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The Perry Scope

Perry Hall United Methodist Church Newsletter
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A Message from the Pastor



I love mystery stories, not the gory or horror style, but the ones for which the mystery is more about solving the puzzle of “whodunit”. Many people enjoy solving puzzles, of all kinds, from jigsaw to wordle to crime shows to how to cure disease. We want to know what is on Mars or in the depth of the oceans or in the labyrinth of the human mind. Humans are curious. God created us that way. It is a great gift which has helped us to make our lives better (modern medicine and houses that keep us properly sheltered in weather), but it has also hurt us, too (modern weapons and harming our earth). God also created us to have the choice to use our other gifts to help or to hurt. With curiosity and free will, we choose to follow God or not. When we wake each day, we choose to be curious and hopeful about what the day will bring, and we can choose to ask God to help us to be good and kind and generous and loving throughout our day. When we are tired or impatient, we can pause and ask God to help us to continue to be loving, curious about what God might send our way. We can be curious about the people we meet, knowing that they are created in God’s image and striving to love them as God calls us to do. We can be curious about what our future may hold, where God might lead us, what blessings will come our way as we journey hand-in-hand with the Holy Spirit. Life is full of puzzles and wonders, and we can find joy in each day. Let us pray that God will fill our lives with the joy of curiosity about everything and everyone we encounter and the peace of knowing that we have surrendered ourselves to the will of God. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Margery

News and Updates from Pastor Margery

You are invited to a ‘planning’ meeting as we continue to prayerfully discern the direction God is calling the church to go. We are in the midst of challenge and change. We need prayerful conversation as we navigate this journey together. We will meet **Saturday, June 13, 1-4pm. to plan the church’s ministry for the coming year.**



PRAISE BAND/CHOIR NEWS



The Praise Band/Choir is looking for additional singers/instrumentalists for our Sunday Worship Services.

Practices are on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

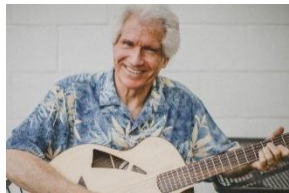
Note: The ability to read music is **not** required.

Anyone interested may text or call Don Appel at: 443-991-0189.

We would love to **‘hear’** from you!



**Folk Music Night:
June 20, 7-10 p.m.,
featuring Todd Walker**



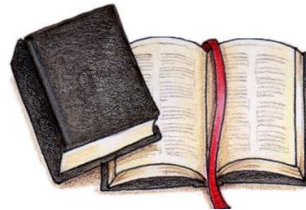
(<http://www.toddcwalker.com/>).

Finding inspiration in people around him, award-winning songwriter Todd Walker creates songs about life, decisions, and the journeys taken as a result. You may find a little of yourself in some, a little of Todd in others. The music will grab you while his lyrics slowly caress your soul. His set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an “open mic” at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Todd’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.



SCRIPTURE READERS

By Peggy Whiting

Do you enjoy sharing your love for God with others?

Thank you to the two new volunteers who have joined our family of readers! With the summer vacations and health issues at times, we still could use a few more volunteers to read the scriptures on Sunday.

Paster Margery sends the readings to Peggy far in advance, so there is time to consult calendars



and plan volunteer schedules. **We would enjoy hearing some of our youth participate in the readings, as well.**

To find out more about being a reader and joining the wonderful group of volunteers who help spread the word, contact **Peggy Whiting at 443-257-2874**. You can talk or text her – if you are texting, please leave your name and email address.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Carole Webner



May was a busy month for our Sunday school students. In May we all made colorful carnation flowers for the ladies of the congregation to celebrate Mother’s Day.





Did you know that Mother's Day was started by Anna Jarvis of Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia to honor her own mother after her death. Her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, created "Mothers' Work Clubs" to improve Health and sanitation and later "Mother's Friendship Days" to unite families divided by the Civil War.

On May 24th we celebrated **Pentecost** with a streamer parade in worship. Such a colorful way to celebrate the birth of the church.



Trinity Sunday was also "Peace with Justice" Sunday in the Methodist Church. We hope you had the opportunity to read the posters that the students created telling how they would define "Peace with Justice".

Mark on your calendars that **June 14th** we will be celebrating our Sunday School students. They will be receiving their certificates of completion and we will be thanking our teachers for their service.

We will be celebrating with the fathers of the church on June 21st. Our students will be honoring all the men in the church with a small toucan of thanks. We wish all our fathers a very blessed day!

Thank you for your continued support of our Sunday School program.

From the Sunday School Team



Save the date:

We have set a date for the Sunday School pool party -- The date is **Sunday, July 12th from 2 to 4 pm.**

Children under 16 will have to be accompanied by a parent(s). A RSVP will be necessary so that we can accompany those attending. More information will be coming soon with details, until then make sure to mark your calendar ! Any questions – contact Gloria Barlow



Mother's Day celebration



Special thank you to the Sunday School children for the beautiful flowers that were made with love! Thank you to all the women who have been a mother or like a mother to those we love.



by Brenda Reinhart

**SPRING PLANTING
MAY 31st**

Family, Children and Adult ministries will be having a planting **Sunday on May 31st.**

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 perenials





FIBERS OF LOVE

Lori Gall

Fibers of Love story continues

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting—
or want to learn? **Fibers of Love would love for you to join them!**

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.

Next Meeting : June 25
Hope you can join us



April 17 – Parsonage Sale Meeting re-cap

The first community meeting in regard to the parsonage sale was held on April 17. Much

information was given about the why and what steps are involved to proceed with a sale. Many questions were asked and answered to the best of our knowledge at this time.

While the process with the sale of the parsonage is both emotional and complicated, the task force is addressing each of the steps involved with transparency to all. There will be more meetings in the future to update the PHUMC community.



Thrift Store News

By Kathy Loggins

The thrift store ladies have been busy stocking the shelves and filling the racks with spring and summer items. It was great to see our returning and new customers after being closed for a few weeks. We appreciate everyone that graciously donates items so we can continue our mission of serving our neighbors .

Don't forget to come and find for your latest outfit or special discovery at bargain prices – Every Saturday, 9 am – 12 pm!



United Methodist Women of Faith

By Jeannie Ross

At our May meeting, the PHUMC United Women of Faith had a beautiful discussion surrounding Mothers. Debbie Siegert started the meeting with a reading from 1st Samuel about Hannah and she provided the group with information about Mothers of the Bible.



We all shared pictures of our Mothers (and some Grandmothers), along with special stories/memories about them. Our next meeting will be on June 11th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This meeting will be centered around Fathers and all women are invited to attend and bring photos and memories of their fathers.

DON'T FORGET:

We invite **all** our women from the congregation to come join us and be part of this fellowship. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at **7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting will be on **June 11 at 7 pm**





DRIVE-THRU SUB SALE

Summertime and subs! **On June 27, 4-6 pm** PHUMC will be celebrating summertime with a

drive-thru / pickup sub sale. The subs – American cold-cut or hot Italian Meatball – will be available. The meal will include the sub, a side dish, a drink, and dessert all for \$15.

So mark your calendar June 27 and enjoy a summertime dinner without the needing to ‘cook’



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Needing Help



The Drive Through Dinner event will re-start on Saturday, June 27th with cold cut or meatball subs!

We need volunteers to help **Friday, June 26th from 9 am - 11:30** doing prep work. We also need volunteers to help on **Saturday, June 27th at 2 pm finishing prep work and also from 4 pm - 6 pm** to take orders, collect money,, delivering orders (being our runners) , people to assemble meals, and also a cleaning-up crew.



Please contact Pat Walters or the office through the perryhallumc@verizon.net or the office at 410-256-6479 - We will gladly take your message and help!



Pantry News

Imagine you have a pantry that receives donations weekly – in boxes, bags, and by the car loads! All of these donations (literally hundreds of individual items weekly) come in and wait to be ‘inspected. They are checked to make sure they are not opened and are ‘in date’! Fortunately, very few of the donations do not pass inspection – at least 97% are able to be part of the donations given to a family.

The pantry receives all types of non-perishables – some are part of give out others are items we



the food items we consistently and part of the bonus love to give out.



Some are even for cats & dogs and others are for hygiene and home supplies. All of these items are wonderful and our families are very grateful.

So exactly what is in PHUMC pantry: enough food to feed **200 families** a month! The items include everything from cereal to rice to pasta sauce to chili with beans to peanut butter to corn to crackers to chicken to cupcakes to toilet paper to cat food!

It is your donations, the community’s donations, the monetary donations, the Maryland Food Bank and other organizations – that keep the shelves supplied. We are always 2 steps ahead in meeting the needs of the families – because of you! Thank you!



We love food drives: in April, **Edward Jones and Company** held a food drive for the pantry and delivered boxes and totes filled with their success. Thank you to the employees and donors for their kindness and generosity (and they were all in date!!)

LASTLY - A CHALLENGE: Have you ever wondered what is in your own pantry? Have you ever paid attention to the expiration dates or best used by dates on your food? Does “best buy “ date mean the same as ‘out of date’? Take the challenge – go through your own pantry and investigate (you may be very surprised at what you find)! The contest is on – what is the oldest, most out-dated food item you found in your pantry? Send in your submission to Laura lhanna14@verizon.net (a picture would be great) so I can identify the winners in the next PerryScope 😊

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN YOUR PANTRY MISSION– YOUR PHYSICAL AND MONETARY DONATIONS TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



HUB HAPPENINGS

Did you know that PHUMC is part of a hub of 7 United Methodist Churches. As part of the hub, we wanted you to know of events that the other member churches are hosting. If you have questions or wanted more information about their events, please check out their websites.

Camp Chapel UMC

Yard Sale June 6 8 am – 1 pm

Hiss UMC

VBS June 22 -25 6 pm -8 pm

Towson UMC

Yard Sale June 6 9 am – 12 pm



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sending the happiest wishes to our birthday and anniversary celebrants! Hoping your special day is filled with happiness!

Dave Hanna

Birthday June 1

Laura & Dave Hanna

Anniversary June 1

Laura Hanna

Birthday June 2

Diane Lawrence

Birthday June 2

Willie Schammel

Birthday June 12

Barry Creasy

Birthday June 19

Ryan Franks Jr

Birthday June 19

Tryston Boyd

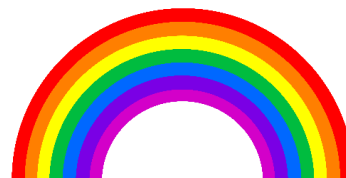
Birthday June 24



We want to celebrate you – please send in your birthday and /or your anniversary date so we can help you celebrate!

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.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE LGBTQ+ Pride Month Men's Health Month

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- 3 Choir & Band Rehearsal 7 pm
- 4 WISH 11 AM
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- 6 Fellowship Hall ; private rental 11 am – 3 pm
- 7 Thrift Shop Open 9 am - 12 pm
- 8 Coffee Hour after church
- 9
- 10 Choir & Band Rehearsal 7 pm
- 11 ****United Women of Faith 7 pm**
- 12
- 13 Thrift Shop Open 9 am - 12 pm
- 14 Ministry Planning Meeting 1 – 4 pm
- 15 **Sunday School Student & Teacher Recognition**
- 16 Coffee Hour after church
- 17 Flag Day
- 18 **PERRY SCOPE DEADLINE**
- 19
- 20 Choir & Band Rehearsal 7 pm
- 21
- 22 Juneteenth
- 23 Thrift Shop Open 9 am - 12 pm
- 24 ****Folk Music Night 7 pm**
- 25 Father's Day
- 26 Coffee Hour after church
- 27 First Day of Summer
- 28
- 29 Choir & Band Rehearsal 7 pm
- 30 KC Dance 6 – 8 pm
- **Fibers of Love 6 pm**
- Thrift Shop Open 9 am - 12 pm
- Sub Drive Thru Dinner 4 -6 pm
- Coffee Hour after church
- Pastor Margery starts vacation ; returns July 6th

****COME JOIN US**