



The Perry Scope

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



A Message from The Pastor



May is a really busy month! In our lives, we may have graduations, Mother's Day celebrations, planting our flowers, Memorial Day picnics, and other warmer weather events. In the church, we have Annual Conference at the end of the month, the 27th – 29th. That is the annual meeting of equal numbers of clergy and lay people from the churches in our area during which we do the business of and set the direction of our churches. We will also be celebrating Pentecost on May 24th, our annual celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's followers. We will be talking more about the sale of our parsonage with a meeting on the 17th. We will be celebrating the UMC's historical stand against injustice on Peace with Justice Sunday on May 31st. John Wesley, the founder of our denomination, considered social justice to be vitally important. Jesus showed mercy for the marginalized, the outcast, and the poor, and we are called to do the same. In fact, people who are in power, those who have more than they need, those who consider the poor and needy to be inferior, those who oppress and cheat were the ones Jesus spoke against, over and over. As United Methodists, we uphold the value of peace with justice, both to honor our heritage and also to live out our faith as Christ followers. To understand peace with justice, you could read Luke 1: 46-55, the Magnificat. If you want to learn more about our United Methodist beliefs of peace with justice, you can start with the information about this special Sunday at <https://www.umcjustice.org/> or check out our UMC constitution in the Book of Discipline. Ask me if you want to know more about the Book of Discipline and you can read the most recent amendments at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/book-of-discipline-division-1-general>. As we find joy in the warmth and beauty of the green and blooms of May, we strive to bring joy into the lives of those struggling. May God bless us in our celebrations and in our challenges as we do the work of God's kingdom to which we are called. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Margery

News and Updates from Pastor Margery

Informational Gathering about the parsonage:

You are invited to a gathering after worship on Sunday, May 17th. The Parsonage Task Force will be presenting information about the possible sale of the parsonage and will answer your questions about that process. To prepare, you should receive information about what is involved in the sale about 3 weeks before that Q & A gathering.

Pentecost:

Our celebration of the “birthday” of the Christian church will be Sunday, May 24th. You can read about Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts. We will parade around the sanctuary with fire-colored streamers during the opening hymn to remember that the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus’ followers as a wind and tongues of fire. **You are invited to wear red on Pentecost!**

Annual Conference:

Pastor Margery and our lay member, Debra Gayles, will be attending the Annual Conference, May 27 – 29, in downtown Baltimore. Please keep us and all those attending Annual Conference in your prayers!



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* **Folk Music Night:**
May 23 7-10 p.m.,
featuring
Michael Kelly
(<http://www.michaelkellytunes.com/>).



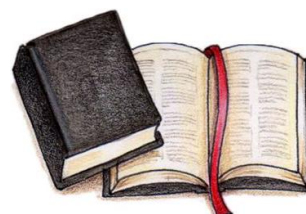
Michael Kelly weaves tasteful, melodic acoustic guitar playing, soulful vocals, and poetic storytelling in every

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. 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? With summer

approaching and people taking time off to travel and visit families we could use 3-4 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

Hello Sunday School Families,

April kept us all busy in Sunday School. We celebrated Palm Sunday with a parade and worshiped as a family on Easter Sunday. I hope you enjoy a few pictures of our parade,



In May we will thank the women of our congregation with flowers that we created especially for them. Our mothers bring such blessings to our lives. Thank you for teaching us about God's love.

On Pentecost we will celebrate with tongues of fire! Red, Yellow and Orange streamers will fill the sanctuary as we parade.

May 31st will be Peace with Justice Sunday. I hope you all will have time to look at the posters in the Narthex created by the students.

Save the date:

Summer is just around the corner and **June 14th** will be our Sunday School celebration. Students will receive their completion certificates and teachers will be recognized. Please join us in celebrating their accomplishments.

Thank you all for your continued support of our students and teachers,

Carole Webner

For the Sunday School Team



The Walker Story

A new chapter is being written in the lives of Carol and Dan as they start settling in their new home! A special blessing and celebration from their church family to help celebrate this 'new beginning' occurred on April 19th. It was not a 'good bye' but we love you and wish you much happiness celebration!



But for many, the church family cannot even remember when Dan and Carol were not part of the church family. As many stories in life go, there are

many chapters – giving Dan and Carol a chance to tell their story is a gift to all of us:

Written *By Dan Walker*

It all began, in a galaxy far, far away.....no, wait, that's another story. 😊.

So sometime around 1983-84, I, through some misadventures related to my first wife (yes, I was married before Carol for a couple of years), I ended up moving to Baltimore. I had a job working at Eaves Auto parts(now Sky liquors) at Cowenton and Route 40. I lived over the store in an apartment there.

HALLs played an important part of me (and Carol) ending up at PHUMC. I moved to Baltimore from Rock HALL. When I started looking for a church, I was instructed to check out PHUMC. As a matter of fact, the minister at Rock Hall at the time was Albert Burton. Name sound familiar. He is related to the Burtons at PHUMC, PHUMC was his home church, and I believe he entered the ministry from here. If I'm not mistaken, he's some relation as well to Denise Boyd. He mentioned this church, and he apparently also contacted people here to snag me if or when I showed up.

I came here and was immediately welcomed with hugs from Louise Cole. Also, another HALL was involved, as the pastor of PHUMC at the time I came here was Rev. Winfield HALL!

At some point during my first year or so here, I was introduced by a coworker and mutual friend to Carol. (a sneaky new year's eve party in which only his wife and kids, and Carol and I were the only attendees!). We were married the next news year eve (1987). My father(also a minister) came up and participated in the ceremony, and right after the wedding, on the same day, he baptized his grandson, Dan Walker III.

We have been here 40+ years, There are many memories we have from our time here. I was here for the mortgage burning of the church (1985 I believe). I guess the main memory we have is the friendly and welcoming atmosphere that we always felt here, something we've tried to do

ourselves. The time when we needed money for Carol's college costs, and the Wish group came through with the amount needed. The friends we've made and been involved with. Cathy Szeto and her Montessori school, her leading of the Bell choir, the great piano music and organ music of Lida Diller. The Christmas eve services at midnight when all who wanted could participate in the singing of the Hallelujah chorus. The dinners (oh so many dinners), and fellowship and comradery of all as we worked. The missionary conferences we had (There's probably only a few who remember that PHUMC sponsored missionaries overseas). The progressive dinners.

The music is what I will fondly remember. This church has had an awesome music ministry, choirs, the tremendous organ music and all the recitals that Don has had over the years.

We both did many things in the church, I was actually the youth leader for a few years, along with singing in the choir, playing in the bell choir. Carol was a Sunday school teacher for a number of years; she's been doing counting, and we both have helped with coffee hour for a number of years.

We remember Cliff Webner (Carole Webner's husband) who entered the ministry from this church. I won't try to mention names, because there are so many I'll forget, but our friendship and trips with the Kalendeks.

As we got older, We also remember all those 'pillars of the church' that have gone on before, friends and co-workers in the church.

We hope as we settle in that we'll find that same type of fellowship and experience in a new church where we'll be living.

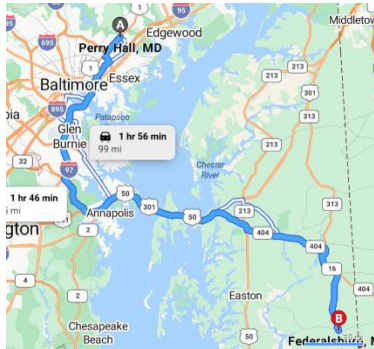
Our new address will be:

Dan & Carol Walker

3918 Handy Road

Federalsburg, MD 21632

PS. Remember at the beginning how I mentioned HALLs were very important? At a Lay Witness mission in Rock Hall, when I was 14, I gave my life to Christ. Some of the members of the team that did that Mission were from Perry Hall UMC!



by Brenda Reinhart



On April 19th the weather may have been wet and dreary, but the afternoon was filled with fun and laughter at Monster Mini-Golf! Both the children and the ‘grown-ups’ showed their golfing talents – PGA was watching!

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.



FIBERS OF LOVE

Lori Gall

Stitching Love and Prayers in Every Thread



On Sunday, April 19 the beautiful blankets that were

created/knitted/crocheted by *Fibers of Love* were blessed and given to **Project Linus.**

Project Linus then distributes the blankets to sick and traumatized children at hospitals and shelters throughout the Baltimore area.

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 : May 28th at 7 PM
Hope you can join us





Thrift Store News

By Kathy Loggins



Our April bag sale was a big success. Everyone loves a bargain! Also, the last two weeks of April saw the thrift shop closed while the inventory changed from winter to summer!



The ladies have been

working hard to get the racks full for the reopening.

We **reopen May 2nd** with our spring and summer clothing.

Take time to stop by and check us out. Great selection and great bargains await!



United Methodist Women of Faith

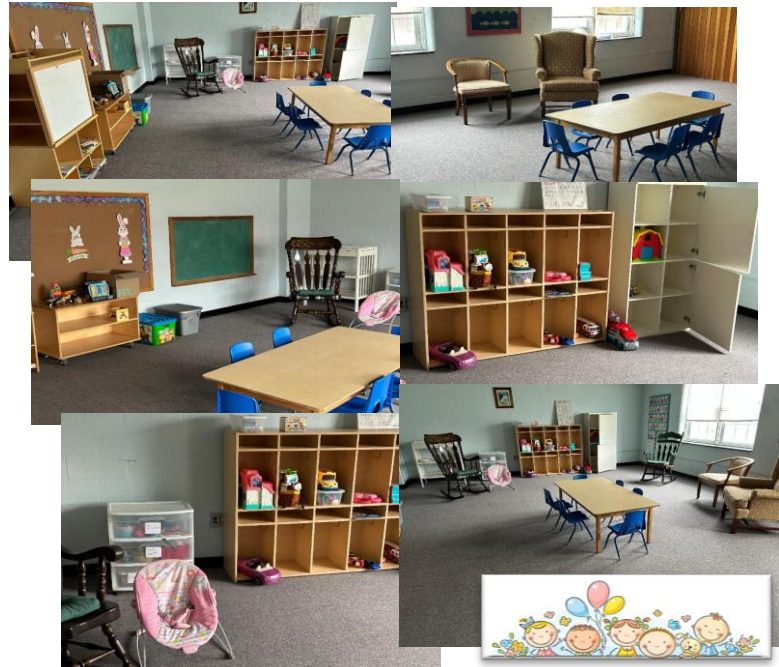
By Jeannie Ross

At our April meeting, the PHUMC United Women of Faith discussed plans for the April 19th celebration for the Walker "goodbye" celebration. We also finalized the plans for the April 26th "Baby Shower" for the cribbery/nursery.

The cribbery is all clean, all new toys, all ready for little ones – did you know the



room is even connected to the sanctuary, so you can hear the service as it is occurring



UWF friends visiting Denise, as she continues her recovery. Friendship and smiles!



Lastly,

In case you didn't know, Women of Faith is a fellowship and a friendship of women who enjoy time together carrying out the mission of faith. 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 **May 14th**.

LADIES COME JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, at 7 pm



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

Sophia Van Hook

Happy 16th Birthday on May 3

Carol Trent-Walker

Happy Birthday on May 4

Dawn Brown

Happy Birthday on May 10

Mary & Cindy Sebald

Happy 23rd Anniversary on May 10

Gary & Cindy Hooten

Happy 57th Anniversary on May 17

Brenda & Jason Reinhart

Happy 24th Anniversary on May 25

Sue Ramirez

Happy birthday on May 28



Pantry News

Since January 1st the pantry has served 600 families!! It may only be 18 ft x 27 ft in actual size but it is amazingly large in success! Why - because of the volunteers that make it 'run' and the generous donations that keep it filled.

While our volunteers work, laugh, and enjoy their 'work' - the mission of helping those that need extra help continues to be a success!



THE CRIBBERY'S BABY SHOWER – APRIL 26TH



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY

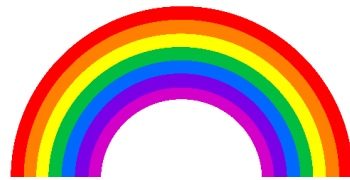
May

- 1- KC Dance 5:30 – 8:30
 - Scouts 6:30 – 7:30
- 2- ****Thrift Shop Re-opening 9 am-12 pm**
 - **Pat Doyle's Memorial Service and Visitation**
 - 10:30 Visitation
 - 11:00 Service
- 3- Coffee Hour after church
- 4 – International Firefighters' Day
 - Thank your local firefighters!
- 5 – Scouts 6-7 pm
- 6- Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 7 – SPRC – 6 pm
 - ****WISH -11 AM**
- 8 - KC Dance 5:30 – 8:30
- 9 - -Thrift Shop 9 am-12 pm
- 10 – Mother's Day
 - Coffee Hour after church
- 11 –
- 12 –Trustees 630
 - Scouts 6- 7:45
- 13 - Choir and band rehearsal
- 14- ****United Women of Faith 7 pm**
 - Scouts 6-7:45 pm
- 15– KC Dance 5:30 – 8:30
 - Scouts 6:30 – 7:30
- 16- Thrift Shop open 9 am-12 pm
- 17 - **Q/A Congregational Meeting about the Parsonage sale (After the service)**
 - Coffee Hour after church
 - ****SPRING PLANTING after the congregational meeting**
 - Scouts 6:15– 7:30
- 18 -
- 19 – Finance 7
 - Scouts 6 -7 pm
- 20 - - Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 21 –
- 22 — KC Dance 5:30 – 8:30
- 23 – ****Folk Music Night 7 pm**
 - Thrift Shop open 9- 12
- 24 – -Pentecost Sunday
 - Coffee Hour after church
- 25 – Memorial Day
- 26 – Ad Council 7 pm
 - Scouts 6-7:45 pm
- 27 – Annual Conference
 - Choir and band rehearsal 7 pm
- 28 –**** Fibers of Love 7pm**
 - Annual Conference
- 29 – Annual Conference
 - KC Dance 5:30 – 8:30

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31 – Peace with Justice

****COME JOIN US**



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.