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From Pastor Steve's Desk...

Welcome to this edition of 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!

The Rest of The Story...

The Rest of the Story was a weekday radio broadcast hosted by Paul Harvey starting in May 1976. I remember growing up listening to *The Rest of the Story* in the back seat of our blue and white 1980 Chevy van. We never wore seat belts, used the hole in the inside of the back double-doors as a place to throw garbage, and could stare at the cars behind us as the sound coming from the speakers took us to places we'd never seen, but thought we had because of Paul Harvey's trance-inducing tone and words. We were always surprised by the ending to each episode, showing us that we didn't know much more than our 10 years on earth would support.

Each one of Paul Harvey's stories was filled with facts and wonder that took us on a journey. It was great, but as people of faith, our story began long before 1976, and will continue far beyond even our lives. It's a story of relationship, faith, failure, redemption, and eternity. The Israelite people chosen by God thousands of years ago knew God as Creator and Protector, the One who would rescue, redeem, and forgive. They did not, however, know the *rest of the story*. The rest of the story begins, revolves around, and ends with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and Incarnate Savior. Jesus IS the rest of the story for those who dare to believe. It doesn't mean we have it all figured out, are perfect, or don't sin and feel the sting of consequences. It DOES mean, however, that those who believe in a risen Savior and His power to resurrect the dead, are hopeful for the day when we will meet God face-to-face.

This May 1st and 2nd, the Panama UMC and the Panama Baptist Church choirs will be joining together to tell the world the rest of the story. In fact, we'll tell the WHOLE story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, in 60 minutes, in dramatic and musical form. These events will take place at the Panama Central School Auditorium and will be your opportunity to invite family and friends, co-workers and strangers, to hear *The Story*. It will entertain you, move you, and cause you to think. It will be a chance to praise God and be inspired

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by *The Story* - God's story...YOUR story. This journey will be for the world! We hope and pray that you will join us in inviting the world to come! Paul Harvey was great, but the rest of *The Story* is way better!

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



Holy Week 2015!

- 3.29.15 **Palm Sunday** 10:15 a.m. with Confirmation and Baptism
- 4.2.15 **One in Christ Worship** (Holy Thursday) 6:30 p.m.
REG LENNA CIVIC CENTER in Jamestown .
We will join our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the region for this time of worship.
- 4.3.15 **Good Friday Worship** 7 p.m. - Panama UMC
- 4.4.15 **Walk to the Crosses Worship** 6:30 p.m. - Corner of Randolph Rd. and North St., Panama (uneven terrain)
- 4.5.15 **Resurrection Sunday!** Breakfast (8:30 a.m.) and Celebration Worship (10:15 a.m.)

Pastor Steve's April Schedule



- 1 5:45pm: Praise Team Rehearsal
- 2 6:30pm: One in Christ Worship Event (Reg Lenna, Jamestown)
- 3 7pm: Good Friday Worship
- 4 6:30pm: Walk to the Crosses
- 5 8:30am-12pm: Easter Breakfast/Worship
- 6 11am: Staff Meeting; 7pm: Prayer and Praise
- 7 1pm: Visitations; 7pm: Stepping UP Men's Bible Study
- 8-14 Vacation
- 9,10,11 PCS Musical
- 14 6:30pm: Church Council
- 15 12pm: Lunch Bunch; 5:45pm: Praise Team Rehearsal;
6:30pm: Celebration Choir
- 16 NHS Induction Ceremony (PCS)
- 17/18 Sabbath and Day Off
- 19 8:15am-12pm: Prayer/Sunday School/Worship
- 20 11am: Staff Meeting; 6pm: Growth and Vision Team Meeting;
7pm: Prayer and Praise
- 21 12pm: Pastors' Gathering; 1pm: Visitations; 7pm: Stepping UP
Men's Bible Study
- 22 5:45pm: Praise Team Rehearsal; 6:30pm: Celebration Choir
- 23 6pm: VBS and Sunday School Team Meeting
- 24/25 Sabbath and Day Off
- 26 8:15am-12pm: Prayer/Sunday School/Worship
- 27 11am: Staff Meeting; 7pm: Prayer and Praise
- 28 1pm: Visitations; 7pm: "The Story" Rehearsal
- 29 7am: Catt Co. Envirothon; 5:45pm: Praise Team Rehearsal;
6:30pm: Celebration Choir
- 30 7pm: "The Story" Rehearsal

Red Bird Mission Trip (August 9-15)

If you are interested in going on the August mission trip to Kentucky, you might be in luck!
Contact Ted to see if there are still spots available!

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Caleb Caldwell, Adyn Hay, Rex Marsh, Megan Sixbey
- 2 Joshua Cable, **Joe/Joanna Miktuk**
- 3 Kylie Schnars, Jean Vanderkooi
- 4 Bill Caldwell, Sam Catanese, Tara Hosier, Ben Taylor
- 6 Janice Franklin
- 7 Derek Hosier, Kyle Hosier, Kollin Sturges
- 8 **Jon/Becky Cable**
- 10 Maddeline Wheeler
- 11 Shawn Chapman, Alexandria King
- 12 Emily Waller
- 13 Pastor Steve
- 14 Kennadee Woods
- 15 Paula Komarek
- 16 Tom Baer
- 17 Tina Swineford
- 18 Hanna Calcaterra, Megan Hinderer, Rebecca Jaeger, Hunter Kester, Donovan Schnars, Lester Wevers
- 19 Dave Sturges (younger), **Art/Jeanette Osborne**
- 20 Donna Peterson
- 21 Orlo Jackson, Tim Middleton
- 22 Cam James, Jeff Ostrander, Chuck Parkman, Jean Trisket
Bob/Diane Johnson
- 23 Larissa Enlow, Cherry Gleason, Tyler Marsh, Ted Rockey
- 24 Gracie Cable, Kate Kester, Elinor Sturges
- 25 Joanne Fisher, **Dave/Joan Hinderer**
- 26 Bob Collins, Paula McCordic
- 27 Dave Auge, Calvin Carr
- 28 Cindy Cartwright, **Warren/Cindy Crouch**
- 30 Jolene Ayres



Looking ahead to May...

- 4 Barbara Hart
- 5 Kathy Smith

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

Sunday Morning Team - April

Ushers

Pat and Kristy Catanese
Ted and Sharon Passarelli

Nursery Helpers

April 5 - Easter Sunday

Birth-2: Thea Kester and Natalie Odell
3-4: Tina and Katie Swineford

April 12

Birth-2: Jen Apthorpe and Riley Seekings
3-4: Kelly and Sarah Osborne

April 19

Birth-2: Buck and Kristine Seekings
3-4: Marge and Graham Vollmer

April 26

Birth-2: Jenn Johnson and Dawn Sard
3-4: Stephanie Landin and Kylie Schnars

Thank you for volunteering to take care of our little ones during the worship service. We appreciate you!



Prayer Chain

If you have a concern for which you would like others to pray, please call:

Susie Davis (782-4611) or Jean Edwards (782-2800).
This request will be passed down the chain to 20+ others who will pray for your concern.

Visitation Ministry

April 5

Kathy Smith Tanglewood 235	Trudy Anderson
Jean Trisket Corry Manor C44	Thea Kester
Jean Vanderkooi Heritage Green	Jack/Linda Sturges
Ruth Ostrander Heritage Green	Jack/Linda Sturges

April 12

Kathy Smith Tanglewood 235	Julia Nelson
Jean Trisket Corry Manor C44	Sharon Passarelli
Jean Vanderkooi Heritage Green	Bill Peck
Ruth Ostrander Heritage Green	Bill Peck

April 19

Kathy Smith Tanglewood 235	Lester/Wyona Wevers
Jean Trisket Corry Manor C44	Everett King
Jean Vanderkooi Heritage Green	Eloise Smith
Ruth Ostrander Heritage Green	Eloise Smith

April 26

Kathy Smith Tanglewood 235	Thea Kester
Jean Trisket Corry Manor C44	Jack/Linda Sturges
Jean Vanderkooi Heritage Green	Trudy Anderson
Ruth Ostrander Heritage Green	Trudy Anderson

W.A.M.

(Women and Missions)

After our "winter break", WAM will once again be meeting, starting with our first gathering on Monday, April 13th at 11:45am at the Rowdy Rooster.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

LOVE OFFERING

On Easter Sunday, we have the opportunity to participate in furthering the "Great Commission". We will be taking up a "30 pieces of silver" offering. This special offering does not need to be coins, but any amount that the Lord lays upon your heart.

This offering will be used to help defray the costs of the upcoming Redbird Mission trip.

MARCH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Envelopes - \$21,713.38
 Plate - \$604.18
 Sunday School - \$244.00
 Missions - \$1,034.28
 Flowers - \$12.00
 White Gift - \$424.00
 Camp - \$135.00
 Food Pantry - \$375.00
 Initial Offering - \$2.00
 Connections Tuition - \$765.00
 Connections Donations - \$200.00
 Music Ministry - \$20.00
 IMPACT - \$200.00
 Family Life Center - \$45.00
 Memorials - \$95.00
 Trustees - \$1680.00

Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries and programming of the PUMC.

SUNDAY MORNING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

CAMPBELL LABELS for the Red Bird Mission School in Kentucky (also look for labels on Swanson products, Pepperidge Farm, Prego and V8). To those of you who take the time to cut just the UPC code and logo from the product for us, we thank you.

PENNIES for the Domestic Abuse Program offered by the Salvation Army in Jamestown. As you read in the papers and media, you know that Domestic Abuse is on the increase and it is important to help when we can. Please drop your pennies and other small change in the container in the narthex.

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS for **God's Groceries** - things like toilet paper, soap (all kinds), toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, and anything else that you feel would help those that are having a difficult time making their money go further. The use of the Food Pantry is growing and we thank you for your support.



PUMC and PBC combined choirs will present
 "THE STORY"
 on Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2
 at the Panama Central School Auditorium.
 Watch for further details.

Safe Sanctuaries Committee

Carol Hay

Opportunities seem to be God's way of nudging us to help or be of service to others. As opportunity knocks, let's open that door!

We were recently made aware of another Safe Sanctuaries Training; this one is in Olean on April 25. The training is free and a valuable experience for anyone, but especially important for anyone who works with children and youth in the church. The training is only four hours and fulfills the training requirements for the church conference. More information on the training is available in the church office or from Pastor Dan.

Another opportunity related to Safe Sanctuaries is a sign up sheet on the "Welcome Table" for those adults who are willing to transport older adults or someone who may need temporary assistance due to illness, surgery or an accident. If you or someone you know in our church community needs a ride to an appointment, please check the available drivers and make the contact to get the help needed.

Opportunities to learn more about services for senior adults in our county were requested via the adult surveys. Arrangements have been made for a representative from the county to attend senior lunch groups to provide information and answer questions.

Everyone has skills and talents to use for God's glory. When He provides opportunities for us to enhance or utilize our skills and talents, I hope we're hearing and responding. "...whatever you did for one of our brothers and sisters, you did for me." Matthew 25:40



WELCOME BABY!!!

Rowan Lane Larson
 was born on
 February 17, 2015.

His proud parents are Phil and Marcey (Furlow) Larson
 of Albuquerque, NM.

His happy grandparents are
 Dennis and Cindy Furlow.
 Grandma says, "He's a keeper!"

We congratulate you on the birth of Rowan and we pray
 God's blessings on you all as he grows in
 the love of Christ.

With Sympathy to the Families of...

Bruce W. Crist
 1/15/38 - 3/3/15

Predeceased by his wife, Josie
 Survived by his children: Paul Crist,
 Pamela Cole, and Peter Crist



and

William J. "Bill" Dunnewold
 9/13/37 - 3/6/15

Survived by Phyllis "Mazie" Edmiston
 and his children: Vicki Coan, Lawrence Dunnewold,
 Craig Dunnewold and Eric Dunnewold

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.



Friends of Findley
Work Weekend at Camp Findley

This May, (May 15-17), there is an opportunity to serve God with your hands and feet outside the walls of the church. The Friends of Findley are having a work weekend to get the camp ready for the summer season.

The work weekend will be held from Friday through Sunday. Projects will include light construction, cleaning, trails maintenance, and gardening, along with food, fun, fellowship and getting away from home for a few days at Camp. Lodging and food are provided for anyone who comes to work.

See Pastor Steve for further details.

CAMPING NEWS

Our next camping fundraiser will be on **May 3** after worship - TACO IN A BAG! Please mark your calendars and join us to help support camping scholarships!



If you have any questions, or would like to support our campers, please contact Susie Davis or Stacy Taylor.

PCS Musical...MARY POPPINS

Thursday, April 9 - Sr. Citizen Dress Rehearsal; 6 p.m.
(Sr. Citizens are free. All others - \$7)
Friday, April 10 - 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 11 - 7 p.m.
All tickets - \$7; Children 5 and under - free

Many of our own from PUMC (students and adults) are involved in this production. Please give them your support!
We hope to see YOU there!

ALLEGANY REGION MISSIONS

.Invites you to the
Building the Galette School
“Kick-off” Dinner.

Sunday, May 3, 2015
5:00 p.m.

Bemus Point United Methodist Church
Dinner provided

RSVP by April 25th
(716) 358-3046 or MaryRappole@gmail.com

Further information is on the Welcome Table

5 MINUTE JELLO SALAD
Jody Marsh, Parish Nurse

- 8 oz. Lite Cool Whip
- 1 box sugar free jello
- 8 oz. fat free cottage cheese
- 8 oz. crushed pineapple

Mix Cool Whip and jello. Add cottage cheese and drained pineapple.

Chill or freeze.

Boy, it can't get much easier than that! Enjoy!!



Discipleship (Small Group) Note
Jon and Becky Cable

If you are looking to know Christ and to make Him known, if you are looking to be transformed to be more like Christ and less like the world, if you are looking for encouragement and support in your walk with Christ, then one of the discipleship groups is for you. Please call the church office if you would like further information.

Preparing for Rain (Jon and Becky Cable)
Every other Tuesday night from 6:30-8 p.m.
jonbec95@gmail.com; 716-543-5050

C.H.A.T (George and Trudy Anderson)
Call the Anderson's for meeting information
ganderson@windstream.net; 716-782-3252

We Care (Thea Kester)
Every other Thursday at 12 p.m. at Rowdy Rooster
rkester@windstream.net; 716-782-4620

R.A.D.I.C.A.L (Carl and Susie Davis)
This group normally meets the
1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.
appleoakstreefarm@yahoo.com or suesue5@windstream.net
716-782-4611 or 716-640-7043

Ladies of Light (Cindy Furlow)
2nd and 4th Monday of each month, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.
Child care is provided.
cfurlow@chautauquamachine.com; 716-782-2775

Band of Brothers (Howie Wheeler)
2nd Tuesday of the month
wheelerhoward55@gmail.com; 716-763-0879

Kyle and Brynne Hinsdale's group
One Saturday a month
kbhinsdale@windstream.net; 716-355-4382

Mark your calendars...

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
Thursday, May 7, 2015

SAVE THE DATE, MEN!

The 2015 Cornerstone Men's Retreat will be
Friday - Saturday, June 5-6, at
Camp Mission Meadows.

More information will be coming...
But, **SAVE THE DATE, MEN!**

Check us out on Facebook:
Cornerstone Men's Retreat

2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
(Stacy Taylor)

There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting combined with the Sunday School meeting on **April 23 at 6 p.m.** We will be talking about our exciting summer plans!

Please come if you are interested in helping. Vacation Bible School will be July 19-23!! God's Love in Action. Be a part of it! Don't miss it!

Questions? Get in touch with Stacy!