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The Perry Scope

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A Message from The Pastor



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 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 backwards 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,

Pastor Vic



**At the end of the day all you need is hope and strength.
Hope that it will get better and strength to hold on until it does.**



Food Pantry News

Summer may be slowly coming to an end, but it has been a very busy season for the pantry. While the pantry continues to help over a hundred families every month it has also been adding 3-5 new families each week! The last two years have been the busiest years for the pantry and there is no end in site – especially now as the cost of everything has gone up! But the pantry continues to help by providing each family with approximately 10 bags of groceries each month. These bags contain baked goods, frozen meat and fish, non-perishables, personal hygiene items, and even detergent. How this ‘giving’ happens is because of the generosity of PHUMC, CCUMC, and the community at large.



On July 30th, the pantry held a community wide food drive in front of the church and your generosity helped make the food drive very successful.

During the 2.5 hours the food drive was occurring about 13 shopping carts of food and personal items were donated! Literally hundreds and hundreds of items were donated by scores of people. Cars continued to drive up and drop off bags and boxes of items. Every donation was a true blessing and helped make the pantry shelves get full. While this food drive was our first one in a year – there will be more planned in the fall, now that things are returning to normal. The next food community wide food drive will probably happen sometime in the first half of October – more information will be coming.



While it is hard to think of fall and even the holidays are coming – they are! With that knowledge, the pantry is already starting to get ready for the annual holiday basket give-away (both Thanksgiving and Christmas). The dates to keep in mind are Saturday, November 19th and Saturday, December 17th – these two dates will be the days we will be distributing the holiday food baskets (between 10 am and 12 noon). More information will be coming out at the end of September, the format will be the same as the past two years – the distribution will be by pre-registration and will be held outside on the parking lot as a drive-by pickup. The holiday basket distribution has been occurring for years and years and has brought smiles to hundreds of families – this year will be no different! We expect to help 75 families for Thanksgiving and another 75 families for Christmas!

Your kindness has made this annual event a major blessing for so many – it is what gives joy to the season.



Lastly – Our volunteers. This summer, the pantry has been blessed with a couple of new volunteers to join the pantry family. They are - Nancy Schmidt and Kathy Burke. If you happen to see these two ladies, given them a big hello! The pantry is very fortunate to have a wonderful group of 25 devoted volunteers who help every week or every month or “as needed” depending on their schedules. The pantry runs efficiently and with love because of these 25 individuals and the families that come to the pantry recognize this love. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our family – because it takes everyone’s help to keep this love and care to run the pantry. So, yes, we continue to look for a few more people to join the pantry volunteer family. The ‘job description’ requires being able to lift up to 10 pounds (the grocery bags), have a kind heart, and enjoys ‘working’ with great, caring people. We work around everyone’s personal schedules and usually requires 1 Saturday a month helping in the pantry with 2 other volunteers. If you would like more information, please contact Laura/Dave Hanna.



**One Service and
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
11TH**

I can smell those hot dogs grilling already!! The Children’s Ministry and Sunday School are hosting our church picnic. They will be supplying hot dogs to grill. They will gladly grill any other meat you would like to bring.

Each family is asked to bring one dish to share. A signup sheet was available in the Narthex in August. Please call Debbie Siegert @ 410-804-0866 to see what sides are still needed. In addition, each family is to bring their own drinks.

Don’t miss this!! There will be games to play and prizes to win! Join us for a great, fun-filled day!



**And don't forget – JUST ONE
SERVICE AT 10:00 AM THAT DAY**



Perry Hall UMC
Music/Performing Arts
Ensemble and Community
Chorale

It is with great pride and pleasure we announce the start of a new, comprehensive music/performing arts program at Perry Hall UMC.



Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate. **Children, (5 years old and up) youth, young adults, adults, and seniors are welcome.**



Please spread the word to your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends. Let them know anyone who has an interest in music (including singing and playing an instrument), theatre or dance is welcome.

Rehearsals are held weekly on Saturdays. There are two times available: 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Participants may choose the time slot that works best for them.

All music will be provided at no cost to participants.

REHEARSALS

Saturdays 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
 1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

PERFORMANCES (Dates will be announced)

October 2022 Fall Concert/Program
 November 2022 Recital *by Don Appel - Master Organist*
 December 2022 Christmas Pageant/Program
 December 2022 Christmas Songs, Carols and Hymn Sing
 June 2023 “Jonah Man Jazz” -by- MichaelHurd/and works of Cole Porter and George Gershwin Program

For further information, please contact Linda at:

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 alphapreis@yahoo.com (e-mail)**



Donald Appel & Linda Preisendorfer - Directors
Perry Hall UMC Music/Performing Arts Ensemble
and Community Chorale



Adult Ministries

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!

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.