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The Perry Scope

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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





by
Pastor Margery

As I am writing, we are approaching General Conference at the end of April. As you are reading this, that momentous meeting will be over, and we will be approaching our Annual Conference. General Conference is a meeting of the global United Methodist Church. Delegates, who were elected by their Annual or Central Conference, will attend/have attended a meeting to decide the future of the UMC. Legislation vital to the UMC throughout the world will be acted upon at that meeting. I will be sharing some of the decisions made at that conference and I strongly urge you to search out more details on our Annual Conference's website, as they become available (bwcumc.org). Annual Conference is a yearly meeting of all the clergy and an equal number of lay persons from the United Methodist churches of our Baltimore-Washington Conference. We will meet in Baltimore at the end of May, and I'm sure that part of our discussions will reflect the decisions which were made at General Conference. We will also make decisions which affect the life of the churches in our area. We are in a time of adjustment in the United Methodist Church, and we are discerning who God wants us to be and what God wants us to do. I ask you to pray for the United Methodist Church and for all of us gathered at Annual Conference later in May.



Confirmation Sunday is June 2nd! Please save the date in your calendar and attend worship to welcome into full

membership those youth who have been taking confirmation classes since the start of Lent. We will honor them at a reception following the worship service.



by
Laura Hanna

Happy May! Hope you are having a wonderful

spring and that you are enjoying the beautiful days of May. While the winter days are behind us and warm weather with sunshine have started to become normal – the pantry has continued to be quite busy.

In March, the pantry served about 174 families (over 475 individuals) and April (at the time of this printing)

had over 180 families scheduled to come to the pantry! While the need continues greatly within the community, your pantry continues to meet the challenge and assistance!

SAVE THE DATE/SPREAD THE WORD:

- PHUMC SPRING COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE
- MAY 25TH (this is Memorial Day weekend)
- 1 -3 PM
- IN FRONT OF PHUMC! (9515 Belair Rd)

The SPRING PHUMC community food drive will be held on Saturday, May 25th from 1-3 pm. This is Memorial Day weekend! **Help 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! Only a couple weeks left to share the news and get the community excited to help!



If you would like to have a 'flyer' to post or send out, just let me know (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 and any "in date" donations** are greatly appreciated – both non-perishables and personal hygiene products.

LOOKING FOR SOME FOOD DRIVE HELPERS for MAY 25th: While the food drive is 'easy' for our donors – literally just drive up in front of the church and drop-off, we still will need some 'help'. We don't need a lot of people, but if you would like to volunteer to be a receiver and eventually a 'date checker/sorter' - we would love to hear from you!. We are in need of about 4 or 5 volunteers to help from 1 – 3 pm that day. Please let me know, if you are interested:

lhanna14@verizon.net or Laura's cell 410-458-1868 😊

BIG NEWS TO ADD TO THE SUMMER CALENDAR:

BRIGHT FM is holding a Pantry Project food drive for PHUMC pantry on July 17th from Noon-2pm at the Geresbeck's Food Market in Middle River (right by Eastern Ave near Martin's Airport. They did this in January at Chik filet and it was a great success! We are truly blessed that Shine FM has focused upon us again! (btw – Geresbeck Food Market has outstanding donuts! 😊 – they are well known!)



by
Melanie Nolet



The Board of Trustees has continued to diligently work with finance and Ad Board to approve

a quote to have the roof replaced on the education wing. We have finally voted to approve the Superior Roofing quote and are now passing the project to Finance to begin the process of securing a loan for this project. This has been a long process but is a much needed improvement to our building.

The trustees also met and discussed some ways to curb our energy use and bring down our BGE bill. Some of the suggestions were making sure the thermostats are turned back when leaving a room, making sure lights are not left on in the rooms that don't have motion activated switches and making sure we have the most efficient light bulbs in the sanctuary.

The trustees are also working on getting quotes to have a company clean the pew cushions. We have secured some quotes and will revisit this at our next meeting.



by
Brenda Reinhart

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!



Over the last four summers we have enjoyed excellent productions from Cockpit in Court at Essex Community College. This summer will not be any different with Hello Dolly, Mack & Mable and La Cage Aux Follies, Two of the songs from Cats which people are familiar with are Jellicle Ball and Memory.

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 up sheet.

Margaret Hubbard 410-931-8344

I haven't heard from any Orioles fans regarding attending one of their games, but I'm going to have to pursue this after I take care of a spinal issue. The season

has just begun so I'm hoping we can find a time in the summer to celebrate our amazing team.

On the positive side, my need to spend more time on the couch gives me a perfect excuse to watch all the games! I would still love to hear from any Orioles fans who are interested in joining me at Camden Yards.

Peggy Whiting 443-257-2874



By
Joyce Ziegler

PLEASE HELP OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUE ALL SUMMER LONG.

We are still in need of some summer teachers for Mr. Joe's 3rd and 4th Grade class, as there were no responses to our article in the April Perry Scope.

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.



Folk Music Night: May 11, 7-10 p.m., featuring Tony Denikos
(<https://www.tonydenikos.com/>).

Tony Denikos is a Maryland singer/songwriter and guitarist whose songwriting is filled with emotion and romanticism, moving from social commentary to small portraits of American life. There's a warmth and natural soulfulness to his sound that is as much approachable as it is admirable. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Tony'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 . - *Neil Zimmerman*



Memorial Contributions

by Judy Brown

The following have contributed to our Memorial Fund this year:

- In memory of Tim McGeehee -- Paula McGeehee*
- In memory of Betty Roberts -- Linda Miller*
- Gary & Cindy Hooten*
- In memory of Dean & Joan Martin -- Pat Fisher*



by Debbie Siegert

Our small but faithful group has been having lots of fun and fellowship

growing closer to one another. We painted Easter eggs and made water cans with flower in them all while learning about 8 important mothers in the Bible. Pastor Margery led us in a great lesson on St. Patrick. It is only a couple hours once a month, but our friendships are growing stronger as well as our faith. We would love to have you join us the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

CALLING ALL GENTLEMEN IN OUR CHURCH:

Our Women In Faith group will be feeding the men breakfast on Saturday June 8th 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 1st. Thank-you, Debbie Siegert 410-804-0866.



PHUMC Ad Council RADA Cutlery Fundraiser

GREAT NEWS! And THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, church family! Our Rada Cutlery Fundraiser was a HUGE Success – thanks to all of YOU!!!

We placed 42 orders for 247 items: knives, kitchen tools, cookbooks, soups, dips, popcorn, pans, grill brushes (a VERY popular item!!!) and just about everything in the catalog!

The grand total for the order we placed was **\$2488.00**, yielding us a profit (after shipping costs were applied) of

\$981.85 (this includes the profit from 2 additional on-line orders). That is AWESOME – and very much appreciated!

Please enjoy using your new purchases. And thank you again!

The PHUMC Ad Council



- ★ **Community Flea Market and Craft Fair – May 4th**
Unfortunately, this event has been CANCELLED.
- ★ **Ladies Tea – Saturday, May 11th at noon.** Ladies, be sure to sign up to attend! This event looks like it will be **THE** event of the season!!



- May**
- 1** – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
 - 2** – WISH Group 10:30 am
 - 4**– Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
 - 5** – Coffee Hour after church
 - 8** – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
 - 9** – Finance Meeting 7 pm
 - 11** – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
 - Ladies Tea 12 noon
 - Folk Music Night 7 pm
 - 12** – Coffee Hour after church
 - 14** – Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
 - Trustee’s Meeting 7 pm
 - 15** – **Perry Scope Deadline**
 - Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
 - 16** – United Methodist Men 7 pm
 - 18** – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
 - 19** – **Spring Craft Event after Church**
 - **Altar Guild Appreciation**
 - 22** – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
 - 25** – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
 - Food Drive 1-4 pm
 - 26** – Coffee Hour after church
 - 28** – **Perry Scope Mailing 10 am**
 - Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
 - Ad Council Meeting 7 pm
 - 29** – Choir and band Rehearsal 7 pm
 - 31** – Confirmation Class 6 pm