

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.

February 26: Ash Wednesday Services: 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Thoughts

February 2020

Greetings,

Matthew 6:11 reads "Give us this day our daily bread." These words from the Lord's Prayer are familiar words to us. We pray them often. Perhaps as a part of a prayer before a meal, when we pray the Lord's Prayer or even as a part of a request to go for help.

Bread is a staple food, found around the world, and is one of the world's oldest foods.

The endless combination of flours and ingredients leads all sorts, shapes, sizes, and textures. Bread is served in different forms at any meal of the day, often eaten as a snack and can be used as an ingredient in meals (Panera Bread bowl anyone?). Bread has taken on significance for many beyond its ability to feed us.

Bread is seen as a symbol for the Bible, and therefore represents to us the spiritual food that God has given us to nurture our souls. When we pray "Give us our daily bread" – we are asking God to provide us with the spiritual wisdom we need to continue on our journey of faith.

Bread also represents the fellowship that exist between God and us. As we break the bread of fellowship, we are united with one another and with God in a unique and special way. When we pray "Give us our daily bread" – we are asking God to become one with us and thereby be sustained by the bread of life.

Bread also represents our commitment to the larger world. Jesus after His resurrection cooks breakfast for His disciples and charges them and all who follow him, to "Feed my sheep." When we pray "Give us our daily bread" – we are asking God to remind us that God's bread is not for us alone, but for all the world.

In this new year, as we pray "Give us our daily bread", may we be mindful of all that means to us as followers of Jesus.

Peace,

About the Issue of Possible Separation within the United Methodist Church *Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace through Separation*

January 3, 2020

(Washington, D.C.): A diverse group of representatives from United Methodist advocacy groups with contrasting views and bishops from around the world has collaborated on a proposed agreement for the separation of The United Methodist Church (UMC) that has the unanimous support of all the parties involved.

The agreement, the *Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation*, was achieved on December 17, 2019 and announced today.

The action comes amid heightened tensions in the church over conflicting views related to human sexuality after the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference failed to resolve differences among church members.

Legislation to implement the Protocol statement – an eight-page document detailing the terms of a split of the 13+ million-member denomination – is expected to come before the United Methodist General Conference for a vote at their legislative meeting in Minneapolis, Minn. in May 2020.

Meeting over several months, the unofficial group reached an agreement by signatories associated with all of the constituencies within the UMC for a mutually supported pathway for separation, bridging differences among other plans to be considered by the General Conference. “The undersigned propose restructuring The United Methodist Church by separation as the best means to resolve our differences, allowing each part of the Church to remain true to its theological understanding, while recognizing the dignity, equality, integrity, and respect of every person,” says the protocol statement.

The Protocol anticipates the formation of a new traditionalist Methodist denomination. Once formed, the new church would receive \$25 million over the next four years and give up further claim to the UMC’s assets. An additional \$2 million would be allocated for potential additional new Methodist denominations which may emerge from the UMC. Acknowledging the historical role of the Methodist movement in systematic racial violence, exploitation and discrimination, the Protocol would allocate \$39 million to ensure there is no disruption in supporting ministries for communities historically marginalized by racism.

Under the protocol, conferences and local congregations could vote to separate from The United Methodist Church to affiliate with new Methodist denominations created under the agreement within a certain time frame. Churches wishing to stay within the UMC would not be required to conduct a vote. Provisions exist for entities that choose to separate to retain their assets and liabilities. All current clergy and lay employees would keep their pensions regardless of the Methodist denomination with which they affiliate.

Under the Protocol, all administrative or judicial processes addressing restrictions in the United Methodist Book of Discipline related to self-avowed practicing homosexuals or same-sex weddings as well as actions to close churches would be held in abeyance until the separation is completed. The protocol also references a plan which calls for a special general conference of the post-separation United Methodist Church. The purpose of the Special Session would be to create regional conferences, remove the current prohibitions against LGBTQ persons, and to repeal the Traditional Plan.

Speaking on behalf of the group, Bishop John Yambasu (Sierra Leone) stated, “All of us are servants of the church and realize that we are not the primary decision makers on these matters. Instead, we humbly offer to the delegates of the 2020 General Conference the work which we have accomplished in the hopes that it will help heal the harms and conflicts within the body of Christ and free us to be more effective witnesses to God’s Kingdom.”

More detailed information is available at church.



From Bishop LaTrelle Easterling:

Beloved,

We. Are. One.

That was the title of the sermon I preached during my Installation in 2016 at First Hyattsville United Methodist Church. The Spirit led me to preach from Ephesians and emphasize our unity after listening to conversations throughout the conference. Further, as far back as I can remember, my hearing, understanding, and praxis of the Gospel message has centered upon our oneness in Jesus Christ.

While it may seem contradictory, the new *Protocol on Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation*, now before the denomination, is the best and strongest way we can move forward honoring the Gospel and our call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Crafted in a spirit of mutual respect, it lifts us out of the quagmire we've been stuck in for decades and sets us all, with integrity, on a path that brings honor and glory to God. Ecclesiastes teaches us a hard truth - that there is a time for every matter under the sun. The time for moving forward in new and separate expressions of Methodism is before us.

As a member of the 16-member mediation team, which included conservatives, moderates, progressives and bishops, I strongly urge you to read the protocol with a discerning eye, putting aside preconceived inclinations to be feelings of defensiveness, and I believe you will discover the Holy Spirit is at work among us.

I was deeply honored to participate in the creation of the protocol. I came to the process after it had already begun. During the November meeting of the Council of Bishops, I became aware of meetings that were taking place comprised of a broad constituency of committed laity, clergy, and episcopal leaders. After some in-depth conversation among the Council, it was decided that another female voice was needed at the table and I was asked if I would be willing to serve. I reluctantly agreed. I was reluctant because I have made it known that I was not willing to be a part of any group whose chief purpose was to dissolve the denomination or coerce persons to leave.

When I sat at table and saw the diversity represented there, I was heartened. Although not every single aspect of the denomination was present, it was a broad constituency representing very different theological viewpoints. I also immediately came to understand that they shared a consensus that remaining together was no longer a viable option. Therefore, each participant offered ideas and elements that were important to their caucuses and constituencies, and negotiated from that standpoint. While the conversation was intense, everyone made efforts to be considerate of the varying interests, needs, and the goal of separating with dignity. *The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation* is not perfect, just as no piece of legislation is perfect. But it does represent a viable foundation for developing legislation that will allow for an amicable separation with dignity.

As the Baltimore-Washington Conference, I invite us to read the entire Protocol and the accompanying documents with an open mind. Read it without imputing onto its authors any ill-intent or ignoble motive. Read it with the aftermath of the Special Session of General Conference in mind. Read it with the pain and harm that has been caused by our inability to live within contextual and theological freedom. Read it with an eye toward an opportunity to pour ourselves into mission and ministry without fear of LGBTQIA+ charges, trials, or exclusion.

As a result of the Protocol and my belief in the possibilities it holds, I will not be processing any charges pursuant to the new paragraphs of the *Book of Discipline*, which went into effect on January 1, 2020. There was unanimous consent among the mediation team, including the traditionalist voices at the table, that new rounds of charges and trials would not be helpful at this juncture. Rather, all such charges will be held in abeyance until after the General Conference.

It seems providential to me that the churches of the BWC are in the midst of the conference-wide study, *"Who Are We: A Journey From Head to Heart,"* which was designed to help us reflect upon our theological and scriptural grounding, our Wesleyan heritage, and our life together as the BWC. This study positions us perfectly to determine whether we want to remain within the post-separation United Methodist Church with the restrictive language about homosexuality removed, or go with the post-separation expression of Methodism that will retain those restrictions. Are we a conference grounded in liberation and inclusion, or restrictive practices? I pray that we see ourselves as the former. I believe our 236 years of bold mission and ministry, and our Christ-centered inclusion of all people, indicate that we are.

It has been shared with me by several conservative pastors and lay people in the BWC that they do not desire to align themselves with restrictive practices. They have made it clear that they will remain with The United Methodist Church if this plan passes at General Conference.

As anyone knows who has participated in the separation of any relationship, be it a marriage, a small business or a civic organization, it is never easy. The idea of separation tends toward the romantic; the reality of separation is anything but.

On the one hand, the cry from the members of The United Methodist Church has been to stop the pain, end the trials, and create an inclusive church where everyone is welcome. But it has become clear that many people in our church are not able to work faithfully and fruitfully alongside those with whom they disagree. An amicable separation is our best viable option. That is what the members of the mediation team attempted to create with the Protocol. It is being criticized because it was mediated in confidentiality. Confidentiality is not tantamount to evil. In this case, it was a tool, necessary to allow people with vastly different views to come together in a timely way to accomplish a critically important and time-sensitive task. Members of the team were tasked with communicating with their constituencies to inform the process. They did so, and the protocol now stands as the best work, and the best hope, of people across the broad theological spectrum of The United Methodist Church.

As we move toward the General Conference session in May, where the Protocol will be considered as legislation, I call all the people of the Baltimore-Washington Conference into a time of prayer and fasting. In the midst of these very logistical and strategic measures to ensure the future of the Church, we must never lose sight of the fact that we are first and foremost a spiritual people, called to be salt and light in an imperfect world.

"God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power. Crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour."

To God be the glory!

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

A Reminder about our Inclement Weather Policy:

During the week (Monday-Friday only) we follow Baltimore County schools. If 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, stay home and be safe!

Save the Date:

- February 2:** Sub Sale
February 6: W.I.S.H meets
February 15: Folk Music Night
February 25: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 26: Ash Wednesday Services
March 2: Evening Bible Study begins
March 3: Noon Bible Study begins
March 8: Girl Scout Sunday
March 14: Connect Leadership Summit
March 29: One Service Followed by Pot Luck
April 5: Palm Sunday
April 7: Adult Fellowship Movie Outing
April 11: Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt
April 12: Easter
April 26: 60th Anniversary!

February Acolyte Schedule

- February 2:** 8:00 Catherine Reinhart
11:00 Alexis Orzolek
February 9: 11:00 Trystan Boyd
February 16: 8:00 Lily Van Hook
11:00 Jackson Mylnski
February 23: 11:00 Sophia Parse
February 26: 7:00 Catherine Reinhart

Groundbreaking Celebration! 60 years of Service! April 26th

On April 26, 1959, the ground was broken for the building Perry Hall UMC. On February 3 at 7:00 pm we will be holding our first meeting to plan a celebration for April 26, 2020. If you can help please reach out to Pastor Vic.

Help Needed – Offering Counter!

If you are interested, you would join a team of experienced counters. Each team counts once every four weeks. If you cannot make a commitment to join a team, perhaps you could become a “sub” who would be called on when a regular counter is out. If interested, please call the church office at 410-256-6479 or contact Pat Walter.

Lenten Bible Study:

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple By Adam Hamilton

Monday - 7:00 pm
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6
Tuesday - 12 noon
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That’s one way to describe Peter. Here’s another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn’t even sound like the same man.

And that’s the point of *Simon Peter*, a new book and six-week adult Bible study by Adam Hamilton.

Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God’s extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

Chapters Include:

The Call of the Fisherman
Walking with Jesus in the Storm
Bedrock or Stumbling Block?
“I Will Not Deny You”
From Cowardice to Courage
The Rest of the Story

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Book Cost \$10.00

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.

COME IN YOUR MARDI GRAS FINEST!

Open To All

MENU:

Pancakes, Sausages

Home Fries

Apple Sauce/Fruit Bowl

Coffee, Tea, Milk, Juice

Freewill Offering Will Be Taken

A Word from the Trustees:

The Board of Trustees has been very busy lately keeping our building up and running.

Here are the projects that we are current involved in:

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- Obtaining quotes for restoration of the PHUMC cemetery stones
- Obtaining quotes to repair and/or renew the upholstery on the pews
- Obtaining quotes to repair the rain gutters and flashing to limit leaks
- Laying carpet tiles in the Narthex

CURRENT or COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Approved a request for group to paint the fellowship hall
- Switched security companies from Techmark to ADT and will be getting new key fobs and security software installed
- Renewed our contact with Brawn Landscaping & Snow Removal so we are ready for any storms that come our way!
- Repairing roof leaks in the drain system
- Cleaned and straightened the Narthex

Lastly, the trustees will be installing a REPAIR REQUEST box (location TBA) that will allow members to write down any repair requests and place them in the box. The repairs will be handled through the Trustees Chair and the Building and Properties Chair/Committee. This will hopefully be installed in the next month.

Connect Leadership Summit

Saturday, March 7, 2020

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bel Air United Methodist Church

21 Linwood Avenue

Bel Air, MD 21014

Cost \$40.00

Registration Opens January 13

**Inspiring & Equipping Churches
to Connect More People to Jesus**

Keynote Speaker, Daniel Im

Author of *No Silver Bullets*

At this one-day training opportunity, you'll hear from Daniel Im, author of "No Silver Bullets," who will help you lead, thrive, and create a culture of discipleship in your church. You can also immerse yourself in one of six learning tracks or explore two topics relevant to your interests and ministry in expert-led workshops.

Tracks & Workshops

Participants can dive deeply into one area of ministry by taking a track, which consists of two workshops. Or, they can explore ministry areas of particular interest to them in two workshops.

The tracks to choose from include:

- **Deepening Discipleship**
- **Next Level Leaders**
- **New Faith Expressions**
- **Youth Leadership**
- **Generosity Generators**
- **Abundant Health**

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.BWCUMC.ORG/EVENTS/CONNECT-LEADERSHIP-SUMMIT/](https://www.bwcumc.org/events/connect-leadership-summit/)

Shut Ins:

Lida Diller

McMurray Hills Manor

249 West McMurray Rd, Room 511

McMurray, PA 15317

Edith Hofferbert

4108 Loch Lomond Drive

Baltimore, MD 21234

Violet Johnson

Prestonwood Court Assisted Living Apt 112

7001 West Plano Parkway

Plano, Texas 75093

Thelma Kerwin

Jacob's Well

522 Thomas Run Road

Bel Air, MD 21015

Sheryl Reese

4605 Marbelhall Road

Baltimore, MD 21239

Food Pantry:

November: 119 households
409 people served
December: 110 households
389 people served

Food items most needed at the time this is written: Pasta Sauce, Cereal/Oatmeal/Grits, Jelly, Soup.

The Food Pantry Volunteers would like to Thank:

The students and faculty of **Chapel Hill Elementary School** for making the Perry Hall Food Pantry the recipient of their Thanksgiving Food Drive!

The students and faculty of **Seven Oaks Elementary School** for making the Perry Hall Food Pantry the recipient of their Thanksgiving Food Drive!

The **Student Council of Perry Hall High School** for making us the recipient of their food drive!

The **Perry High School Women's Basketball Team** for collecting canned goods at the door on our behalf!

Camp Chapel United Methodist Church for their generosity in donating food.

Weis Markets for their donation of \$500.

Weis Markets at Joppa and Belair for hosting a community food drive on our behalf!

Captain Conger and the officers of the Baltimore County Police Department, White Marsh Precinct for making us a recipient of their Community Food Drive!

Perry Hall Giant for hosting an ongoing community food drive on our behalf!

Confirmation 2020

January 29, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation Meeting January 29, 2020 in the Pastors Office for any interested persons (age 12 or older). If you think you might be interested please notify Pastor Vic prior to the meeting: rovovic@verzion.net or 443-417-8227

CALLING NEW ACOLYTES!!!

We are planning our annual Acolyte training session for children who have signed up to begin acolyting this year.

Tentatively scheduled is one hour-long meeting in the sanctuary on a Friday evening in February.

If your child is at least 8 years old and is interested in becoming a PHUMC acolyte this year, please contact Joyce Ziegler to be included in the training session.

UMC Scholarship Opportunities BWC Scholarship application process

The Baltimore Washington Conference awards scholarships for qualified students currently attending college, as well as high school seniors who plan to attend college in the fall of 2020.

The application process opens Jan. 3 and closes March 5.

To be considered for a scholarship, students must complete the full online application which includes uploading their current transcripts. In addition, the student must provide contact information for their pastor and one additional church reference.

The pastor and reference will be contacted and asked to submit information on the student's participation in the local church.

The entire process will be completed online <https://www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships/scholarships/apply/>





THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you, PHUMC collected 125 OCC shoeboxes this year – and they are on their way!

So . . . however you helped –

- by filling a shoe box
- by making jump ropes for Taylor Tech
- by making a necklace or a bracelet for the boxes
- by giving a donation toward shipping
- by helping pack 5,000+ shoeboxes at Taylor Tech
- or by your prayers for the shoebox recipients and all of those involved in this worldwide ministry

We are TRULY grateful for your help – and we thank you ALL.

We are very blessed to be a part of the PHUMC church family and thank God for you and your gifts of love and prayers and time and talents to work in the name of Jesus and spread His love.

God Bless You All,

Bailey, Ella, Lily, Oviya, Brady, Jake, Austen, Matthew, Paige, Trystan, Jordan and Mrs. Joyce



Gingerbread Party Time!



Every year, the acolytes get together for Christmas to decorate Gingerbread Houses and play games. This year, the acolytes OUTDID themselves – some BEAUTIFUL houses left our house at the end of the evening!

And we all had FUN eating snacks, playing Christmas dominoes and charades too!

We are so thankful to have such a great group of kids helping at our church services every week as PHUMC acolytes!

February Birthdays:

- 2 Esther Willman
- 3 Jacob Lingelbach
- 4 Bella Harris
- 6 Jason Hines
- 6 Larry Sunderland
- 6 Penny Baker
- 9 Ethan Mack
- 11 Anne Harris
- 12 Bob Ross
- 12 Sherry Wilmer
- 13 Denise Boyd
- 17 Christy Moore
- 21 Willow Schneider
- 24 Tina Baranoski
- 25 Bonnie Lingelbach
- 28 Eddie Lawrence

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PHUMC Officers and Committee members 2020
Administrative Board 2020

- (2020) Chairperson – Christy Moore
- Vice Chairperson –
- (2021) Recording Secretary – Joyce Ziegler
- (2021) Lay Leader – 11:00 – Peggy Whiting
- (2021) Assistant Lay Leader - 8:15 Al Simkins
- (2021) Assistant Lay Leader - 9:30 Kimberly Harner
- (2024) Lay Members to Annual Conference – Rebekah Harner
- (2022) Chairperson, Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Debbie Siegert
- (2022) Chairperson, Committee on Finance – Dawn Brown
- Vice Chairman on Finance -
- (2020) Treasurer – Kim Cole Evans
- (2020) Financial Secretary – Pat Walter
- (2022) Chairperson, Council on Ministries – Denise Boyd
- (2022) Vice Chair, Council of Ministries - Debbie Siegert
- (2020) Superintendent of Sunday School – Joyce Ziegler Jan 2020 – Sept. 2020
Rachael Desfosses Sept. 2020
- (2022) Chairperson of Communications – Dan Kalendek
- (2021) Youth Group President –
- (2020) Chairperson, Board of Trustees – Melanie Nolet
- (2020) Memorials Committee Chairperson – Judy Brown
- (2020) Music Committee Chairperson – Dan Walker
- (2021) Youth – Bob Harris and Victor Harner
- (2021) Children’s Ministry - Joe and Linda Orzolek
- Family Ministry – Brenda Reinhart
- Adult Ministries – Margaret Hubbard, Peggy Whiting
- President, Altar Guild and Worship Chair – Kim Cole-Evans
- Bereavement Committee – Cindy Sebald

Board of Trustees

2020	2021	2022
Sherry Wilmer	Ron Ziegler	Barry Creasy
Dave Hanna	Chris Philips	Mike Depalo
Melanie Nolet (Chair)		
Daniella Walker		

Lay Leader – Peggy Whiting
Reports to Trustees: Memorials Chair - Judy Brown
Building and Property Chair – DeWayne Rye

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

2020	2021	2022
Danny Benner	Tom Parker	Kay Pokrzywa
Gloria Barlow	Laura Hanna	Debbie Siegert (Chair)
	Dan Kalendek	
	Carol Knapp	
Lay Speaker - Al Simkins		

Committee On Lay Leadership – Nominations
Chairperson: Pastor Victor Harner – Lay Leader:
Lay Member Annual Conference – Rebekah Harner

Peggy Whiting, Al Simkins, Kim Harner, Debbie Siegert, Denise Boyd

Finance Committee

Chairperson – Dawn Brown (Chair)
Vice Chairperson –
Treasure – Kim Cole-Evans
Financial Secretary – Pat Walter
Asst. Financial Secretary – Jim George
Chairperson, Administrative Board – Christy Moore
Chairperson, Council on Ministries – Denise Boyd
Chairperson, Board of Trustees – Melanie Nolet
Lay Leader – Peggy Whiting
Chairperson, Staff-Parish Committee – Debbie Siegert
Lay Member to Annual Conference – Rebekah Harner
Memorials Committee - Chairperson – Judy Brown

Altar Guild President - Kim Cole-Evans/ Vice President Lisa Ashmore

Bonnie Lingelbach	Christy Moore	Helen Geppi	Brooke Widomski
Peggy Whiting	Lois Welsh	Kay Pokrzywa	Ella Widomski
Bettye Gramlich	Pat Walter	Gloria Barlow	
Joyce Ziegler	Pat Perry	Pat Smith	

Council on Ministries

(2022) Chairperson – Denise Boyd (Chair)
(2022) Vice Chairperson – Debbie Siegert (Vice Chair)
(2022) Superintendent of Sunday School – Joyce Ziegler Jan 2020-Sept 2020
Rachael Desfosses Sept. 2020
(2021) Youth Ministries – Bob Harris and Victor Harner
(2020) Missions - Anne Harris
(2020) Music Committee- Dan Walker
(2021) Children’s Ministry – Linda and Joe Orzolek
(2021) Family Ministries – Brenda Reinhart
(2021) Adult Ministries – Margaret Hubbard and Peggy Whiting
(2020) Altar Guild and Worship Chair – Kim Cole-Evans
(2022) Communications Coordinator – Dan Kalendek
Bereavement and Kitchen Committee – Cindy Sebald
Thrift Shop – Jennifer Malatesta
Hospitality Committee – Neil and Debbie Zimmerman
Administrative Assistant– Mary Schramm
Food Pantry – Dave Hanna
Special Events – Denise Boyd
Cribbery Coordinator

Worship Committee – Kim Cole-Evans Chairperson, Lisa Ashmore, Dan Walker, Don Appel, Denise Boyd, Troy Lingelbach.