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The Perry Scope

Perry Hall United Methodist Church Newsletter
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A Message from The Pastor

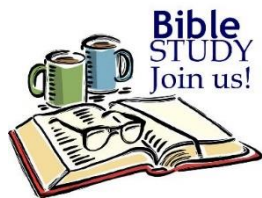
As I am writing this, I have been at Perry Hall UMC for one month. I have learned that the people here are loving, hard working, dedicated to helping those in need, and seek to follow Christ. I am enjoying meeting with members of the church. You are the family of God in this place, and you are the church.

Please let me know when you are going into the hospital or facing a hardship. Your church family supports you, and I would love to support you, too. I am in the office at least a portion of every day, Monday – Thursday. If you would like to meet, please contact me at 443-377-5991 or mlwschammel61@gmail.com to set up a time which is best for us. Please include your name if you text! I will be contacting as many of you as possible, but you do not need to wait for my call or email.

I want to share a bit about myself: I love coffee, but I am not able to drink it like I used to do. It upsets my tummy, and my doctor has advised me to avoid it. Have you ever had to give up something you loved? I think that most of the time when we give up something, it is because we need to do that. It is hard to give up something! My guess is that most of what we do is pretty harmless, and we don't need to give up much. But, if our wellbeing (physical, emotional, mental) requires it, we might need to let go. I deliberately did not include spiritual in that list of wellbeing because every part of us is spiritual: our physical, mental, emotional selves are part of our being, and we are spiritual beings, made in God's image. God loves us, created us, and cares deeply about our wellbeing. The Holy Spirit will help us to let go, give up, what is necessary to be healthy. I still crave coffee, and sometimes, I will drink a cup. But I know that God is taking care of me and will help me to resist so that I can be healthy. To God be the glory for helping us to do the difficult, even the impossible! Do you have a story of God helping you to do something difficult that you would like to share with me? As I visit, I would love to hear your stories!

Blessings,

Pastor Margery



Pastor Margery will lead a Fall Bible study for 6 weeks which is based on the book, Questions Jesus Asked by Rev. Magrey R. deVega. Rev. deVega offers six

questions which Jesus asked of others, and which invite us to a thoughtful exploration of Jesus' presence in our lives.

The study will be held:

- Mondays, Sept. 25th – Oct. 30th, at 7 pm.
- Tuesdays, Sept. 26th – Oct. 31st at 12 noon.

The cost is \$15 for the book. You may use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or email Pastor Margery by September 10th at mlwschammel61@gmail.com.



Looking forward to our Advent Study, which will be held November 27/28 – December 18/19. We will use the study, "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes" by Matt Rawle.

Remember whose heart grew three sizes at Christmas?



by
Laura Hanna

Wow – August is almost over, schools will be back in session – but officially summer does not end until Sept 21st! So hopefully you are enjoying the beautiful days

June and July were quite busy with the pantry! The families served has increased a great deal since the spring. We were adding 4-7 new families every week! The new additions have started to slow down so hopefully this trend will continue into the fall.

While August is still in full swing – as of August 1st, we had 151 families scheduled to come to the pantry!

June and July were our busiest months so far this year:

June Families – 156 (Individuals – 440)*

July Families – 141 (Individuals – 380)*

Since January 1 --Families – 961 (Individuals – 2725)*
((*based on family sizes))

The ability of the pantry handling these numbers is due to the great support that you all have given – both in food/monetary donations and the volunteers many hours of love they have put in at the pantry!

FOOD DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Saturday, July 29th from 1- 3 pm the pantry held it's summer community food drive. The day was beautifully sunny and the temperature was not sweltering – there was even a breeze! The community heard the call



for donations, and they responded wonderfully. In fact, about 10-11 shopping carts full of food were donated! This was a true blessing, for summer food drives generally are not very successful – as people are away on vacations and most organizations wait until the holidays to do food drives. The items donated were a super blessing and helped the pantry 'catch up' – as some of the shelves started to look pretty low. So thank you for your support, for spreading the word, for your donations!

A BIG THANK YOU also goes out to Peggy Winchester, Debbie Gayles, and Gracie Ercole for their herculean efforts of dating, sorting, and dealing with the sun while processing hundreds and hundreds of donated food items!! They deserve Gold Medals!!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

As you know the pantry is staffed totally by volunteers who are the heart and soul of the pantry! The pantry family is made up of old and new friends – some who have been part of the pantry since 'forever', some who have been part of the pantry for the last several years, and some who joined the family of volunteers this year! Always know the pantry is always happy to add new members to its volunteer family! Our volunteers work within the pantry on a 'schedule' that meets their needs. Most of our volunteers work anywhere from 1, 2,3, or 4 days a month. If you would like to join the volunteer family or learn more about joining – feel free to contact Laura/Dave or Margaret Hubbard or Peggy Whiting.

PANTRY GROCERY LIST – going shopping?

If you wonder what we continuously restock the pantry shelves with – you would be amazed! Your monetary donations and your physical donations – help keep the shelves stocked and the bags filled! We literally go through hundreds and hundreds of these items every month! God bless you for your help!

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

MONETARY DONATIONS

Just a reminder – if you wish to make a monetary donation to the pantry, your gift will be spent on buying items from the list above. We constantly are ‘restocking’ the shelves with purchases from Aldi’s; Dollar Tree; and even Wegmans! All monetary donations go literally to food items and personal hygiene items that we buy in quantities of 60 – 100! (we do get funny looks from people when we have 100 bottles of shampoo going out the door 😊) So if you wish to donate in a monetary form and have us do the shopping – that will be perfectly ok!

In either case – your physical or monetary donations are literally what keep the shelves filled and the success of the Church’s mission going after all these years – **THANK YOU!!**



by
Joyce
Ziegler



– Debbie Siegert



**Month of
SEPTEMBER**

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| <u>Acolyte</u> | <u>Children’s Story</u> |
| 9/3 Sydney Lee | Pastor Margery |
| 9/10 Leona Mager | Heather Mager |
| 9/17 Sophia Van Hook | Denise Boyd |
| 9/24 Catherine Reinhart | Carole Webner |

Altar Guild

- 9/2 Kay Pokrzywa – Gloria Barlow
- 9/9 Peggy Whiting – Judy Mayes
- 9/16 Kim Cole – Heather Zell & Peggy Winchester
- 9/23 Christy Moore – Pat Walter
- 9/30 Lois Welsh – Bettye Gramlich



Dan Walker



The Trustees have been hard at work renovating the Pastor’s Office. The office was given a fresh coat of paint, and a new desk, computer, and monitors.

The Trustees also purchased a new AC unit for the choir room and are working on having it installed.

★ There is still time to order our **Grab ‘n Go Chili lunch!** The cost is \$9.00 and includes 1 pint of chili, 2 pieces of cornbread, and a pint of tossed salad. Last day for money and orders is September 3rd. Orders can be picked up after church on September 10th.

★ There will be a **FREE food service certification class** held here on Saturday, September 16th from 9-4. Anyone who helps out in the kitchen for our dinners or events is encouraged to take this informative course. You can sign up for the class on the Baltimore County Health Department website at:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/health/environmental/food-program/managers> Scroll to the bottom of the page and select the date for our class. Then fill out the information and send it in.

★ On October 21st, we will be having a **Flea Market from 8 am – 2 pm.** We will need lots of people to help in so many ways. First we need your items to **SELL!** Start cleaning out those closets, basements, and garages **NOW** and bring us all the great items you have for us. When you bring items in, please put them in the



Fellowship Hall on the table by the piano. We will need people to help mark prices on all the items that come in. We will need people to help the day of the Flea Market to cashier as well as help facilitate the flow of customers. We also need people to help in the food area. We will be selling coffee and snacks in the morning, then we hope to have our Pit Beef Stand starting at 10:30 am. **I am especially looking for someone to work the smoker/grill for us!!**

★ October 29th is a 5th Sunday, so we will be having a Pot Luck Luncheon. The theme will be Halloween!! Look for more information on that later!



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 **Matt Roach**: <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!**



**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)



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



REGISTRATION IS OPEN for our 2023/24 season! Our schedule is...

- Intro to Dance (ages 3-5) -- Fridays 5:30pm
- Beg Ballet (ages 5-10) -- Fridays 6:30pm
- Beg Hip Hop (ages 5-10) -- Fridays 7:30pm
- Int Ballet (ages 7-12) -- Fridays 6:30pm
- Int Hip Hop (ages 7-12) -- Fridays 7:30pm

TO REGISTER, visit www.kcdanceandfitness.com.

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We hope to dance with some new friends this Fall.

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



- September 3** – Weekly Coffee Hour Begins!!
- Last day for orders and money for Chili Grab'n Go
- 7** – United Women in Faith 7 pm
- 9** – Private Function in F. Hall 2-5 pm

- 10** – Consecration of Education Ministry
 - Coffee Hour
 - Pick up Grab 'n Go Chili Lunch
- 12** – Trustees Meeting 7 pm
- 14** – Price Flea Market items 1-4 pm
 - Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm
- 15** – October Perry Scope articles due
- 16** – Food Certification Class 9 am-4 pm
- 17** – Church Picnic
- 19** – Meet & Greet and Trivia @ Silver Spring Mining Company 7 pm
- 21** – Price Flea Market items 1-4 pm
 - United Methodist Men 7 pm
- 24** – Coffee Hour
- 25** – Bible Study 7 pm
- 26** – Perry Scope Mailing 11 am
 - Bible Study 12 pm
 - Ad Council Meeting 7 pm
- 28** – Price Flea Market items 1-4 & 6-9 pm
- 30** – Folk Music Night 7 pm

