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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!

Now is the Time

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to Him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes." Luke 12:33-37

I've heard life described as the dash (-) between your birth and death. The moment of your birth is as significant as the moment of your death. As significant as those two events are, however, the time between those two moments is way more meaningful to the kingdom of God than either of them. Living life in the dash brings your salvation through Christ and your spiritual vocation empowered by the Holy Spirit together for the purpose of living for God every day...now is the time.

We don't often get the opportunity to come together as a church to serve our community as we will this summer. Our Propelling Panama to Action outreach will combine our passion for Jesus and our desire for others to know him and give us the opportunity to live for God...now is the time.

In the bible verses from Luke above, Jesus is pretty clear about what treasure has real value and what does not. Whatever we can physically hold onto has less spiritual value than what we can impart to others: love, grace, kindness, relationship, service, Help, etc. If our treasure is made up of the things that Jesus died to offer to us, then the desires of our hearts will be on those things and not on our own needs, desires, and wants. The effect

of all of that is that we will be actively engaged in kingdom work while we wait for Jesus to return. This summer, that looks like packing flood buckets and emergency kits, serving breakfast to our volunteer fire company and community, making kits for babies and children, and so much more. Now is the time! Make your dash count for Christ! Let's come together and joyfully serve with our hands and feet for the glory of God!

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Pastor Steve's July Schedule



- 1-3 Tent Camp
- 4 Independence Day!
- 5 8:15am-12pm: Prayer/Propelling Panama 2 Action/Worship!
- 6 6:45am: Breakfast Mtg; 11am: Staff Meeting; 7pm: Prayer and Praise
- 7 1pm: Visitations; 6pm: Vision 20/20 Mtg
- 8 2pm: Dentist; 6pm: Praise Team Rehearsal
- 9 Missions Team Dinner (Steve Cable)
- 10/11 Sabbath and Day Off
- 12 8:15am-12pm: Prayer/Propelling Panama 2 Action/Worship!
- 13 11am: Staff Mtg; 7pm: Prayer and Praise
- 14 1pm: Visitations; 6:30pm: Church Council
- 17/18 Sabbath and Day Off; (7/18 - Abby's Grad Party; 12-6pm)
- 19 8:15am-12pm: Prayer/Propelling Panama 2 Action/Worship!;
6pm: VBS
- 20 11am: Staff Meeting; 6pm: VBS
- 21 1pm: Visitations; 6pm: VBS
- 22 6pm: VBS
- 23 6pm: VBS
- 24/25 Sabbath and Day Off; (7/25 - Blessing of the Bikes; 9am)
- 26 8:15am-12pm: Prayer/Propelling Panama 2 Action/Worship!
- 26-8/1 Family Bible Camp (Camp Findley)

VBS 2015 Information

Vacation Bible School is July 19 - 23 from 6 - 8pm each evening. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. We are so excited to have a team of people who are willing to provide meals again this year - to feed our participants, their families and all our helpers. (If you are interested in helping - please contact Dave Diffenderfer!)

This year's theme is G-Force, God's Love in Action. The children will be in action every night!! All week they will hear Biblical stories of how God called people into service. We will have a craft/mission time, games, snacks, music and new this year - Science! There will be classes for all ages pre-K through just completed 6th grade. We will collect change all week which will help support our Propelling Panama 2 Action activities. Parents: Sunday's color is RED - so please have your children wear RED to VBS on Sunday night!

If you would like to have the opportunity to help during the week, please let Stacy Taylor know. There are lots of things to do, and lots of ways to help! It's going to be a great week!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:.... **Family Fun Night - September 19th**

We will be having a road rally on Saturday, September 19th. We will start at the church at 4pm and travel to an unknown destination for dinner. To get there, you must answer Bible questions to determine which way to turn at each intersection. There will be bonus points along the way, such as counting fence posts or recording the color of something you will pass. It will be a great time because getting there will be half the fun. Be listening for more information during the worship service as we get closer to that day!

July Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

- 1 John Hart
 2 Dick Edwards, Marilyn Storms
 4 Jamie Ireland
 6 ***Roger/Thea Kester***
 7 Wyatt Braun, Jody Marsh, Richard Nagel,
Jamie/Katie Ireland
 9 Linda Sturges
 10 Zadok Hughesman
 11 ***Steve/Jamie Halpainy***
 12 Josiah Sprague
 13 Jackson Scolton
 14 ***Ed/Barb Trisket, Ray/Cindy Cartwright, Joe/Kelly Osborne***
 15 Rachel Anderson, Kayo Auge, Carrie Edwards
 16 Cameryn Eggleston, Bob Johnson
 17 Tory Irgang, ***Daniel/Anna Cartwright***
 18 Sarah Collins, Dan McGaffick, Connie Middleton, Dan Landin
 19 Shawn Schnars
 20 McKenna Kolstee
 22 Doug Hay
 23 Jennie Feliciano
 24 Graham Miller
 26 Scott Trisket
 28 ***Dick/Joyce Edwards***
 30 Lisa Miles, Ashley Dempsey, ***Andrew/Wende Lescynski***
 31 Julie Nagel, ***Jonathan/Jennifer Anderson***



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 - July

Ushers

Joel and Jessica Keefer
 Mark and Karen Morton

Nursery Helpers

July 5

Birth-2: Dawn Sard and Katie Braun
 3-4: Adam and Tory Irgang

July 12

Birth-2: Buck and Kristine Seekings
 3-4: Tina and Katie Swineford

July 19

Birth-2: Becky and Gracie Cable
 3-4: Jessica Keefer and Cameryn Eggleston

July 26

Birth-2: Barb Tordella and Riley Seekings
 3-4: Kathy Erhard and Stephanie Landin

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

If something comes up and you cannot serve, please trade with someone or find a replacement. If those options are not feasible, please call Tina Akam (450-4572) or Debbie in the office (782-4031; during the week). THANK 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.

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 6:30-8pm.

jonbec95@gmail.com; 716-543-5050

We look forward to what the summer will hold for all of us and look forward to getting together again for Bible Study in the fall. If you are interested in being part of our small group, please contact Jon or Becky and maybe even come to our picnic to meet the other members.

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 12pm at Rowdy Rooster
rtkester@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 8:30pm.
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



With Sympathy to the Families of...

Beverly Wilder

June 18, 2015

Sister of Joyce Gobles

Judy Mowrey

June 22, 2015

Sister of Tina (Craig) Swineford

Lois Hinsdale

June 23, 2015

Grandmother of Kyle (Brynne) Hinsdale
Great Grandmother of Gerrit and Bryce

Phillip Gibbs

June 24, 2015

Nephew of Lee and Betty Crosby

David Nagel

June 24, 2015

Son of Jane Nagel and the late Bryan Nagel
Brother of Paula, Patty and Richard
Father of Andrea, Julie and Jake

Evelyn Peck

June 26, 2015

Mother of Bill (Kathy) Peck
Grandmother of Rob, Melissa and Ryan
Great Grandmother of Ian, Dylan, Marissa, Braden and Colin

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

PROPELLING PANAMA to ACTION

Propelling Panama to Action is a mission minded summer ministry. Kids and adults will put God's love in action by helping others through service projects each Sunday morning. **Acts 17:28 says, "In God we live, move, and exist."** Starting on July 5 at 9:00am, PUMC will be in action with interactive service projects. Items will be collected throughout the summer.

Lists for needed supplies can be found on the Sanctuary windows in the Narthex and also in MISSION CENTRAL (aka Fellowship Hall). A complete schedule for these weekly activities is can be found on the next page. We hope you will join us. You will be blessed!

We are the body of Jesus Christ - and we want to be in action to show God's love to our community and to our world.

Donated items can be taken to MISSION CENTRAL and placed in the containers under the respective list.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Claire Evelyn Osborne

was born on June 12, 2015 to
Bradley and Shirley Osborne.
Proud big brother is Harrison.

Grandparents are Joe and Kelly Osborne.
Great Grandparents are Art and Jeanette Osborne

We welcome Claire to the Panama United Methodist Church family and we pray God's richest blessings on this very special family.

June 2015 Tithes and Offerings -

Envelopes - \$21,292.00
Plate - \$327.00
Sunday School - \$68
Missions - \$962.53
Flowers - \$70.62
Camp - \$1,020
Connections Tuition - \$805
Connections Donation - \$100
Family Life Center - \$1120
White Gift - \$437
Trustees' Fund - \$675
WAM-\$25
Hospitality - \$50
PP2A - \$179
Building Rent - \$50
VBS - \$145
Nelson donation - \$100
Cogun Settlement - \$8,700.48

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

Roasted Cauliflower

Jody Marsh, Parish Nurse



1 head cauliflower, cut into florets
2 Tbsp. olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/8 tsp. garlic powder

Preheat oven to 400.

Toss cauliflower in olive oil, salt, pepper, and garlic powder.

Place the coated cauliflower on a sheet pan in a single layer, and bake 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown.

Note: You should pat the cauliflower dry with paper towels after washing...if the cauliflower is too wet, it will take longer to caramelize, and most likely, overcook!



Celebrating Our 2015 Graduates

Molly Butler, Alfred University

Patrick Caldwell, Alfred State College

Chris Enlow, Houghton College

Logan Hickman, Panama Central School

Corinne Edwards, Jamestown High School

Mel Eggleston, Southwestern High School

Kyle Hosier, Graduated/Beginning Masters, Ohio University

Brittany Lenart, Panama Central School

Andrew Lescynski, Masters, Utica College

Jenna Nagel, Gannon University

Jennie (Wheeler) Norton, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Sarah Osborne, Panama Central School

Tony Sali, PHD, John Hopkins University

Abby Taylor, Panama Central School

Lauren Tordella, Panama Central School

TRUST IN GOD...
HE HAS GREAT PLANS FOR YOU!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

PROPELLING PANAMA to ACTION SCHEDULE

July 5 - Hitting the Streets - Becky Cable

Participants will be walking the streets of Panama, praying and leaving special messages in chalk on sidewalks.

July 12 - Community Breakfast - Jan and Howie Wheeler

Breakfast will be served to the community - with a special invitation to the fire department.

July 19 - God's Groceries - Marge Vollmer

Participants will check out the ins and outs of the food pantry, stock shelves and create special gifts for the clients.

July 25 - Teacher Bags - Stacy Taylor

Participants will fill gift bags for the school teachers of our community.

August 2 - Loving & Preparing Seniors - Pastor Steve and Abby

Participants will create emergency kits and bake cookies for the senior members of our community.

August 9 - Gardening for God - Stacy Taylor

Participants will tend to the church flower beds.

August 16 - Busy Bottles/Layettes for Babies - Katie Braun

Participants will put together Busy Bottles Bags (activities for hospitalized kids) and fill Layettes for Babies, an UMCOR* (United Methodist Committee on Relief) mission for babies in other countries.

August 23 - Flood Buckets - George Anderson

Participants will fill Flood Buckets (UMCOR*) with emergency supplies for flood victims.

August 30 - Kits for Kids - Stephanie Landin

Items will be collected and sent to shelters to help women and children.

Corner...

Happy Summer, Panama UMC!

I hope that all of you are enjoying this new season and that you have seen God at work in yours and your family's lives in the past weeks and months. Here is what is and has been going on in the Youth and Family Ministries here at PUMC.

YOUTH:

We had a fantastic year of Youth Ministry at PUMC! We enjoyed a large incoming group of 7th grade students and they made our Youth Group so much fun. We enjoyed our Bible studies, games and times of fellowship here and at DCYM events. We're off for the summer, but we are planning on having two summer events. The first one is our Summer Lock In, which will be on Friday, July 24, starting at 7pm and running through Saturday morning at 8am. Invite your friends, bring a sleeping bag and some snacks to share. I'm looking forward to having an awesome time together! Stay tuned for what we will be doing in August!

It was another great year of ministry at the PCS chapter for Impact Campus Fellowship. Between our Sr. and Jr. High groups, we averaged 53 students! The students had a great time worshiping, learning, and growing together as Christians in the public school. Please continue to pray for this wonderful ministry that is in 17 schools in Chautauqua and Warren (PA) counties.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

You are invited to join our new missions initiative, Propelling Panama To Action, during the Sunday School hour at 9am to serve others in our community in the name of Christ. Check the display in the lobby and pick up a list if you're interested in donating items that we are collecting. All ages are invited and encouraged to come and I hope and pray that you will join us Sunday mornings to serve Christ and the community in new and different ways each week this summer!

Please consider teaching a Sunday School class this coming school year, starting on Sunday, September 13. We will be in need of at least four or five new teachers, so please pray about this and be open to God's leading you into this vital ministry! If you are interested, please see Pastor Dan.

FAMILY:

Our next Family Fellowship activity will be our annual Tailgating Party at the Jamestown Jammers game on July 10. We will meet at 6pm and enjoy hot dogs, burgers, and fellowship. Please bring a side dish to share. General admission tickets are \$8 for the game.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Father and Daughter night on August 20 from 6-8:30pm. Please put these on your calendar so that you can join in the fun. More details will follow in our next Grace Notes.

We are continuing our new Families Loving Families ministry. Families Loving Families is an opportunity for the families of our church to love and support each other. We are asking you to sign up your family on the sign up sheet on the Welcome Table and when you do, you will be given a new family each month to pray for and to love on in a tangible way (send them a card, have them over for dinner, watch their kids for an evening, send them a small gift card, etc.). This way, each family of our church will be prayed for for an entire month and loved on by another family of the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Pastor Dan.

Please remember to pray for the youth of our church as they are representing Jesus Christ at school and during their extracurricular activities. Please pray for the Youth Ministry Support Team, Family Ministry Support Team, and the Christian Education Team as they continue to work to provide the best ministry opportunities for our church family.

Have a blessed July, PUMC!
Pastor Dan <><

W.A.M.
(Women and Missions)

WAM's next gathering is
Monday, July 13, at 11:45am
at the Rowdy Rooster.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

