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# *The Perry Scope*

Perry Hall United Methodist Church Newsletter  
9515 Belair Road, Nottingham, MD 21236



## *A Message from The Pastor*



April used to be “April showers bring May flowers”, but all of the old weather lore has become less true in recent years. I am writing this in mid March and there are flowers blooming everywhere! So, what might April bring for us? We aren’t sure. We are in the season of Easter, approaching Pentecost. This must have been a time of confusion for the followers of Christ. He had died, but had been seen alive again by some of them. What was going to happen? What were they going to do next?

What was there to do: go back to the remnants of their old lives, continue to live with this new group who had become so close to one another, continue the work that Jesus had begun of spreading this different view of relating to God? And, what was this new way of relating to God all about, anyway; what did all that Jesus had said and done mean now that he was not with them? They really didn’t know. They gathered together, but in hiding most of the time. Would they be arrested and killed like Jesus had been? They talked about what Jesus had taught them, remembering what he said with new understanding, probably trying to figure it out as they talked. They were afraid and confused and facing the unknown. My guess is that period of time may have felt endless to them. When we face a life changing event, we can feel lost for a time. What happens next? We cannot see into the unknown future; nothing seems certain. Unpredictability can be painful. However, God is certain. God is the same today, tomorrow and forever. We can, without any hesitation, depend upon the love of God. God is always with us and always loves us! In our limited human way, we may not understand how God’s love is surrounding us, but we can be assured that it is. Praise be to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Blessings,  
Pastor Margery





by  
*Laura Hanna*

While it is hard to believe, winter is finally ended! The cold, long, dreary days are now being replaced with gentle, warm breezes and sunshine. It gives hope as does the pantry to many families. While the winter was overall gentle in snow and ice it still was a hardship to many, many families in the community.

The pantry continues your mission – with strength and conviction! Inflation has caused the greatest hurdle for the families and yes, even the pantry. If you thought your grocery bill has gone up – imagine how inflation has affected the pantry! But just like spring showing promise of better days, the pantry does also!

#### NUMBERS TELL THE STORY:

##### January, February, and March:



**Total Families Served:** 530 families (1430 individuals)

**Bags of food prepared/given:** approximately between 4700- 5300!

Yes, you read that correctly – around 5000 bags of food have been given in the first 3 months of 2024! These bags contain non-perishable food items, frozen meat/fish/or chicken, frozen bakery items, fresh fruit, and personal hygiene items! The bags are filled every Tuesday for the week by superheroes Mary, Cindy, and Debbie! They have the system of stocking/filling the bags down to a beautiful system that even Wegman's would be impressed! Our remaining superheroes make sure the bags are delivered to the families with love, a smile, and words of encouragement!!

But times are tough – both for our pantry families and even for our pantry donors! Donations are down but the need is up! Even the Maryland Food Bank is experiencing this dilemma – but we all continue to do the best we can to provide! All the 'extra donations' we received during the holidays are 'gone' – and the donation boxes at Giant and Weis are not full like they used to be! This happens every year at this time – but inflation is hurting everyone!

We recognize everyone is dealing with the 'increase of cost' in everything. Heck, what cost the pantry last year for a can of green beans went from \$.49 and is now \$.79! A 3-pack of soap went from \$1.00 to now can only get a 2-pack of soap and cost is \$1.25! So yes, we all know that our dollars are stretched! We hope, as the weather warms up, the food donation boxes start to fill up again and that community can continue to embrace the pantry. So to help fill the pantry shelves we are planning a spring event:

#### A Memorial Weekend Food Drive!!



**SAVE THE DATE/SPREAD THE WORD:**

**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE**

**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 1 -3 PM**

**(this is Memorial Day weekend)**

**IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH! (9515 Belair Rd)**

The spring community food drive will be held on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. This is Memorial Day weekend! We truly need everyone's **help to spread the word** – tell your friends, post it on your facebook page, tell your clubs, social groups, fellow co-workers and extended family! Post it in your community lobbies - challenge your friends, co-workers, family members as to who can donate more! If you would like to have a 'flyer' to post or send out, just let me know ([lhanna14@verizon.net](mailto:lhanna14@verizon.net)) and I will gladly send you one! The community wants to help – they just need 'to know'!



The food drop-off will be in front of the church (as in the past) and all non-perishables and personal hygiene products are truly appreciated!

What the pantry continues to give out and **always needs** is listed below:



\*\* Soap; shampoo; toothpaste; toilet paper

\*\* Cereal; pasta; tuna fish; peanut butter; jelly; pasta sauce; soup;

crackers; boxed side dishes; canned pasta

**All and any donations** are greatly appreciated but Please Remember: All donated items must be **'In Date'** and not opened.

PS: If you like to be one of our 'receivers' during the food drive (we will need about 4 or 5) just let us know!



Do you know someone who could use a little extra help with their food budget? The YMCA has a weekly distribution on Tuesdays & Saturdays opened to all those that need some

extra help. It is called the Y Fresh Mart. It is a food distribution event that helps those families that need some extra help with food needs. The Y Fresh Mart is held at certain hubs across the nation and one such hub is at the North Plaza Ctr. This particular hub is open every Tuesday, 4 -7 pm and every Saturday, 10 am -1 pm. We are guiding our pantry families to the YMCA at North Plaza Shopping Ctr (8910 Waltham Woods Rd) – so that they are able to get even more help with stretching their grocery budgets.

If you know of anyone that could use some extra help with food, please guide them to the Tuesday or Saturday distributions at the Y Fresh Mart located at 8910 Waltham Woods Rd open on Tuesdays (4 -7 pm) and

Saturdays (10 – 1 pm). Please know that the distribution is not like our pantry, the recipients just 'show up' and the Y volunteers will be able to assist with information and help.

**LASTLY - THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOU! WITHOUT YOU, THERE WOULD BE NO PANTRY!**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO THE PHUMC**



**FOOD PANTRY! You truly make a difference in so many lives!**



**Come and Join us for Spring Crafts!**



Children & Family Ministries is hosting "Spring Crafts" on Sunday, May 19th, immediately following the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall. Come for a morning of fun and fellowship! Each participant will get to make some fun spring crafts. We will also provide snacks. We hope to see you there!



Our Game Night last month was enjoyed by all. While Pool games were going on in the basement, a frustrating game of Scattergories was challenging others upstairs. Who knew it was so difficult to think of a kitchen utensil starting with R or a European country beginning with J? Thank you, Janeen for opening your home to us again!

**Baseball Anyone?** I know I'm not the only Orioles fan at PHUMC. I've been cheering them on for years and some years were tough!

The past three years have been such fun! Not only are they winning more games, but many teams are dreading coming into Camden Yards now.

They have the best farm system in the majors which sends up young players who accomplish amazing feats in all positions. At the same time, veterans such as Cedric Mullins and Anthony Santander keep right on showing them how it's done. The top rookie, Jackson Holliday just hit a grand slam last week and Gunner Henderson was Rookie of the year in 2023!

Best of all, they all love playing and they cheer for each other. No divas in this group!

I watch every game on TV, but would love to get a group together to enjoy it in person. Let me know if any of you are interested in attending a game and I'll see what I can put together. Maybe we can take advantage of one of their promotions.

Peggy Whiting 443-257-2874

Over the last four summers we have enjoyed excellent productions from Cockp[it in Court at Essex Community College. This summer will be no different with 2 musical productions of Jerry's Girls which is a tribute to the musical genius of Jerry Herman including selections from Mame, Hello Dolly, Mack and Mable and La Cage Aux Follies and Cats.

If you have a preference please let Margaret Hubbard know. We at Adult Ministries are looking forward to another fun Sunday at Cockpit in Court.

Keep on the lookout for the sign sheet for this activity, Margaret Hubbard 410-931-8344



**Folk Music Night: April 13, 7-10 p.m., featuring Woody Lissauer**  
[\(https://woodysongs.com/\)](https://woodysongs.com/).

Woody Lissauer, who has a master's degree in music composition, is an accomplished singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist who has been a fixture in the Mid-Atlantic music scene for decades. His newer songs reflect Americana, English folk, French jazz, Russian bardski musik, Spanish classical, rock, and jazz. His compositions have won dozens of awards. He has been the featured performer at the Folk Music Night on three previous occasions. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Woody'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*



By  
 Joyce  
 Ziegler

Thinking ahead to our summer Sunday School program: For the last few years, our 3 rd and 4 th grade class was taught over the summer by some volunteers from the congregation so that their awesome regular

Sunday School teacher, Mr. Joe Orzolek, could take a well-deserved summer break.

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) during the summer months (June through August).



Please know that we TRULY appreciate our volunteers and they get lots of help from us, if they want it! A short lesson and materials for an easy craft are provided to the volunteers 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 teach 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 young ones this summer.



## PHUMC Ad Council RADA Cutlery Fundraiser

Our PHUMC Ad Council fundraiser kicked off on March 17th and we're very excited – and THANKFUL! Almost all of our RADA Cutlery catalogs were taken, but don't worry! We ordered MORE – and they are available in the church narthex now!

Ordering is simple, with TWO options.

1. Just pick up a catalog in the narthex or church office, along with an envelope that shows the following instructions:

Please place in this envelope:

- order form, with your name, items selected and a total order amount and
  - your check made out to: **Perry Hall United Methodist Church**
- (check should include your order total, PLUS one shipping charge of \$2.00)

Place the envelope in the Offering Basket in the narthex

Orders are due by Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**NOTE: Ordering via catalog is most cost effective – only \$2.00 shipping per order**

2. Or, you may order on your own on-line via our PHUMC fundraiser link:

<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=7845749.4ee7a3>

Once placed on-line, your order will be sent directly to your door.

**NOTE: Ordering on-line is quick and convenient but shipping costs are MUCH, MUCH HIGHER!**

Feel free to share the catalog (or pick up another in the narthex ) for family and friends who might be interested in supporting our fundraiser while purchasing some quality (Made in the USA) kitchen knives, utensils, etc. - and EVEN goodies!

Please contact Joyce Ziegler with questions or help when ordering.

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISER!**



★ **Rada Cutlery Fundraiser** – Orders due NO LATER than Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Merchandise will be in for Mother's day!

★ **Chili Grab 'n Go** - Each meal includes 1 pint of chili, 2 pieces of cornbread, 1 pint of tossed salad, can soda or bottled water, and cookies for dessert! Cost of a meal is \$10. Orders due NO LATER than Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Pick up is Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> after church from 10:45-12:00. NEED TO ORDER? Call Denise at 443-787-8687.

★ **Community Flea Market and Craft Fair** – May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 12 Noon. Spaces are available for \$25 each. Call the church office at 410-256-6479 or Debbie Siegert at 410-804-0866. Looking for someone to take charge of traffic and parking. Contact Denise at 443-787-8687.

★ **Ladies Tea** – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at noon. Looking for men to prepare and serve ladies. Also men to provide entertainment. Contact Dan Walker at 410-733-0572.



## spring's prayer

Dear God, Thank you for the change of seasons. As I leave behind a winter that wore out its welcome, I step into spring with a fresh heart, ready for nature to take its course. May this season bring joy and light, peace and prosperity, and a spirit in full bloom.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



- April 2 – Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
- 3 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 4 – WISH Group 10:30 am  
United Women of Faith 7 pm
- 5 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
- 6 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 7 – Coffee Hour after church
- 10 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 12 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
- 13 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm  
– Folk Music Night 7 pm
- 14 – Coffee Hour after church  
– **Rada Cutlery orders & money due**
- 15 – **Perry Scope Deadline**
- 16 – Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
- 17 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 18 – United Methodist Men 7 pm
- 19 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
- 20 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 21 – Coffee Hour after church  
– **Chili Grab 'n Go Pickup after church**
- 24 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 25 – **Perry Scope Mailing 10 am**
- 26 – Confirmation Class 6 pm
- 27 – Coffee Hour after church
- 30 – Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am

