

PERRY PRES

A Publication of Perry Hall Presbyterian Church
September, 2014

Friends:

Greetings again in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray His peace and grace and joy remain with each of you as we begin this new church year. It was good to begin Sunday School again and to be in rehearsal for choir and hand bells and for the Presbyterian Men and Women meetings getting organized again.

I again rejoice at how much our congregation has been blessed. Folks have been working hard to improve the looks of the church grounds. The mini-golf course is having a very good year income wise. New folks are getting ready to join the church after we had five youth join this past spring and summer. Our budget seems to be doing well, new community groups are renting out our facility and best of all the congregation has elected a Pastor Nominating Committee which has been working very hard. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek the person who will be called as the next installed pastor for Perry Hall Presbyterian Church. We are moving toward that date and as we do, I believe, the excitement and anticipation will grow.

In the meantime, we continue our ministry here and continue to look for ways in which we can serve our Lord Jesus Christ both within the membership of the church and beyond the walls of the sanctuary into the communities in which we live. I think part of that preparation is first, to pray for our church and then secondly, to be involved in some form in the life and mission of the church.

I think after prayer it begins with the need to be together by being in worship. Worship is central to the life and meaning of our church. Attendance is important because we confess our sins and hear the words of forgiveness, hear the scriptures being read and interpreted for meaning in our lives, to be challenged by the gospel, to be with friends and to greet new members and visitors, to sing, and to be nourished by fellowship and the presence of the Holy Spirit. I know there are many reasons why folks cannot attend yet we need to take the time

for our personal spiritual health and the health of the congregation.

And then beyond worship, if at all possible, to be involved in at least one form of ministry which builds up the church such as the choir, hand bells, committees, ordained elders and deacons, teaching, grounds upkeep, calling on people, mission efforts and pledging. As we give so do we receive.

I conclude with some words about giving and receiving. The Finance Committee of session has set Sunday, November 2 as Commitment Sunday. On that Sunday, as we receive communion, we will come forward to make that financial commitment for 2015. Your commitment will determine the health and vitality of Perry Hall Presbyterian. You have received a letter from the Finance Committee which has outlined the hopes we have for next year. Remember that our pledge is not about budgets as it is about how much we love our church because of the deep love Christ has for us and we have for Him. I know you will pray deeply on this and will come prepared to give with joy and thanksgiving.

We have been richly blessed. Let us respond with grace and generosity in the use of all of our gifts and talents in helping the ministry of Perry Hall Presbyterian Church move forward in this year and in the year to come.

Thanks be to God.

Peace,
Pastor Joe

PRAYER CONCERNS

John Ahlfeldt
Martha Ahfeldt
Kenny Avaritt
Roland Avaritt
Cathy Barnes
Sandy Coradi
William Crosby
Lillian Elligson



Interim Pastor – Rev. Joseph Condro
Music Director – Nancy Barnes

Secretary – Kim Kalinowski
Church Office – 410-256-5780

Frank Esposito
Dewey Gardner
Amanda Lawrence
Marje Lentz
Freeda Lester
Lienne McNeil
Fonz Patacka
Mike Pritko
Gail Smith
Skip Snyder
Gen Tusing
Karen Waldon

KIDS IN CHURCH

A little boy was overheard
praying:
'Lord, if you can't make me a
better boy, don't worry about it.
I'm having a real good time like I
am.'

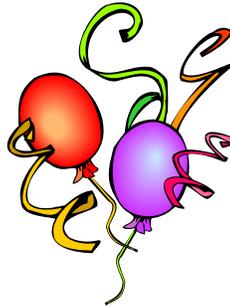
One particular four-year-old
prayed,
'And forgive us our trash
baskets
as we forgive those who put
trash in our baskets.'

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Susan Havran
Jack Owings
Benjamin Westdorp
Breanna Szilvassy
Kristen Westdorp
Joe Condro
Jeff Markowski
Eunice Shanks
Timothy Nobles
Buddy Lentz
Bobbi Tilley
John Owens Garst, Jr.
Samantha Tagliaferro
John Murphy
Patrick Murphy
Kim Kalinowski
Whitey Shimko
Bruno Baran
Laurie Johnson
Miranda Smith
Heather Allison

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Lori & Mark Tagliaferro
Jean & John Davis
Laurie & Al Thompson



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Zahn
Charles Yeager
Bevin Russ
Marc Friend
Sheila Szilvassy
Neil Westdorp
James Weiman
Jim Doty
Cindy Peterson
Susan Barnes
Tom Heimiller

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Alvina & Lee Hickey
Bonnie & Dale Allison
Sue & John Havran
Paul & Kate Loughlin Gibson
Sheila & Paul Szilvassy
Heather & John Murphy
Karen & Steven Waldon
Audrey & Bruno Baran
Kathy & Jeff Mitchell



Mini Golf

The Mini Golf committee would like to thank all the volunteers and the youth of PHPC who worked all summer. The course did very well and we hope to do even better next year.

Thanks to all for a job well done!!!



Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC),

consisting of Nancy Ellis, Chair; Alvina Hickey, Secretary; Bob Smith; Joseph Papa; and Dewey Gardner (Becky Gardner serves as backup) met every week to complete PHPC's Ministry Information Form (MIF).

The completed form was approved by Reverend John Kazanjian, our Baltimore Presbytery's Committee on Ministry's contact person to guide us through this process on September 4, 2014. The PNC then presented the MIF to Session on September 10. It was approved by Session.

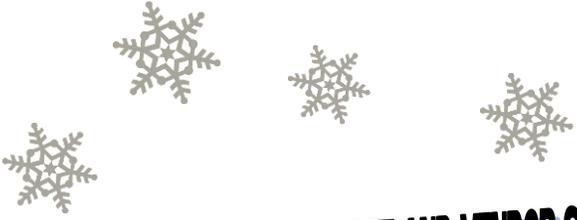
The approved MIF was then submitted to the Baltimore Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and was approved. The Chair of the PNC and our Clerk of Session then received user IDs and passwords to get into the Louisville, KY Presbytery's website on September 12.

The PNC Chair then was able to upload our MIF onto the Presbytery's website on September 13. Our Clerk of Session went in and attested that this MIF was approved by our Session on September 15.

The Presbytery then posted PHPC's MIF on Monday, September 15. By Thursday, we started getting Pastor Information Forms(PIF)!!!

The PNC will continue meeting every Thursday evening to read, review, and discuss each PIF until we believe we have a good top 10 candidates; then we will start whittling them down to a top 3-5 candidates to interview.

Please know that there is not much we can discuss about this process, but we will keep you informed as often as we can, when we have information that can be released. We ask that you



ANNUAL WINTER BAZAAR, CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW

WHEN: November 15, 2014

TIME: 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Perry Hall Presbyterian Church



The time for our Christmas Bazaar is fast

approaching and preparations are getting underway.

We need volunteers to bake and help at the bake table

and to help set up and take down. If you can help in

this or any other way please contact the following:

stepmom1995@yahoo.com, or

perryhallpc@gmail.com. Or phone the church office.



continue to keep this committee and the journey we are on with God, leading us to the right person to lead our beloved Church in the future, in your daily prayers.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please contact Nancy Ellis. If it is a question that can be answered, she will answer your question. If you do have any concerns, she will take them to the PNC.

One day a while back, a man, his heart heavy with grief, was walking in the woods. As he thought about his life this day, he knew many things were not right. He thought about those who had lied about him back when he had a job.

His thoughts turned to those who had stolen his things and cheated him. He remembered family that had passed on his mind turned to the illness he had, that no one could cure. His very soul was filled with anger, resentment, and frustration.

Standing there this day, searching for answers he could not find, knowing all else had failed him, he knelt at the base of an old oak tree to seek the one he knew would always be there. And with tears in his eyes, he prayed:

'Lord- You have done wonderful things for me in this life. You have told me to do many things for you, and I happily obeyed. Today, you have told me to forgive. I am sad, Lord, because I cannot, I don't know how. It is not fair Lord, I didn't deserve these wrongs that were done against me and I shouldn't have to forgive. As perfect as your way is Lord, this one thing I cannot do, for I don't know how to forgive. My anger is so deep Lord, I fear I may not hear you, but I pray you teach me to do the one thing I cannot do: Teach me to forgive.

As he knelt there in the quiet shade of that old oak tree, he felt something fall onto his shoulder. He opened his eyes. Out of the corner of one eye, he saw something red on his shirt. He could not turn to see what it was because where the oak tree had been was a large square piece of wood in the ground. He raised his head and saw two feet held to the wood with a large spike through them.

He raised his head more, and tears came to his eyes as he saw Jesus hanging on a cross. He saw spikes in

His hands, a gash in His side, a torn and battered body, deep thorns sunk into His head. Finally he saw the suffering and pain on His precious face... As their eyes met, the man's tears turned to sobbing, and Jesus began to speak.

'Have you ever told a lie?' He asked?

The man answered - 'Yes, Lord.'

'Have you ever been given too much change and kept it?'

The man answered - 'Yes. Lord.' And the man sobbed more and more.

'Have you ever taken something from work that wasn't yours?' Jesus asked?

And the man answered, 'Yes, Lord.'

'Have you ever sworn, using my Father's name in vain?'

The man, crying now, answered - 'Yes, Lord.'

As Jesus asked many more times, 'Have you ever'? The man's crying became uncontrollable, for he could only answer - 'Yes, Lord'.

Then Jesus turned His head from one side to the other, and the man felt something fall on his other shoulder. He looked and saw that it was the blood of Jesus. When he looked back up, his eyes met those of Jesus, and there was a look of love the man had never seen or known before.

Jesus said, 'I didn't deserve this either, but I forgive you.'

It may be hard to see how you're going to get through something, but when you look back in life, you realize how true this statement is.

Read the following first line slowly and let it sink in.

If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it.

When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!

