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The Perry Scope

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A Message from The Pastor



We are the Easter people! We say that and hear it often, but what does that mean? It means that we believe that Jesus rose from the dead. We believe that because Jesus died and was resurrected, our lives are completely changed. God loves us so much that Jesus became a human, lived and taught as a man, died an agonizing death, and was resurrected. That love is so deep that we will never fully grasp it. But we understand enough. We understand enough to realize that we don't deserve that love. We understand enough to accept that love, even without deserving it. We understand enough to strive to live the way Jesus asks us to live. We understand enough to hope. Hope may be easier for some of us, simply because of our personalities, while hope may be harder to hold onto for others, but hope lives in each of us. Hope is a source of strength within us that does not depend on our circumstances. Hope is a source of peace. Hope is what allows us to keep going today, with confidence in tomorrow. Hope is what Easter is all about: Jesus is The Source of our hope. Can you imagine living each day without the assurance that Jesus walks with us, without the assurance that Jesus holds us through everything, without the assurance that Jesus' promise of eternal life is true? Every single day, we turn ourselves, our loved ones, our decisions, our lives over to Jesus. We ask Jesus to be the center and the Lord of our day, every day. The Holy Spirit gives us that treasure which is the gift of hope. That hope shines in us as we move through our day showing everyone, we meet that we have a hope that does not depend on the weather or how fast the checkout line is moving or what was on the news that morning. Our hope is in God. We are the Easter people who live in hope.

Blessings,

Pastor Margery



MEMORIALS

The W I S H group was pleased to make a donation to the Perry Hall United Methodist Church Memorial Fund in memory of former members, Nina Goodman, president for many years until 2008 and Patricia Doyle, our longtime lesson leader until 2015. Both were exceptional Christian women and passionate in their love of our Lord Jesus.



Easter Lilies Update

What a beautiful way to remember and/or honor special people in your lives and make the Sanctuary bloom with life!

Approximately 30 lilies were added to the celebration of Easter.



Folk Music Night: April 25, 7-10 p.m., featuring Damion Wolfe

(<https://www.damionwolfe.com/>).



Damion Wolfe is a singer/songwriter who has released several acoustic albums, toured nationally, and composed music for films. He has recently released a remastered version of his debut album. His previous effort was the EP "Shiny Mad", which combines synthesizers,

organic instruments, catchy melodies, and thoughtful lyrics. He'll be performing some acoustic renditions from that release, as well as some new material. His set starts around 8:15.

The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Damion'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.



by *Carole Webner*
for the Sunday School Team

Hello Sunday School Families!

I hope you have been able to participate in our Lenten activities at church this Lenten season. Our students helped usher in Palm Sunday with a parade. I hope you were able to join them and wave your palm branches.



Easter Sunday will be April 5th and we will worship together as a family. If your child is willing to be a greeter for Easter Sunday will you please let me know. Just send me an email at carolewebner@hotmail.com.

The Lenten Offering Boxes are due on Easter Sunday. Please put them in the offering baskets in the narthex.

April 12th will be our family worship Sunday. I hope that worshipping as a family will be a teaching opportunity as well as a worshipful experience.

Look for pictures of the Palm Sunday Parade and Easter in the May issue of the Perry Scope.

Happy Easter!!

BTW - There will not be any Sunday School on Easter, April 5th.





Hosted by: The United Women in Faith will be having a "Baby" Shower

When: April 26th during Coffee Hour.

Recipient: The Nursery/ Cribbery Room!

The purpose of our shower is to restock our Nursery/Cribbery room. When we cleaned the room recently, we had to discard all the toys since they were very old and broken.



Below is our wish list:

Pad for a changing table

Bouncy seat

Diapers, Wipes, Trash Can

Types of Toys:

- Wooden puzzles, small dolls, trucks, cars, building blocks (not Legos)
- Ring toys, pull toys, manipulative toys, and push toys
- Dishes/pots/pans sets
- Books for children up to age four

ALL TOYS AND BOOKS SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR AGES INFANTS TO 5 YEARS

****WE CANNOT ACCEPT PLUSH OR STUFFED ANIMALS

We would greatly appreciate your help and of course, money is welcome if you cannot shop. 😊

NOTE:

- So that our room has variety of toys, if you would like to purchase an item, please contact a member of our group to see if we still need that particular item. (list of members is below)
- All donated items may be brought to church and one of our ladies would be happy to receive them.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: *United Women in Faith*:

Our group is Pastor Margery, Debbie Siegert, Mary Raab, Jeanne Ross, Debra Gayles, Peggy Winchester and Regina Buehl.



CHECK IT OUT –

Upcoming activities for Children and Families:

Mar 28th Easter Bunny Breakfast at Church at 9:00am

April 19th Mini-Golf at Monster Mini-Golf at 2pm

May 17th Planting Sunday after Church



Mini-golf try #2!

We were weathered out of our first attempt but spring is here and the winter blahs are gone!

Come join the Family, Children and Adult Ministries (in other words Everyone)

Committee for a fun afternoon of fellowship in April!

We will be meeting at:

Monster Mini-Golf in Parkville

(1969 E. Joppa Road – located in the Perring Plaza shopping center near Home Depot) and playing a round of mini-golf at **2:00 pm on Sunday, April 19th.**

Cost: Tickets are \$13.99 plus tax per person for one game of mini-golf.

Optional add-ons for additional fun:

are \$7 for ten dollars' worth of arcade play or laser tag for \$10 per game.

****Kindly RSVP to Brenda Reinhart at brendareinhart@yahoo.com

LOOKING AHEAD :

Save the date:

SPRING PLANTING

MAY 17TH

Family, Children and Adult ministries will be having a planting Sunday on May 17th.



Please come **join us** outside after church as we help beautify our outside space.

Please bring your planting gloves and mini-shovels , if you have them to share! We will provide the flowers.



COFFEE HOUR THANK YOU AND UPDATE

Thank you so much for your donations for Coffee Hour!

The money which you donate each week helps with the cost of coffee, tea, creamer, paper products and other Coffee Hour non-perishable supplies.

Also, a big thank you to all those yummy treats which are donated by you each week– they are delicious! **Your donations** of cookies, brownies, donuts, cakes and other wonderful treats make the coffee hour truly special and a weekly surprise!

Did you know - We always meet health department rules in the way those perishable treats are handled. Any perishable treats which cannot be kept for the following week's Coffee Hour are donated to a small rehab facility for men recovering from substance use disorder.

Your generosity supports those in need and those of us who need a time of fellowship and refreshment after worship!! Thank you for making the Coffee Hour so successful, so special!



MISSIONS

by Shannon Van Hook



Stitching Love and Prayers in Every Thread

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting—or want to learn? **Fibers of Love** is a warm and welcoming group where fellowship and creativity come together. We create prayer shawls and blankets to share comfort and God's love with those in need. We meet on the **last Thursday of each month from 6–8 PM**, and everyone is welcome!

Can't make it to our meetings? You can still be part of this mission by creating at home. If you need supplies, just let us know—we'll gladly prepare a kit for you. Come share your gifts, learn new skills, and help wrap others in warmth and care! Through shared time and heartfelt work, and a lot of laughter, we strive to wrap others in warmth and God's love.



Thrift Store News

By Kathy Loggins

The thrift store has been very busy the last few weeks. March 14 began our semi- annual bag sale. We started the sale with a bang - 25 customers, all excited to see what good buys they could get.

The bag sale will run every Saturday from March 14- through April 11. Brown paper bags are \$5.00 and white 13-gallon plastic bags are \$10.00. Our volunteers are excellent at getting as much as possible in those bags.

The thrift store will be closed April 18 and 25 for season "change over ". We will reopen May 2 with spring and summer.



Girl Scout Sunday March 8th



Thank you Sophia for being such a wonderful representation to all the young ladies that participate in the Girl Scouts! Our leader



United Methodist Women of Faith

Fellowship, laughter and great craft making!

What a wonderful time was held on March 12th – at the monthly meeting of United Methodist Women of Faith.



The A-Team show up each and every Tuesday and prepare approximately 400 bags of food for that week’s distribution. Plus, they go through all the donations, making sure that only ‘in-date’ items make it to the shelves and bags. Over the holidays, they literally went through **thousands of** items every few days! Generally, they spend several hours on Tuesdays and throughout the week – processing the donations, putting away donations, bagging donations for the families and keeping the pantry super organized and stocked!

Meet the A- Team: Cindy Sebald, Mary Raab; Debbie Hendin, and Peggy Winchester.



COME JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9th, at 7 pm



Pantry News

Every month the pantry carries out its mission and has for over 20 years– serving those that need extra help with food. But do you know what it takes for this mission to occur? You have heard often about the generosity of the community in regard to food donations and monetary donations, which are extremely important. But for the pantry to be successful it starts with the volunteers!

The pantry has approximately 30 wonderful volunteers that do so much, month after month. Each of these volunteers deserves a Presidential Award, but they do not ask for anything. So instead, I would like to showcase them in their own spotlight. To do so will take a few months but let me start with our “ladies on the A team”



Something New

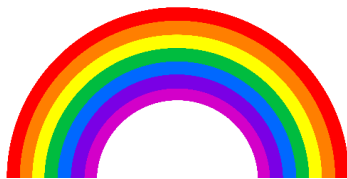
Birthdays and Anniversaries are always a special day, no matter the age! We would love to ‘shout out’ special wishes for your special day! If you would like to be part of our birthday and anniversary cheers – please let Laura Hanna know your day! (we don’t need to know the year 😊) You can send her an email at lhanna14@verizon.net or just drop off a little note with the information - So hope to make the May birthdays and anniversaries shouts of cheer – appreciate if you could let her know by April 20.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN APRIL

April 1- Passover begins

- Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 2-** Maundy Thursday 7 pm
 - WISH Group 10:30 am
- 3-** Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7 pm
 - KC Dance 5:30- 8:30
 - Scouts 6:30 – 7:30
- 4 -** Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 5 –** Easter
 - Sunrise 6:30 am
 - Traditional 9:30 am
- 7 –** Scouts 6-7 pm
- 8 -** Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 9 -** United Women of Faith
- 10 -** KC Dance 5:30- 8:30
- 11 –** Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 12 -** Coffee Hour after church
- 14- –** Scouts 6-7:45 pm
- 15–** Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 16-** United Methodist Men 7 pm
- 17 -** KC Dance 5:30 – 8:30
 - Scouts 6:30 – 7:30
- 18 -** Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
 - Hall Rental event 11 – 4 pm
- 19 –** Coffee Hour after church
 - Scouts 6:15 – 7:30
 - Scouts 6 -8
- 21 –** Scouts 6 -7 pm
- 22 —Earth Day**
 - Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 23 –** Fibers of Love 7 pm
- 24 – -Arbor Day**
 - KC Dance 5:30 – 8:30 pm
- 25 -** Thrift Shop open 9- 12
 - Folk Music 7 pm
- 26 –** Coffee Hour after church
- 28 –** Scouts 6 -7 pm
- 29 -** Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm



PHUMC Mission Statement

We are a Christ centered community compelled by God
to share God's unconditional love with everyone,
outwardly focused and growing in faith.