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The Perry Scope

Perry Hall United Methodist Church Newsletter
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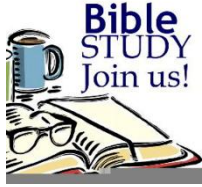
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A Message from the Pastor



Thirty years ago, August was a time of joy and sleeplessness in our household: our first daughter was born on August 6th. There are many events in our lives which hold this same sort of dichotomy. We feel a mix of emotions, some that we might consider opposites. We may find ourselves doing things that seem contradictory or believing things which don't easily fit together. Just as we were exhausted and stressed while at the same time being abundantly filled with joy and hope when Laura was born, we can hold a bewildering mix of thoughts and feelings. It can be uncomfortable, but that is the way humans function. It always amazes me that we are as complex as we are; God created us as mysterious beings! So much of the universe is amazing and mysterious and even contradictory. Some animals are so beautiful and also dangerous. Many of our medicines come from plants and can be deadly if not handled properly, yet they are powerful tools for healing. God created all this- all the things we can see and those we cannot see, all the stuff we understand and the stuff we will never understand! This month let's take time in the August heat to reflect on the magnificence and mystery of God's creation, especially the wonder of humanity.

Praise to God the Almighty, to our Lord Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit! Amen.



News and Updates from Pastor Margery

Fall Bible Study

You are invited to join the pastor for a study on the book of Revelation this Fall. We will read Breaking the Code by Bruce Metzger.

The study will last for 6 weeks, beginning in October. The book will cost \$15.00.

We will meet on Monday evenings and during the day on a weekday TBD.

If interested, please contact Pastor Margery so that she can order enough books.



PRAISE BAND/CHOIR NEWS

We heard your beautiful voices! Don't be shy~ The Praise Band/Choir is looking for additional singers & instrumentalists for our Sunday Worship Services. Your voice and musical talents will be a joy to hear!

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.

So don't be shy - We would love to 'hear' from you!



Folk Music Night:
August 15, 7-10 p.m.,
featuring Gina DeLuca
(<https://www.ginadeluca.net/>).



Baltimore blues singer Gina DeLuca, who is both a skilled cover artist and a clever songwriter, gained widespread local recognition through her long-

running residency at Leadbetter's Tavern in Fells Point. Although her musical identity is anchored in the roots of traditional blues, she expertly weaves in elements of soul, jazz, and vintage rock. Her vocal delivery is smooth, sultry, and highly emotive. Her lyricism is widely celebrated for being subtle, witty, and deeply honest.

Her set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Gina'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/>.

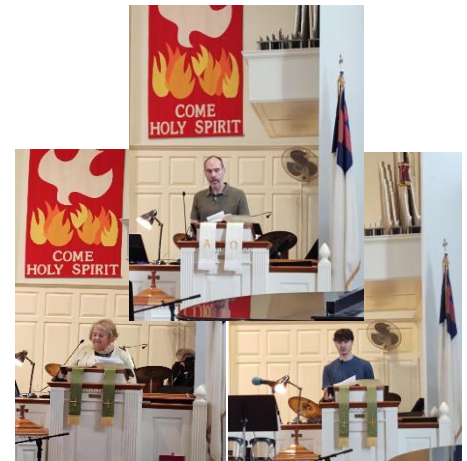
Questions may be directed to Neil Zimmerman: 410-529-7176 or ndzimmer@comcast.net.



SCRIPTURE READERS

DON'T FORGET:

If you wish to be part of the Sunday Scripture readers, feel free to contact the office – our young adults to our seniors, are all welcome. 410-256-6479 Or Peggy Whiting at 443-257-2874



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By Peggy
Whiting 443-257-2874

It seems that the next year's calendars that are sent by various non profit organizations come earlier and earlier to our mailboxes. I already have 15!

Some have wonderful shots of animals, others breathtaking views of the wonderful world God has created. Others show amazing things that are being done by various organizations.



For the past several years we have been collecting them to be given out to our food pantry

families. We would love to have enough to give to all of them.

So please save any that come to you. You can drop them off at the office, food pantry, or give to me in church.

Thank you for helping us with this project that people really seem to enjoy.



Sunday School News

By Carole Webner

It's been a very HOT summer and I hope all our families are staying cool and safe in this HEAT!



Some of our Sunday School families cooled off at the annual Pool Party. The pool water was refreshing and so were the snacks. **THANK YOU** Gloria and Frank for hosting our

party.

Please think about sharing a monetary gift with a donation to Chase Elementary School and their need for recess supplies. Checks can be made out to Perry Hall UMC with a note to donate to Chase Elementary. See Gloria Barlow for details.



Our August **family worship date will be August 9th**. I hope that you enjoy worshipping as a family as much as I did with my family when my children were school age.



Pastor Margery will be **blessing the student's backpacks on August 30th** in worship. So students, don't forget to bring your backpack to worship.

Our next Sunday School Team meeting will be August 2nd following worship.

Please be safe in the summer heat.

Hope to see all of you in worship and Sunday school.

Sunday School Team



PS In case you may have forgotten, Sunday School has been meeting all summer! 9:30 Every Sunday

Ages: 5 thru high school children are always welcomed- Come join our teachers for love, lessons, and fun



PERRY HALL UMC FRIENDLY'S NIGHT

When: Tuesday, August 25

Time: 5 – 8 pm

**Where: Friendly's Restaurant
9551 Belair Rd 21236**



Come join us for dinner or an ice cream dessert on Tuesday, 25th from 5 -8 pm at Friendly's in Perry Hall. It will be a great time to enjoy a dinner/dessert with family and friends and also help support this fund raiser! 10% of the sales during this period of time will be donated to PHUMC! So tell your friends, bring your family and enjoy the meal, conversations, and laughter. If dinner isn't in your time, maybe come by for the great ice cream on a beautiful Tuesday evening. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**





FIBERS OF LOVE

Lori Gall

While the fall/winter/spring months were wonderful for sharing and working with love on all the beautiful blankets – F.O.L will be taking a summer break.

**Next FOL Meeting :
Thursday, September 24th at 6 pm**

Hope you can join us



Thrift Store News

By Kathy Loggins

The Thrift Store has been pretty busy in July. We are expecting August to be just as busy as everyone starts to think about back to school, and the great bargains they can get.

We have met a few new shoppers that are sharing information about our store to their friends.

The busier we are and the more neighbors we meet, the happier we are.



**Save the date:
Thrift Shop Super
Sidewalk Sale
Saturday, August 29th
9-12 noon**

The thrift shop will be hosting its first super sidewalk sale on August 29th ! Weather permitting, the sale will be literally held outside (if weather is wet, the sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall) You will find great bargains and a great selection for every season, ages, and style. A great time for fall shopping; back to school shopping; and end of the summer season shopping – from winter coats to bathing suits – you will find wonderful items available. See you on August 29th!



United Methodist Women of Faith

By Jeannie Ross

While the PHUMC United Women of Faith did not meet in July due to a conflict with the Fellowship Hall- no such worries about

August! Our next meeting will be on August 13th at 7:00 pm.



**LADIES COME JOIN US
For FELLOWSHIP AND FUN**

**All the women of the congregation
are welcome to attend.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU August 13th

The PHUMC United Women of Faith group usually meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the 2nd floor Meeting Room



**HELPING ONE
Pantry News FAMILY AT A TIME!**

The pantry had been truly blessed with the love and support of our volunteers. Over the course of the last 20+ years, we have had dozens of volunteers that have stayed until they moved or have 'retired' and even some who have left and then returned! A couple of our long-term volunteers are well known faces amongst the church family and have a long history with the church and the pantry – long before covid even was a thought. This month we feature one of these volunteers with her own story.

Peggy
Whiting - her
story:

I started working at the pantry in 2013 when Margaret Hubbard took it on at the request of Pastor Vic. Back then, because I was busy with substitute teaching, I was unable to work a regular schedule. Instead, I helped Margaret



by picking up food orders from Aldis since her car was too small. Sometimes I would bring my grandson from preschool and he would love to pick up cases of peanut butter and carry them to my car. When people would offer to help him, he would respond, "I've got this!"

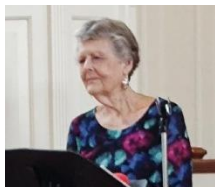
I also got involved on weekends when we held Food Distributions: one in the spring and one in the fall. The Food Bank would deliver primarily produce early on Saturdays in enormous cardboard boxes. We would re-bag them into smaller bags for the families and put them on large tables set up in the parking lot that were shaded by canopies borrowed from church members.

When people would start to arrive, they would be given a card with a number and then they would sit while we got everything ready. Then because I had the loudest voice, I would holler out the ten numbers of those who could line up at the registration table and start moving from table to table picking up their food. I enjoyed visiting with those who came for food and those who were there to help. Everyone had a smile on their face!

A lot has changed with pantry over the years, especially after Covid! But amazingly with the leadership of Dave and Laura, it has become one of the largest in the area. Our families comment on our friendliness that makes them feel at home. Interestingly, we do not lack volunteers, we have never turned down a plea for help, and we get a lot of our food from donations from neighbors, businesses, organizations, schools, other churches and our congregation as well as the Maryland Food Bank.

I have been very involved with PHUMC for the past 24 years and I still am, but the last thing I would give up is my work in the Pantry. I LOVE it!!!

Peggy Whiting



SUPER SUB SALE

Our June sale was a huge success, so we are doing our second summer super sub sale!

The date: Saturday, August 22nd

Time: 4 -6 pm

Cost: \$15



American Cold Cut and Meatball Subs will be offered with a side dish, a nice cold drink, plus dessert

We are eternally grateful for all the wonderful help that occurred in June. We hope that this love and compassion will continue for this monthly meal mission – We will be in need of help on Friday, August 21st from 9:00 – 11:00 with prep work and then on Saturday 22nd from 2- 4 pm and from 4- 6 pm.



A sign-up sheet is attached to the Perry Scope and will also be available on Sundays. Many hands truly did make the work easy and fun!

Hope you can help us make this next event equally successful!

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W.I.S.H.

WISH will not be meeting in August – our next meeting will be September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am

W.I.S.H. welcomes all women of faith to join us! See you then.



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COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

What a wonderful happening every Sunday after the service – a gathering of friends and family sharing drinks, snacks, and laughter!



THANK YOU to everyone who donates the wonderful treats for the coffee hour! We LOVE your donations!! Future donations are always welcomed and always appreciated!

THANK YOU to everyone for your monetary donations that keep the supplies filled (like coffee, tea, cups, etc) – every dollar helps to make the coffee hour a success!

A SUPER THANK YOU to everyone that sets up before and cleans up after the Coffee hour! Without you, there would not be a coffee hour !

As you can see (and have enjoyed) the coffee hour is a fellowship of friends after the Church service. Just like all get together, it is dependent on people.



Coffee Hour would love to have your help – can you give time once a month for setting up/ cleaning up ? A sign – up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall. It is not ‘hard work’ but it does require a couple of people to set up everything before Church service begins. Feel free to ask questions during the coffee hour with Debbie Zimmerman as to what is required – you will find that it is not difficult. 😊

If you have not done so already, please send your special information (no need for the year) about yourself, spouse, children to perryhallumc@verizon.net

Let us give you a ‘shout out’ on your special day!



MANY HANDS **MAKE LIGHT** **WORK!**

We are a very active church and we would love to have your help! The pay is great: friendship; laughter; and joy!

Truly, your help matters a great deal and we love to have your help!

- a) **Sign-up to help with coffee hour – chat with Debbie Zimmerman with any questions**
- b) **Sign-up to help with the thrift shop – Kathy Loggins can answer any questions for you**
- c) *****Sign-up for helping with the Super Sub Sale – help needed Aug 21 & 22nd – any questions, chat with Pat Walters**
- d) *****Sign-up to help with the Thrift Shop Super Sidewalk Sale – help needed Aug 27/28 – See Kathy Loggins**
- e) **Join the Praise Band/Choir – contact Don Appel 443-991-0189.**
- f) **Become a reader of the Scriptures – contact Peggy Whiting or the office**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sending the happiest wishes to our birthday and anniversary celebrants!

Vicki Boyd

Birthday on August 3

Zoey Hanna

Birthday on August 4

Laura Ay

Birthday on August 6

Debbie Lucas

Birthday on August 8

Chris Hanna

Birthday on August 17



Hoping your special day is filled with happiness!

DON'T FORGET:

We would love to share your special day (birthday or anniversary) with your Church family!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUGUST

- 1 Thrift Shop 9-12
- 2 Sunday Service 9:30 am
Fellowship Coffee Hour (after service)
Sunday School Team Mtg after service
- 3 *National Friendship Day*

- 4
- 5 Choir / Praise Band 7 pm
- 6 K.C. Dance 6-8 pm

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- 8 Thrift Shop 9-12
- 9 **Family Worship Service 9:30 am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour (after service)
- 10 *National S'mores Day*

- 11
- 12 Choir / Praise Band 7 pm
- 13 K.C. Dance 6-8 pm
United Women of Faith 7 pm (all women
are welcome to join us in this fellowship)

- 14
- 15 Thrift Shop 9-12
Folk Music Night 7 – 10 pm



- 16 Sunday Service 9:30 am
Fellowship Coffee Hour (after service)

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- 18
- 19 Choir / Praise Band 7 pm

- 20
- 21 Prepping for sub sale 9 – 11 am

- 22 Thrift Shop 9-12
Super Sub Sale 4-6 pm



- 23 Sunday Service 9:30 am
Fellowship Coffee Hour (after service)

- 24
- 25 **Perry Hall UMC Friendly's Night 5-8 pm**



- 26 Choir / Praise Band 7 pm
- 27 *National Burger Day!*

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- 29 **Thrift Shop Super Side Walk Sale 9-12**



- 30 **Blessing of the Backpacks 9:30**
Sunday Service 9:30 am
Fellowship Coffee Hour (after service)

- 31 Opening day for Baltimore County Public
Schools – students are back in school



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Needing Help



The Drive Through Dinner event will restart this coming **Saturday, August 22nd**, with cold cut or meatball subs!

We would love to have your help!

Name _____

I can help on (please identify your availability):

FRIDAY: August 21st

_____ 9 – 11:30 with prep work

SATURDAY: August 22nd (Select all that apply 😊)

_____ **2 pm** finishing up with prep work

And/ Or

_____ **4 – 6 pm**

_____ Be a runner (take orders, deliver orders, take
Money)

_____ Assemble meals

_____ Clean-up crew

_____ Serve anywhere needed 😊



THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS EVENT SUCCESSFUL