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The Perry Scope

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A Message from The Pastor



During Summer season, the pace of life shifts, our activities often change, and our days seem longer. During all that maybe going on I encourage you to find time to practice the Presence of God. Each day we can be aware of the Divine right amid our everyday lives.

In the book Simple Abundance Author Sara Ban Breathnach wrote:

"Has this ever happened to you? You pick up a book and a sentence leaps off the page as if it had been written just for you. Or you hear a revelation in the lyrics of a song. Sometimes an angel seems to whisper in your ear."

It is in theses everyday moments, that God reaches out to us. Through the books we read, the walks we take, the sunsets we watch, the music we listen to, the people we encounter, God speaks to us the ever-important message: "You are loved, and the world needs your love."

May all of us be open to receiving and sharing that love!

Peace,

Pastor Vic



Food Pantry News

Summer is upon us – sunny days, warm temperatures, schools are out, and the pantry is as busy as ever! In fact, new families are being added each week and yet the pantry continues to meet their needs! But it is starting to get ‘harder’ to meet the needs at the quality level we have been providing – mostly because our donations (food drives and food bins) have dropped off significantly. While this happens every summer, this summer it is more noticeable – most likely due to the increase in food costs and gas costing \$4.50+). We all have felt the increase in our own budgets and thus the donations are feeling the negative effect. So, it has been since 2019 we actually have held a community wide food drive – it is now time to spread the word! On Saturday, July 30, from 12:30 – 3 pm we will be holding a community food drive for the pantry. The location will be in the front driveway of the church – where donors can drive up, drop off, and keep going - all very safe and very noticeable from Belair Rd.

So start spreading the word! The pantry needs everyone’s help to spread the word and participate. Tell your friends, your family, your co-workers, your neighbors, your walking buddies, your paddle board teammate – tell everyone! Spread the word by voice, text, email, flyers in your lobby, and even snail mail!



Facts:

PHUMC FOOD PANTRY SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

When: Saturday, July 30th.

Time: 12:30 – 3 pm

Location: Front driveway (in front of the church)

What items are needed:

Personal items

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- toilet paper
- soap
- detergent

Non- Perishable items: *All Canned Foods*

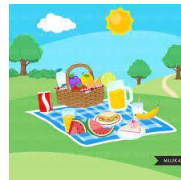
- Fruits (peaches, pears, pineapple, mixed)
- Veggies (carrots, potatoes, peas, mixed vegetables, corn, green beans)
- Tomato products (diced tomatoes, pasta sauce)
- Beans (black beans, refried beans, kidney beans, pork & beans)
- Pasta (ravioli, spaghetti with meatballs)
- Meats (spam, beef stew, chicken, tuna fish, chili with beef)
- Soups (chicken noodle, tomato)

Non- Perishable items: *All Dry Goods*

- Pasta products (1 pound boxes of any type)
- Side dishes (like flavored noodles or rice, stuffing mix)
- Cereal
- Jelly and Peanut Butter
- Ramen Noodles
- Graham crackers or packaged cookies
- Boxed potatoes or boxed rice or bag rice (nothing bigger than 2 pounds size)
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Jar apple sauce

Don’t forget - All items MUST BE IN DATE

The pantry was stronger than covid, is stronger than inflation, and strong because of you! Thank you for your continued support – hope to see a great success on July 30th (and may the weather be perfect as well!)

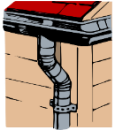


SAVE THE DATE!!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
11TH

The Children’s Ministry and Sunday School will be hosting a church picnic. We will be supplying hot dogs to grill. We will also gladly grill any other meats you would like to bring.

Each family is asked to bring one dish to share. A sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex in August.

There will be games to play and prizes to win! Make sure to save your date today!



Trustee's Report

The Board of Trustees have been very busy the last few months. ***These are the projects we have completed:***

- replaced the gutters, downspouts, and scuppers around the entire building
- diagnosed the broken ice maker, found the right parts (should be fixed within the next week)
- Fixed a broken window in the entrance door
- Had maintenance completed on the HVAC system

Projects that are in progress:

- Filling the parking lot potholes and sealing those areas
- Adding a speed bump to the playground side entrance and restriping driveway
- Tree removal of a tree on our property requested by the neighbor because the tree is leaning on her garage
- Fixing a broken window in the parsonage



Adult Ministries

Our trip to Essex Community College's Cockpit In Court is just around the corner. On July 24th we will be gathering to see the play "Sweet Charity", starting at 3:00 pm. Tickets will be distributed on the day of the event.

For those of you who have been to Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA you know how awesome their productions are. Well, Adult Ministries is planning to have a Family Movie Event on Saturday Sept. 17th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary to watch the play "Jesus". So mark your calendar now! This play was filmed before a live audience. I have watched the film and it is awesome. What a great time to bring the family to learn the story of Jesus. A flyer and sign up sheet will be coming out soon!

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In November Adult Ministries is planning to bring back our very popular Bowling Night at the Perry Hall AMF Bowling Lanes from 7:00 - 9:30 pm. We are in the initial planning stages but we are looking at either Nov. 7th or 14th. This has always a fun and popular event. Keep on the lookout for more information. We will have a sheet in the Narthex to indicate if you are planning to attend and whether Nov. 7th or 14th is your preference.