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From Pastor Steve's Desk...

Welcome to Grace Notes! We're so glad you picked up this copy of the Panama United Methodist Church newsletter! Everything you need to know about what is going on at Panama United Methodist Church is in here...enjoy!

Of the Holy Spirit

This month, on June 8, we get to once again celebrate Pentecost - when God sent the Holy Spirit to dwell with us! John 14 identifies the Holy Spirit as "the Spirit of Truth", given to the church as an advocate because Jesus would not be physically present with humanity. This gift from God is essential to living out life as followers of Jesus, knowing right from wrong, being guided into greater holiness, and being moved to Christian action and service.

The Articles of Religion of the United Methodist Church give us the foundation for our belief: *The Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God. He convinces the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He leads [people] through faithful response to the gospel into the fellowship of the Church. He comforts, sustains and empowers the faithful and guides them into all truth.*

What does it mean to live the Christian life? To be disciples? To have faith? To keep the commands of Jesus? The answers aren't so simple.

All people, believers in Christ or not, are merely human. Because we are merely human, we don't have the capacity to remain sinless, unlike Jesus who is sinless. That may seem like a hopeless state of existence, wrought with pain, despair, and guilt. Yet, Jesus is the Savior and our Redeemer from God's wrath (deserved because of our sin). While Jesus was on earth, the disciples had every advantage to know truth and morality (although they weren't always good at it). Because Jesus isn't standing next to us, physically, we have a more difficult time discerning the truth, even though we know he's praying for us!

God sent the Holy Spirit to remain in us, working for us, Guiding and assuring us, that God is present, and we can have

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knowledge of God. We can know the difference between right and wrong. We can ask God for guidance and to reveal the plan for our lives. Through the Holy Spirit, God works to perfect us and mold us into people who are useful to advance God's kingdom.

We are open to the gifts of the spirit because of the presence of the Holy Spirit. We can discern truth from lies because God shows us the truth. We can celebrate diversity, while maintaining integrity because the Holy Spirit is woven into our worship, our prayer, our ministries, and our lives. We can have confidence in God! When we seek the presence of the Holy Spirit, we are seeking the presence of Almighty God - not a request to be taken lightly, but reverently and with awe. The real presence of the Holy Spirit in our worship and church are evidence that God has a plan of salvation, a plan for ministry, and a plan for celebration. See the Holy Spirit! Come! Holy Spirit, come!

In His Grip,
Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve's June Schedule

- 1 8a-12p: Sunday School/Worship
 - 2 11a: Staff Meeting; 7p: Prayer and Praise Team
 - 3 1p: Visitations; 6p: Pre-marital Session
 - 4 6p: Praise Team Rehearsal; 7p: Choir Rehearsal
 - 5 7p: Worship Team Meeting
 - 6/7 Sabbath and Day Off; Cornerstone Men's Retreat
 - 8 8a-12p: Sunday School/Worship (Pentecost)
 - 9 11a: Staff Meeting; 7p: Prayer and Praise Team
 - 10 7a: Breakfast Meeting; 1p: Visitations; 7p: Band of Brothers Gathering; 7:30p: Band and Chorus Concert at PCS
 - 11 6p: Praise Team Rehearsal; 7p: Choir Rehearsal
 - 13/14 Sabbath and Day Off
 - 15 8a-12p: Sunday School/Worship (Father's Day)
 - 16 11a: Staff Meeting; 7p: Prayer and Praise Team
 - 17 1p: Visitations; 2p: REUNY Conference Call; 7p: Church Council
 - 18 12p: Lunch Bunch; 6p: Praise Team Rehearsal; 7p: Choir Rehearsal
 - 20/21 Sabbath and Day Off
 - 21 11a: Graveside (Perkins, Bear Lake)
 - 22 8a-12p: Sunday School/Worship (Graduation Sunday); 7p: Baccalaureate
 - 23 11a: Staff Meeting; 3:30p: Appointments; 7p: Prayer and Praise Team
 - 24 1p: Visitations; 6p: Pre-marital Session
 - 25 6p: Praise Team Rehearsal
 - 27/28 Sabbath and Day Off; PCS Graduation
 - 28 Sard/Johnson Wedding
 - 29 8a-12p: Sunday School/Worship
- 6/29-7/4: Tent Camp at Camp Findley



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|| ...FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM... ||

|| **Summer Worship Schedule** ||

	For the summer,	
	beginning July 6th and	
	going through August 31st,	
	WORSHIP TIME WILL BE 9:15am.	

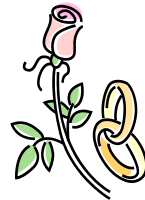
|| Also remember, there will be no Sunday School ||
|| classes until September. ||

June Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

- 2 **Ted/Sharon Passarelli, Eric/Jennifer Scolton**
 3 **Chuck/Judy Parkman**
 4 Nancy Dallas
 5 Ryan Peck
 7 Cindy Crouch, **Dick/Lorena Crosby**
 8 Amanda Kolstee
 9 Christopher Enlow, Sharon Rea
 10 Elizabeth Comstock, Jordan Range,
 11 **Mike/Erica Butler, Phillip/Lindsay Lombardo**
 12 **Lee/Betty Crosby**
 13 Dakota Catanese
 14 Alyson Edwards, Lillian Odell
 15 Ed Fredd, **Kim/Aaron Barton, Scott/Wendy Trisket**
 16 Jarrett Wiggers
 17 Carol Hay, Thea Kester
 18 Don Butler, Kelly Range
 19 Matthew King, Mason Komarek, Larry Ostrander,
 David Woods
 21 Jennifer Anderson, Melissa Topolski
 22 Ruth Ostrander, **Gail/Nancy Dallas**
 23 Maddox Lombardo, Adriana Lombardo,
Bryce/Katie Ireland
 24 Lauren Tordella, Emily Trisket,
Kyle/Brynne Hinsdale, Steve/Melissa Wiggers
 25 Pat Catanese, Matt Sturges
 26 Hugh Wood
 27 Ed Trisket, **Jarrett/Elizabeth Wiggers**
 28 **Dave/Yvonne Calcaterra, Chris/Dawn Comstock,**
Rob/Wendy Peck
 29 **John/Marlene Butchard**
 30 Terri Johnson, MacKenzie Miles, **Charlie/Debbie Loveless**



Happy Anniversary!!



Please let Pam Ireland or the office know if we need to update/add birthday and/or anniversary information for your family. This is only as up to date and correct as the information we are given.

Sunday Morning Team

June Ushers

Don and Tabby Butler
 Jon and Becky Cable

Nursery Helpers

June 1

Birth-2: Jolene/Jason Ayres
 3-4: Barb Tordella/Natalie Odell

June 8

Birth-2: Katie/Tina Swineford
 3-4: Carrie Munsee/Thea Kester

June 15

Birth-2: Tena Dills/Kylie Schnars
 3-4: Tina Shaver/Logan Hickman

June 22

Birth-2: Adam/Tory Irgang
 3-4: Sherry Joslyn/_____

June 29

Birth-2: Carm Catanese/Natalie Odell
 3-4: Stephanie Landin/Diane Johnson

We are compiling a rotating list for the ministry of Nursery Helpers. With many volunteers, we will only need you to serve in the nursery once every other month, or less (unless you specifically ask for more often). Of course, we realize flexibility is essential for us all. If you find yourself unavailable for your scheduled time, please either switch with someone or find your own replacement, if you are able. If that is not feasible, call Debbie in the office.

We invite any who are able and willing to let the office know if we can add your name to this rotation list. Please call 782-4031 or email debbie.johnson@panamaum.org.

Visitation Ministry

June 1

David Sturges Hultquist 2242
Kathy Smith TW 218

Bill Peck
Everett King

June 8

David Sturges Hultquist 2242
Kathy Smith TW 218

Art/Jeanette Osborne
Diane Johnson

June 15

David Sturges Hultquist 2242
Kathy Smith TW 218

Sharon Passarelli
Thea Kester

June 22

David Sturges Hultquist 2242
Kathy Smith TW 218

Lester/Wyona Wevers
Eloise Smith

June 29

David Sturges Hultquist 2242
Kathy Smith TW 218

Julia Nelson
Trudy Anderson

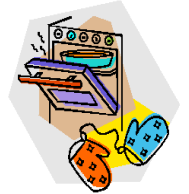
No tapes - just a visit and a bulletin

Congratulations to those who have completed their requirements and will be graduating this May or June. A complete list of graduates will be published in the July edition of Grace Notes.



PCS Baccalaureate will be held at PUMC on Sunday, June 22 at 7pm with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Surprise Turkey Joes Jody Marsh, Parish Nurse



1 lb. lean ground turkey (or 1/2 turkey and 1/2 beef)
1/2 c. diced onion
1/2 c. diced bell pepper
3 stalks diced celery
2 tsp. all purpose flour
3/4 c. Diet Dr. Pepper (or cola)
1/2 c. low sugar ketchup
1 Tbs. Worcestershire sauce
Pinch of salt
6 whole wheat hamburger buns

1. In a medium skillet over medium heat, brown the meat with the onion, bell pepper and celery.
2. When the meat is cooked through, drain excess liquid and add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly.
3. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 - 20 minutes, or until Thick.
4. Serve a scant 1/4 c. on each bun.

Per serving: 270 calories; 22 g. carb; 9 total fat

Don't FORGET!

...Change of Worship Times...

July 6th through August 31st
9:15am

No Sunday School for July and August

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

JUNE 6,7 - Cornerstone Men's Retreat

JUNE 8 - Pentecost and PUMC Staff
Appreciation Day

JUNE 9 - Women And Missions

JUNE 15 - Father's Day

JUNE 22 - Graduation Sunday during
Worship; Baccalaureate Worship
and Celebration Service at
PUMC - 7pm

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*Do you have any boxes packed yet?
It's never too early to get started!
November will be here before you know it!*



Food Pantry

Remember...there is a sign up sheet
on the Missions Table if you are interested
in helping with this ministry of the church.
If you have questions, please see
Peter Komarek or Tabby Butler.

With Sympathy to the Families of...

Dale Range

May 1, 2014

*Father of Michael (Kelly Beckerink) Range
Extended family includes
Ricky Eggleston and Julie Nagel*

And

Dorothy Akam

May 3, 2014

Grandmother of Mark Akam

The love and prayers of the
PUMC family are with you and
your loved ones as you continue
through this time of grief
and adjustment.



SAVE THE DATE, MEN!

The 2014 Cornerstone Men's Retreat will be
Friday-Saturday, June 6-7, 2014
at Camp Mission Meadows.

Registration materials can be found online at
http://www.cornerstonedistrict.com/page/mens_retreat
or pick up a form in the narthex.

May Tithes and Offerings

Envelope Checks/Cash - \$17,886.00
Plate Cash - \$177.35
Trustees - \$960.00
Sunday School - \$267.12
Missions - \$309.38
Flowers - \$95.50
Connections Tuition - \$587.00
Connections Donation - \$300.00
Food Pantry - \$415.00
Chris Enlow's Mission Trip - \$195.00
White Gift - \$431.00
Memorials - \$1,000.00
Camp - \$260.00
Taco in a bag lunch (camp) - \$661.00

Thank you for your continued support of the
budget and ministries of Panama UMC.

W.A.M. (Women and Missions)

The June meeting of W.A.M. will be at the Rowdy
Rooster on Monday, June 9th at 11:45am. Susie Davis will
share about Prison Ministry... "Lord, You want me to go
WHERE?"

We hope you will be able to join us for this time of
fellowship.



YIPPEE!!!!

It's almost time for camp!!

Long hikes in the woods, toasty campfires, swim-
ming in the lake, games in the meadow.

Ahh...Camping time will be here soon!!

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to send
kids to camp. Camp is an amazing way for kids and adults to
meet God in a beautiful setting. We are so blessed, with your
help, to be able to offer this opportunity to all!

Footsteps of Chautauqua County
is in need of yarn - in any and all colors.
If you have some to spare, or if you are will-
ing to donate,
please see Karen Morton.
Thank you!



DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

PUMC Discipleship Groups are in full swing, but it's never too late to join in.

The ladies group, LoL (Ladies of Light), is led by Cindy Furlow. The last scheduled gathering for this group is Monday, June 9th. The current study is entitled "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God" and explores how to recognize God's leading and live in His will and how to receive His blessings and have transforming faith. We will take a break for the summer during July and August and start again in the fall with a new study.

Thea Kester's discipleship group meets at noon every other Thursday. They have a fellowship lunch at the Rowdy Rooster, then adjourn to the church for their study and prayer time.

The R.A.D.I.C.A.L. (Rejoicing As Disciples In Christ's Awesome Love) TLC group will be meeting the first and third Saturdays of each month at 7pm. The location might be different each week so please check with Carl and Susie Davis to confirm where it will be that week. Davis' home phone number is 782-4611 or Susie's cell is 640-7043. We are looking at Christian accountability.

The CHAT group will meet at George and Trudy Anderson's home. You can give them a call for further details.

The Preparing For Rain Small Group will take a break over the summer. We will resume our time together in mid September.

Please be in prayer regarding your involvement in a small group. If you are currently a part of a group, we pray it has been a blessing to you, your life, and the lives of those in your group. If you have not been able to be a part of a small group, we pray that you really think about joining one come this fall. If you are looking for more than a Sunday morning experience, one of our small groups may be the thing you are missing in your life. During the month of August, we will be talking about small groups and hearing testimonies from others who have participated in them.

For more information, please talk to Jon or Becky Cable. They can be reached at 543-5050 or at jonbec95@gmail.com.

We hope you will check out one of these discipleship groups.

