

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.

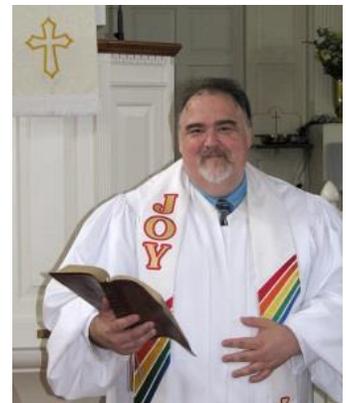
Pastor’s Thoughts

Historically, church buildings didn’t always have pews or chairs. According to doctoral research from John Charles Bennett at the University of Birmingham, Anglo-Saxon churches typically had just a few three-legged stools for the use of elderly or infirm attendees who could not stand for the length of the service. Later, from the 13th to the 15th centuries, benches and stalls became more common. These were usually privately constructed by church members who wanted to insure themselves a seat in church without having to bring stools or mats from home. If a medieval Christian referred to “my pew,” she probably meant it literally.

In the following centuries, American and British churches installed seating throughout the building. These church-owned pews or benches were then rented (or “let”) to individuals and families. This became the primary means of funding the church’s operating costs. As historian Charles D. Cashdollar notes, prices for particular seats were determined by the perceived desirability of their location—**with front and aisle seats fetching the highest amounts**—though nearly all churches also had less expensive and free seats available for those who could not pay.

Pew rental continued to be widespread well into the 1800s. During this time, more than half of the seats in all English and Welsh churches and chapels were allocated to particular families and individuals. But, eventually, diminishing revenues coupled with concerns about class discrimination caused the rental system to be replaced by the “free-will” offering most of us are familiar with today. *From an Article written by Megan Hill, author of Praying Together*

October 2019



While we may laugh at the idea of renting a pew, (*BTW did you catch that the most expensive were upfront?*) space is important to all of us – even in church. We become attached to our spot, our pew, our service – even dare I say our Pastor (be honest - we all have a favorite). While it may be true that we have sat in the same spot since our Mom first brought us to church as a baby we have to accept the fact that if we want to be a welcoming church than we can't be attached to our pew or our spot.

It is anything but welcoming when we say to a newcomer, "Get up and move you're in my spot!" Can you imagine Jesus saying to anyone "Hey move over, I want to sit there?" "I was here before you, I'll be here after you, that's my seat."

As followers of Jesus, we would do well to match his practice of love and acceptance of anyone who wishes to come and be a part of the faith community. So, the next time you see someone in "your seat" – just say "Welcome! It's good to have you here!"

Peace,



Save the Date:

- Oct. 3:** W.I.S.H. meets
- Oct. 5:** Flu Shot Clinic
- Oct. 5:** Food Distribution
- Oct. 6:** Blessing of the Animals
- Oct. 6:** Karaoke & Pot Luck Night
- Oct. 12:** Community Fall Fest
& Craft Fair
- Oct. 12:** Folk Music Night
- Oct. 14:** Adult Bowling
- Oct. 26:** Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 27:** Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 12:** Evening Advent Study Starts
- Nov. 18:** Lunch Advent Study Starts
- Mar. 14:** Connect Leadership Summit

Acolyte Schedule

- October 6:** 8:15 Catherine Reinhart
11:00 Jackson Mylnski
- October 13:** 11:00 Gabe Zell
- October 20:** 8:15 Sam Dinesh Kumar
11:00 Austen Widomski
- October 27:** 11:00 Sophia Parse

Advent Study: Unwrap the Wonder

Monday 7:00 pm

November 18, December 2, 9, 16

Tuesday 12:00 noon

November 12, December 3, 10, 17

Blessing of the Animals

October 6, 12:15

On October 6 at 12:15 we will have a blessing of the animals in the parking lot. So, bring your pet and share in this brief celebration of the precious gifts that pets are to all of us.

October 27 - Stewardship Sunday

We will celebrate Stewardship Sunday on October 27. On this day we will commit our gifts and our talent to God's use for the coming year. There will be more information as well as an Estimate of giving card sent out and made available prior to that Sunday.

HAVE YOU STEPPED UP?

Back in April, our 2019 financial budget of \$328,973 was presented during all three services. To meet the 2019 budget, the congregation was asked to step up their giving by \$4.15 per week. On average, there are 130 "giving units". Out of the 130 giving units, 20 have stepped up their giving. THANK YOU for responding, we sincerely appreciate the increase in tithing.

Can you join these 20 givers and help increase this number? Please consider tithing a few more dollars per week so we are able to meet the financial needs of our church.

In Christian love,

Dawn Brown

W.I.S.H.

(Women In Studying and Helping)
October 3, 10:30 a.m.

The ladies of W.I.S.H. will resume meeting on Thursday, September 5. They invite any and all women – regardless of religious affiliation – to join them on the first floor.

Adult Bowling Night Monday, October 14 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a night of bowling on Monday, October 14th from 7:00 – 9:30 at Perry Hall Lanes, 4359 Ebenezer Road. The cost is \$17.00 based upon 5 bowlers per lane. You must sign up and pay by September 29th, and payment in cash is required. Please turn all your money and sign-up sheet in to either Peggy Whiting or Margaret Hubbard. Any questions please contact Peggy or Margaret.

Family Karaoke Night! Sunday, October 6th!

Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship and entertainment!

We will be sharing a potluck meal from 5:00-5:30 and having karaoke from 5:30-7:00 in the Fellowship hall. Singing will be led by a professional karaoke DJ! Please bring a food item and drink to share.

Kindly RSVP by 9/29. All are welcome!

Community Fall Fest & Craft Fair
October 12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Vendors & Crafters! Live Music!
Pit Beef! Games! Face Painting!
Don't miss this! Plan to bring the family!

To help out, sign up here:

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

If you are not computer oriented, talk to Denise Boyd.

Thank You, Laura & Dave Hanna!

You may have noticed the new planters gracing all our outside doors. Laura and Dave Hanna have taken this form of beautification seriously. They recently purchased new pots, soil, flowers, and seasonal decorations. After the planting, they also make sure the arrangements are kept watered.

These bright spots are welcoming, not only for our congregation, visitors, and Little Jewels folks, but are enjoyed by clients of the Thrift Shop and Food Pantry.

Thanks from all of us to the two of you!

Folk Music Night:

October 12, 7-10 p.m.

featuring singer/songwriter

Brooksie Wells:

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

Brooksie Wells' latest album, *In My Pocket*, reflects the humor and pathos of being present and observing our own joys and mistakes. Her elegant fingerpicking and grounded vocals are supported by warm, acoustic arrangements and clean production.

Brooksie's 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://www.folkmusicnight.com/>. Questions may be directed to Neil Zimmerman: 410-529-7176 or ndzimmer@comcast.net.

Shoeboxes!

We will be filling shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child* again this year! Stay tuned for details!

New Members

Please welcome Kristie Lee O'Hara, Samantha Skazis and Steven Skazis who joined with Perry Hall United Methodist Church on September 8, 2019!

Prayer Chain

For years PHUMC has had a prayer chain to help disseminate prayer requests within the congregation. We have lost some participants through death or relocation so would like to add anyone interested in taking advantage of staying current with those who need our prayers and support.

This is especially helpful for those who don't use e-mail, Facebook, or other means of electronic communication. Anyone can sign up by calling Mary in the office. It is not necessary to be a member or attendee of PHUMC.

If you are already using one of our other methods, but want to share a prayer request with a larger audience, call Mary Schramm at 410-256-6479 with your info.

LEADERSHIP DAYS

In an effort to get quality information into the hands of the congregation, the Baltimore Washington Conference is trying something new:

Teaching Tuesday Webinars for New Leaders:

November 2019-January 2020

New to SPRC, Trustees or Finance?

<https://www.bwcumc.org/events/leadership-days/>

*The **Connect Leadership Summit** for
leader and congregational development:
March 14, 2020:*

Details to be made available later.

Food Pantry:

**August: 114 households
398 people served**

Food Drive

The community food drive on Saturday, September 7, at Giant was extremely successful!!! The community (and customers of Giant) truly came through with bags and bags and bags of food - so much that it took 3 vans/cars to bring all the food back to the pantry. Thank you to Peggy, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Dave for manning the donation event for 5 hours! Their dedication helped make the food drive a huge success.

This was our second major food drive within the community. We are planning two more this year.

Holiday Baskets

We will be giving away 50 Thanksgiving baskets and 50 Christmas baskets this year. Instead of frozen turkeys, we will be giving each of the 50 families a \$15 gift card to Walmart along with the bag of trimmings, which include mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, green beans, canned yams/sweet potatoes, muffin mix, cake mix and icing.

About those Calendars...

Like many of you, I receive calendars from various organizations that I may or may not have contributed to in the past. I used to wonder what to do with them because many are quite lovely: The Audubon Society, National Parks Foundation, World Wildlife Fund, etc.

The Food Pantry loves to receive these to offer to our clients. They enjoy looking through the selection to choose their favorite. Feel free to drop your extras off during the next few months starting now.

Thank to our friends at Fallston UMC and at St. Peter's Lutheran Church for their generosity in collecting food for us.

Most needed as this is written: Cereal, soup, canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruit.

Community Food Distribution Saturday, October 5

We will be holding another food distribution event on Saturday, October 5th.

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 Saturday, September 28th at 9:00 am. Please contact Peggy Whiting to sign up for the orientation at 410-529-8640 or peggywhiting04@yahoo.com.

Any volunteer under the age of 13 must have adult supervision.

Please note that on October 5th from 9:00 – 11:00 we will need volunteers able to lift cases of food.

Please sign up by September 29th .

Name _____

Phone Number _____

I can help Saturday October 5th . _____

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 – 2:00 pm

(Clean up) _____

All day _____

I have _____ canopies to lend.

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

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

PHUMC Bible Presentation

Every year, fourth grade students are presented with a Bible from our church to help them study God's word and grow in their faith. Older students who have not yet received a Bible are presented one at this time as well. It was with great pleasure that we presented the following students with their own Bible, personalized with their name, on September 8th, Backpack Sunday.

Samantha Kekua'aokalani Bosque
Aaron Lee Gonzalez
Alexis Marie Orzolek
Catherine Hruby Reinhart
Sophia Rose Cecile Van Hook
Dan Edward Walker IV



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McMurray Hills Manor
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McMurray, PA 15317

Nancy Franke
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Baltimore, MD 21236

Edith Hofferbert
4108 Loch Lomond Drive
Baltimore, MD 21234

Violet Johnson
Prestonwood Court Assisted Living Apt 112
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Plano, Texas 75093

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Jacob's Well
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Bel Air, MD 21015

Esther Rebach
209 East Burke Avenue
Towson, MD 21286

Sheryl Reese
4605 Marbelhall Road
Baltimore, MD 21239

October Birthdays:

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

