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# *The Perry Scope*

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## *A Message from The Pastor*

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We have celebrated Easter, and now we return to our daily lives. But how do we keep the joy of Easter with us for the rest of the year?

Here are a few suggestions:

**Remember the empty tomb.** The empty tomb is the evidence of Jesus' resurrection. It is a reminder that death is not the end. Jesus has conquered death, and through his resurrection we can experience ours .

**Live in the promise of eternal life.** Easter is not just about the past. It is also about the future. When we die, we will be raised to new life, just as Jesus was raised. This gives us hope for the future, even when things are difficult in the present.

**Become a witness to the resurrection.** The empty tomb is something that we are called to share with others. When we live our lives in the light of the resurrection, we become witnesses to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

Easter is a time of great joy, but it is also a time of challenge. We are called to live in the light of the resurrection, even when things are difficult. When we do, we can experience the joy and hope that comes from knowing that Jesus is risen indeed!

May the joy of Easter fill your heart and your life all year long!

Blessings,

Pastor Vic



by  
Laura  
Hanna



Winter has left! It is great to see the beauty of spring - the rebirth of all the flowers, the warm air returning, and our beloved Orioles playing! While winter was mild (not one snow day was used!) it was still winter! The new year 2023 has been very, very busy for the pantry! Numbers tell the story! All numbers are through April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Days: 120 days since Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

Pantry Days: 51 days (3x a week)

Households served: 509\*

Individuals served: 1355\*

Bags of food given: 4581-5090\*

Volunteer hours given: 721\* (God bless you all!)

New families since January 1<sup>st</sup>: approximately 30-35  
(\*estimating the last week of April)



The numbers tell it all! The pantry continues to serve your community with love and fellowship. The approximately 9-10 bags of food and personal items given to each family once a month help give the families some comfort and needed assistance. While the monthly donations to each family do not last an entire month, they do make a very positive difference in so many lives!

### PANTRY SUPPORT SYSTEM

We all live on a budget and without a doubt the increase in living expenses has affected everyone! The cost of gas at \$3.59 for regular, the cost of eggs at over \$3.50 a dozen, the cost of house or rent – well beyond belief --- everything has gone up at a rate not seen for decades. This inflation has caused everyone to learn how to ‘budget’ or at least try. The pantry is no different! The items given to families have not changed – but shopping and keeping the shelves filled continues to be dependent on the support of so many!

From the love and generosity of you, of Camp Chapel UMC, and from the community at large the pantry can weather two MAJOR obstacles: increasing number of families needing help + the cost of food!



While some weeks we are blessed with large physical donations from food drives, other weeks are not quite as blessed. We use all monetary donations given to supplement any weak areas – so the shelves remained full.

Your continuous support to the pantry (either physical items or monetary items) is the life to the pantry! The pantry is truly grateful for your kindness, for your support, for your love! Always know that your donations matter, they make a difference, they are making families feel your love!

If you donate physical items, anything from the list below is what we continuously keep supplied! But donations of all and any in-date, non-perishable food items are welcomed and greatly appreciated! Please note that donations of personal items are very much needed, welcomed, and are outstanding (truly – these items are extremely appreciated!!) Finally, if your donation is monetary – that is awesome. We use all the monetary donations to go ‘shopping’ for the items that are in need (at Aldi, Dollar Tree, & Walmart mostly) as well as any gift cards from these stores. In other



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

Thank you for your love, for your help, for your donations! But mostly, thank you for your continued support!

### 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



Hello friends! We had a successful craft day in April that was well attended. We had lots of left-overs from Penny Baker’s memorial lunch the day before and the children got to make some fun spring crafts. Thank you to everyone who helped or attended.

We took charge of the crafts and Easter egg hunt for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Thank you to Trystan Boyd, Sam Bosque, Heather Lee, Paige McLaughlin and Alexis Orzolek for helping with the crafts and hunt. They are the best Sunday School youth you could ever ask for. We had several crafts related to Jesus and everyone got a basket with an egg, pencil, piece of candy and eraser as well as a nice bag to carry everything in. There were about 40 kids and we thank all of you! The Easter Bunny sure was busy and we thank him for all he does as well.

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 May 7<sup>th</sup>, please join us for an opportunity to make a Mother’s Day gift for your mom. If you are a mom 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 mother to you. You will have the chance to enjoy a light spring snack and church fellowship. This event will be at 10:45 in the fellowship hall.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> we will turn the tables and gather to make a Father’s Day gift for your dad. 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. Again, we will enjoy some light snacks and fun fellowship. This event will be at 10:45 in the fellowship hall. - *Brenda Reinhart*



**God Bless Mothers** “You are worth far more than rubies. Your children rise up and bless you. Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.”  
- Proverbs

On Sunday April 2nd Adult Ministries sponsored a movie night at Horizon Cinema Fallston. We saw "The Journey: A Music Special from Andrea Bocelli." In a word two of our moviegoers described it as AWESOME and really enjoyed it. We had another who wanted to see it again. After a stressful week it was the perfect movie for relaxation. As for me the countryside was beautiful and relaxing so much so that I was all ready to go to Italy. Could not have seen a better movie.

We have scheduled a mini golf outing followed by food! Sunday afternoon, May 21 we will meet in the church parking lot at 3:00, to carpool to Fallston for a game of mini golf at Mountain Run Mini Golf. If anyone needs to be picked up, let us know.

The golf costs \$10+tax for adults and \$8 + tax for seniors. The course looks new, very clean, and attractive.

After our game we will walk across the driveway to eat at Earth, Wood, and Fire. The restaurant has an interesting menu including burgers, sandwiches, salads, appetizers, and pizza but almost everything is under \$20. They also have a large outdoor patio if the weather is nice.

We are also looking to schedule a museum visit on Sunday afternoon, June 11. Please let us know of a museum you especially enjoy or would like to visit.

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.”

We have been to the Cockpit in Court several times before and the productions were very well done and this time it should be no different. Well worth the price of a ticket. Ticket prices are \$22.00 for adults and \$20.00 for seniors. Give this a try. I do not think you will be disappointed. - *Margaret Hubbard & Peggy Whiting*



by  
*Joyce Ziegler*

**A Special Thank You to Allison Hecht**

Allison Hecht, our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School teacher, is stepping down at the end of the Sunday School year this June.

Allison began teaching PHUMC Sunday School in 2007. Her love of teaching our little ones about God, coupled with her dedication and enthusiasm, has truly been a blessing to all of the children whose lives she has touched as their PHUMC Sunday School teacher.



While we're sad to see Allison leave our classroom, we are so very thankful to her for her years of dedication to our PHUMC children. **Thank you so much, Allison.** During many of the years that Allison taught, we were additionally blessed to have her three teens assist as teacher helpers each week. A special thank you to Alyssa, Joe, and Meredith for their devotion to teaching our PHUMC little ones as well.

Please take a few minutes to stop by and thank Allison for her dedication to being such an awesome PHUMC Sunday School teacher. Allison, you and your family will surely be missed! Many, many thanks to all of you!



**And our next 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School Teacher is ???**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade position in June, we are looking for a new 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Youth Sunday School: -- Debbie Siegert**

My class is getting busy preparing for Confirmation, and I am so excited for them. These two know quite a lot about the church and the Bible. Our class is just finishing our travels through the parables, and we have had a lot of fun. Hopefully we can go bowling soon and have fun outside of our classroom. If you have a youth

at home, please let them know they are more than welcome in class on Sunday, we have lots of fun. Just ask Trystan or Paige.



What a great turnout for "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny"! We had close to 100 children and adults gather to celebrate the day with us. Lots of food and fun was shared by all! Thanks to everyone who attended or helped.

We have a few things coming up soon.

**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. - Denise Boyd



"A mother is clothed with strength and dignity, laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks her words are wise and she gives instructions with kindness." - Proverbs



**Folk Music Night**  
May 27, 7-10 p.m. featuring  
**Brody Bond**

<https://www.brodybond.com/>

Brody Bond is a performing songwriter from Baltimore. With a voice that's confident though fragile, melodies that take surprising turns, and lyrics that are as smart as they are emotionally vulnerable, Brody's songs will delight especially the critical listener, and especially anyone who has grown from heartbreaking circumstances. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Brody's set. **Admission is free**, but donations are welcome. The Folk Music Night schedule, along with additional information, may be found at <http://www.folkmusicnight.com/>. Questions may be directed to Neil Zimmerman: 410-529-7176 or [ndzimmer@comcast.net](mailto:ndzimmer@comcast.net). - Neil Zimmerman



## Perry Hall Performing Arts Ensemble

Join us on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm in the

sanctuary for a fun filled afternoon of music for everyone! The concert will feature Jazz, Pop, and Rock music. Pieces will feature song, dance, instruments and lots of fun! Bring the whole family – it is suitable for everyone.

Admission is free, but a goodwill offering will be taken. All donations will be given to PHUMC.



- May 7** – Mother’s Day Gift Making 10:45-11:45 am
- May 27** – Folk Music Night 7:00 pm
- June 4** – Father’s Day Gift Making 10:45-11:45 am
- June 1** – “All That Jazz” Choral Concert 3:00 pm
- 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

