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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





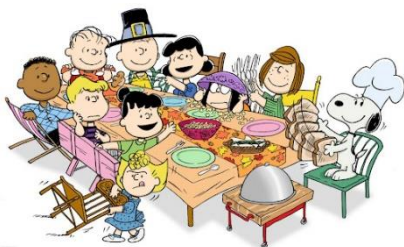
## **Holiday Baskets**

The weather has gotten cooler, the colors on the trees are golden and red, the stores are decorated with Christmas trees - the holidays are fast approaching! This means, the Holiday Basket distribution is also approaching - November 19<sup>th</sup> (less than a month away!)

As of October 20<sup>th</sup>, we already have 35 families registered for the Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets! The blessings you are providing for these families are truly wonderful and we continue to work towards the donation goals. To make sure that the goals are reasonable, we are adjusting them so that we can make sure the families we register will have a joyful holiday dinner. So – we are working toward providing 50 holiday baskets. We recognize that everyone is feeling the effects of the increase in prices of food, of gasoline, of day-to-day expenses! No worries though – we are well on the path of having all 50 baskets filled with the following items:

- \$15 gift card from Walmart for the family to purchase their turkey (or another favorite entrée).
- Boxed mashed potatoes - 15 oz size
- Canned yams/sweet potatoes - about 15 oz size
- Canned jellied cranberries
- Canned gravy
- Boxed corn muffin mixes or bread/muffin mix
- Cake mixes with tub frosting OR brownie mix
- Canned corn, canned green beans, canned mixed vegetables, canned peas
- Boxed Stuffing Mix

Do know: If we are able to go beyond 50 holiday baskets, that will be great. We will continue to register families, but anything over the 50<sup>th</sup> registered family will be put on a 'wait and see' list. This has been done in years past, so we will continue to register, but will explain to families beyond the 50<sup>th</sup> family.



**THANK YOU  
FOR MAKING  
THIS 'MISSION'  
THE MOST  
JOYOUS!**

## **Do You Know a Family Who Needs Holiday Help??**

The families who receive a holiday basket come from everywhere (they are not necessarily a party family). So, if you know of someone who could use some holiday cheer/help – please have them contact the pantry (410-256-1897) to register.

While the pantry handles the calls from the community who request help with the holiday dinner basket – please know there are a few requirements:

- The recipient must live in Baltimore County
- The recipient may only receive one basket per household for one holiday (not both holidays)
- The recipient must bring ID with their address with them on distribution day
- No one can just 'show up' and receive a holiday basket – they must have been pre- registered.
- The distribution will be outdoors and will be a drive -by just like last year – starting at 10 am.
- The registrations have already started, as of Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **What does the food pantry always need?**

Every week the pantry gives approximately 36 families about 10 prefilled bags of grocery items. These bags contain baked items from Weis, frozen meat/fish from Maryland Food Bank, and non- perishables from both the community and Maryland Food bank – plus personal products.

Imagine shopping for 144 families each month?! Well, your generosity continues to help keep the shelves full of those non-perishables and the personal products. Saying thank you is way too 'simple' but your kindness, your generosity, your love for the community truly is a blessing for hundreds. Thank you!

If you ever wonder what we give consistently, the following is the 'official' grocery list that we use to keep the 'bags' filled!



- Toothpaste, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, detergent = always need!!
- Canned tuna, canned chicken, canned stew or canned spam
- Cereal
- Crackers/boxed cookies
- Pasta sauce, boxed pasta (any type but 1 pound box size), canned diced tomatoes, canned ravioli/canned spaghetti (like the kids kind)
- Canned soup (chicken noodle or tomato or any other type)
- Bagged rice (2-pound size) OR boxed mashed potatoes

- Peanut butter and jelly ( we consider jelly a true blessing, but heck- we try)
- Canned beans: kidney, black, or baked
- Canned vegetables: potatoes, corn, green beans, peas, mixed, or carrots
- Ramen noodles

Obviously, we accept all in-date, unopened non-perishables that are not on the above list. We consider these bonus items, and we even create a 'bonus bag'. These can be anything from Pop tarts to bottled juice to pancake mix to ketchup/mustard. In other words, please don't feel limited to the above list of items, it is just letting you have an idea of what the pantry gives on a regular basis.

### Holidays and Closings for the Pantry

The pantry will be closed on the following days:

- Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> - due to the annual Thanksgiving Holiday Basket distribution
- Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – due to the annual Christmas Holiday Basket distribution
- Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve
- Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day



Because of the holidays basket distributions and the pantry being closed those two days, the pantry will be open on Monday, November 21 and Monday, December 19th. Same time: 9-12

**Update** – the pantry will be open Wednesday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> due to the increased number of families we are handling (it had been planned to be closed)

Stay safe and as always, THANK YOU for your support to the pantry and the families. THANK YOU for your donations for the holiday food baskets. THANK YOU for always giving your love to those that need some extra help. You are what make the blessings continue!

May your Thanksgiving be filled with laughter, love, and good health!



The Board of Trustees has been busy at work updating the church security cameras located on the Church Office door and the Little Jewels main entrance. The camera

we had at the Office door was very old and not working correctly. Little Jewels had no camera at their main entrance. Dewayne Rye has been busy working on this project. Install should be complete soon and we should have a safer environment for all our busy church staff!! Thanks Dewayne!!!



**Family Ministries** is sponsoring a BINGO and Potluck on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. **We will have only ONE SERVICE that day.** You can find more information, as well as a sign-up sheet ON the bulletin board. Please let us know what you will be bringing. There will be several options to choose from so that we will have a delicious variety of items.

We will be decorating Gingerbread houses again this year. That will be on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information on that later.



Adult Family Ministries is planning another bowling night. Join us at Perry Hall Lanes on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm – 9:30 pm. We will rent two lanes which accommodates 12 bowlers. The cost will be between \$20-\$25, depending on how many bowlers we have.

The fact that most of us are not great bowlers never keeps us from having a lot of fun! You are welcome to bring a friend to join us, or just come and watch the craziness. There's is NO charge for THAT!

Signup sheets are available in the Narthex. For more information, contact Margaret Hubbard @ 410-931-8344 or Peggy Whiting @ 443-257-2874.



### Operation Christmas Child

**It's OCC Shoebox Packing time again – and we need YOU!** Through your loving generosity and faithfulness to

Operation Christmas Child, our church sent **124 shoeboxes** to happy children last year – AND shared the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ with them too.

**PLEASE HELP US** by packing a shoebox for a boy or girl to show them others care about them and want them to learn about the Jesus we know and love.

To learn how to Pack a Shoebox (either an actual shoebox or one virtually on-line) and how to follow your

shoebox, visit the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child website (or just Google 'Operation Christmas Child'):

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

On November 6 and 13, please come to the library to make a cross necklace for your shoebox (9:00-9:30 and 10:45-11:15)

National Collection Week is Nov. 14-21, 2022. Drop off your shoeboxes outside of the Sunday School Office or in the narthex from now until Nov. 20th.

Find also on the narthex table:

- (1) Pamphlets for your \$10.00 shipping donation (much appreciated, if you can)
- (2) Rubber bands & scotch tape
- (3) Boy/Girl Labels for your shoebox

And please don't forget to write a note or letter to that special child who will treasure your shoebox goodies. It means SO much to them!

OCC Shoebox options this year are:

- Use a shoebox you already have
- Purchase a shoebox at a store
- Pick up the free traditional OCC cardboard shoebox in the narthex or by the parking lot entrance
- Contact Joyce Ziegler to pick-up one of the new, softer OCC plastic shoeboxes (\$1.90 each).

Thank you SO much for your help in keeping this wonderful ministry alive and well! It's a wonderful way for all of us to share what we are blessed with, especially our faith.

Look for more information later about our students taking a trip to Taylor Technologies to pack shoe boxes!

*Your PHUMC friends in Grades 5-7.*

*Alexis, Layla, Samantha, Catherine, Sofia & Mrs. Joyce*

### ***From Ms. Debbie in the Middle/High Class:***

My class has been working hard and is looking forward to filling in during the sermon time on Sunday, October 30. We have been having fun traveling through the parables and learning about Jesus' love for us.

This month I would like to highlight my student of the month, Paige McLaughlin. Paige is an 8th grader at Parkville Middle School. She is an avid ambassador who loves to make bracelets and try out make-up. She has been a great understudy of our own Chef Cindy. Paige has volunteered at some dinners and other events. She has a great smile and brings me great joy in my class on Sunday mornings. She is also very considerate of her classmates. If you see Paige, introduce yourself. We have been learning about how church members are our family and how much we care for one another.

## **Veteran's Day Cards**

Just a note to thank all of you for signing the "Thank You For Your Service" cards that we forwarded to Veterans' organizations for them to distribute to our dear veterans in time for Veteran's Day.



Their staff was SO appreciative when I called to get addresses for the cards. I know they will appreciate our words of thanks and encouragement. We actually received a thank you already from the Paralyzed Veterans of America. See below:

*"Hello Joyce & Sunday School Class,  
Thank you for reaching out to Paralyzed Veterans of America with a big envelope filled with cards signed for our American Heroes!*

*Your cards will be distributed through our Field Service Teams as they make their way around to visit VA facilities across the country. Your kind words will surely brighten a Veterans Day!*

*Please do not hesitate to reach out if you ever need more cards to sign and send.*

*We appreciate your support.*

*In gratitude,"*

We are looking forward to honoring our PHUMC Veterans at both services on November 6th. Please come share your gratitude for their service!

*Your friends in PHUMC Sunday School*



## **Perry Hall Community Chorale**

The Perry Hall UMC Performing Arts Ensemble and Community Chorale will present their Christmas program Friday, December 16, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

There is no charge/admission fee. A freewill offering will be given to the church.

Program includes Christmas carols, traditional favorites and popular songs incorporating dance, instruments and audience participation.

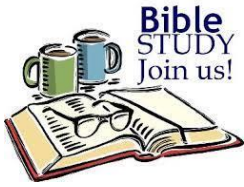


This program is suitable for the entire family and will definitely give you the Christmas spirit.

Come, bring the whole family and celebrate the wonder, joy and majesty of Christmas with us!!



**Donald E. Appel, Director of Music**



## Prepare the Way for the Lord

Advent and the Message of John the Baptist  
By Rev. Adam Hamilton

Prepare to receive Christ this Advent with the message of John the Baptist and best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton in *Prepare the Way for the Lord*.

For centuries, Christians have turned to the story and message of John the Baptist in the weeks leading up to Christmas. In *Prepare the Way for the Lord: Advent and the Message of John the Baptist*, best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the Advent themes of John's life and ministry, and how John calls all followers of Jesus to prepare our hearts for his coming.

In each of the Gospels, the story of Jesus is intertwined with that of his cousin John, the one whom the prophets foretold would come to "prepare the way of the Lord." When we hear the message of John the Baptist, it makes us and our world ready to receive Christ.

### Chapter topics include:

1. A People Prepared for the Lord
2. God Is Gracious
3. The Fruit of Repentance
4. Witnesses Testifying to the Light

Components for the four-week Advent study include a book, comprehensive Leader Guide, DVD/Video sessions featuring Adam Hamilton. *Cost is \$10.00.*

### Bible Studies Meet:

Tuesday 12 noon	November 15, 29	December 6, 20
Thursday 7:00 pm	November 17, 24	December 1, 15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also email Pastor Vic at [rovervic@verzion.net](mailto:rovervic@verzion.net)



### Coming Up Soon!

Time is flying by, and we need to take a moment and look ahead at a couple of things happening in December.

First of all, we will once again be offering **the Digital Greetings** for the Christmas season, as well as the **Church Post Office**.

For those who are not familiar with our **Church Post Office**, during the month of December, you will find alphabetized boxes in the Narthex. You can drop off your Christmas cards to others in the congregation, as well as stop by and pick up those sent to YOU! Just remember, please do NOT include cards to people who are no longer attending here. We do not have the resources or funds to mail them. Any cards not picked up by the second week of January will be discarded.



The **Digital Greetings** are another way of spreading holiday cheer. Saving the time you spend on addressing and stuffing cards will surely make up for the nominal cost!

For just \$20, we will display your greeting that you have made. If you wish to have Denise create your greeting for you, it will be an additional \$5.

Digital greetings will be displayed starting the Sunday after Thanksgiving through the first Sunday of January. Greetings must be made in a landscape layout (longest from side to side). Make sure there is not too much lettering. The larger letters are much easier to see from all areas of the sanctuary.



The **LIVE NATIVITY** will be back this year! We had a fun time last season, and hope to make our display bigger and better this year.

We have plans to put lighting all the way around the parking lot. You can help us with that. Do you have any extra yard ornaments? Blowup figures? Lighted reindeer? We would LOVE to borrow them for the evening. Dwayne Rye is working on the light project. Please contact him, or the church office, if you have something we could borrow.

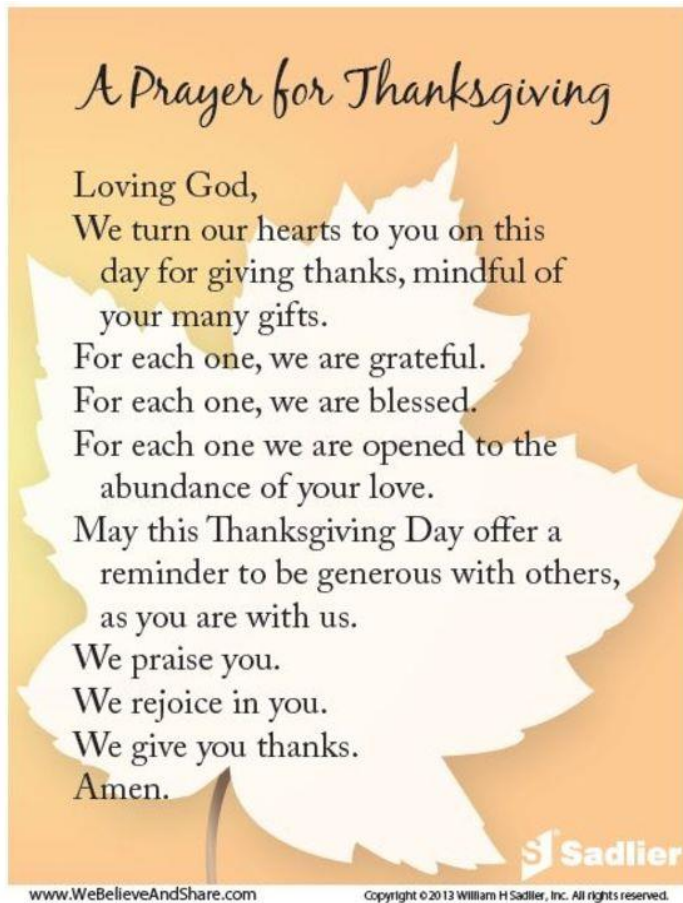
We are also working on a bigger stable this year. With that, we are looking for 2 or 3 bales of hay/straw. If you know of a good source for that (of course, the BEST source would be a donation!), please let the church office know.

And how about animals? Do you know anyone with pet sheep, goats, a donkey or cow, camels (just kidding!), or anything else we could put out there, please check into the possibility of them bringing them here for the evening. Please call the church office if you do.

We had music playing last year, but if people want gather as a group and sing carols, how cool would that be? So many ideas! If you have anymore ideas, let the office know!

Finally, we will be **making a gift** for all of the families who come into the Food Pantry between Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Cookie Jars!**

We are making mason jars filled with everything to make a batch of homemade cookies! We plan to meet on November 22 and 23 to make the jars. If more are needed, we will add another time later. Watch for more news in the bulletin and email about this project.



**November**

- 1 (Tuesday) – Adult Meet & Greet -7-9 pm at Silver Spring Mining Company
- 6 (Sunday) – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 6 (Sunday) – Sunday School distributes Veteran’s Day Cards
- 12 (Saturday) – Drive-thru Meatloaf Dinner 3:30-6 pm
- 13 (Sunday) – Organ Recital -3 pm – Don Appel
- 15 (Tuesday) – Bowling -7-9:30 pm
- 19 (Saturday) – Thanksgiving Baskets Distributed -10 am-12pm
- 20 (Sunday) – **ONE CHURCH SERVICE ONLY** at 10 am

- 20 (Sunday) – BINGO and Potluck Luncheon -11 am-12:30 pm
- 20 (Sunday) – Operation Christmas Child Ends
- 22 (Tuesday) – Cookie Mix Packing -1-4 pm
- 23 (Wednesday) – Cookie Mix Packing -9 am-12 pm
- 24 (Thursday) – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
- 27 (Sunday) – Student Recital -2 pm – Don Appel

**December**

- 3 (Saturday) – Private Party in Fellowship Hall 9 am – 3 pm
- 4 (Sunday) – Private Party in Fellowship Hall -2-6 pm
- 10 (Saturday) – Private music recital in Sanctuary - 3-4:30 pm
- 10 (Saturday) – Private Party in Fellowship Hall 3-7 pm
- 11 (Sunday) – Christmas Tea -after each service
- 11 (Sunday) – Gingerbread House decorating 10:45-11:45 am
- 16 (Friday) Perry Hall Community Choral Concert -7:30 pm
- 17 (Saturday) Christmas Baskets Distributed - 10 am-12 pm
- 18 (Sunday) Drive-thru Nativity - 4-6 pm
- 24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve Services’
- 25 (Sunday) **Merry Christmas! ONE CHURCH SERVICE ONLY** at 10 am Followed by Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

**February 12 – Superbowl Sunday Sub Sale**

21 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**March 11 – Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner**

30 – Seder Meal

**April 8 – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt**

**May 13 – May Festival**

**July 24-28 VBS**

30 – VBS Sunday – **ONE CHURCH SERVICE ONLY** followed by potluck luncheon

