



PERRY PRES

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May His grace and peace accompany us in our daily travels of life; I do hope each of you find Jesus Christ as a daily companion through whom you find direction, comfort, challenge and purpose.

It finally appears that springtime is making a beginning appearance. It has been such a long and cold winter. Throughout the month of February and into March we have had great amounts of snow which as you know caused the church to cancel worship twice. I trust now somewhat warmer weather will come our way, melt the snow and help us focus on the arrival of spring.

And speaking of spring, we are now in the season of Lent. That word "Lent" comes from a Latin word meaning to "lengthen or make longer" in reference to how there is a lengthening of the amount of sunlight. So the days are "lengthening" in light and we rejoice in that. But the season of lent stretches for six weeks....from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. During this time, we reflect on our faith relationship with Jesus Christ and decide the level of commitment we will make to him and through the church. We have been helped in this process through our Wednesday evening Lenten simple suppers and our time of worship and discussion in the sanctuary. So far, we have discussed Christian Education and Worship/Music. Further times together will be March 11, 18, and 25 to be followed by a meal and worship on Maundy Thursday, April 2. At that time, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, with help from the Masonic Lodge, re-create the Last Supper, wash hands, and carry the cross outside. I do hope all of you can attend.

I also want to mention an opportunity for folks to attend the Dakota Learning Camp this summer in South Dakota. It will be an opportunity to minister with the Native American community and join with other youth and adults from the Presbytery of Baltimore. If interested, please contact Rev. Condro at the church office.

I am looking forward to spring because it means the opening of the golf course. I am hopeful it will be

another good year for the community and for the church. A number of activities have already been planned for week-ends there in April.

The Pastor Nominating Committee continues to do its work so we keep them in prayer as they seek the Lord's guidance in calling a pastor. And speaking of leadership, I want to thank the retiring officers of the church whose installed terms of service are over. They are:- elders Jim Doty, Virgil Galarrita, Sharon Heimiller and Jeff Mitchell; deacons Marc Friend, Jeanne Markowski, Marjorie Mowery, Katie Olson and Corrine Keppeler. We thank them for good and faithful service. We will also be welcoming new officers this month. They will be elder Nancy Ellis and deacons, Nancy Zahn and Chrissy Lutz

So let us rejoice and give thanks for our being together as the people of God here at Perry Hall Presbyterian Church. Let us continue to be God's faithful, joyful and thankful people.

Peace,

Pastor Joe

Hymn Tunes: The Stories behind the Melodies

By Bob Barnes

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory," no. 80 in the *Presbyterian Hymnal*, is loosely based on *Galatians* 6-14, and was written by John Bowring and published in 1825. Bowring (1792-1872) studied philology, poetry and politics. By the time he died he knew 200 languages and could converse in 100. He was British Consul and later Governor of Hong Kong. He was twice a Member of Parliament and was knighted in 1854 by Queen Victoria.

He published 36 volumes including two volumes of sacred poetry. This hymn was the best known of his hymns and the first line is inscribed on his tombstone.

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The melody *Rathbun* was composed by Ithamar Vonkey in 1849 while he was organist at a Baptist church in Norwich, Connecticut. On Sunday the preacher spoke about the hymn that Bowring had written. Because the weather was rainy, only one choir member showed up. Rathbun went home and composed the tune and dedicated it to the one faithful choir member, Mrs. Beriah S. Rathbun.

The tune was first published as the setting for Muhlenberg's "Savior, Who Thy Flock Art Feeding," which was published in 1851.

Source: Lindajo H. McKim. *The Presbyterian*

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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Sonja & Larry DeBaugh

PRAYER CONCERNS

John Ahlfeldt	Rhodella Gurney
Martha Ahlfeldt	Lee Hickey
Kenny Avaritt	Dewey Gardner
Roland Avaritt	Marje Lentz
Cathy Barnes	Freeda Lester
Sandy Coradi	Zachary McNeill
Dawn Crist	Eric Michel
William Crosby	Gail Smith
Lillian Elligson	Skip Snyder
Frank Esposito	

Those Serving in the Armed Forces...

Capt. Matthew Simon, Ft. Hood. TX;

1st Lt. Douglas Coppola, NJ Nat'l Guard, 50th 1BCT;

Gen. Ferdinand B. Irizarry, Ft. Bragg;

John Daniel Collins III, Seal Team 7, Afghanistan;

PFC William Peterson, Pensacola, FL.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Alice Winslow
Ruth Wynegar
Julia Ireland
Bob Hureau
Tyler Ahlfeldt

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday, also known as "Holy Thursday," is the Thursday of Passion Week, one day before Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday.

First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Some Christian churches observe a special Communion service on Maundy Thursday in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. Second, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17).

The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin word for "command." The "Maundy" in "Maundy Thursday" refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

Observing a special Lord's Supper service on Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday in remembrance of the Last Supper is a good thing to do. Doing a foot-washing in remembrance of how Christ humbled Himself and washed the feet of the disciples is a powerful reminder of how we are to live the Christian life (Philippians 2:1-11). Let's just make sure we are observing Maundy Thursday in a way that truly honors what happened at the Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday, also known as "Holy Friday," is the Friday immediately preceding [Easter Sunday](#). It is celebrated traditionally as the day on which Jesus was crucified.

drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Why is Good Friday referred to as "good"? What the Jewish authorities and Romans did to Jesus was definitely not good (see Matthew chapters 26-27). However, the results of Christ's death are very good! [Romans 5:8](#), "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." [First Peter 3:18](#) tells us, "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit."

Many Christian churches celebrate Good Friday with a subdued service, usually in the evening, in which Christ's death is remembered with solemn hymns, prayers of thanksgiving, a message centered on Christ suffering for our sakes, and observance of the Lord's Supper. Whether or not Christians choose to "celebrate" Good Friday, the events of that day should be ever on our minds because the death of Christ on the cross is the paramount event of the Christian faith.

HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday is the name given to the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Some Christians recognize Holy Saturday, the seventh day of Holy Week, as the day on which Jesus "rested" from His work of providing salvation. As Jesus died, He called out, "It is finished!" There was no further price to pay; sin had been atoned for.

After His crucifixion, Jesus was laid in a nearby tomb, and His body remained there the entirety of Holy Saturday ([Matthew 27:59-60](#); [Mark 15:46](#); [Luke 23:53-54](#); [John 19:39-42](#)). Churches that celebrate Holy Saturday traditionally do so by observing a day of somber reflection as they contemplate the world of darkness that would exist without the hope of Christ's resurrection.

Indeed, without the resurrection of Christ, we would be in dire straits. If Christ had never been raised, "your faith is futile; you are still in your sins" (1

[Corinthians 15:17](#)). The disciples had scattered when Jesus was arrested ([Mark 14:50](#)), and they spent the first Holy Saturday hiding for fear of also being arrested ([John 20:19](#)). The day between Christ's crucifixion and His resurrection would have been a time of grief and shock as the stunned disciples tried to understand the murder of Jesus, the betrayal of Judas, and the dashing of their hopes.

The only biblical reference to what happened on Holy Saturday is found in [Matthew 27:62-66](#). After sundown on Friday—the day of Preparation—the chief priests and Pharisees visited Pontius Pilate. This visit was on the Sabbath, since the Jews reckoned a day as starting at sundown. They asked Pilate for a guard for Jesus' tomb. They remembered Jesus saying that He would rise again in three days ([John 2:19-21](#)) and wanted to do everything they could to prevent that. As we know, the Roman guards were inadequate to prevent the resurrection, and the women who returned to the tomb Sunday morning found it empty.

EASTER SUNDAY

In the Christian faith, Easter has come to mean the celebration of the resurrection of Christ three days after His crucifixion. It is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year because of the significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the events upon which Christianity is based. Easter Sunday is preceded by the season of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and repentance culminating in Holy Week and followed by a 50-day Easter season that stretches from Easter to Pentecost.





The golf course is re-opening for the season on Friday April 3 through May for weekends only.

We host birthday parties, private parties and fund raising events.

Anyone needing information about prices or rentals should call the church at 410-256-6780 and leave a message. They will get a timely response.

We already have several private parties booked. Prices for mini golf remain the same as last year. We will also be selling sodas and snowballs.

CRAFT SHOW VENDOR SALE

**JUST IN TIME
FOR MOTHERS DAY**



WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 2015

TIME: 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*PLACE: Perry Hall Presbyterian Church
8848 Belair Road*

INFO: stepmom1995@yahoo.com

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Please join us for a day of great shopping and fellowship.

Attention Bakers: Your help is needed for the bake table and would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sharon Heimiller or Alvina Hickey if you can help.



Dates: July 20th – July 25th
Stayed Tuned for More Information

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Rick was excited about the task but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."



HAVE YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO
LEARN SCRAPBOOKING?
ARE YOU ALREADY AN
AVID SCRAPBOOKER?

Join us on Saturday May 2nd for a
"Scrapbooking Day" to benefit Perry Hall
Presbyterian Church – 8848 Belair Road, 21236.

Time: 10:00 a.m. until ???

Admission: \$15.00

For more Information contact Nancy Zahn 410-960-4557 (cell) or 410-510-7922 (Home)



**Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk!**