

A Message from The Pastor



May is a beautiful month, full of flowers and sunshine and the feel of summer. Our young people graduate to a new part of their lives. We celebrate, with great fondness, our mothers and those who have “mothered” us as we grow and bloom. Life is full of possibilities! The Administrative Council of our church met to discuss the state of the church and to start planning for our future, which is indeed full of possibilities. One of the things we learned at the meeting is that many of the people in our community, as well as in the nation, are distrustful of organized religion and believe that religious people are judgmental.

That opens up possibilities for us to let them know that we can be trusted and that we mean it when we say that we have open minds, hearts, and doors. We also learned that those people are looking for a warm welcome and personal relationships. People are searching for a place to belong and find friends. People are also searching for meaning and purpose; they want to help others in their community. What wonderful possibilities we have; we can offer people a place to belong and to find ways in which they can help others. We already have ways to help our community and we will have more opportunities in the months to come. We are followers of God who seek to offer love as Christ has loved us; we welcome everyone. Let me encourage you to let people know that Perry Hall UMC is not how they may perceive us. As you are friendly and welcoming, so is everyone at the church. As you are open to them just as they are, without judgment, PHUMC is open and loving. Invite people to join us and discover a place and a people who are full of possibilities, and who follow a God who offers abundant life. Praise be to God who welcomes us just as we are and offers us a multitude of possibilities for a life of growth and mercy and kindness and love!

Blessings,
Pastor Margery