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# The Perry Scope

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## *A Message from The Pastor*



“But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God’s instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you- from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.” 1 Peter 2:9 from The Message, the paraphrase of the Bible by Eugene Peterson

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9 NRSV translation of the Bible.

Whatever words are used, the meaning remains: we have a special place in God’s kingdom and are called to do holy work. Everyone of us, each person, has been given gifts from God and given work to do from God. Now, that may excite some of us with the anticipation of all that God has in store for us. Those words may frighten some of us, who may wonder what God wants of us and if we are capable of what God asks. Some of us may be wary and want to know more. Some of us are certain that God could not possibly mean us when we read these words; how could I be holy or part of a royal priesthood? Some of us may think and feel all those things- uncertain, afraid, a little worried, excited, joyful, empowered, ... . These are powerful words! Peter is drawing from the image used in the Old Testament of a chosen people who are set aside by God for blessing and to be a blessing for everyone else. He is stating that all who follow Jesus are chosen by God for blessing and to be a blessing. The Holy Spirit lives within each of us and gives us the resources we need to do all that God asks of us. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts of being able to teach or to encourage others or to offer compassion or to do all the behind the scenes help that is needed to do anything or to be organized or many other gifts, (see Isaiah 11:2, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Ephesians 4:11-13, Romans 12:4-8). Our confirmands, who became full members of Perry Hall UMC on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, discovered their particular spiritual gifts and are ready to figure out how God wants them to use those gifts and the skills they have and their unique personalities and perspectives to do the work God asks of them. I believe that we are all searching for ways to be useful to God. We seek for the meaning and purpose that doing God’s work can bring us. We want God to be able to say to us, “well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:23). Let’s pray about it! Let’s all pray for God to show us each how we can do God’s work and how we, as the congregation of PUMC, can do God’s work!!

Blessings,  
Pastor Margery



## Church News *by Pastor Margery*

I encourage you to visit the annual conference website for updates on the General Conference and our Annual Conference. As of this writing, General Conference has happened and Annual conference has yet to happen but will have happened by the time you are reading this Perry Scope. The conference website is [bwcumc.org](http://bwcumc.org).



We celebrate the confirmands who joined the church June 2<sup>nd</sup>! They are a wonderful group of young ladies, and I enjoyed getting to know them all a bit better. May

they be blessed in their continuing service in God's will. Please continue to pray for them and their families. A HUGE thank you to those families and to the mentors who supported the confirmands in their journey.

Join us at the Perry Hall Town Fair! The Town Fair will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am – 3pm. What a fun way to let the community know that Perry Hall UMC is a wonderful and welcoming congregation!! Please let us know if you can give a couple hours of your time to "man" the booth. You will work shifts of about 2-2 ½ hours each. If you can work longer or need to limit your time, let us know and we will work with your schedule. There will be a small game for the children to play, treats to pass out, and information about PHUMC to share. You will be working with friends from church, under the shade of a tent, beautifully decorated by our local Girl Scouts. If you would like to donate allergy friendly, individually wrapped candies (such as Dum-Dums, Red Bird candy puffs, Smarties, Dots, Skittles, Ring Pops, or Surf Sweets), please drop them off when you come to church or leave them with Pastor Margery. *Please, no candy that might melt, even if it is allergy friendly.* Contact Debbie Siegert or Pastor Margery if you would love to share our amazing church presence with the community or you have any questions.



We are asking that you send the following information, along with a picture of your graduate, to the church office at [perryhallumc@verizon.net](mailto:perryhallumc@verizon.net).

- Picture
- Full Name
- Graduating from...
- Continuing education at...
- Career path
- Will be working at...
- Your name and relationship to student

Submissions must be received by Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, to be included.



*by*  
**Laura Hanna**

June – summer is here!  
Sunshine, cookouts,  
vacations, and warm

days! Hope you had a beautiful spring and that you enjoyed your Memorial Day weekend. While Memorial Day celebrates the 'beginning' of summer it also reminds us to remember those that served in the military and gave their lives for our country's freedom. As summer comes upon us all, the days are bringing laughter and joy to so many and still the pantry continues to be quite busy! Hunger and need do not know 'seasons' — what summer does do is stretch the families budget even further. For the children will be home from school and many households are now caring for extended family members while parents/guardians work.

In April, the pantry served about 160 families (which is about 450 individuals and equals about 1600 bags of groceries were given) and May (at the time of this printing) about 180 families are scheduled to come to the pantry! The pantry continues to meet the need of the community with the continuous support of the PHUMC families, CCUMC families, and so many individuals and organizations within the community.

### **\*PHUMC SPRING COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE\***

At the time of this writing, the PHUMC Spring Community Food Drive is still 12 days away. While the food drive hopes to be very successful – the pantry continuously restocks its shelves weekly from physical and monetary donations. From past experiences, the food drive donations usually last about 1 month – which is wonderful! That allows the shelves to get totally restocked and gives the restocking by shopping a 'break' for a little while. So hopefully, we will have continued to experience this blessing on May 25<sup>th</sup>. One of the major aspects of the food drive is to let the community know, PHUMC pantry is making it a little easier for families



### **Graduation Information Needed!**

Do you have someone in your family graduating high school, college or trade school? We want to know about them.

We will have a special time of recognition on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. We invite them to join us for worship that day. Our graduates will be featured in our bulletin that Sunday, as well as in our July/August edition of the Perry Scope.

that need some help. But the pantry can't do it alone – the community is needed! While so many organizations/schools love to help during the holidays, the spring food drive reminds us all that help is needed by so many all year round!

Thank you for your continued support to the pantry – for your physical or monetary donations, it truly makes a big difference for so many families!

**\*BIG NEWS TO ADD TO YOUR JULY CALENDAR\***



Our food drives are not finished – in fact there is another one scheduled in July! BRIGHT FM is holding a Pantry Project food drive for PHUMC pantry on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2pm at the Geresbeck's Food Market in Middle River (right by Eastern Ave near Martin's Airport. BRIGHT FM did this in January at the Perry Hall Chik filet for our pantry and it was a great success! Generally, the Pantry Project has dozens and dozens of pantries in the multicounty area (from Howard County to the Eastern Shore) that they support – so we are truly blessed that Shine FM has focused upon us again!

Summer is when we see a significant drop in donations – mostly due to the fact our donors are away on vacations and not in their normal routines - So this food drive is a big, big blessing for the pantry.

**SO: SPREAD THE WORD:**

- \*Bright FM Pantry Project food drive for PHUMC Food Pantry
- \*July 17<sup>th</sup> 12 noon – 2 pm
- \*Hawthorne Shopping Center
- \*2109 Eastern Boulevard



by  
*Melanie Nolet*

The Board of Trustees is still in the process of loan application completion and approval. Once this process is finished, we can allow Superior Roofing to begin their roofing project. Thanks for your patience!



We are planning to attend Cockpit in Court at CCBC to enjoy the wonderful musical performance of Cats written by Andrew Lloyd Weber, on Sunday, July 28 at

3pm. The tickets are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors (60+), and \$15 for children (12 and under.)

A sign up sheet will be coming out in early June. All who plan to attend will need to pay for their tickets by June 23. You can pay by cash or check payable to Margaret Whiting.

I've never seen Cats, but I've listened to the music which is catchy and fun. Children will enjoy the music and costumes, so we are including them in this event.

If you need a ride, let me know and we can provide it. Call me with any questions.

Peggy Whiting 443-257-2874



by  
*Joyce Ziegler*

**Sunday School Closing Program**

Please join us on June 9th, when we will be celebrating the end of our PHUMC 2023-2024 Sunday School year with a Closing Program after the Children's Message at the 9:30 service. Children will then head down to the Social Hall with their teachers to make a special craft and play a game until the service is over.



**Summer Sunday School Plans**

This summer, we will be combining our Sunday School classes into one class to share God's Word using a One Room Sunday School curriculum. Classes will begin on June 16 and continue until after Labor Day when our traditional Sunday School classes will resume.

We hope you can all join us for our Closing Program and Summer Sunday School.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!

*Joe, Debbie and Joyce*

**Our Lenten Offering**



During Lent this year, our Sunday School children (and a few others too!) collected money to put in their Lamb of God Giving boxes, a Lenten tradition that helps children to reflect on God's gift to us of Jesus and how we are called to give of

ourselves and to others, not only as part of the Lenten journey but throughout of lives as Christians.

Thankfully, our wonderful children donated over \$108.00, which will be used by the PHUMC Food Pantry to serve the needs of others in our community. How AWESOME!



Then, on the Sunday after Easter, our Sunday School visited the Food Pantry to hear Ms. Margaret Hubbard and Ms. Kay Pokrzywa share their love and knowledge of our food pantry and how it serves our community. Thank you, Ms. Margaret and Ms. Kay!



by  
*Debbie Siegert*

**CALLING ALL GENTLEMEN  
IN OUR CHURCH:**

Our Women In Faith group will be feeding the men breakfast on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at nine am. We would love to have the hall filled with men enjoying the great food our ladies will be serving up. There will be small gifts for the men and maybe some surprise entertainment. If you can join us, please let me know

by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank-you, Debbie Siegert 410-804-0866.



by  
*Dan Walker*

It was a dark and stormy night. No, scratch that, it was a beautiful Saturday morning. The men of the church put on an English tea party for the ladies of the church the day before Mother's day. With many different teas, scones, tea sandwiches, quiches, and other sweets and savories, served on fine china from the collection of Kim Cole and Lisa Ashmore (oh, how we handled those with kid gloves!), the ladies in attendance were treated to men serving them and musical selections from Don Appel, Denise Boyd, and others. The men are looking forward to the ladies turn in June when they serve us breakfast on June 9th.



**Folk Music Night: June 8, 7-10 p.m., featuring Ami Yares**  
(<http://www.amiyares.com/>).

Singer/songwriter Ami Yares is the offspring of the Jersey suburbs (of Philadelphia), raised in the echo of the Liberty Bell, only to find his voice on the shores of the Mediterranean. He wields his 12-string guitar as if it were an entire orchestra. Influenced by his American folk music upbringing, Ami's music merges his Jersey roots with wisps of Middle Eastern culture. His set starts



around 8:15. The evening begins with an “open mic” at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Ami’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).



### Burt Bacharach Tribute Concert

Don't miss this wonderful afternoon of music presented by Don Appel & Friends. Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 2:00 pm you will get to hear all your favorite Bacharach tunes, including: Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head, That's What Friends Are For, Close to You, Walk On By, and Alfie.

The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken.

Hope to see you there!



### May

- 1 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 2 – Coffee Hour after church
- 5 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 6 – WISH Group 10:30 am
  - United Woman in Faith 7 pm
- 8 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
  - **Men's Breakfast 9 am**
  - Folk Music Night 7 pm
- 9 – Coffee Hour after church
- 11 – Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
- 12 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 15 – **Perry Scope Deadline**
  - Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
  - Memorial Service for Doris Carter
- 16 – Coffee Hour after Church
- 19 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 20 – United Methodist Men 7 pm
- 22 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
  - **Perry Hall Town Fair 10 am – 3 pm**
- 23 – Coffee Hour after church
  - **Burt Bacharach Tribute Concert 2 pm**
- 25 – **Perry Scope Mailing 10 am**
  - Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
- 26 – Choir and band Rehearsal 7 pm
- 29 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm

## a godly Father is:



- F**aithful, to God and family.
- A**ble, to discern God's will in trying times and good times.
- T**hankful, for all the joys and trials of life.
- H**appy, no matter what the life brings.
- E**nthusiastic, about a life lived with purpose.
- R**ighteous, rock-solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

For these things and so many more we praise God for our Fathers, this Father's Day and always.



