

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.”

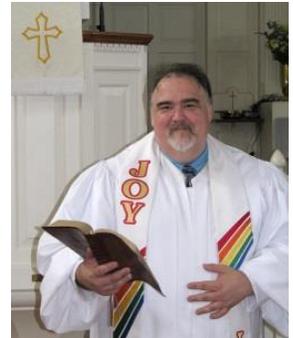
Sunday Services:	Traditional services	8:15 and 11:00 a.m.
	Contemporary service	9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.

Pastor’s Thoughts

November 2019

Each day, as we rise from bed, our day is filled with possibilities. We wonder in our hearts what will the day bring. We want to believe that all will be well, but sometimes our lives are filled with anxiety and fear.

Sometimes we know where that fear comes from, other times it is a vague sense that all is not right with our world. In either case it is a real fear that tests our spirit’s ability to continue the journey. As Moltmann reminds us, hope comes with the presence of the Almighty and our understanding and acceptance of the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.



Jurgen Moltmann, in his book *Experiences of God* wrote: “Anyone who is afraid of the future cannot make a new beginning even if he wants to. Anyone who believes that the world is going to end in catastrophe will not make a new beginning, because it is pointless. Anyone who sees no future before him goes on as before, until he falls backward into the pit he is digging for himself. For a new beginning we need the power of a hope which transforms life and overcomes the world. But we only discover the power of a hope like this when we find the foundation for hope and recognize it clearly. By the foundation for hope I do not mean well-weighed arguments in favor of hope. I mean the living sources from which this power springs. The living source of hope lies in a future from which new time, new potentiality and new freedom continually advance to meet us. We find this future in Jesus Christ; he is our future – he is our hope. In the new beginning which faith makes possible we find Christ, who is our future and our hope.”

As the hymn proclaims: “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.” On this day and all days no matter what we face – may the hope of Jesus see us through!

Peace,

A Thought from the Pews:

A member of the congregation came across this passage in her NIV Study Bible and found it timely, considering all that Perry Hall UMC has endured recently. (From *The NIV Fruit of the Spirit Bible, New International Version* © 2000 by The Zondervan Corporation)

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

“The church: It’s always there – sometimes interesting, many times not. There’s virtue in attending church, for there we meet with God and those who love him. Why is this meeting time so special? Here are ten reasons for going to church.

1. There is one place that constantly reminds us that heaven exists – it’s the church.
2. God’s house is a constant reminder to the nation that the nation ought to be more like God’s house.
3. God’s house is a place of worship, and worship is the hassle-stopper.
4. Those who constantly run without stopping for God eventually become all legs and no heart.
5. Church is the place for teaching our children the life of faith. It is a place where they are ever in training to become tomorrow’s moral giants.
6. There we live in community of need – our brothers and sisters, like ourselves, have many needs. We can lift them up as they lift us.
7. There is praise there, and praise keeps us from living in a world where despair is common.
8. The Bible is read in church. Just to hear these living words of God gives us the power to triumph over our monetary problems.
9. The gospel is preached there, and where the gospel is preached, people come to Christ.
10. Jesus is exalted there, and anywhere that Christ is exalted is a place where our own spirits soar.”

Save the Date:

Nov. 3: All Saints Sunday
Nov. 3: Rededication of Organ
Nov. 7: W.I.S.H. meets
Nov. 9: Spaghetti Dinner
Nov. 12: Noon Advent Study Starts
Nov. 17: Laity Sunday
Nov. 18: Evening Advent Study Starts
Nov. 24: Blessing of Operation Christmas
Child Shoeboxes
Dec. 1: Movie Night
Dec. 22: Blue Christmas
Dec. 29: One service
Dec. 29: Soup & Sandwich with Santa
Mar. 14: Connect Leadership Summit

Acolyte Schedule

November 3: 8:15 Sophia Van Hook
11:00 Alexis Orzolek
November 10: 11:00 Ella Widomski
November 17: 8:15 Bailey Cordell
11:00 Tristan Boyd
November 24: 11:00 Jackson Mlynski

All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 3.

Please have names of those who died this year to the church office by October 27th.

Movie Night December 1, 5-7 p.m.

Family fun and friendly! Admission free.

Rededication of the Organ

Sunday, November 3, 2019

3:00 P.M.

Don Appel will feature classical and contemporary organ pieces. There will also be choral and guest instrumental performances. Admission is Free
Offering Will Be Taken

Laity Sunday

November 17

All Services

We will celebrate Laity Sunday on November 17. We are asking you to participate by filling out some answers to a list of question that will be in the bulletin. Your response will help shape "the message" for that day.

Advent Study: Unwrap the Wonder

Join with us as we look at Luke 1:26-38 a see in them the Wonder waiting to be unwrapped!

Monday 7:00 pm

November 18, December 2, 9, 16

Tuesday 12:00 noon

November 12, December 3, 10, 17

Folk Music Night:

November 16, 7-10 p.m.

featuring singer/songwriter **Matt Roach:**

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

Matt Roach's concerts are a combination of well-crafted songs mixed in with an easygoing stage presence.

Matt's set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Matt'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 .

W.I.S.H.

(Women Interested in **S**tudying and **H**elping)

November 7, 10:30 a.m.

The ladies of W.I.S.H. will meet on Thursday, November 7. They invite any and all women – regardless of religious affiliation – to join them on the first floor.

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 attender 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.

Blue Christmas

December 22, 2019 5:00 pm

Christmas can be a painful time for some.

For those suffering from the recent or impending death of loved ones, dealing with recent separation or divorce, struggling to find employment, or facing depression or family crisis, this can be a very isolated and dreary time.

Join us for a time of worship about the God of love who comes to us in the midst of the mess and pain of life to offer healing and hope.

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/>

Conference Online Bible Study Resources:
<https://www.bwcumc.org/resources/who-are-we/>

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

Our **Sunday School** needs substitute teachers.

Ideally, each class would have two teachers instead of one, so that if anyone wants to work with the children every week we would love to have you.

Our youth are our future so whether it is as a sub or every week, please consider helping out. My phone is 443-825-2949, email is sunrae1972@gmail.com and you can contact me on Facebook as well. Thank-you from Rachael Desfosses

BOWLING FUN

On Monday, Oct. 14 ten folks from P.H.U.M.C. exercised their bowling chops at Perry Hall Lanes. Although many of us looked a little rusty, we had a lot of fun cheering for each other. Dave Hanna definitely has some skills, but we were able to roll a few strikes and spares. At the end of the evening, everyone agreed that we should do it again soon!

Please Consider Volunteering in Our Cribbery!

We offer weekly cribbery at the 9:30 service for our families with children too young for Sunday School.

We really need more help as several families that have helped for years are stepping down. If no children arrive during the first 10 minutes of the service, you can join the church service upstairs.

Please contact Brenda Reinhart at 443.286.5026 or brendareinhart@yahoo.com if you are interested or have questions.

Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale Saturday, November 9 4 - 6:30 p.m.

Bring the friends, family & neighbors out on November 9th, when Chef Mike DePalo will be serving up spaghetti with homemade meatballs and that sauce he makes that everyone loves!

The bake sale will feature all of your wildest desires.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children.

As always, there are opportunities to help. Sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4da4ae29a57-spaghetti> or talk to Denise Boyd.

Baptism

Thomas Brae O'Hara, son of Thomas Brae O'Hara IV and Kristie Lee O'Hara, on October 6.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Christmas 2019

Once again, it's time to continue this wonderful ministry by packing treasures and necessities in our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Last Christmas, due to your generosity, we collected 149 shoeboxes at PHUMC. Our class LOVES leading this very special ministry for our church and we would LOVE for you to pack a shoebox (or two, or three or four!!!) for a child who may not receive a gift at all - if not from YOU!

But it's not only the things in the shoebox that are important – it's the message of love and hope that Operation Christmas Child spreads as they fulfill the Great Commission that Jesus shared with his disciples. These shoeboxes have the ETERNAL message of Jesus that we all have been blessed to know – and are called to share with others. Again this year, millions of children will experience Christmas joy when they receive these special shoeboxes and hear of God's precious gift of our Lord Jesus through Christian literature and follow-up discipleship programs.

Suggested gift ideas are: small toys, school supplies, and hygiene articles, as well as other special items such as Bible story picture books, soccer balls, socks, hats, gloves, T-shirts, and solar calculators. In a separate envelope, you may also enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. **Operation Christmas Child encourages this – it's so special to the children to know about the people who gave them their gifts.**

You can find all that you need to get started on this special Christmas project outside of the Sunday School office, including age/gender labels to be placed on your box, envelopes for mailing donations and a brochure with 101 gift suggestions for your shoebox. Shoeboxes from Operation

Christmas Child are available on all 3 floors at PHUMC – or pack your treasures in your own box! Shoeboxes may be wrapped, but please remember that the top and bottom must be wrapped individually to allow Operation Christmas Child staff to add literature on top of your gifts (allow 1" at top). Shoeboxes may be dropped off outside of the Sunday School office anytime from now until **PHUMC Collection Day on Sunday, November 24th**, when Pastor Vic will bless our shoeboxes and we will deliver them to Grace Fellowship in Timonium.

The cost to ship the shoeboxes is \$9.00 for each box. Please make your check out to "Samaritan's Purse" and place it **inside** the box (right at the top so it is easily seen).

And if you can't create a shoebox but would like to help with the mailing expenses, a check for \$9.00 can be made out to "Samaritan's Purse" and put into the OCC envelopes located outside of the Sunday School office and on the Narthex table. Please place them in the offering plates.

Shopping for treasures for Operation Christmas Child has become a special family tradition for many of our church families and is a wonderful way to show our children how we all can help to share God's love to those in need. Please help this wonderful ministry started years ago by our friend, Nancy Rafferty, continue to grow.



Food Pantry:

**September: 101 households
337 people served**

The **Food Distribution of Oct. 5** went off very well! We served 152 families which included 448 individuals.

We gave away an enormous amount of beautiful produce. (11,800 lbs. total) In addition, we had nonperishable items including McCormick Grill Mates. In fact, McCormick was our sponsor once again and we are very appreciative of their support.

There are many thank yous for all the assistance we received. We had folks helping from the Seven Oaks Senior Center and Camp Chapel UMC, as well as a hard working group of girl scouts from St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Troop 246, and a couple of Dave and Laura Hanna's grandchildren who never seemed to run out of energy. We had many positive comments on all our young people.

Emma Evan-Nolet took 2 truckloads full of extra produce to Loaves and Fishes and delighted their clients. Eddie Lawrence came to the church early so he could make coffee for everyone. Thank you, Eddie! Preston Wollett's grandson, John, brought him over so he could visit with old friends and give us all a hard time. (Meanwhile, John was doing the heavy lifting!)

Some of our clients were also able to get their flu shots since the pharmacy from Safeway was providing the service here that day.

At the end of the day, we were all exhausted but delighted with the success of such an important mission.

Thanksgiving Baskets

We will distribute 50 Thanksgiving baskets this year. To help structure the planning and preparing of the baskets, each week we will focus on a particular item or items that will be part of the baskets. While we have a "schedule" for each week, please know that you may donate any or all of the items at any time based on your own, personal, convenience.

- October 6: Yams or sweet potatoes
- October 13: Cake mix **and** frosting
- October 20: Boxed corn bread, biscuit mix, or muffin mix
- October 27: Canned green beans **and** Canned corn
- November 3: Boxed mashed potatoes **and** Canned jellied cranberry sauce
- November 10: Boxed stuffing mix **and** Canned turkey gravy

*****Every week until November 17:
Walmart Gift Cards in \$15
denominations for the turkeys***

***The \$15 Walmart Gift Card will be given in lieu of a frozen turkey. This way, the family can purchase the "main entrée" of their choice. Every \$15 gift card will be a true blessing to a family and you may turn them in any Sunday (place in envelope and mark "Thanksgiving Baskets") put in offering or you may give them to Dave and/or Laura Hanna.*

Also, we will be collecting any and all gently worn used coats in men's, women's and children's sizes to be given/made available when families pick up their baskets.

We will have a holiday collection box in Fellowship Hall.

**Most needed as this is written:
Cereal, applesauce, canned fruit, boxed potato or boxed rice**

The Food Pantry Volunteers and Clients would like to Thank:

Camp Chapel United Methodist Church, for their generosity donating in food to the Pantry!

Fallston United Methodist Church, for their faithful generosity in donating food to the Pantry!

The **Ladies of W.I.S.H.**, for their continued and unwavering support of the Food Pantry!

Gene Harryman, for donating tomatoes and green peppers from his garden!

Gone Home

We offer condolences to Kevin and Diane Gaither on the death of Kevin's mother, **Nancy Franke**, on September 19. Prior to her poor health, Nancy was involved in much that went on at PHUMC, especially kitchen-related events.

We offer condolences to Laura and Dave Hanna on the death of Laura's father, **John Ketzner**, on September 25.

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Esther Reback**, who died on October 10.

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Gwen Cline**, who was a member of PHUMC from 1946-2012.

DID YOU KNOW?

...that Camp Chapel U.M.C. has a Furniture Ministry. They collect usable items from folks who are moving, downsizing, or just cleaning out the garage. Anyone can contact them to drop off various pieces that can be used by others who are trying to furnish an apartment after being homeless or living with others or other similar situations.

Camp Chapel phone (410) 256- 5561

November Birthdays:

4 Ryan Schneider
11 David Williams Jr.
13 Russell Hatch
14 Dan Kalendek
16 Kim Cole
19 Pat Fisher
23 Kathy Proffitt
26 Mary Schramm
28 Gabriel Zell
28 Samantha Smith
29 Celina Baranoski
29 Austen Widomski

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