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The Perry Scope

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A Message from The Pastor



All of us long for love that is unconditional. In Jesus Christ we find that love being offered to us through his death and resurrection. As Lent ends, we look towards Easter and the celebration God's saving activity in the gift of the Resurrection that offers Gods unconditional love to each of us.

What a blessing, what a gift that our God would love us so much that he would through the cross redeems and through the resurrection offer us new life!

As Holy Week approached let us prepare ourselves to walk through the celebration of worship and fully embrace the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Then when we arrive at our Easter celebration it will truly be a day of joy!

Blessings,

Pastor Vic

Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 2 Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m.
April 6 Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.
April 7 Good Friday	7:00 p.m.
April 9th Easter	10:00 a.m.





March has been a very busy month for the pantry. We have been adding about 2-5 new families each week (while retaining our previous families). As the reality of the decrease in monthly allotment in food stamps and the increase in food costs hits, the pantries across our nations have all seen an increase in need. Your pantry is certainly seeing this increase, but it continues to fulfill the mission of PHUMC – to help those that need help. During the month of March, we helped about 140+ families.

Last month, the Maryland Food bank delivered about 3500 pounds of food to assist the pantry. Over 1100 pounds was in frozen meat/fish/poultry! We literally filled all the freezers within the church! This was a great blessing to our families. The donated frozen meat/poultry/fish is to last about a month – we try to give each family about 5 pounds of frozen meat/fish/chicken each month. Obviously, it is not a month's worth – but it helps! The rest of the Md Food Bank donation was in the form of non-perishables.

As for donated food from your kindness, Camp Chapel's kindness, and the community at large -well that was also in the 1000's of pounds (literally thousands of pounds!). Example: cases and cases of canned vegetables, pasta sauce, tuna fish, soups, diced tomatoes, chili, toothpaste, soap, detergent, toilet paper, pasta, rice, cereal – and the list continues! Weis continues to donate baked items twice a week – but sometimes we also will buy loaves of bread (like 50-60) to augment their donations!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER?

The pantry volunteer family is truly that – family! The wonderful men and women that make the pantry so successful volunteer from one Saturday a month to weekly assistance. We make a schedule for 3 months at a time and take in every one of the volunteers wishes (as to when they can/cannot help). While we have about 25 volunteers, we would love to have a few more. The pantry is open on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 – 12. If you or someone you know would like to be part of the pantry volunteer family – we would love them to join! When the pantry is open,



we have 3 volunteers working – for companionship, safety, and efficiency. Our volunteers truly just need to be able to lift 'grocery plastic bags' that weigh at most 5 pounds and have a kind heart! So if you (or a friend) would like to join our volunteer family, please have them contact me (Laura – 410-458-1898).

PANTRY GROCERY LIST – going shopping?

If you wonder what we continuously restock the pantry shelves with – well you would be amazed! We try our best to keep about a 6 day supply of each of the following items (6 days = about 72 families):

- Tuna fish
- Cereal
- Boxed /bagged rice or boxed mashed potatoes
- Pasta, pasta sauce
- Diced tomatoes
- Canned pasta
- Soup
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Side dishes (like flavored rice or noodles)
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned beans: pork/beans, black beans, kidney beans
- Canned vegetables: peas, potatoes, corn carrots, mixed vegetables, green beans
- Canned fruit: peaches, pears, mixed fruit, applesauce
- Ramen noodles
- Boxed crackers or cookies
- Canned chili
- Canned meat like spam or canned chicken.

NON-FOOD ITEMS:

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Detergent
- Toilet paper

YOUR DONATIONS ARE BLESSINGS

Your continuous support to the pantry (either physical items or monetary items) are the life to the pantry! If you donate physical items, anything from the list above is wonderful! Donations of food items are great! Donations of personal items are outstanding (truly – these items are extremely appreciated!!) Finally, if your donation is monetary – that is awesome. We use the monetary donations to go 'shopping' for the items that are in need (at Aldi, Dollar Tree, Weis and Giant) so gift cards from these stores are also wonderful. In



other words – every donation you give, is a true gift and makes the pantry so successful!

The bags will continue to be filled, the families helped will continue to receive your love – unfortunately – the need will continue and most likely grow even more! Thank you for your love, for your help, for your donations! But mostly, thank you for your continued support!!



We had a fun time on March 26th with our Spring Craft Event! The children made some lovely crafts, and everyone had a great time! We also had some delicious snacks to share.

The Children’s Ministry will be working closely with Special Events on our Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Miss Debbie has been busy gathering fun and exciting crafts for the children to make. She has also been busy stuffing eggs for the Easter Bunny to hide!

Parents, please be sure to sign up your children, and yourselves, to attend this yearly event. See the link under the Special Events column.



We will be attending the Horizon Cinemas in Fallston on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. to see "The Journey: A Music Special from Andrea Bocelli. If you've ever heard him sing, you know what a treat lies ahead. He will be joined by several other musicians including his son and daughter. He will also be sharing some beautiful locations in Italy in a most unique fashion.

Now that we're getting closer to spring and warmer weather, we are looking at activities we can enjoy outdoors. Some possibilities could be an Ironbirds game, an Orioles game, mini golf, or a picnic in a park followed by a walk or hike.

Of course, we can always get tickets for another play or musical at Cockpit and Court, visit an art museum, or meet for lunch or dinner at a restaurant right on the water. These are only suggestions, so let us know of other activities you have had in the past that you think others would enjoy. Also let me know if any of these

options sound interesting. You can call me at 443-257-2874 - Peggy Whiting



If you are looking for something to do with your family on Easter, consider making Resurrection Rolls for your Easter dinner. Our 5th- 7th grade class makes them every year on Easter Sunday for their family dinner – and the kids really look forward to it all year! See below for the Resurrection Rolls recipe.

And know that WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE A PICTURE OF YOU and YOUR RESURRECTION ROLLS. Please email any Resurrection Roll photos to: zieglerj@comcast.net

EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION ROLLS



Ingredients:

- One can of crescent roll dough; keep refrigerated until JUST BEFORE you are ready to assemble – dough is easier to work with when cold and firm.
- 8 large marshmallows (or one for each roll you'll be making, or you can even use just ½ of a marshmallow in each roll)
- Melted butter
- Cinnamon sugar
- Holy Bible

Assemble the Resurrection Rolls and read the story:

1. Read John 19 while the oven is pre-heating according to the package directions. If you're really on top of things, spend the week before reading John 12-18 with your kids. Or watch a video of Jesus's life (that's what we do in Sunday School during Lent)
2. Unroll the crescent rolls and separate them.. Explain that this is like the cloth they wrapped Jesus in.
3. Give your child a marshmallow and explain that it represents Jesus... all white and pure because He was without sin.
4. Roll the marshmallows in the melted butter. This symbolizes the embalming oils.
5. Roll the marshmallows in the cinnamon sugar. This is like the spices used to prepare his body for burial.
6. Wrap the marshmallow in the crescent roll cloth, pinching the dough together securely. Don't worry

about the shape so much, they'll taste the same no matter how you roll or bundle them. This represents how they would have wrapped Jesus' body.

7. Put the rolls in the oven (symbolizing the tomb) and bake for the amount of time specified on the package. *While the rolls are baking, read John 20:1-18.*

8. Open the tomb (oven) and remove the rolls. When they're cool enough to handle, break one open and discover what happened to the marshmallow.



Jesus Is Risen!



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt is coming up soon! Sign up can be found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4da4ae29a57-breakfast3#/> Be sure to register to help and also to attend. We want this to be an awesome event for the kids!!

Looking ahead, we are planning a Chicken & Meatloaf Dinner on Saturday, May 20th. The menu will be:

- Baked Chicken Breast
- Homemade Meatloaf
- Mashed potatoes
- Gravy (chicken and beef)
- Buttered corn
- Green beans
- Rolls
- Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- Drinks

Tickets will be:

- ❖ \$15 adults
- ❖ \$14 seniors
- ❖ \$10 youth (9-12 years)
- ❖ \$8 children (4-8 years)
- ❖ 3 and under are free
- ❖ CARRY OUT \$15 for all

We will be needing LOTS of help for this event, so please consider signing up when you receive the information.

Special Message from Denise Boyd,
Special Events Chairperson

I can't say it enough – PLEASE, PLEASE step up and help with our events!!!!

We want our church to GROW, and the only way that will happen is by reaching out into the community and getting people HERE. But I need your help to do it. I am

only one person. And the small circle of people who come and WORK at an event has gotten smaller since COVID. In all honesty, I cannot keep pushing those few people to do it ALL! **Please.....**

Plenty of opportunities coming up: Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – 4/8, Chicken & Meatloaf Dinner – 5/20, Farewell Reception for Pastor Vic – 6/17, Welcome Reception for Pastor Margorie – 7/2, VBS – 7/24 thru 7/28, as well as a few possible fundraisers (catalog orders, food purchases, etc.).

Without enough help, we may have to cancel these, and possibly other, events.



- April 6** – Maundy Thursday Church Service
7 – Good Friday Church Service
8 – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt
9 – Easter Sunday **“HE IS ALIVE!”**

- May 20** – Chicken and Meatloaf Dinner
June 17 – “All That Jazz” Community Choral Concert

- July 2** – Welcome reception for Pastor Marjorie
24-28 VBS
30 – VBS Sunday with potluck luncheon



Draw us forth, God of all creation. Draw us forward and away from limited certainty into the immense world of your love. Give us the capacity to even for a moment taste the richness of the feast you give us. Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts. Help us to experience the resurrection anew with open wonder and an increasing ability to see you in the people of Easter. Amen.”

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