

October 2025



The Perry Scope

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



A Message from The Pastor



We are blessed this month to have a number of baptisms. Baptism is one of the 2 sacraments which the United Methodist Church celebrates; the other is Holy Communion. A sacrament means that God's grace is present in that ritual. It is a mystery that God is present in baptism and Holy Communion in a way that we cannot understand. As those babies are baptized, God will be present with us and especially with those families. Baptism will be a start for those babies in this life of faith. The vows made their parents and our congregation make clear our responsibilities to nurture the children in faith. We are blessed to have Sunday School classes for the children, so that they can learn and grow in their discipleship.

It is also our responsibility to take an interest in those children, encourage them as much as possible, and model in our own lives how to be a Christ follower. We know that baptism is not a "ticket to heaven", but we recognize that it bestows a relationship with God and with God's followers that can never be taken away. We welcome these children into God's family; they become part of OUR family. Please pray for all the children and youth in PHUMC that they may grow to become the disciples Christ calls them to be!

Blessings,
Pastor Margery





Please be on the alert for information about what is happening in our Hub churches. There will be opportunities for you to join in activities, opportunities to help, and

most importantly, opportunities to pray for all our churches. As a reminder: our Hub churches are Camp Chapel UMC, Hiss UMC, Linden Heights UMC, Arnolia UMC, Loch Raven UMC, Towson UMC, and us (PHUMC)!

Loch Raven UMC is holding Awojah, a multicultural meal, celebrating food from around the world. This is a potluck meal following the 10:30 worship on Sunday, Oct. 5th, World Communion Sunday. You are invited to bring a dish from your favorite culture, but are welcome to attend without a dish to share. The meal will start at approximately 11:15am.

Blessing of the Pets Services: Camp Chapel UMC- Sunday, Oct. 12th at 3pm and Hiss UMC- Sunday, Oct 19th at 1pm.

Trunk or Treat events on Sunday, Oct. 26th at Camp Chapel UMC, Hiss UMC, and Towson UMC. Times vary so please visit their websites or keep alert for details in your email as the time gets closer.



by Laura Hanna

Fall is upon us and the holidays are right around the corner!

September has been a

busy month - schools back in session, vacations are over, and the pantry has been serving the families that are in need.

We served about 160 families this past month and added about 10 new families over the last two weeks (some brand new, others returning after being away for a few months). Generally, each month, since January, we have scheduled about 180 families to come to the pantry - with about 20 families needing to cancel and reschedule for another date. The phone calls for help continue and the appointment book is constantly updated - but the pantry always makes sure, that families are served!

As the holiday seasons start to approach, it is also the time of year when many organizations start planning holiday food drives. We have been blessed for several years with local schools and organizations donating the results of their food drives. What these food drives do is give the pantry 'extra stock' that may last for two months - versus 3 weeks! So if your school, social organization, business, etc. is interested in promoting a

holiday food drive - please spread the word! If they would like to talk to me and find out more about the pantry's need, feel free to give them my name (Laura Hanna) and my email. lhanna14@verizon.net.

As you already know, the pantry is totally dependent on donations. The kindness and generosity of you, Camp Chapel UMC, the Perry Hall community, Weis Market on Joppa Rd, and the Maryland Food Bank have enabled the pantry to serve these 160+ families and give them some hope, love, and compassion. Thank you for helping to make this possible.



So far in 2025 - January through September.

- Number of families served: 1400 +
- Number of individuals served: 3500 +
- Number of bags of food given: 14,000 +
- Days opened: 108

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BASKETS

For the last 2 decades, the church families have provided holiday baskets to families that needed help. These baskets contained food items for a family to enjoy Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner. This year, the tradition lives on - the goal is to be able to provide a holiday dinner for at least 50 families!

Starting October 1st, donations for the holiday dinner items will be accepted/collected. A table in the fellowship hall will be set to receive your physical donations over the next 7 weeks.

Every holiday basket/bag will contain one of each of these items:

- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed muffin mix
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Boxed Brownie mix or Boxed Cake mix w/ icing
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Jellied Cranberry Sauce
- Canned gravy
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Peas or Carrots

PLUS a \$15 gift card from Walmart for the turkey/ham.

The distribution dates that are planned are:

Definite: Thanksgiving Saturday, Nov. 22

Tentative: Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 13

TIME: 1-3 PM

Our goal is for at least 50 families. Depending on the success will decided if the Dec 13th distribution occurs. We recognize times are tougher for everyone and that

the generosity provided is a true blessing. So, what you are able to donate is wonderful.

Monetary donations : If you prefer to donate monetarily, the shopping will be done for you! Just drop off your monetary donations or gift cards in the Sunday basket OR stop by the pantry/office to drop it off.

Lastly: If you would like to help with the distribution on Saturday, Nov 22 - **we would love your help!** The work is easy - wishing the families a happy holiday and placing the holiday basket in their car! The more church members that help deliver the joyful holiday wishes - the better!! **Hope you can join us** for 2 hours of laughter, love, and holiday joy! :-)



by Denise Boyd, Chairperson

Work has continued with our church cleanup. The parlor has been purged, carpet torn out, new baseboard trim added, and the tile floor has been stripped and coated and sealed. It is positively gorgeous! Now it is time to move Don's office items into his new space.

All the old toys have been donated or hauled away, as have the boxes and boxes of books. Work now will begin in the library to get rid of old items, etc. and turn it into our new meeting room!

We still are working to get the air conditioning in the Sanctuary stable and working properly. Come on fall weather!

We have a new group of men who are serving as our Building and Property Committee. We welcome Frank Barlow, Ed Konig, Harold Loggins, Kevin Mager, Willie Schammel, and Jason VanHook. These men, along with Ron Ziegler, are the saints who answer the calls for floods, outages, broken lights, faulty air conditioners, painting, hauling, and hundreds of other little things. We are grateful to have them working with us.



by Carole Webner
- for the Sunday School Team

A new Sunday school year has just begun. We started this fall season with 3 Sunday school classes. Ms. Debbie has returned to teach our 7th - 12th grade class, Ms. Joyce is teaching our 5th and 6th graders and Ms. Carole is teaching the children from kindergarten through 3rd grade. Following our first class we were all treated to a fun and delicious picnic. Thank you, Ms. Debbie and your students, for making such a wonderful fellowship time for everyone to enjoy.

We would like to congratulate Camden Cordell! He received his personalized Bible in worship on September 7th. May you always remember that you are loved by God.

There is still a need for teacher support in our Sunday school classes. A second pair of hands would be greatly appreciated. You don't need to be there every week to volunteer. Please contact Carole Webner at carolewebner@hotmail.com. if you are willing to support our students.

This October we will be working on thank you cards for our veterans. Please take a moment and write a thank you for their service. You can find them in the sanctuary narthex. In November we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child and filling boxes to spread Christmas cheer. Look for more information in the church bulletins.

Thank you for your continued support.



Family Ministries is sponsoring a time of Fall Fun and Fellowship! Join them on Saturday, October 11th, 2pm at Beaumont Corn Maze in Kingsville. We will also be celebrating Edward's 13th birthday!

Admission is \$18 for ages 3 to adult and includes an extensive list of attractions. You can purchase tickets at the door, or online.

Admission includes...

- Entrance into our one-of-a-kind corn maze, with 2+ miles of pathways
- One ride on the "Extreme" Hayride*
- 60' Inflatable Obstacle Course*
- **NEW** Mountain Slides
- Tire Pyramid Slide
- Pebble Beach Play Box
- Football Follies
- Baseball Throw
- Basketball Challenge
- Rubber Duck Race
- Corn Bag Toss
- Skee Ball
- Giant Ball Slinger
- Imaginative Play Area
- Evening Bonfires*
- Fall & Themed Photo Spots

*weather and condition-permitting

For more information, contact Brenda Reinhart at 443-286-5026.





by Kathy Loggins

The thrift store was very busy last month. We had a great turnout during the two weeks bag sale. Many customers look forward to the bag sale, which happens twice a year. You would be surprised how many items our volunteers can get in one of these brown bags.

We did our fall/winter clothing change over in the middle of September. And, also, we are hoping to have the thrift store open once a month during coffee hour, more details to come.



by Joyce Ziegler

Just a heads up that it's almost OCC SHOEBOX time again! On October 12th, we will be kicking off our annual Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry project and

look forward to watching those shoeboxes filled with love, toiletries, school supplies and awesome WOW treasures be delivered to PHUMC.

Last year, you - our dear church family - OUTDID yourselves! Yes, PHUMC donated 207 shoeboxes, which is truly unbelievable - and a blessing to 207 excited children somewhere in the world! Not only did they receive much needed items in their boxes, but they were given the opportunity to learn more about the God who loves them and is always with them.

And in the bigger picture: Last year in the U.S., over 10 million shoeboxes were packed, which is an all-time high! Worldwide, a total of 11,927,439 shoeboxes were donated. Isn't that awesome?

National Collection Week this year is November 17-24.

Watch for more OCC information coming soon. Thank you again for your joyful giving!



Folk Music Night: October 11, 7-10 p.m., featuring David Singley
(<https://www.davidsingley.com/>)

David Singley is a singer/songwriter/guitarist living in Saint Paul, Minnesota, whose music is born of the street, the country, and the academy. An experienced veteran with decades of backing world-class artists and performers, he has recently set his sights on his own artistic pursuits. His music evokes the golden era of the singer/songwriter: the late 60s and early-to-mid 70s; with its memorable melodies and insightful, poetic lyrics. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins

with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after David's set. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. The Folk Music Night schedule, along with additional information, may be found at <https://www.folkmusicnight.com/>. Questions may be directed to Neil Zimmerman: 410-529-7176 or ndzimmer@comcast.net. Questions may be directed to Neil Zimmerman: 410-529-7176 or ndzimmer@comcast.net. - Neil Zimmerman



Hello from Troop 456!

We will begin this scouting year by bridging

our troop members moving up to the Cadette level. Looking ahead we have a fun outdoor evening of s'mores, crafting and games, a hike at Bear Legacy Trail, and family friendly camping trip in the spring. We're looking forward to a fantastic year!

Co-Leaders Kelly Mink & Heather Mager



KC Dance & Fitness

DANCE CLASSES FOR AGES 3-12!

Be a part of our **10TH SEASON** at Perry Hall United Methodist Church! Our classes are held on Friday evenings in Fellowship Hall and are open to church members and the community.

- Intro to Dance - ages 3-5 (5:30-6:15pm)
- Beg and Int Ballet - ages 5-12 (6:30-7:30pm)
- Beg and Int Hip Hop - ages 5-12 (7:30-8:30pm)

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



"October's poplars are flaming torches lighting the way to winter." - Nova Beir



- ★ **Spaghetti Drive-thru** – Saturday, October 4th – 4-6 pm
- ★ **Beachmont Corn Maze** – Saturday, October 11th – 3:00 pm
- ★ **Don and Friends Concert – “Broadway”** – Sunday, October 19th, 3:00 pm.
- ★ **Pastor Appreciation Day Celebration** – Sunday, October 26th, after church service.



Save Those Calendars!

The Food Pantry is once again asking for donations of your unwanted 2026 calendars. Please save all that you receive in the mail and bring them to church. You can give them directly to Peggy Whiting or place them in the Food Pantry mailbox on the wall outside of the church office. The Food Pantry clientele will be happy to receive them!



Don & Friends!

Coming up on Sunday, October 19th, we will be treated to another great concert by Don & Friends! This concert, entitled “Broadway” promises lots of great music AND costumes! The concert will be presented at 3:00 pm.

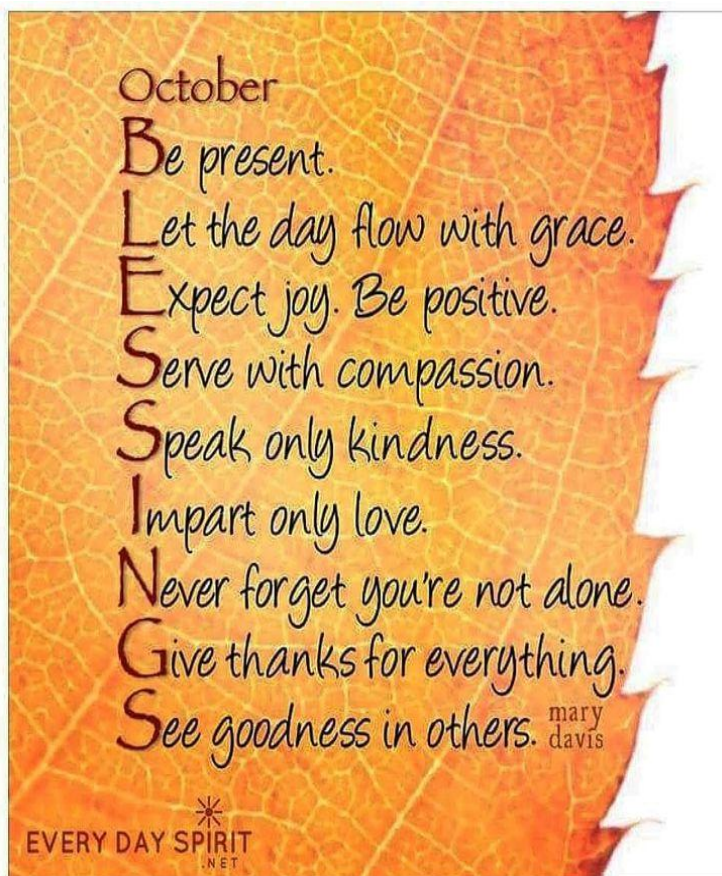
So...get out your fancy clothes and jewelry, brush up on your show tunes, and get ready for a fabulous afternoon of wonderful music!



(Outside Group Events Not Included)

- October 1** – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 2** – WISH Group 10:30 am
- 4** – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
– Drive-thru Spaghetti 4-6 pm

- 5** – Coffee Hour after church
- 5-12** – **Pastor on vacation**
- 8** – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 9** – United Women in Faith 7 pm
- 11** – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
– Beachmont Corn Maze 2 pm
- 12** – Coffee Hour after church
- 13** – Bible Study 7 pm
- 14** – Bible Study 12 pm
- 15** – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 16** – United Methodist Men 7 pm
- 18** – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
– Church Conference @ Towson UMC 9 am
- 19** – Coffee Hour after church
– Don & Friends Concert 3 pm -
- 20** – Bible Study 7 pm
- 21** – Bible Study 12 pm
- 22** – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 23** – “Fiber of Love” Crochet Group 7 pm
- 25** – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 26** – Pastor Appreciation Sunday Celebration after church
- 27** – Bible Study 7 pm
- 28** – Bible Study 12 pm
- 29** – Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm



Drive-thru Spaghetti!

Every first Saturday of the month, you can find these dedicated folks, as well as several others, gathering together for work **AND FUN!** There are jobs that everyone can do, from cooking spaghetti to washing dishes, packing cold items in bags to collecting money, even being a car hop!

We are always looking for more people to join our wonderful crew. If you are looking for some fun and fellowship, why not join us? Call Denise at 443-787-8687 to all the details!!



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



The **PHUMC Ad Council** is again excited to share the awesome RADA fundraiser we had last year with our church family! This Rada Cutlery fundraiser will run from **October 19th through November 9th**, to be delivered before Thanksgiving.

As with our RADA Fundraisers last year, there are plenty of products to choose from in the new 2026 catalog: well-known kitchen knives, utensils, baking pans, delicious mixes (dips, soups, cheeseballs). Don't forget popcorn and cookbooks - even some new ones too - PERFECT for Christmas Gifts and Stocking Stuffers!

And the GOOD thing is that PHUMC still gets 40% of all sales!

Ordering is simple, with TWO options.

- You may order on your own online via our church fundraiser link:
<https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=7845749.4ee7a3>

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

- Or pick up the new 2025-2026 catalog in the narthex or church office. Catalogs will be available shortly; orders are due by Nov. 9th, just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Please contact Joyce Ziegler at (443) 540-6825 with questions.

And THANK YOU again for supporting our RADA cutlery fundraiser.

