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The Perry Scope

Perry Hall United Methodist Church Newsletter
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A Message from The Pastor

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Hello,

I certainly hope and pray that by the time you are reading this we have warmer weather, less snow, and no ice! I am very tired of winter. I recognize this feeling of being tired of some hard thing which seems to go on forever. Have you ever felt that way? Paul wrote, "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." -Galatians 6:9 The verses immediately prior to these are about reaping what we sow; the life we lead, the faith we hold, the love we share, the relationship we have with God is our priority. If Jesus is the center of our lives, then we will have eternal life through the Holy Spirit. Paul and God know that this isn't easy. That is why Paul wrote these encouraging words to the people of the church in Galatia. We read these words and feel encouraged, too. The Christians in those first years after Jesus were dealing with the same kind of stuff we deal with today: being honest and kind and loving and merciful and fighting evil and injustice in the midst of the world. The world is full of people who want to be honest and kind and loving, but they don't know how or they feel powerless. We can help them. We can show them how to live. We can share our relationship with Jesus and help them to accept Jesus, so they have their own relationship with the Source of power and love and goodness. We know that it is not easy. Paul knew it was not easy. God knows that it is not easy. But, and this is a huge BUT, God is with us. God gives us power and love and forgiveness and strength. We are not alone. We also have one another. We rely on and support one another as we all strive to do what is right. We do not give up. In the end, we will receive eternal life and joy and peace and spend eternity in the presence of God. Amen!

Blessings,

Pastor Margery





Easter Lilies

By Kim Cole



What a wonderful and beautiful way to honor that special loved one and at the same time decorate the altar for Easter!

Cost: \$13 each ; size 6 inches,

Order forms are available in the Narthex.

Orders are due no later than March 15th.

Reminder: Take home your flowers after the service to bring beauty and joy to your home, as well.



Breakfast with the EASTER BUNNY

Join us at 9:30 am on Saturday, March 28th, for a delicious breakfast with the Easter Bunny!

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast, making fun crafts to take home, playing games, having your special meeting with the Easter Bunny, (don't forget your camera!) and at 11 enjoy an Easter egg hunt!

Cost is:

\$15 for everyone 10 and older,
\$10 for children 3-9 years;
and 2-under are free!

Seating is limited!! So be sure to put in your reservation today – reservations can be done on the SignUp Genius or by reservation forms located in the Narthex.

Last day to reserve for you and/or your loved ones is **Sunday, March 22.**



Folk Music Night: March 21, 7-10 p.m., featuring Paul Guzzone

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



Paul Guzzone is a New York singer/songwriter and guitarist who has, since 1995, been the bass player and background vocalist for the **Bacon Brothers** (<https://baconbros.com/>).

He also toured with **Tom Rush** in the 1980s. His music is characterized by solid song structure, a foundation in the pop-rock and acoustic tradition, and an underlying attention to ear-catching arrangements and sonically rich production. Paul is also an Assistant Professor at Pace University (New York). His set starts around 8:15.

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

- Neil Zimmerman

COME JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF GREAT MUSIC!



by *Carole Webner*
for the Sunday School Team



Sunday School News

Our Sunday School is gearing up for a busy Spring season. I hope all our students and their families are enjoying the Lenten devotional that began last month. Music and poetry have a beautiful place in worshipping God.

The next family worship Sunday will be on March 8th. This is daylight savings time so remember to spring forward one hour so you won't miss worship.

March 29th is our Palm Sunday Parade. The children will help us celebrate Palm Sunday with a

Palm Parade. Parents please bring your children to the narthex by 9:15 am for parade instructions. The children will lead the parade but everyone is invited to join in and parade through the sanctuary.

March 28th will be the **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**. Sign-up and get your reservation.



****We need a few youth to help with our fun egg hunt and games. Let me know if your high school student is willing to help. You can send me an email at carolewebner@hotmail.com.**

On Easter Sunday our youth will be the greeters for worship. We need their shining friendly faces to welcome everyone. Look for an email from me to volunteer your children to be a greeter. Being a greeter is a simple way to involve our children in participating in the worship service. Let's channel all that energy that God has given them into worship.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Sunday School Program.

Carole Webner

For the Sunday School Team



*by Brenda Reinhart,
Chairperson*

Unfortunately, due to Mother Nature's winter storm, the mini-

golf event was canceled! But keep a look out for the rescheduling of the event (after the winter season/ winter weather has ended!)



CHECK IT OUT - Upcoming activities for Children and Families:

- Mar 28th** Easter Bunny Breakfast at Church
- May 17th** Planting Sunday after Church
- July TBD** Pool Party
- September TBD** Picnic after Church
- October TBD** Fall Outing

December TBD Cookie Decorating after Church
December Santa Breakfast



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.



UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief
Collecting Until March 28th!!

DID YOU KNOW: When disaster strikes—whether it's a tornados, blizzards, or other emergencies—basic necessities like food and water often take priority. But one essential need is frequently overlooked: **menstrual hygiene supplies**.

For women and girls in crisis situations, access to pads, tampons, or other menstrual products is not a luxury—it's a matter of dignity, health, and safety. traumatic time.



Your support matters. We are asking for donations of **unscented sanitary napkins (regular, thin & long), unscented tampons (regular flushable wipes, 2 oz bottles of hand sanitizer, laundry detergent sheets, and gallon zip lock bags for disposal.**

These items will be distributed to women and girls in areas impacted by emergencies and natural

disasters. Every contribution makes a difference! Also, UMCOR asks for a \$2 (per kit) donation to cover shipping. Won't you consider a monetary donation?

Please bring your donations to **Perry Hall UMC**. **Collection boxes will be in the narthex and Social Hall.** Together, we can meet this critical need and show Christ's love in action. **and super), panty liners, bath size soap (in their packaging, no Ivory or Jergens) travel size wet wipes, 4 gallon bathroom trash bags,**

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Shrove Tuesday



A wonderful evening was enjoyed on Shrove Tuesday – a great meal (who doesn't love pancakes) and lots of laughter! A big "Thank you" go to all the wonderful volunteers who prepared, served, and cleaned-up so everyone could enjoy the annual event!

Ash Wednesday
The First Day of Lent



Thrift Store News

By Kathy Loggins



January was a busy month for the thrift store. We saw a number of very thankful customers that purchased coats, and gloves.

February has started out slow with the weather, but our great volunteers showed to help up if customers needed them. We have received many nice donations from church members and the community.



We are still in need of pants/ skirts hangers. They can be dropped off any Saturdays from 9-12 noon or put in the thrift store shopping cart in the stairwell.

Please feel free to share with your friends and neighbors about the thrift store and our great prices .

We are always glad to meet new customers who become friends.



Pantry News

By Laura Hanna

While the winter weather has been harsh – the giving from the community towards the pantry has been wonderful. The pantry has been truly blessed with your support and the support of those in the community – far and wide! Every dollar given, every food donation received – all is given to the

families we serve. The pantry has been very blessed, even when times got tougher this fall and winter for everyone including the Maryland Food Bank (our partner and major donor). Many of you had heard how even the Maryland Food Bank had to pull back on their donations – for several months – but that didn't stop the community from giving! Nope, it did not stop the giving! We received donations from old friends, new friends, and even organizations we didn't even know existed! One even from a church in Delaware!



God bless you all for your generosity – no matter the size – your help truly makes a difference!



- MARCH 2-** Lenten Study 7 pm
- 3-** Lenten Study 11 am
 - Scouts 6-7 pm
- 4 -** Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 5-** WISH Group 10:30 am
- 6 –** KC Dance 5:30- 8:30
 - Scouts 6:30 – 7:30
- 7 –** Leadership Workshop 9-4 pm
 - Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
 - Spaghetti Dinner 4-6 pm
- 8– Daylight Savings time (clocks ahead 1 hr)**
 - Coffee Hour after church
- 9 -** Lenten Study 7 pm
- 10 -** Lenten Study 11 am
 - Trustees 6:30
 - Scouts 6-7 pm
- 11 -** Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 12 -** United Women of Faith 7 pm
- 13 –** KC Dance 5:30- 8:30
- 14 –** Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
 - Folk Music Night 7 pm

15 – Last day to order Easter Lilies

- Coffee Hour after church
- Perry Scope article deadline

16- Lenten Study 7 pm

17 - Lenten Study 11 am

- Finance
- Scouts 6-7 pm

18 - Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm

19 – United Methodist Men 7 pm

20- SPRING STARTS

20 – 22 - “Ignite” Youth Rally in Ocean City

20 – KC Dance 5:30 – 8:30

- Scouts 6:30 – 7:30

21 – Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm

- Folk Music Night 7 pm

22 —LAST DAY to reserve for Easter Bunny Breakfast

- Coffee Hour after church

23 – Lenten Study 7 pm

- Ad Council
- Scouts 6 – 7:45 pm

24 – Lenten Study 11 am

25 - Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm

26 – Fibers of Love

27 – Perry Scope Mailing

- Bible Study 12 pm
- KC Dance 5:30 – 8:30 pm

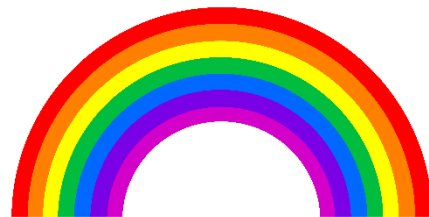
28 – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt 9:30 – 12

- Thrift Shop open 9- 12

29- Palm Sunday

- Palm Parade with the children

30 - Lenten Study 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.