

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."

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

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm

7:00 pm [Contemporary]

11:00 pm (Preceded by a Christmas Concert at 10:30)

Candlelight and Communion will be celebrated at all three services.

Pastor's Thoughts

A little girl came home from Sunday school waving a paper for her mother to see. "Look Mommy," she exclaimed, "My teacher says I drew the most unusual Christmas picture she ever saw!" Her mother took one look and had to agree with the teacher. Hoping her daughter could explain her creation, the mother asked, "Why are all these people riding in the back of an airplane?" "Well, Mommy, that's the flight into Egypt."

Accepting that, mother asked another question: "Who is this mean-looking man in the front?" Her daughter answered quickly and knowingly: "That's Pontius, the Pilot."

Looking at the picture even more closely, the mother said, "I see you have Mary and Joseph and the baby. But who is this large man sitting behind Mary?" "Can't you tell?" the little girl asked, beginning to shake her head in disappointment. "That's Round John Virgin."

I'm sure most of you would not make the same mistakes as this little girl. You may feel know all there is to know about the Christmas story. I invite us all to approach this Christmas season as if it were our first.

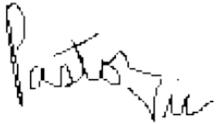
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What undiscovered gifts might still lie hidden under the Christ-tree of God's marvelous self-revelation?

Perhaps you'll stop long enough in all the busyness and mayhem to become familiar with the story in a new way. And perhaps, as you grow in your appreciation of how God came to us, and why God came for us, any uncertainty, anxiety, and worry that you have will fade away as you come to trust in the One who was given to us on the day so long ago. May we come to fully appreciate the gift that was given to us in Jesus this Christmas season as we seek to look at his birth as if it was for the first time.

Peace,



December 30: 10:00 am (one service) followed by a Potluck Lunch at 11:00.

A Reminder about our Inclement Weather Policy:

During the week (**Monday-Friday only**) we follow Baltimore County schools. If the Baltimore County schools cancel activities, or are closed for the day, any and all church meetings or activities are also cancelled.

For Saturday and Sunday, the decision will be made as soon as possible by the Pastor, Chair of the Trustees and/or the Program Coordinator(s) of scheduled activities as to whether church is closed or an event is cancelled.

Sunday mornings, a message will be posted one hour before a service. We also send it out via Facebook and our church email chain.

During the week, check the church voice mail message, church email chain and the Facebook page.

Always use your best judgement. If you feel unsafe to be out then stay home and be safe!

Mark Your Calendars:

- December 1:** State of the Church Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- December 2:** Movie Night
- December 7:** Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- December 8:** Breakfast with Santa
- December 9:** Christmas Tea
- December 15:** Folk Music Night
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
- December 30:** One Service 10:00 a.m.
- December 30:** Potluck Lunch 11:00 a.m.
- January 12:** Folk Music Night
- January 19:** Memorial – Ken Mason

State of the Church Meeting

Saturday, December 1

7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

To discuss finances, attendance, committee participation, special events and other vital issues.



Family Movie Night

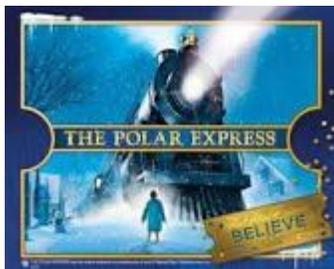
The Polar Express

Sunday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

A time of fun and fellowship!

Light refreshments of popcorn, hot cocoa, and water will be served.



Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 9

Hosted at the residence of

Anne & Bob Harris in the parsonage next to the church,

the congregation is welcome from 8:45-9:30 and 10:30-11:00am.

As tradition, we look forward to our church family's donations of sweets, which will be accepted the evening of 12/8 in the PHUMC kitchen (refrigerator will be marked).

Please make sure to label

"For Christmas Tea" any items being on-hand to accept your sweet donations the morning of the tea at the parking lot entrance to PHUMC.



Breakfast with Santa!

Saturday, December 8, 2018

9 - 11 a.m.

(Inclement weather date 12/15)

There will be delicious food, lots of crafts to do, and a chance for some great photo opportunities. Each child will receive a gift from Santa, as well!

Menu features: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, fruit cup, juice, milk, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.

Tickets are as follows:

Adults (ages 14 and up) - \$7.50

Children (4-13) - \$6.00

Ages 3 and under are FREE!!

Go to the chart at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4da4ae29a57-breakfast2> to order your tickets.

Seating is by RESERVATION ONLY!

No walk-ins available. Please order early. This event was sold out the last time.

As always, we will need help with this event. Go the chart at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4da4ae29a57-breakfast2> and sign up to participate.

We will need pancake flippers, egg cookers, and food servers. We will also need elves to help with crafts and traffic flow, and, of course, Mrs. Claus. Sign up TODAY to get the spot YOU really want!!

Advent Bible Study

“Preparing the Way”

Based on the reading from Year C from the Revised Common Lectionary

Mondays begins Nov 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays begins Nov 27 at noon

In the 1st floor meeting room.

If you would like to learn more about what the Common Lectionary is or how many years have been assigned letters, please join us.

Food Pantry News: Great News!

Dave and Laura Hanna are going to assume the duties of the Pantry Coordinator beginning in January. Thank you, Dave and Laura!

The food pantry continues to serve community members in record numbers. In fact, our appointments are usually completely filled 3 weeks out. In October, the pantry served 100 families (323 people). 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.

Christmas baskets will be packed on December 13th @ 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Baskets will be distributed on December 15th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Food items requested are as follows:

Yams or Sweet Potatoes

Cake mix and Frosting

Stuffing

Turkey Gravy

Biscuit or Corn Bread Mix

Green Beans

Boxed or Bagged Mashed Potatoes

Cranberry Sauce

ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE AT THE CHURCH BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Also, we will, again, be collecting games & toys and hats and mittens for the mitten tree. ***If you know of someone in need of a Christmas Basket, please have them call 410-256-1897.***

If you would like to help with packing or distribution of the baskets, please see Margaret Hubbard or Peggy Whiting.

Folk Music Nights:

December 15, 7-10 p.m.,

featuring **Matt Roach**

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

Singer/songwriter **Matt Roach**'s concerts are a combination of well-crafted songs mixed in with an easygoing stage presence. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an “open mic” at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Matt's set.

January 12, 7-10 p.m.,

featuring **Betty Ladas**

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

Betty Ladas sees things as they are and puts it all to music. She is at home on the guitar as well as the piano, and she only wishes she had more hands so she could wrangle more on the harmonica. Her set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an “open mic” at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Betty's set.

Folk Music Night 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.



Christmas Concert!
“Voices of Faith Chorale”
Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

“Voices of Faith Chorale,” which includes some members of PHUMC’s Adult Choir and some members of the Praise Band, under the direction of Don Appel will present their annual Christmas Concert, titled, “A Still and Silent Night” at Perry Hall United Methodist Church..

This concert honors the 100th anniversary of the writing of “Silent Night” and will include contemporary Christian, pop and gospel Christmas music with audience participation. Admission is free – bring the whole family!!

The Ladies of **W.I.S.H.** invite any and all women to join them on **Thursday, January 3, at 10:30 a.m.** on the first floor of the church. If you have any questions, please call Vivian Creasy at 410-256-5557 or Kathy Wallis at 410-668-3649.

December Birthdays:

3 Michael Knoedler
5 Peggy Winchester
11 Bob Miloro
12 Mary Flanigan
16 Alyssa Ramberg
16 Jack Zechman
17 Judy Rea
17 Sheryl Reese
18 Brenda Reinhart
19 Libby Wilkins
23 Mike Malatesta
24 Brad Hausman
27 Perry Beebe
27 Evelyn Hearn
30 Dan E. Walker III
31 Doris Carter
31 Vivian Creasy
31 Bettye Gramlich

January Birthdays

1 Ken McCracken,
9 William Stielper
11 Jacob Hausman
13 John Burkhardt
15 Louise Cole
18 Brian Smith
22 Amanda Rodriguez
31 Jeannie Ross

We extend sympathy to Pat Walter on the death of her sister, Nancy Dinsmore.

We extend sympathy to Bob and Jeanne Ross, on the death of Bob’s mother, Beryl.

We extend sympathy to Danny and Dawn Darnall on the death of Danny’s mom, Joyce Darnall on October 30.

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of Ken Mason who died on November 8. Ken and his late wife, Elsie, were members for many years and served the church in many capacities. Ken’s memorial will be held on January 19 at 11:00 a.m.

We extend sympathy to Larry Sunderland and all of the family and friends of Barbara Sunderland, who died November 15. Barbara & Larry were members of Andrews Chapel before it merged with Overlea. They renewed their vows in honor of their 70th anniversary in 2017, shortly after the merger with Perry Hall.

We extend sympathy to Dan and Carol Walker, Danny (Dan III) and Catherine Walker and the youngest Walkers on the death of Dan’s mother, Ruth Walker.