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The Perry Scope

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A Message from The Pastor



Throughout scripture we hear about the love of God, Neighbor, and the World. We are challenged in scripture to accept love and to be love. Sometimes we struggle to understand exactly what the means. I want to offer these words of wisdom from a group of young children to you for our consideration. May their simple truths teach us about the true meaning of love.

Pastor Vic

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." Rebecca - age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy - age 4

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss." Emily - age 8

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby - age 7

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - age 4

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8

And the final one...

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Peace,

Pastor Vic





Holiday Baskets Update

While the holidays may be 'behind us' it was a very joyous time for 110 families because of you! Your donations of dinner grocery items, gift cards and even gifts of gloves/hats allowed 110 families to receive holiday dinner baskets! Your kindness truly made these families enjoy the holidays with a special dinner. Distribution days were chilly but went very well! Thank you to the volunteers who braved the weather and gave the families a warm Happy Thanksgiving/ Merry Christmas from the church families.

The Community's Holiday Help

The pantry has been very, very busy these past few months. We are now serving about 145 families in a 30-day period. This is almost at the level we served during the height of the pandemic. But with the generosity of you and Camp Chapel UMC and the community food drives – we continue to meet the needs of so many! In fact, over the holiday seasons so many schools and organizations held special food drives for your pantry. Here are just some of the special groups that provided over 7000 items between Thanksgiving to Christmas: Carney Elementary School (2200 items!) , Perry Hall Elementary School, Seven Oaks Elementary School, Harford Hills Elementary School, Seven Oaks Senior Center, Ravens Roost – Perry Hall South, Perry Hall Mason Lodge, and even Salem UMC Yoga group!

These are only to name a few of the groups – but if you know of anyone who is a member, tell them how much the pantry truly appreciates their help!

Gifts for the Pantry Families

THANK YOU goes out to all the wonderful ladies who made such beautiful Christmas Cookie Jars for the pantry families! The jars were beautiful and the families were so grateful for the kindness (and looking forward to some homemade cookies!) Your time, effort, and love for others made a special gift for all 140 families!

Numbers Tell It All

The year of 2022 was a very, very busy year for the pantry. Sometimes it is best to express using numbers! So here are some facts:

- Pantry Days Open: 156 days
- Volunteer Hours given: over 2400 hours

- Md. Food Bank Donation: 30,000 lbs of food
- Food Purchase Donations from PHUMC/CCUMC: over 17,000 lbs of food/grocery items
- Food Donations from the Community: Thousands of items! Every week, the pantry receives shopping carts of donations!
- Weis Bakery Donations: Every week, twice a week, the Joppa Rd Weis donates hundreds of dollars of baked items – bread, rolls, desserts, treats! Enough to fill 2 freezers twice a week!
- Families Served: over 1400
- Individuals Served: over 4100
- Bags of Food given: over 12,000

So, as you can see, the pantry has been very, very busy! Thank you for your donations – they truly keep the pantry stocked and the families able to be helped! The year has just started, and the pantry has not slowed down! Because of the love, kindness, and donations – we continue to keep the shelves filled thus are able to fill the grocery bags. The pantry is 'small' in size but makes a 'big' help to the community. THANK YOU for your help!

Volunteers

It is the month of love and thus it is a good time to tell you about the volunteers that give so much of their time and love to the pantry and the families it serves. They never ask for anything and are always willing to give. So here are the amazing volunteers of your pantry during 2022:

Peggy Whiting; Margaret Hubbard; Christy Moor, Amy Geiser, Sue Funk, Joe Orzolek, Judy and Buzz Mayes, Peggy Winchester, Debbie Lucas, Ken McCracken, Garrett VanEssen, Nancy Schmidt, Kay Pokrzywa, Bettye Gramlich, Kathy Burke, Mike and Pat Ryan, Kathy Whitson, Martha and Rich Spero, Bob Ross, Dave Ross, Mary Harryman, Mary Raab, and Cindy Sebald.

New/Returning Volunteers: Renee Smith, Carolyn Glorioso, and Pat Smith.

These volunteers worked on delivery day or pantry open days or behind the scenes – what is a fact, it is these unsung heroes who make your donations reach the families. So Thank You to our volunteers, to our donors, to you all – for the pantry is truly a blessing because of you!!

Happy Valentine's Day to you – a day of love to family, friends, and even to strangers!



**"The more we love, the more love we have to offer.
So it is with God's love for us. It is inexhaustible."**

~ Mary C. Neal



Family Ministries will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day craft event on Sunday, February 12th from 10:45-11:45. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for crafts, fun, and some delicious Valentine themed snacks! All are welcome. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex to give us an idea of how many will be coming.

Looking ahead, there will be another event on Sunday, March 26th. We will be making a spring craft that day. Mark your calendars now!



Adult Ministries is having a Game Night on Feb. 18 at 7:00. We had one last year which was well attended. Instead of holding it in the Fellowship Hall, Janeen Beebe has graciously offered her lovely home at 4206 Piney Park Rd. in Perry Hall.

We are asking folks to bring a favorite game plus a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

On a cold winter night, what could be better than playing games in front of the fireplace? Janeen also offers additional options of air hockey, ping pong, and a pool table in the basement.

Please sign up in the Narthex of the church or call Peggy Whiting 443-257-2874 so we have an idea of how many are coming.

Looking for something the whole family can do this spring? Well Adult Family Ministries has a few ideas for spring.

Last fall we showed the Sight and Sound production of "JESUS" and we thought it would be nice to show again, but this time in conjunction with Easter. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 25th from 3-5 pm. And keep a lookout for more information a little later.

Also, hoping to do a movie night either with fantom.com or if we have enough people that want to see the same movie in a local theatre, we could do that.

We are still looking for additional events so keep your eyes and ears open to learn of other events. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see or do please let us know.



"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."
~Charles M. Schulz



If you are in Pre-K through Second Grade, Mrs. Allison would love to have you join her class to learn about Jesus. Please come visit her in Room 204.

For those in Third and Fourth grade, Mr. Joe would love to have you join his class in Room 202.

Fifth through Seventh grades meet with Ms. Joyce in Room 206, and the Eighth through Twelve are with Ms. Debbie in Room 207.

All are welcome to join as our wonderful teachers share their love for Jesus with their students. We can't wait to meet you!



From Ms. Joyce Ziegler:

Every year, the 5th-7th Grade Class looks forward to making a Nativity Set during Advent. After the students select their pieces, they brush them with a variety of chalk colors. And finally, the

pale chalk-covered pieces get sprayed to make a beautiful finish.

This year, our Sunday School teachers were delighted to receive some of the Nativity Sets made by prior classes as a Christmas gift. They shared how seeing the names of the PHUMC artists on the bottom of each piece reminded them of their past students – some even in their own family!



The trustees and building and property have been busy with 2 projects. One is completed and one is currently in progress.

Dwayne Rye has installed the new RING system on the church office door and the front door of the school. This is a great upgrade to keep our staff and students safe.

A new ice maker has been purchased, but when unpacked, we found it was damaged during delivery. A replacement has been ordered. Once delivered, Dwayne will be installing this in the kitchen.

Thank you Dwayne, for all of your help with these projects.



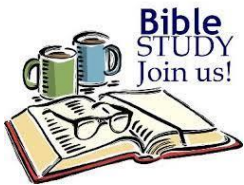
Perry Hall Community Chorale

Donald E. Appel, Director of Music

The Perry Hall UMC Performing Arts Ensemble and Community Chorale is busy working on their Spring 2023 music program titled "Jazz, Pop and a Side of Rock".

It will feature works of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, the Beatles, and other traditional and popular Christian composers.

There is plenty of spots for additional dancers, singers, actors, and instrumentalists. Rehearsals are on Tuesday afternoons and/or Saturdays. If interested, call Linda at 443-386-1162 for further information.



Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws

By Rev. Adam Hamilton

A six-week study on the Gospel of Luke, with an emphasis on Luke's unique insights about Jesus.

In *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

- Monday 7:00 pm Starts February 27
- Tuesday 12:00 noon Starts February 28th

Sign up in the narthex or by email to Pastor Vic:
rovervic@verizon.net (Cost of book is \$10)



February will be half price off everything in the thrift shop!!

When dropping off donations, please drop them off across from the kitchen. There will be a cart labeled thrift shop. Per daycare rules we cannot have bags in the hallway.

We will begin switch over the end of March. I'm looking for a few volunteers to help. Please contact Jen if you're available. 443-525-6318.



All Superbowl Sunday Sub Sale orders and money are due no later than Sunday, Feb. 5th. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Orders can be picked up from the kitchen at 12:00 on Sunday, February 12th. Any orders NOT picked up will be placed in the refrigerator. You will need to make arrangements to pick up by Monday. Any orders left on Tuesday will be discarded. No refunds will be issued.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on Tuesday, February 21st. The meal is free to all. There will be a jar for a free will offering.

Looking for help to set up the hall, prepare the food, and clean up afterwards. See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Come in your Mardi Gras finest and enjoy a delicious dinner of pancakes, sausage, home fries, fruit bowl, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk and juice.



February 12 – Family Valentine's Craft Event

Superbowl Sunday Sub Sale

18 – Adult Game Night (Janeen's house)

21 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

22 – Ash Wednesday Church Service

March 11 – Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner

18 – Card Making Craft Night

25 – Jesus Movie

26 – Family Spring Craft Event

April 6 – Maundy Thursday Church Service

7 – Good Friday Church Service

8 – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt

9 – Easter **Christ Is Risen!**

May 13 – Spring Event TBD

July 24-28 VBS

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



A Special
THANK
YOU...

...from the
Food
Pantry!



To Perry Hall UMC families

You never asked for anything in return, but we want you to know that your kindness, your generosity, your caring ways – together, they truly make a very positive difference!

Whether your gift of giving were bags of donated food or personal items, gift cards, or a monetary donation – your love made families feel the love!

Matthew 25:35, 37, 40

35" For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in", 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

God bless you – you truly are making the world a better place!

Perry Hall United Methodist Church Food Pantry

please turn over →
card

While we would like to personally thank everyone who donated food and/or money throughout 2022 and for the Holiday Baskets - well some things may be a little "difficult" - Why? Because most of the donations were by "anonymous" - a family I've cannot find "C.D." So to all the families of PHUMC - Thank you! Your love truly has made so many lives, not just better but full of your love! Over 1400 families were served by the pantry and 1110 families received a holiday dinner - because of you! Thank you PHUMC Pantry Linda & Dave

A call for help from your favorite Special Event Coordinator/Secretary/Contemporary Worship Coordinator/Chief Cook & Bottle Washer/and all around nice person!

I am asking that everyone who receives our Perry Scope to please take a few moments and fill out this questionnaire. When you have completed it, you may do one of three things: 1. Scan and return it in an email to: perryhallumc@verizon.net, 2. Bring it to church and put it in the offering basket, or 3. Put it in the mail to PHUMC, 9515 Belair Road, Nottingham, MD 21236. ATTN: Denise Boyd.

By doing this, you will be helping me in MANY ways with the different things I am working on or trying to implement. Thank you so very much for your help!!! You are awesome!

Name: _____ Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

1. Church Email List: I am ___on it, ___NOT on it, ___want to be on it, ___want to come OFF of it.
2. Perry Scope: please send mine via ___email, ___regular mail, ___both, ___neither.
3. I am interested in helping with the following special events: ___sub sale, ___pancake supper, ___breakfast with the Easter Bunny, ___spaghetti dinner drive through
4. I am interested in joining in a women's group for fun activities: ___yes, ___no
5. I am interested in joining in a men's group for fun activities: ___yes, ___no
6. I am interested in joining in a women's group for Christian study and fun activities: ___yes, ___no
7. I am interested in joining in a men's group for Christian study and fun activities: ___yes, ___no
8. I am interested in joining in a men and women's group for fun activities: ___yes, ___no
9. I am interested in joining in a men and women's group for Christian study and fun activities: ___yes, ___no
10. I am interested in participating in a visitation ministry: ___yes, ___no
11. I am interested in participating in a kitchen clean up day: ___yes, ___no
12. I am interested in participating in a full church clean up day: ___yes, ___no
13. I am interested in joining: ___praise band, ___choir, ___Community chorale, ___handbell choir
14. I am interested in helping with VBS as: ___teacher, ___helper, ___snack person, ___music leader, ___registration, ___storyteller, ___recreation leader, ___nursery leader
15. I am interested in helping with office duties when secretary is out: ___yes, ___no
16. I am interested in helping with Perry Scope mailings, or other mailings: ___yes, ___no
17. I am interested in helping with: ___Food Pantry, ___Thrift Shop
18. I am interested in serving on a committee: ___Finance, ___Trustees and Building & Property, ___Family & Children's Ministries, ___Adult Ministries, ___Staff Parish Relations
19. I am interested in helping with: ___Sunday School, ___Youth Group
20. I am interested in becoming involved in a missions project: ___yes, ___no
21. I am interested in joining the church: ___yes, ___no

In order to keep our church alive and growing, we must be willing to step out of our comfort zones and try something new. Or just take the time to get involved in some other activities and experiences. I am sure that there are many other things that I could have put on this list. If you have something you are interested in seeing us do here at PHUMC, please use this space to write in your suggestions.

Thank you so much for participating in this questionnaire. You are appreciated!!!

~~ Denise ~~