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A Message from The Pastor



"Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake- not choosing nor refusing, liking or disliking, anything, but only as it is agreeable or disagreeable to His perfect will." John Wesley

What a wonderful reminder to take the time to pray. Scripture encourages us to pray with a grateful heart for God provides us with blessings in abundance. God gives us joy and laughter; courage in the face of fear, hope when there is doubt, comfort when we are sad. Wesley believed that the love and the presence of God is always with us. On his death bed, he said, "Best of all, God is with us.

I encourage you to pray during this Fall season with a renewed sense of fervor. Pray for your church and its leaders. Pray for the outreach that we offer to the community. Pray that God will provide the resources when need to continue to do all that is asked of us and more. Pray for our community, our schools, those who serve the public and our neighbors.

Pray with a grateful heart. And trust that God will provide all that we need to lead us into the future and enable us to what God desires.

Peace

Pastor Vic



A haze on the far horizon, the infinite tender sky,
The ripe rich tint of the cornfields, and the wild geese sailing by,
And all over upland and lowland, the charm of the golden rod,
Some of us call it autumn, and others call it God.





Food Pantry News

It is official – fall is upon us! The days are beautiful, and the colors are changing! Hope you are enjoying these beautiful days!

While 2022 has been a crazy year but it does seem that the new normal is becoming more comfortable for each of us (in our own way!). WE truly appreciate everything that you have done to help make the pantry to continue to be so successful! Without your compassion, caring, and giving self, there would be no pantry! No matter what the days seem to bring, you are always there for the clients, for the pantry! You are what make this world a better place!

Due to so many variables, but most likely inflation and covid, the pantry has continued to serve well over a hundred twenty families each month, with new at least 3-5 families being added weekly! To give you an idea of the growth, in the last two days alone (Sept 20 & 22) the pantry served 28 families! This is only possible because of the kindness of so many, especially yourselves. Between the wonderful generosity of the Perry Hall UMC family; Camp Chapel UMC family; the Perry Hall overall community; Weis Markets; Fallston UMC, organizations like the Boy Scouts and obviously the Maryland Food Bank – the donations have kept the pantry shelves able to meet the monthly help to these families!

Your kindness keeps the pantry shelves full enough to handle hundreds of donations and that is what makes it all truly a blessing!



Updates: HOLIDAY BASKETS

Believe it or not, it is only 8 weeks until the holidays!! While the weather may still feel like Indian Summer, we are now in the stages of registering families to receive a holiday food basket! Perry Hall United Methodist Church 'family' has been doing this holiday basket distribution for at least 2 decades (the pantry just takes care of the organization aspect).

Each year it has been a true blessing how successful the distribution has been in reaching the goals set for the distribution. That is why our goals have increased this year - Our goal this year is to distribute 75 baskets for Thanksgiving (on November 19th) and another 75 baskets for Christmas (on December 17th) from 10- 12.

The baskets are distributed to the families that have pre- registered prior to those dates and is open to any Baltimore County family. The 'baskets' contain all the food items to prepare a



holiday meal – from the main entrée (which may/may not be a turkey) to dessert!

To prepare for this holiday blessing, it is time to start collecting the necessary items to 'fill' the baskets (ok bags). As in the past, the menu has not really changed – but in case you wonder, here is the list of items:

- \$15 gift card from Walmart for the family to purchase their turkey (or another favorite entrée). Please note – gift cards should only be from Walmart and only in \$15 increments, so everyone receives the same.
- 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 mix with tub frosting OR brownie mix
- Canned corn, canned green beans, canned mixed vegetables, canned peas
- Boxed Stuffing Mix



While you can see the 'basket' contains all the essentials for a good holiday meal. The donations will be going on each week, and you may donate as often as you would like and in two manners:

- ❖ If you prefer us to do the shopping, please feel free to make a monetary donation. This allows us to purchase cases of items and make sure each family receives the same or equivalent items.
- ❖ If you love to shop, feel free to donate the actual items and drop them off on the 'holiday table' in the Fellowship Hall. The table will hold a checklist of 'how the donations are going' and will let you see the blessings multiply!

We do have somewhat of a schedule for collection, if you would like to follow it – that would be great:

- October 2 - Boxed mashed potatoes canned gravy
- October 9 - Cake mix and frosting
- October 16 - Stuffing
- October 23 - Biscuit or loaf bread mix
- October 30 - Canned yams/sweet potatoes
- November 6 - Canned jellied cranberry sauce
- November 13 - Canned green beans, corn, peas, and mixed vegetables
- Every week - \$15 gift cards from *Walmart

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

DO YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY THAT NEEDS HOLIDAY HELP??

The families who receive a holiday basket comes from everywhere (they are not necessarily a panty 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 1st.

FALL FOOD DRIVE – October 29th from 3-6 pm

Our Summer food drive was outstanding!! We received over 13 shopping carts of donations! Literally hundreds and hundreds of items. It seems though, that inflation is making food shopping very difficult for so very many (which is why the pantry is so busy!). While the food that was donated at the summer's food drive was exceptional, it literally was gone within weeks (yes weeks). So, we are holding another food drive (our Fall food drive) and it will be on October 29th! This food drive will be like the summer food but with a twist! You can drive by (a drive up/drop off will be in front of the church) **OR** bring it with you when you come to the Trunk or Treat! The two events will be going on at the same time, from 3 to 6 pm. What a wonderful Saturday it will be with the children dressed in their costumes, activities, treats, and the community helping restock the pantry.

While all donations are gladly accepted, please make sure all items are 'in date'. Also, if you wonder what the pantry could always use – here are some suggestions:

- Canned tuna, canned chicken, canned stew or canned spam
- Pasta sauce, boxed pasta (any type but 1 pound box size), canned diced tomatoes, canned ravioli/canned spaghetti (like the kids kind)
- Bagged rice (2-pound size) OR boxed mashed potatoes
- Peanut butter and jelly (we consider jelly a true blessing, but heck- we try)

- Canned soup (chicken noodle or tomato)
- Canned beans: kidney, black, or baked
- Canned vegetables: potatoes, corn, green beans, peas, mixed, or carrots



The above items are our staples – we give them out to every family every month – These items are augmented with the Maryland food bank donations, the community food donations, and the Weis market donations.

But there are some things that are NOT usually available through a food pantry but are essential to everyone and are **ALWAYS** needed. They are **toothpaste, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, detergent.**

So, feel free to donate your blessings – our families truly will be happy!

HOLIDAYS AND CLOSINGS for the Pantry

The pantry will be closed on the following days:

- Saturday, November 19th - due to the annual Thanksgiving Holiday Basket distribution
- Wednesday, November 30th
- Saturday, December 17th – due to the annual Christmas Holiday Basket distribution
- Saturday, December 24th – Christmas Eve
- Saturday, January 1st – 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 21st and Monday, December 19th at their usual time - 9-am - 12 pm.**

Stay safe and as always, THANK YOU for your support to the pantry and the families. You are what make the blessings continue!



"One of the greatest feelings in the world is knowing that we as individuals can make a difference. Ending hunger in America is a goal that is literally within our grasp."
~ Jeff Bridges



Children's Ministries just want to thank everyone again for their help during the picnic. We are making plans for next year's to improve and add some things. We pray it doesn't rain next year because we had to cancel some of games, but it did make for a cozier time.

We are getting excited about the Trunk or Treat and hope to see you there.

Family Ministries is hosting a Halloween Craft Making Day on Sunday, October 16th from 10:45-11:45. Join us for lots of fun. Snacks will be provided! Signup sheets are in the Narthex.

Looking ahead, there will be a BINGO and Potluck on November 20th at 11:00. We will have only ONE SERVICE that day. We will be decorating Gingerbread houses again this year. That will be on December 11th. Look for more information on that later.



Your friends in "Adult Ministries" would love to MEET AND GREET with you! Why not join us on Tuesday, November 1st at the Silver Spring Mining Company? We will gather from 7-9 pm. We will be in a room on the lower level. Everyone is invited, so come along! Signup sheets are available in the Narthex, or you can contact Margaret @ 410-93108344.

Adult Family Ministries is planning another bowling night. Join us at Perry Hall Lanes on Tuesday, November 15th 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.



"This is the power of gathering: it inspires us, delightfully, to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful: in a word, more alive." ~ Alice Waters



Operation Christmas Child

Just a reminder that Operation Christmas Child is fast

approaching! This year's OCC Collection Week is November 14 - 21. More information to follow.

During the summer, our PHUMC classes have been making gifts for our shoeboxes. We have made beautiful necklaces and bracelets so far and hope to make hats and t-shirts too before November.



Meanwhile, please pray for this wonderful ministry as it gears up. And take advantage of our local store school supply bargains for your shoebox as our school year fast approaches too.

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

From Ms. Debbie in the Middle/High School Class:

My class is off to a running start. We have been learning about the disciples, the number and kinds of miracles Jesus performed, and we are starting a road trip through the Parables. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting the Church Picnic and thank-everyone who participated. We hope you noticed our t-shirts we decorated. We are the God Squad and are working together to spread God's word.

My student of the month for July is Trystan Boyd. Everyone should know Trystan; he serves as an acolyte and has worked quite a few church dinners/events. He has also helped with the Holiday Meal distributions. Trystan is an avid learner and knows his Bible stories.

Just like every other 13-year-old, he loves to play games online with his friends. He is hoping to get into a magnet school next year for computer coding and programming.

He is a wonderful young man and if you already know him, please seek him out to let him know what a great job he is doing. If you don't, make sure to introduce yourself and see what a great young man he is.



Perry Hall Community Chorale

The Perry Hall Community
Chorale will present their fall

concert on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 4:00
P.M. at Perry Hall United Methodist Church, 9515
Belair Road, Nottingham, MD 21236.

There is no charge/admission fee for the
concert. A love offering will be taken and donated
to the church.

The performance will include sacred and secular
songs, selections by Rogers & Hammerstein, the
Beatles, and contemporary Christian composers.

Bring the whole family on October 30th
and celebrate fall with us!

Donald E. Appel
Director of Music



The Thrift Shop is looking for
volunteers to work once a month. If
interested, please contact Jen
Malatesta at +14435256318 or

butterflykisses7904@yahoo.com.



October

- 9 (Sunday) – pick up Grab 'n Go Chili -11 am-12 pm
- 16 (Sunday) – Halloween Craft Making -10:45-11:45 am
- 29 (Saturday) – Trunk or Treat and Community Food Drive -3-6 pm
- 30 (Sunday) – **ONE CHURCH SERVICE ONLY** at 10 am
- 30 (Sunday) – Luncheon following church
- 30 (Sunday) – Perry Hall Community Chorale Concert- 4 pm

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

January 29 – 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