audio A, Tedashii, Switchfoot, The Newsboys, and TobyMac.

Folk Music Night:

October 6, 7-10 p.m.

featuring Brooksie Wells

(<http://www.brooksiewells.com/>).

Singer/songwriter Brooksie Wells was discovered by Bobby Darin. Her latest album, *North East Rising Sun*, marks Brooksie's return to her folk roots - a carefully chosen collection of well-crafted songs with complex harmonies and insightful lyrics.

Her set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an “open mic” at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Brooksie'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.

Mission Project – Community Food Distribution



On Saturday, October 27th we will be holding another food distribution event. Our goal is to provide food assistance to 200 families. The Maryland Food Bank will be delivering 6,000+ pounds of perishable and non-perishable food for distribution.

We will be holding a mandatory brief orientation for all new volunteers on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm or Saturday, October 13th at 9:00 am. Please contact Peggy Whiting to sign up for the orientation at 410-529-640 or peggywhiting04@yahoo.com. Any volunteer under the age of 13 must have adult supervision.

Please note that on October 27th from 9:00 – 11:00 we will need volunteers able to lift cases of food.

Please sign up by October 21st.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

I can help on October 3rd from 10:00 am – 11:30 noon (stuff flyers) _____

I can help Saturday October 27th.

- New Participant
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am (set-up)
- 9:00 am – 11:00 am (set up food)
- 10:45 am – 1:00 pm (Food Distribution)
- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Clean up)
- All day
- I have _____ canopies to lend.

Note: Canopies must be set up between 8:00 am – 9:00 am. Thank you!

Any questions please contact Peggy Whiting at 410-529-8640 or Mary Schramm at 410-256-6479.

It's time again for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD at PHUMC!





As I look back to this time last year, I am so touched by the many ways that ALL of you helped, once again, to share God's love and the news of Jesus Christ through Operation Christmas Child in 2017. You made over 2000 jump ropes, donated shoeboxes full (VERY FULL) of wonderful treasures for the children, helped pack over 1,000 boxes at Taylor Technology, made special necklaces for your shoeboxes and tucked letters, cards and even pictures in your boxes too!

Our thanks to ALL of you for your huge devotion to Operation Christmas Child through many years. With all of your efforts, you are impacting the lives of SO many children, families and communities - providing awesome toys, critical hygiene items & school supplies, but most importantly, sharing your love of Jesus to others worldwide.

So as you pack again this year, remember:

“What goes into the box is FUN, but what comes out is ETERNAL!”



Thanks again,
Mrs. Joyce and your friends in the 5th, 6th and 7th Grade Sunday School

2018 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DATES for PHUMC

Sunday, September 30 OCC Kickoff at PHUMC
10:a.m.

Sunday, October 7 Make jump ropes in 1st Floor Meeting Room
9:00-9:30 am & 10:30-11:00 am

Sunday, October 14 Make jump ropes in 1st Floor Meeting Room
9:00-9:30 am & 10:30-11:00 am

Saturday, October 20 Taylor Tech Packing Party - 5th- 7th grade trip but **ALL WELCOME !!!**
8:00 am – Noon Spring Meadow Station

Sunday, October 21 Make jump ropes in 1st Floor Meeting Room
9:00-9:30 am & 10:30-11:00 am

Sunday, October 28 Students can make a necklace for their shoebox
10:30-11:00 a.m. in 1st Floor Meeting Room

Sunday, November 11 Sunday Services Beginning of Collection Week

Sunday, November 18 Sunday Services Blessing of the Shoeboxes & Delivery to Grace Fellowship