

September 2026



The Perry Scope

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



A Message from the Pastor



One of the wonderful gifts which God has given us is the diversity all around us and within us. The world is full of things which are different from us and from one another. The world is rich and amazing. Sometimes, we have trouble appreciating all those differences, especially if the difference is in other people. We are all unique; not a single person who has ever lived or will ever live is the same as any other person. There are times when our differences feel too different and we struggle to fit in, to belong. Those struggles can get in the way of gathering with others in worship. We here at Perry Hall UMC want to provide a way to worship for those who can struggle to worship in our regular Sunday morning service. We are starting a new kind of worship service on Sunday, September 20th, at 2:00pm. We will meet in the Ark Room, room 205, for 30 minutes. After the worship service, we will host a time for social connection for those who want that. The worship service is called Heavenly Haven, because we want to give people a chance to worship in a sensory sensitive space: a sacred space. We will be asking those who worship with us what might be helpful to them, and we will be doing our best to provide that, so that we can all connect with God in our own way. If you would like to join us, you are welcome just as you are. If you would like to help us, please contact me. Above all, please pray for us and those who will be worshipping together. We celebrate the magnificent uniqueness with which God created each of us. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Margery

News and Updates from Pastor Margery



Alternative Worship Service!
No pews! No pressure!

Heavenly Haven is a monthly worship service for those who find the Sunday morning worship service to be too much. The service will be sensory sensitive, and we welcome everyone, including those with special needs and children who are accompanied by an adult. We are handicapped accessible.

Heavenly Haven

September 20, 2026

2:00 pm

Room 205, the Ark Room



Fall Bible Study: The pastor will lead a study on the book of Revelation for 6 weeks: Mondays, October 5th –

November 9th, and Tuesdays, 11am, October 6th – November 10th. Monday students- please get in touch with Pastor Margery about start time!

We will read Breaking the Code by Bruce Metzger; cost is \$15.00. Books are available in the church office.



Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that helped at the Super Sub Sale and also the Thrift Shop Super Sidewalk Sale.

As quoted from Pat Walters “ It takes a village and we sure had a lot of villagers helping”! The sub sale was a huge success and everyone helping brought sunshine and laughter – whether they were chopping onions or preparing subs or making sure the orders were correct!

Getting ready for the sidewalk sale took several Saturdays of preparing the inventory – and so many people gave their time and energy to make sure everything was ready! The Sidewalk sale was more than just a sale – it was a community event that brought people from all over – a true blessing! The day brought sunshine, church members, and the community together – all enjoying the sale!

Thank you again – for your help, for your laughter, for you making the two events so successful!





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!



September 12, 7-10 p.m., featuring Sherri Robbins

(<https://www.facebook.com/musyckmu> se).



Sherri Robbins is an award-winning singer/songwriter based in Harford County, and a longtime favorite on the Baltimore/Harford music scene. She blends acoustic folk with blues, jazz, and down-home Americana gospel into a soulful sound all her own. "Funky Folk" is her signature sound - music for the mind, body, and soul. She also teaches music performance.

Sherri's set starts around 8:15. The evening begins with an "open mic" at 7:00. The open mic resumes after Sherri'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

Sept. 6 Peggy Whiting
Sept 13 Catherine Reinhart
Sept. 20 Barbara Webster
Sept. 27 Karen Grannas



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

As I write this article, September is just around the corner and our Sunday School students have

already started another school year. That means our new Sunday school year will be up and running also. Mrs. Debbie will be teaching our High School students. Mrs. Joyce will be teaching 5th and 6th grades. And Mrs. Carole will be teaching students from kindergarten through the 4th grade.

The new season will begin September 20th with a blessing of our Education program in worship. All our students, teachers and team members are asked to participate. We have two special 4th grade students who will receive their Bibles. They are Ryan Franks and Violet Wilkins.

Congratulations!!! We hope that you will use your Bible to grow in your faith and service.

Just a few reminders:

- Our Family Worship Sunday will be on **September 13th**. Please enjoy worshipping as a family.
- The next Sunday School team meeting will be **September 27th** following worship.

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

See you in worship!

Carole Webner



by Brenda Reinhart



The fall season is coming upon us, what a great time to have a church fair! There will be lots of activities

for the children, food for all to enjoy, and lots of laughter and fun!

So mark your calendar – **CHURCH FAIR**
Saturday, September 12th from 11 am – 2 pm

As with all of our events, it is the volunteers that make it such a success. Please contact Debbie Siegert if you can help before (with set-up/prepping or during the event) or complete the sign-up sheet that is attached to the Perry Scope and will be

available in your bulletins or fellowship hall during coffee hour .



Keeping your calendar busy!

SAVE THE DATE:



Brian Wilson Tribute Concert II



Presented by:
Don Appel & Friends

Songs Include:
"Surfin USA"
"God Only Knows"
"Wouldn't It Be Nice"
"Don't Worry Baby"

Sunday, September 27, 2026
2:00 pm

FIBERS OF LOVE

Lori Gall

FALL IS HERE - WELCOME BACK!

Fibers of Love story continues - - -

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

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: Thursday, September 24th
from 6-8pm



United Methodist Women of Faith

By Jeannie Ross

The August meeting was attended by a small (but mighty) group of women. Debbie Siegert shared details of the activities and food to be enjoyed at the PHUMC fair that will be held on September 12th.

Pastor Margery communicated that she will be honoring those who have volunteered their time and talent over the years to maintain our building at the September 13th service.

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 Meeting Room.

The group's next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 10th in the second floor meeting room.

LADIES COME JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP
AND FUN

Next Meeting:
Thursday, September 10th at 7 pm



FALL FOOD DRIVE



Perry Hall UMC "Drive Thru Drop-Off"
Food Drive

Date: Saturday, September 19th, 2026
Time: 1 – 3 pm
Where: Perry Hall United Methodist Church
9515 Belair Rd

Your donations make a difference!

All donations of non-perishable and personal hygiene products must be in date.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN
HELPING TO FEED THOSE THAT NEED EXTRA
HELP**



Your donations not only keep the pantry stocked but provide hope and love to the families the pantries served! Thank you for supporting the pantry but mostly for supporting the families it serves!



Pantry News

Over the last few months we have been sharing the volunteers with you that make PHUMC mission to feed those in need, not just possible, but so caring and successful. In the life of the pantry, our volunteers have their own stories to tell. I bet most of you know her and were with her on her journey. She was and is a very integral part of the pantry – the church – the community.

My Pantry Story

By Margaret Hubbard

The first time I came to PHUMC was on 6/13/2010, just one week after my mother passed away. When asked what I would like to do in the church, I responded that I would like to help people. Pastor Jeff suggested the food pantry. At that time, Brian & Renee Smith ran the pantry. This was the start of my working in the food pantry.

What I soon discovered was how much I enjoyed meeting so many nice people. People who were just down on their luck or who were stuck in situations they were unable to get out of. I quickly realized that I would get more in return than I gave.

The next step in my growth of the pantry came in January of 2012 when Pastor Vic came to me and asked if I would agree to run the pantry. After praying on it, I said yes and I ran the pantry for the next 5 years. My biggest supporter was Mary Schram, our church secretary. Given that I had only been a member of the church for a very short time, I was able to go to her with questions regarding the workings of the church, and she was very helpful. During those five years the pantry really grew.

When Giant opened their grocery store in Perry Hall in August of 2012, the corporate office had a special promotion for the opening. As part of their community involvement, they would select a non-profit that performed food assistance to receive a corporate donation. Perry Hall UMC Food Pantry was selected for this donation, and we received \$2,500.00 in gift cards! In 2012, \$2500 went a long way in filling the pantry shelves.

Due to the Giant's award ceremony, we were put in touch with the Maryland Food Bank. At that time, the Maryland Food Bank was having special community food distributions occurring at local sites around Maryland. I was able to have Perry Hall UMC become one of these sites. We were able to have two large food distributions (6,000) lbs of food delivered - once in the spring and once in the fall. These massive distributions were able to serve up to 200 families. When the distribution occurred, many members of the church would assist with the big day event. The church members all rallied in setting up tables, separating the food items delivered, and assisting the community as

they received all the wonderful items. The distribution was for everyone in the community, not just pantry families. To get the word out we notified our clients and sent flyers to other food pantries, schools and churches within the community. Because of these distributions more people came to know about us and the service that we provide. All of this could not have been accomplished without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Perry Hall UMC food pantry was helped by many volunteers. Some of these volunteers were current and former clients who wanted to give back because they were very appreciative of the support they received. Several times when I was shopping at one of the local stores, someone would come up to me and thank me/the pantry for being there to help them in their time of need. What a good feeling it was to hear these stories.

To help the pantry shelves remain stocked, we started having food drives in front of the Giant food store. The very first food drive we had, the community responded wonderfully - we received enough food donations to fill up 7 grocery carts! Plus, we had a tip jar that had over \$ 100.00 in donations.

In 2017, after running the food pantry for 5 years I thought it was time to step down. I still wanted to be part of the pantry, so I continued to help 1 day per week, as I was physically able, until 2024 when I retired.

There have been ups and downs in the time I worked at the pantry. When COVID came calling in March of 2020, the pantry doors remained open. The community helped in unbelievable ways with their donations; Camp Chapel UMC became a very integral part of the pantry, and there were always bags and bags of food for anyone who needed it. Unfortunately, because of COVID and the great increase in the number of families being served, we had to plan a new way to give food out - we became a drive-up pantry. While the intimacy may have changed, the love and support from the church, the volunteers, and the community

remained the same. We were still able to meet the needs of anyone who needed our help.



In closing, I must say again that I have met so many wonderful people and thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Food Pantry. As I have stated before, I have gotten more than I have given during my time with the food pantry.



HELPING ONE FAMILY AT A TIME



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sue Funk

Birthday on September 2

Gloria Barlow

Birthday on September 5

Diane & Eddie Lawrence

65th Anniversary on September 11

Layla Boyd

Birthday on September 14

Marella Schammel

Birthday on September 14

Buzz Boyd

Birthday on September 15

Mary Raab

Birthday on September 20

Pat Walter

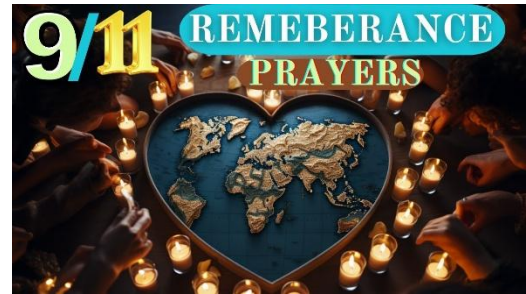
Birthday on September 29



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

25th Anniversary

**A day of remembrance, reflection, and
prayer**



Perry Hall United Methodist Church will offer a time of prayer and remembrance on Friday, Sept 11th, 8:30 – 10:30 am. The sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer and reflection beginning at 8:30 am. At 10:15 am, the pastor will lead a brief service of prayer and provide time for anyone who would like to share their memories of that tragic day.

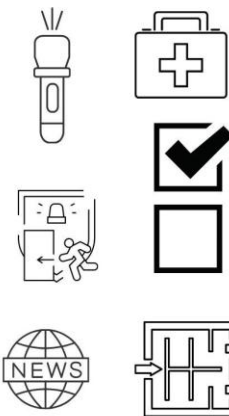
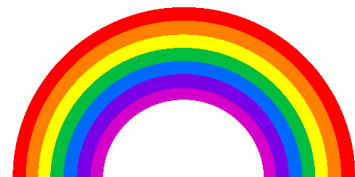


WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

- 1
- 2 Choir/Praise Band 7 pm
- 3 WISH 10:30 am
- 4
- 5
- 6 Sunday Service 9:30
Fellowship Coffee Hour (after service)
- 7 Girl Scout 5:30- 7 pm
- 8 Trustees 6:30 pm
- 9 Choir/Praise Band 7 pm
- 10 United Women In Faith 7 pm Meeting Rm
Private Hall Rental 7-9 pm
- 11 9/11 Prayer Service Remembrance 8:30 –
10:30 am; 10:15 prayer
- 12 CHURCH FAIR 11AM – 2 PM
FOLK MUSIC NIGHT 7 pm
- 13 Family Service & Trustee Appreciation
9:30 am
Fellowship Coffee Hour (after service)
Girl Scout 6:15 pm
- 14
- 15
- 16 Finance Meeting
Choir/Praise Band 7 pm
- 17 Girl Scout 6:30
- 18 Girl Scout
- 19 FOOD DRIVE 1- 3
- 20 Fall Sunday School Presentation of Bibles
during Service
Fellowship Coffee Hour (after service)
HEAVENLY HAVEN 2 PM
- 21 Girl Scout 5:30- 7 pm
- 22 Ad Council 7 – 9 pm
- 23 Choir/Praise Band 7 pm
- 24 Fibers of Love 6 pm
- 25
- 26 DRIVE THRU DINNER 4 -6 PM
- 27 Sunday Service 9:30
Fellowship Coffee Hour (after service)
BRIAN WILSON TRIBUTE CONCERT 2 PM
- 28
- 29
- 30 Choir/Praise Band 7 pm
- 31

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.



September is National
Preparedness Month



We are having a Fair on September 12th from 11 AM-2PM

We would like to draw neighborhood children in with Games, Prizes, Crafts, Pit beef, Hot dogs, Popcorn and Cotton Candy as well as Face Painting.

We need volunteers to help pull this off. If you can donate some time, please fill out the areas below where you can help.

Set-up 8 am _____

Help with Games: _____

Help with Crafts: _____

Help with Food _____

Help Clean-up _____