

July/August 2024



The Perry Scope

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A Message from The Pastor



I will be celebrating my one year anniversary as the pastor of Perry Hall UMC this July. And it is indeed a celebration. Perry Hall is a church with an amazing future. God has a reason for us to be here in our community and a mission for us to fulfill. It is an exciting time. I have been asking that we pray to discern God's will for us, and I ask that we continue to pray for that discernment. As we work together in God's kingdom, we will need to constantly turn to God for guidance to keep us from veering away from the mission which God has given us. We will work joyfully as the people who follow our Lord, who love as Jesus teaches us to love, and who work to fulfill God's call on our lives: offer basic needs to those who have little, offer a welcome and a home to those who have none, and offer hope and peace in this troubled world.

Summer is a fantastic time to relax, experience a change of pace, and get away. I am looking forward to my vacation in July, but I also recognize that we are never on vacation from doing God's work. As Jesus said, we will always have the poor with us. We will always have those in need in our community. Please continue to seek out God's will for you each day, looking for opportunities to spread love, kindness, joy and peace. Continue to participate here at PHUMC so our ministries of fulfilling God's mission will not lag during these long hot days of summer. Please pray that we will know and follow God's will in our own lives and in the life of the church. Amen!

Blessings,
Pastor Margery





Study opportunity!

Would you like to learn more about the United Methodist Church? What

do we share with other Christian churches and what makes us different? Who were the Wesleys and why should we care? The UMC mission statement is to make disciples for the transformation of the world. That sounds good, but what does it actually mean? If you would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Margery. We will meet for a one time session this summer on a day to be scheduled based on the availability of those who join the class.



240th Session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

5/29 – 5/31 Baltimore Hilton Hotel

Theme: Like a Fire Shut up in Our Bones, Jeremiah 20:9

Attendance: 1,100 Clergy and Lay Members

Lay Representative: Debra Gayles

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling opened the annual conference with a rousing sermon! She challenged churches to adopt a sense of Joy and Hope by being filled the Love of God that spills out into our communities and into the world.

Workshop on evangelism was led by Speaker Pastor Bill Brown using the word BLESS that describes Jesus' Strategy.

- Begin with Prayer
- Listen
- Eat Together
- Serve in Love
- Share your Story

Ask, "Why" do you want to engage in evangelism? So, your "What" will have more of an impact. This strategy will help our church as we determine our purpose and vision statement.

The Laity Session was opened by Delores Martin, the Conference Lay Leader -in her last year of service.

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Beck, Topic: How to redefine "vintage church" and create Fresh Expressions. Attendance in the traditional church has declined in today's culture. He encouraged all to "embrace their role as priests "ordained in the water of their baptism" The first example of Methodist "Fresh Expression" was modeled by Susanna Wesley, mother of John Wesley. She preached to people in her kitchen! The example of

reaching out to people where they are, such as Dog Parks, Tattoo Parlors, Burrito Joints... He leads 3 traditional churches and 13 Fresh Expressions churches in Florida.

Following the worship portion of the first day the conference attendees travelled across the street to Camden Yards to Cheer on Bishop Easterling as she threw out the first pitch at the Oriole vs. the Boston Red Sock baseball game. The Orioles Won!!

The Service of Remembrance speaker was Rev. Dr. C. Anthony Hunt – Sr. Pastor of Epworth Chapel UMC Celebrated

Ordination of two Deacons and 14 Elders, Commissioning of one Deacon and 6 Elders and commissioning of a home missionary.

Thanking 33 Pastors who have retired for their Service in the Ministry.

Several Resolutions were voted on such as A Special Camping Sunday, and to Raise Awareness for Sickle Cell Disease.

BWC offered Apologies and Promised responses to victims of sexual misconduct and violence.

Plans for restructuring to move from eight districts to six.

Members collected supplies for Adullum Health Care in New Waverly UMC in Baltimore and raised \$9,000 for the Seeds of Security: which addresses needs of domestic violence survivors

Prayers for the Congregations of the three churches that closed.

Thank the Lord for the Fellowship and Praise to God for the Work done for His Glory!!

- Debra Gayles



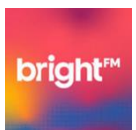
by
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Hanna**



Summer is here – beautiful sunny days, warm temperatures, cookouts, and vacations! Hope you all have a great summer and stay safe! While you are enjoying the long, lazy days do know that the pantry will be open on its regular days (W/F/S) helping those that need that extra help!

COMING SOON – A reminder:

BRIGHT FM is holding a Pantry Project food drive for PHUMC pantry on Wednesday, July 17th from Noon-2pm at the Geresbeck's Food Market in Middle River (right by Eastern Ave near Martin's Airport). BRIGHT FM did a food drive for PHUMC back in January at the Perry Hall Chik file for



our pantry and it was a great success! For them to help again (this year) is outstanding. The Bright FM Pantry Project food drives helps pantries from Montgomery County to the Eastern Shore! So the fact that they are helping us again, is a true blessing!

So SPREAD THE WORD:

Bright FM Pantry Project food drive for PHUMC Food Pantry
July 17th 12 noon – 2 pm
Hawthorne Shopping Center
2109 Eastern Boulevard



Please know that 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 BUT the need is even greater! Families now have children at home all the time (since school is out) and thus their grocery bills increase! So all the help the pantry receives from our donors (big and small) is what keeps the pantry able to complete its mission!

Community Food Drive May 25th –

Fact: All the food that was donated on May 25th has already been given out to families! The outcome from the community was beautiful!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS – WHETHER PHYSICAL ITEMS OR MONETARY – YOU TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY!



We are looking forward to seeing the production of "Cats" at Cockpit and Court on July 28. Our deadline for signing up and payment was June 23. We hope a number of families will be attending with their children as well as our usual theater going adults.

I'm looking at September for a Meet and Greet at a restaurant on the water as an ending to the summer. We will probably carpool from the church for

those who prefer not to drive. Also, it reduces the number of cars that need to find parking. If someone needs to be picked up at their home, we can do that.

Let me know of a good place to eat while watching the water and the wildlife. Possible locations are Middle River, Belcamp, and Belair.

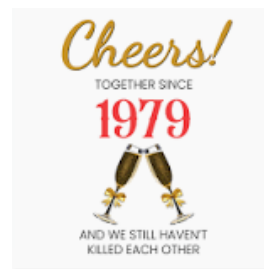
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Folk Music Night: July 6, 7-10 p.m., featuring Michael Kelly
<http://www.michaelkellytunes.com/>

Michael Kelly weaves tasteful, melodic acoustic guitar playing, soulful vocals, and poetic storytelling in every song and keeps your foot tapping. A prolific songwriter, he will share his catchy, unique melodies and sweet stories in songs that transport you in time. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Michael's set. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Folk Music Night: August 3, 7-10 p.m., featuring Doug Alan Wilcox (<http://www.dawilcox.com/>). Doug Alan Wilcox brings singer/songwriter perspective to a seamless marriage of bluesy folk and soul. Intimate, thought-provoking, and, on occasion, wryly humorous, Wilcox delivers music that will stick in your head - as well as your heart. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Doug'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*



Come Celebrate With Us!

Buzz & Denise Boyd

Dear friends, this year we are celebrating 45 years together. Yes, 50 is the big one, but who knows what tomorrow will

bring? So we want to take this opportunity to "share the joy" with our church family. For those who can, please join us on Sunday, July 14th for a special "Coffee Hour" after church. There will be goodies to eat and games to play!

We hope you are able to be there!! And remember, no presents necessary. Your "presence" is more than enough!



KC Dance & Fitness



KC Dance & Fitness will be offering dance classes for ages 3-12 on Friday evenings in Fellowship Hall. Our 2024/2025 season begins September 6th. Registration will begin in August.

- Intro to Dance (ages 3-5) -- Fridays 5:30-6:15pm
- Beginner & Intermediate Ballet (ages 5-12) -- Fridays 6:30-7:30pm
- Beginner & Intermediate Hip Hop (ages 5-12) -- Fridays 7:30-8:30.

For more information, visit www.kcdanceandfitness.com
See you on the dance floor!



★ **Church Picnic** – Sunday, September 8th – 11:00 am
(more information to follow)

★ **Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale** – Saturday, September 21st – 4:30-6:30 pm. We will be looking for helpers, as well as baked goods to sell.
(more information to follow)



July

- 6 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- Folk Music Night 7 pm
- 7 – Coffee Hour after church
- Pool Party – Sunday School 2-4 pm
- 9 – Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
- 10 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 13 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 14 – **“Special”** Coffee Hour after church – Buzz & Denise’s 45th Anniversary Celebration
- 20 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 21 – Coffee Hour after church
- 23 – Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
- 24 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 27 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 28 – Coffee Hour after church

August

- 3 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- Folk Music Night 7 pm
- 4 – Coffee Hour after church
- 6 – Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
- 7 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 10 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 11 – Coffee Hour after church
- 15 – **Perry Scope Deadline for September**
- 17 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 18 – Coffee Hour after church
- 20 – Bible Class w/Sherri 11 am
- 21 – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 24 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 25 – **Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday**
- Coffee Hour after church
- 27 – **Perry Scope Mailing 11 pm**
- 31 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm

