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# *The Perry Scope*

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## *A Message from The Pastor*

Greetings!

As I prepare to take my leave from Perry Hall and enter retirement, I am pondering the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

- 1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that seasons come and go: in nature, in our lives, and in our churches. During our years together, we have probably experienced almost everything on the list. I remember the baptisms, weddings, funerals, dinners, flea markets, bible studies, Holiday celebrations, singing, praying, preaching, fellowship, friendship and so much more.

Throughout it all, we have bonded and grown while experiencing a great deal of mercy, grace, joy and love! I have mixed emotions about my season of retirement. It is a new and unknown time for me, as your season with a new Pastor will be to you. I am excited, and a bit uncertain, but mostly I look forward to discovering what God wants to teach and show me in this new season of my life.

It has been a rich and rewarding 36 years under appointment as a United Methodist pastor. Others will now lead, and I will rest, rejoicing in the knowledge that it was never about me, but about the God who loved me and who loved you as we walked for a time together. You will always be a part of me, and I will always be a part of you.

Thank you for all your patience, kindness, mercy, grace, generosity and love that you have shown me! May you continue to grow in faith, hope and love, worshipping the Lord with your whole heart, mind, body and soul and remember to do everything for the glory of God!

Blessings,  
Pastor Victor Harner



## STAFF PARISH/PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Hello Congregation:

Dan Walker and I attended training on how the transition to our new Pastor should be conducted. It is absolutely forbidden for Pastor Vic to return to Perry Hall to conduct any weddings, funerals, baptisms etc. once he retires. After one year Pastor Margery may invite Pastor Vic to assist her but that is solely at her discretion. We must abide by this.

We will be very busy in the coming weeks as we make this difficult transition from Pastor Vic to Pastor Margery. We invite you to continue to pray for Pastor Vic, Kim and the family as they make this huge change in their lives; pray for Pastor Margery and her family as they face a new adventure with us; and pray for the congregation that we may be the disciples Jesus called us to be. - *Debbie Siegert, SPRC Chairperson*



Say Goodbye to Our Pastor and Family

Time is quickly approaching to say goodbye to our wonderful Pastor and his family. There will be several opportunities for you to offer them well wishes.

**You are invited to join us at 7pm on Saturday evening, June 17<sup>th</sup> for a delightful reception in honor of Pastor Vic.** Come and

share in an intimate evening of fun and laughter, stories and fond memories, and maybe some tears.

Like any good United Methodist gathering, there will be great food to enjoy. A special thank you to Kim Cole-Evans and Debbie Siegert for arranging the reception.

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, will be the last worship service conducted by Pastor Vic.** Please plan to attend this special service. There will be light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service to allow us all a few final moments with our Pastor and family.

We will certainly miss each of them and wish them many wonderful years ahead.



by *Laura Hanna*

Woohoo, it's June – cookouts, schools out, swimming, vacations, sunshine and warmth! All the joys of summer!

While we are getting excited for the lazy days of summer – the pantry is in full swing! It is as busy as the lines to enter the local swimming pools on a Saturday!



In May we added over 10 new families and continue to serve old and new efficiently.

Here are the stats through May 31st.

- Days: 151 days since Jan 1<sup>st</sup>
- Pantry Days: 64 days (3x a week)
- Households served: 665\*
- Individuals served: 1765\*
- Bags of food given: 7680\*
- Volunteer hours given: 769\* (God bless you all!)
- New families since January 1<sup>st</sup>: approx. 45 (\*estimating the last week of May)

The numbers tell it all! While June looks to be very busy for the pantry, we continue to meet the needs of those who need its help. All of the days that the pantry is open are completely scheduled (in fact most days are even 'overbooked') – that means at least 12 families are scheduled for every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday!

### PANTRY SUPPORT SYSTEM

As we continue to serve, everything continues to increase from the number of families to the cost of peanut butter! But your kindness and generosity help keep the shelves filled so the bags can be filled! It is all the donations – big and small – that help!

We love receiving the actual food donations (whether from food drives or the drop-off bins at Giant and Weis or just kind people who stop by! The hundreds of items that come to the pantry are always checked for their 'dates best used' and to make sure they are unopened and in good condition. After the items are checked then they go on the shelves. Once on the shelves they will be pre-bagged and given to a family within days.

But if you can't go shopping and you would love for us to go shopping – that is also a miracle for the pantry. The monetary donations, no matter the size, are what allows us to shop, shop, shop!! We shop at Aldi's and Dollar Tree at least every other week! Dollar Tree is where we buy hundreds of bottles of shampoo, bars of soap, boxes of toothpaste, bottles of detergent and jelly and rolls of toilet paper! Have you ever shopped for 145 families – looks pretty funny coming out of a Dollar Tree (actually it takes about 5 Dollar Trees!). At Aldi's, they supply our non-perishables – from spaghetti sauce to canned vegetables, ramen noodles to crackers. Fortunately, we can buy the cases at Aldi's, so it allows easier transport! Again, we buy in quantities of 60 or even 72! We may live on a budget – but your kindness is what makes it possible!! So yes, your donations are

hard at work and every penny becomes a life saver to a family.

Obviously, it is your support that keeps the pantry stocked! Thank you, thank you, thank you!



### PLANNING A FOOD DRIVE!

With summer coming upon us, sometimes donations start to slow down because everyone is busy going on vacations, etc. With that said, it is also a time to plan a food drive, as we have in the past.



Right now, we are thinking of having the food drive on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 1- 4 pm. We will hold the drive-by food drive in front of the church, like we have in the past. So start spreading the word! Donors will be able to just drive on up and drop off their donations without ever leaving their car!

But remember, you don't need to wait for the food drive to donate! We continuously depend on donations being dropped off at the Giant food box, the Weis food bin, and definitely at the pantry! Always know – your donations make a true difference in someone's life.

### 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):

#### FOOD ITEMS:

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



The Board of Trustees are currently preparing to renovate the Pastor's Office in preparation of our new Pastor. Renovations will include:

- painting the entire office
- purchasing a new desk
- purchasing a new computer and monitor

Hello friends! We had a successful craft day in May that was well attended. Thank you to everyone who helped or attended.

We will be having another fun craft event on June 11<sup>th</sup> to make gifts for Father's Day. If you are a dad and your child does not attend our church, feel free to make a gift for yourself or for that special someone who has been like a father to you. Join us in the Fellowship Hall after service that day from 10:45-11:45. Snacks will be provided. - *Brenda Reinhart*

We are busy planning a picnic in September, but we are waiting for Pastor Margery to come be with us to see a date that works for her. If you have any outdoor games or ideas, please let me know. - *Debbie Siegert*



On Sunday, May 21, the Mini Golf Plus Food sponsored by Adult Ministries was a major success! Thirty people turned out for a beautiful day of fun in the sun.

Our Sunday School was well represented. All the teachers and most of the children and their parents gave us all the opportunity to become better acquainted.

Due to the large number of water hazards, many of us had to make frequent use of the nets which were strategically placed at every hole.

Some folks had to leave after the golf, but the rest of us walked over to Earth, Wood, and Fire to tame the hunger pangs brought on by all our exercise.

Thanks to all who participated!

On Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm at Cockpit in Court, Adult Ministries will be hosting the musical "THE PROM. The Prom expertly captures all the humor and heart of a classic musical comedy with a message that resonates with audiences, now more than ever."

The cost is \$22.00 for adults and \$20.00 for seniors. A number of people have gone with us to see various plays and have greatly enjoyed them. We would love to have you join us for this enjoyable Sunday afternoon. A flyer and signup sheet will be available in the narthex on June 4th. - *Margaret Hubbard & Peggy Whiting*



by  
Joyce  
Ziegler



### Looking for a new 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School Teacher

Do you love children? Love teaching? Want to share your faith with our

PHUMC Sunday School children?

If you answered YES to these questions, **we would LOVE you to join our PHUMC Sunday School Team – and we really NEED you!**

With Mrs. Allison leaving her 1st and 2nd Grade position in June, we are looking for a new 1st & 2nd Grade teacher for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year beginning in September. We realize teaching Sunday School during our one Worship Service at 9:30 does not allow the teachers to attend worship themselves. Possibly pursuing a team-teaching approach for two teachers to share the teaching responsibility would allow both teachers to worship some Sundays as well.

Please pray about this for our Sunday School, and if you are interested or want more information about teaching, feel free to contact Joyce Ziegler.

### 3rd and 4th Grade Summer Sunday School teacher volunteers needed!



Many thanks to those of you who have

volunteered to teach the 3rd and 4th Grade Sunday School class this summer. We could still use a few more volunteers to complete our summer schedule.

Last year we were blessed to be able to resume the Summer Sunday School Class for the lower grades (1-4) so that families with younger children who come during the summer could also attend Sunday School like their older siblings. Thanks to some awesome and dedicated volunteers, the Lower Grade Class spent the summer studying each phrase of the Lord's Prayer in the Kids' Travel Guide to the Lord's Prayer curriculum.

Our sincerest thanks to our summer volunteer teachers: Judy Brown, Linda Orzolek, Brenda Reinhart, Peggy Whiting and Peggy Winchester. We couldn't have done it without you!

Again, this summer, we are hoping to find folks in the congregation who would be willing to teach the Lower Grade Class one Sunday (or two or three) from June through the end of August. A short lesson and materials for an easy craft will be provided to the teachers ahead of the class, along with any other help they request. There are only a handful of students and they are delightful to teach! Would you be able to commit to teaching the class one Sunday during the summer?

Please contact Joyce Ziegler (443-540-6825) to volunteer or to discuss any questions you may have. We really NEED you – and will truly appreciate your help in teaching our little ones this summer.



### Worship Committee



We are so very happy to welcome two new young ladies to our group of PHUMC Acolytes. Please join me in welcoming Leona Mager to our acolyte team. Leona is the daughter of Heather and Kevin Mager.

Leona is interested in everything! She loves animals, especially Brownie, her brindle bullmastiff. At first, she wanted to be a veterinarian but recently has decided to become a teacher!

Leona is very interested in all kinds of music; she enjoys singing and takes lessons for piano, handbells and soprano and alto recorders. She loves gymnastics and is considering basketball in the fall.

She also loves reading, math, engineering, robotics, science, baking, cooking, and art!!! And as summer is quickly approaching, she is looking forward to family camping trips.



Please also welcome Sydney Lee as a new PHUMC Acolyte. Sydney is the daughter of Heather and Joshua Lee, and the younger sister of Paige McLaughlin.

Sydney has many interests too! She takes horseback riding lessons and loves all animals, including her three dogs named Flower, Chocolate and Pepper, her two goldfish and her turtle named Pickel.

Sydney loves the outdoors, as well as playing games on the computer and with her family. Sydney is a very caring young lady and would like to become a veterinarian when she grows up.

Welcome, Leona and Sydney - and thank you for becoming PHUMC acolytes.



## New Groups Forming!



All are invited to join the new Women's Group or Men's Group. This is a new venture for us here at PHUMC, but something that has been suggested for us to have.

A small group met a few weeks ago and talked about the many possibilities of structure for the groups. There were many exciting ideas exchanged and we are looking forward to what lies ahead!

Each group will be meeting monthly beginning in June. The Women's Group will meet the FIRST Thursday of each month, with their first meeting scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Debbie Siegert will be the Sr. Leader of the group, with Denise Boyd as the Jr. Leader.

The Men's Group will meet the THIRD Thursday of each month, with their first meeting scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Dan Walker will be the Sr. Leader of the group, with Kevin Mager as the Jr. Leader.

More information will be available after our first meeting as we are making plans for the future, including some Mission projects. Please come and join us as we begin this new adventure!



**June 18<sup>th</sup> will be Pastor Vic's last Sunday with us.** We will have a special Coffee Hour Farewell that day. I will be looking for donations for that day, as well as some help setting up and cleaning up.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Pastor Marjory's first Sunday with us.** We will again be having a special Coffee Hour to welcome her. I will again be looking for donations for that day, as well as some help setting up and cleaning up.

There are no events scheduled during the summer, but if there is enough interest, we could schedule another Sub Sale, or a Grab-N-Go lunch. Possible ideas for a Grab-N-Go are either chili and cornbread, pulled pork and coleslaw, or spaghetti and meatballs. If you are interested in either of these ideas, please contact me at 443-787-8687, or email to [deniseboyd@live.com](mailto:deniseboyd@live.com) and let me know. - Denise Boyd



## Month of JUNE

	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Story</u>
6/4	Sophia Van Hook	Sherri Wilmer
6/11	Sydney Lee	Denise Boyd
6/18	Leona Mager	Carole Webner
6/25	Catherine Reinhart	Debbie Siegert

	<u>Altar Guild</u>
6/3	Kim Cole – Heather Zell & Peggy Winchester
6/10	Christy Moore – Pat Walter
6/17	Lois Welsh – Bettye Gramlich
6/24	Kay Pokrzywa – Gloria Barlow



## Do YOU have an EMAIL address?

If so, are you receiving email from church?

YES? Great! You are all set!!

NO? Then please email the church ASAP at

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## We don't want you to miss a thing!



- June 4** – Graduate Recognition and Sunday School Closing Program followed by Ice Cream Social
- June 11** – Father's Day Gift Making 10:45-11:45 am
- June 17** – Farewell Reception for Pastor Vic 7:00 pm
- June 18** – Coffee Hour Farewell for Pastor Vic 10:45 am
- July 2** – Coffee Hour Welcome for Pastor Marjory 10:45
- July 29** – Folk Music Night
- July 30** – Pot Luck Luncheon 10:45 am



# Congratulations 2023 Graduates



**Faith Kalendek** is the daughter of Dan and Michelle Kalendek.

Faith graduated from The Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC). She will be transferring to UMBC in the fall, Majoring in Computer Science.



**Rachel Walter** is the daughter of Kevin Walter and Karen Beck, and the granddaughter of Pat Walter.

Rachael graduated from Hood College with a BA in Early Children Education. She has accepted a position as a Second Grade Teacher at Sugarloaf Elementary School in

Urbana, MD.



**Gabbi Paulson** is the daughter of Robb and Char Paulson.

Gabbi graduated from Farragut High School in Knoxville, TN. She will be attending Stevenson University in MD, Majoring in Elementary Education.



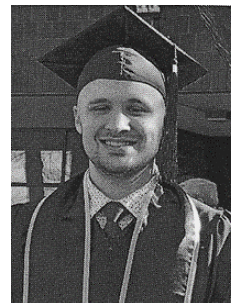
**Riley Walter** is the daughter of Kevin Walter and Karen Beck, and the granddaughter of Pat Walter.

Riley graduated from Eastern Technical High School. She will be attending Hood College in Frederick, pursuing a degree to teach high school history.



**Austin Schramm** is the son of Danielle Schramm and the grandson of Mary and Tony Schramm.

Austin graduated from Perry Hall High School. He will be entering the working world.



**Timothy Walter** is the son of Keith and Joyce Walter, and grandson of Pat Walter.

Tim graduated from Towson University with a degree in Accounting. He is currently working for Grant Thornton Accounting Firm.



**Matthew Scott** is the nephew of Heather and Kevin Mager.

Matthew graduated from Perry Hall High School. He will be proudly serving in the United States Army.



**Gabriel Zell** is the son of Heather and Rob Zell.

Gabriel graduated from Edgewood High School. He will be attending Harford Community College, Majoring in Data Analytics while continuing to work at Kohl's.