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The Perry Scope

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A Message from The Pastor

Have you ever taken one of those stress tests in which you check off events that have occurred in your life within the last year? Each event has a value assigned to it. When you have completed your checkmarks, you add the values to indicate what your level of stress likely is currently. Some of the events in the list are negative, like loss of income, and some of the events are positive, like getting married or going on vacation. These events are all changes in your life. Change is stressful! We need change and change is inevitable. Change is an opportunity for growth, but it is often difficult.

We are all going through changes right now. Our society seems to be changing. Our denomination is changing. Technology is constantly changing how we manage our lives. Our own lives change. These changes are positive and negative, sometimes at the same time. A major change in the life of Perry Hall UMC is the retirement of Pastor Vic and my own appointment as your pastor. There is negative in that change: you will miss Pastor Vic, his family, and the way he did some things around here. There is positive in that change: you will welcome me and my family, and some of the ways I will do things around here. In the UMC, we are reminded that each pastor is appointed for a season, and that God has reasons for each pastor's season with a church. We are encouraged to rejoice in all the wonderful ways in which Pastor Vic led you and all the gifts and grace that he gave and received in his season with you. We are encouraged to search out the things God would have us do and who God asks us to become in this season as I serve as your pastor.

I am excited and curious to discover where God is already working in your lives, in the life of Perry Hall UMC, and in the life of our surrounding community. I look forward to joining you in the work which God is already doing. I will be getting better acquainted with you one-on-one and in small groups in the coming months. I cannot address concerns or celebrate joys if I do not know about them, so I ask that you contact me as we minister together in God's kingdom.

In the midst of the changes in our lives, we know that we can trust in God's guidance, wisdom, and strength. God is indeed the same yesterday, today, and forever. May we rest in the confidence of God's children as we seek to follow God's leading for us, individually and as God's family present at Perry Hall UMC. May God bless us and keep us now and forever.

Pastor Margery



by Rev. Margery Shammel

I am honored to begin serving as your pastor. I was born and grew up in

northern Pennsylvania, in the woods and hills north of Williamsport, which is the home of the Little League World Series. I preached my first sermon when I was 12 years old and became a "lay speaker" at the age of 14. I completed my education at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1992 and started working at Hiss UMC that summer. I left Hiss UMC in 2003 and began at Towson UMC in 2005. I was at Towson UMC for 16 years. I have been a chaplain for the past couple of years.

I was married in 1994 to Willie, a native of Baltimore city, and have 2 daughters. Our daughters are grown now, one living in Illinois and the other living in California. Willie and I live in Baldwin, with our small, senior dog. Willie plans on retiring from UPS this Fall and will concentrate on his hobbies and his woodworking.

Perry Hall UMC has long been a loving and inspiring presence of God's grace in this community. I look forward to getting to know you as you get to know me. We will serve God, one another, and those in need as we continue the church's tradition of following where God leads.



The 239th Session of the Baltimore Washington United Methodist Annual Conference

"All About Love" John 13:34-35

During the opening session, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling reminded us that "Love is not an emotion. Love is an Action" Loving others as Christ loves us was emphasized by all of the speakers.

The attendees participated in a Love in Action, mission project. One team travelled to 6 Baltimore schools to work on various projects such as painting, organizing, cleaning, and planting. 2,000 backpacks with school supplies and two books were assembled by another team.

I attended the Laity Session, where the speaker, Rev. Jack Shamata's topic was "Living and Leading in an Age of Anxiety". The resource podcast was:

Theanxiousleader.com.

The Love in Action donation of \$16,000+ was designated to go to Seeds of Security, A Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Network.

The church business included voting on several resolutions, which included 20+ church disaffiliations. The Saturday service was led by the youth. The speakers were dynamic and impressively mature! They even sponsored a karaoke night which was enjoyed by the adults as well. Bishop Easterling Prayed a Blessing over the Confirmands.

The service of Remembrance was very moving as was the service of Ordinations and Commissioning.

It was a blessing to be able to spend time with our new pastor, Rev. Margery Schammel.

Thank you to my Perry Hall Family for sending me as your representative to the Annual Conference.

**In His Service,
Debra Gayles**



Thank you so much for the farewell celebrations. It meant a lot to Kim, Becca and me to have a chance to say goodbye personally to so many of you. Thank you as well for your kind words and your gifts they were greatly appreciated. Please

know that Perry Hall will always hold a special place in our hearts. You were an important part in my journey as a pastor and in our journey as a family. Thank you again for all the wonderful memories.

Blessings,
Pastor Vic, Kim, Becca.



by
Laura Hanna

It's official – it is summer! Hopefully you are enjoying the beautiful sunny days and getting some 'vacation' time from life's daily chores!!

While many of us look forward to the summer for fun, relaxation, vacation, etc. the pantry continues its mission to helping those that need help with the basics of life - food. The month of June is completely scheduled (actually over scheduled) each pantry day – which means at least 12 families each Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. This does not include the new families that contact us throughout the month. These new families will be added to the schedule and helped as quickly as our schedule allows – usually within a week of their call.



July and August will not be any different! In fact, July is already scheduled and filled (note: we always managed to squeeze in new families as they call for help)– but that just means, the pantry is fulfilling its mission! The difference now is that summer generally means the families with children are finding it even harder – for the children are not at school (food needs go up, cost of day care/babysitters goes up, even utility bills increase). So the pantry is even more a blessing for so many!



PLANNING A FOOD DRIVE!

With the pantry so busy donations are what keeps the shelves filled! Each summer we have had a Pantry Collection Drive in front of our beautiful church. This year, the food drive will be held on **Saturday, July 29th from 1- 3 pm.**



So spread 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 (physical items) 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. The pantry is totally blessed by your monetary and/or food/personal item donations!

PANTRY GROCERY LIST – going shopping?

If you wonder what we continuously restock the pantry shelves with – well you would be amazed! Your monetary donations and your physical donations – well – we go through hundreds of these items every month!

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 June that was well attended. Thank you to everyone who helped or attended. - *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*



Adult Ministries is excited about seeing the play "The Prom" at Essex Community College on Sunday July 23, 2023, at 3:00pm. For those that are attending, we are looking forward to meeting you there!

- *Margaret Hubbard & Peggy Whiting*



by
Joyce Ziegler

On June 4th, we celebrated our children, teachers, and the end of the regular church school year at our Sunday



School Closing Program. Each student received a Certificate of Completion, with a note from their

teacher recognizing each of their special talents and gifts. After the Sunday School recognition, students



went downstairs to the Social Hall to build some awesome crafts. Didn't they do a wonderful job on the Stringed Crosses and the "Thank You God for Summer" picture frames?

Although summer finds many of us taking vacations and doing other fun weekend activities, please know that



our PHUMC Sunday School continues during the summer. Your teachers are always happy to see you and want to share God's



Word with you – ALL YEAR LONG!

A special thanks to Judy Brown, Peggy Whiting, Heather and Kevin Mager, Joe Orzolek, and Brenda Reinhart for teaching during the summer which will allow our teachers to vacation and spend special Sundays with their families. Our children are lucky to have ALL of you! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



And thinking ahead, the 2023-2024 Sunday School program will begin on September 10th.

On Sunday, June 18th, the Sunday School children were so happy to present Pastor Vic with a "thumb print" platter that they made over the last weeks to celebrate his retirement. Once everyone pressed their thumb prints on the platter, faces, hair, wings, and



halos were added to all of our little "angels" so that Pastor Vic would always remember them.



We'll remember you, Pastor Vic, and wish you and your family many blessings in your retirement.



Hello, we are the new version of the United Methodist Women's group and we had our first meeting. Please consider joining us Thursday, July 6 at

7 pm. Our special guest speaker will be our own Pastor Margery Schammel. We are so excited. Pastor Margery would like to share some of her background with us and meet you and get to know you. Please consider joining us. Our group may just be getting started but we have big plans to become a difference in our church and our neighborhood. *– Debbie Siegert*



On Thursday, June 15th, a small group of men met to kick off a new men's group. We kicked around a lot of ideas, and hope to start a new United Methodist Men group here

at PHUMC. If you're a male member of our church, don't be surprised if you get a call from someone inviting you. We plan to meet the third Thursday of every month. Our next meeting will be July 20th at 7pm. Come on out and learn how we can support each other in discipleship and mission. *– Dan Walker*



July 2nd will be Pastor Marjery's first Sunday with us.

We will again be having a special Coffee Hour to welcome her. I am 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 and let me know.

July 30th is a 5th Sunday POT LUCK day! Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex and let us know what you will be bringing! Drinks will be provided. *– Denise Boyd*



"It's in the 'valleys' of your life that you can drink from God's sweetest streams." ~ Richard Daly



Month of JULY



Perry Hall Community Chorale

The Perry Hall Chorale is giving summer music classes/lessons for everyone age 5 and up. Classes/lessons are entirely free of cost. All supplies and music will be provided. Classes begin Tuesday, July 11th.

The schedule is:

- Tuesday afternoons from 12 noon to 1:30 P.M.
- Saturday afternoons from 12 noon to 1:30 P.M.
- Sunday afternoons from 12:15 to 1:30 P.M.

The Chorale is always looking for new members. The regular rehearsals for the Chorale are:

- Tuesday afternoon, 1:30-3:30 pm (men)
- Saturday afternoon, 1:30-3:30/4 pm (everyone)
- Sunday morning, 11:00 am-12:15 pm (children)

For additional information please contact Linda Preisendorfer @443-386-1162 (alphapreis@yahoo.com)

	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Children's Story</u>
7/2	Trystan Boyd	Sherri Wilmer
7/9	Trystan Boyd	Denise Boyd
7/16	Catherine Reinhart	Carole Webner
7/23	Sydney Lee	Debbie Siegert
7/30	Leona Mager	Sherri Wilmer

Altar Guild

7/1	Peggy Whiting – Judy Mayes
7/8	Kim Cole – Heather Zell & Peggy Winchester
7/15	Christy Moore – Pat Walter
7/22	Lois Welsh – Bettye Gramlich
7/29	Kay Pokrzywa – Gloria Barlow



Folk Music Night: July 29, 7-10 p.m., featuring **Michelle Swan**: <https://www.michelleswan.net/>

Self-reflective and acutely observant, Michelle deftly weaves lyric and note together to create intensely personal songs that tell of sentiments and circumstances nonetheless familiar to everyone. The pure honesty of her vocal instrument is rare and the perfect complement to the equally honest lyrical content. Her set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Michelle's set.

Folk Music Night: August 26, 7-10 p.m., featuring **MattRoach**: <https://www.mattroachmusic.com/>. Over the past 30 years, Matt has written over 500 songs and recorded 10 albums. His concerts are a combination of well-crafted songs mixed in with an easygoing stage presence. He has been the featured performer at the Folk Music Night on two previous occasions. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Matt's set.

Admission each month 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.



Make today so awesome yesterday gets jealous!



Looking ahead!!



Perry Hall Chorale Concert Program

Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.

Perry Hall UMC

"Jazz, Pop and a Side of Rock"

This concert will feature works of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and the Beatles along with traditional/popular Christian composers. Concert includes choral and solo singing, instruments, narration and dance.

There is no admission charge; a free will offering will be taken and donated to the church.

This concert is suitable for the entire family.



Girl Scouts
Lead the Way

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 456 has been grateful to call PHUMC home this year! 2022-

2023 was our inaugural year together and it was packed with fun. Our troop of 12 young ladies, ranging from 7-9 years old, earned badges such as Girl Scout Way, Outdoor Art, Healthy Snacks, Race Car Design, Home Scientist, Painting, and Bugs. Year highlights included creating custom holiday cookies, competing against local Cub Scout troops in a Pinewood Deby Race, World Thinking Day held at PHUMC, visiting Marshy Point for a bug adventure, hosting a local artist and painting beautiful abstract artwork together, and planting our troop GS Tree Promise tree in Ms. Heather's yard (our

troop chose 2 peach trees which symbolize longevity and celebrate our long service to GS).

The troop also had fantastic success during our first cookie selling season, earning a camping trip to Camp Woodlands where we held our end of year celebration and bridging ceremony for 3 troop members who "flew up" to become Juniors! We will let the congregation know when cookie season begins, all your favorite flavors are still available and delicious!!!

Moving forward, Troop 456 will be a multilevel troop consisting of Brownies and Juniors. All 12 troop members have renewed and we are looking forward to watching these special and talented young ladies continue to blossom! This summer our troop plans to meet for a family fun day in July and with a local certified first aid instructor in August to earn their First Aid badge.

This is a photo of our troop attending World Thinking Day at PHUMC in February!



Troop 456 Co-Leaders Kelly & Heather



KC Dance & Fitness

KC Dance & Fitness is proud to announce that we have been a part of Perry Hall United Methodist Church's ministry for 8 years. We offer dance classes in Fellowship Hall on Friday evenings to children ages 3-12. Our classes run from September-May. Intro to Dance is offered for ages 3-5. Beginner Ballet and Hip Hop are offered for ages 5-12. We just completed our 8th annual spring showcase where we performed for over 100 people. This year, our showcase theme was "Rise Up." Our dancers performed to music about rising up to their fullest potential and being a champion.



This summer, KC Dance & Fitness will be offering a HIP HOP program in Fallston, MD. Join us for an 8 week session on Thursday evenings beginning June 22nd. The theme is

"Zombies!" So our dancers will learn choreography to music from the Disney movie Zombies 3. The program is for ages 5-12. For details and to register, visit www.kcdanceandfitness.com.

We look forward to returning to Perry Hall United Methodist Church on Friday evenings in the Fall. Registration will open in August. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram! www.facebook.com/kcdanceandfitness @kcdanceandfitness www.kcdanceandfitness.com



We wish everyone a safe, fun summer, and we hope to dance with some new friends next school year.

Much LOVE from Kristin Celano and the staff of KC Dance & Fitness!!



**July 2 – Coffee Hour Welcome for Pastor Margery 10:45
30 – Pot Luck Luncheon after church – 10:45 am**



All Things Bright and Beautiful
by Cecil Frances Alexander

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

The old wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one,

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

