

Panama United Methodist Church  
Rev. Steven Taylor - Lead Pastor  
GRACE NOTES - April 2019

### **From Pastor Steve's Desk...**

(This is the next installment of an ongoing series of articles regarding what we believe, why we believe it, and why it matters. **In the United Methodist Church, there is change coming.** Within our global denomination, we have some serious divergent views on the authority of scripture, human sexuality, and what that means in the world and in our church. We aren't sure what the changes will look like, but we know that in order to respond to God's call to be the church in the 21st century, the anchor of our doctrinal identity, we need to know what that is. So, I invite you to join me on this journey for God's glory and to build up the church.)

### **...on doctrine...**

## **Part 11 - Of Works of Supererogation**

You're probably asking, "What in the world is supererogation?" Don't feel bad - I had to ask the same question. In short, supererogation is the doctrine that the Christian believer can *do* more good stuff in order to earn salvation faster than if you didn't do those works. Our Wesleyan heritage rejects that doctrine, relying on humble faith alone for salvation and viewing good works as the fruit of that salvation.

Here's what Article of Religion 11 says about this: Voluntary works - besides, over and above God's commandments - which they call works of supererogation, cannot be taught without arrogance and impiety. For by them men do declare that they do not only render unto God as much as they are bound to do, but that they do more for his sake than of bounded duty is required; whereas Christ saith plainly: When you have done all that is commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants. *(From The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church - 2004. Copyright 2004 by The United Methodist Publishing House.)*

The 'they' that is referred to in the Articles is the Roman Catholic tradition, whose doctrines do include works of supererogation. The aim of this article is not to refute the doctrine in the Roman Catholic tradition, since I honestly don't know the finer points of it. The aim is to encourage us with the salvation that comes from Jesus. In fact, since we are in the season of Lent, we are fully beginning to once again relive the story of how and why God sent Jesus to die on the Cross for our salvation.

Doing good works, as we talked about in a previous article, is an outward sign of an inward assurance of salvation. Could we do more? Of course! Are we called to do more? Of course! Will anything we DO offer us a better chance of salvation? Nope! Because God sent Jesus into the world as fully human and fully divine, there is NOTHING that we can DO to earn faster, better, or more complete salvation. We only believe.

The celebration of Easter is coming, and we have been thankful for the ministries and mission of the church. We have been on a Road Trip with Jesus. Our job now is not to work really hard to make sure Jesus

### ***From Pastor Steve's Desk...(continued)***

comes back, either this Easter or for eternity. Our job is to be willing and open vessels to receive the salvation He offers and then respond in love.

There aren't too many days that get us as excited as Easter Sunday. As we worship this season, and grow in our discipleship, may our responses give glory to the God who shines a light in the world in Jesus.

Happy Lent! Happy Easter! Wherever you are when you read this, stop and give God glory for Jesus! That's what we CAN do that God receives with great joy!

Shalom,  
Pastor Steve

### **Next: Part 12 - Of Sin After Justification**

#### **Season of Easter 2019 - (March 6 - April 21)**

3.31.19	<b>Celebration of the Triumphal Entry</b> (Palms)
4.7.19	<b>Celebration of the Last Supper</b> (Passover)
4.14.19	<b>Celebration of Crucifixion of Jesus</b> (Passion)
4.18.19	<b>One in Christ Worship</b> (Holy Thursday); 6:30pm REG LENNA CIVIC CENTER, Jamestown
4.19.19	<b>Good Friday Worship</b> ; 7pm; Panama UMC
4.20.19	<b>Community Easter Egg Hunt</b> ; 10am; PUMC
	<b>Walk to the Crosses Worship</b> ; 6pm; Corner of Randolph Rd and North St., Panama (uneven terrain)
4.21.19	<b>Resurrection Sunday!</b> Worship at 8am and 10:15am <b>Easter Breakfast</b> ; 9-10am

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This year, again, we will join our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the region for worship on Holy Thursday (4.18.19) at 6:30pm at the Reg Lenna Civic Center in Jamestown.

***On Easter morning (4.21.19), we will offer two identical worship services (at 8am and 10:15am).***

***There will be a wonderful breakfast from 9-10am for everyone in the Community Room!***

***It'll be a great morning of celebration and fellowship!***

***Come worship the risen Christ!***

For all the love, cards and concern shown to me after  
the death of my sister, Barbara Hart. ***Thank you all!***

Also to Pam and Roberta for providing refreshments before and  
after Barbara's funeral, ***thank you. It was very much appreciated.***

Wyona

**SUNDAY Morning Team - APRIL**  
**USHERS**

Kathy Foulk, Darlene Fulton,  
Roxie Jurkowski, Marge Vollmer

**NURSERY HELPERS**

**April 7**

**Birth-2:** Dawn Sard and Jenn Johnson

**April 14**

**Birth-2:** Kim Davis and Natalie Odell

**April 21; EASTER**

**Birth-2:** Marge Vollmer and Graham Vollmer

**April 28**

**Birth-2:** Tina Akam and Debbie Donelson

Thank you for volunteering to take care of our little ones during the worship service. We appreciate you! Currently, we are scheduling people to serve in one nursery only. During this time, if and when it becomes apparent that we need an older nursery, too, we will be asking for additional help on that Sunday morning.

If something comes up and you cannot serve, please trade with someone or find a replacement.

**THANK YOU!!!**

**VBS**  
**(Vacation Bible School)**

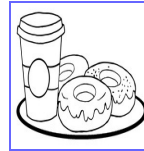
Our first VBS planning meeting will be on April 4 at 6pm in the conference room.

We welcome new ideas  
and  
new faces!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**FREE Blood Pressures**  
**and Fasting Blood Sugars**

are offered in  
Jody's office which is located just  
past the elevator on the right.  
( fast 4 hours prior)



**Sunday Morning Coffee Hour**

Coffee, tea, and light snacks, are available on Sunday mornings, from 8:30 until 10:15am. Please join us!

The café continues to be a very busy place on Sunday mornings, before and after Sunday School. We go through a lot of coffee and lots of goodies each week. We would welcome your donations of baked goods or healthy snacks which can be brought in and placed in the refrigerator or freezer in the kitchen at any time. Please label them for the Café. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

It has been suggested that we make an attempt to be environmentally and financially responsible by bringing our own travel mugs each week. We go through a LOT of disposable cups and tops weekly and therefore, the PUMC Hospitality team is encouraging you to "LUG A MUG" on Sunday mornings. If you forget your travel mug, there will be other options available. Comments? Questions? We welcome your input!

We have some gatherings coming up where we may be needing some extra hands...spaghetti dinner (4/6); the breakfast on Easter Morning; a couple of weddings in June; and other upcoming events. You don't have to be a "member" of the hospitality team to offer your services occasionally. If you are interested in helping, check on the welcome table for a listing or see Pam in the café on Sunday mornings.

We are not sure of additional Hospitality needs at this point but we DO know that we will be looking for more Sunday morning café helpers. We would love to show you how to use the new coffee pot! It is awesome...and it makes great coffee!

## CAMPAIGN CORNER

In February, we received \$23,406.43. That makes of total of \$598,680.16 which is 65 percent of our new goal of \$917,083.82.

Your faithful giving to the CenterPoint project is appreciated and if you have any questions about the campaign or your commitment, please feel free to contact me.

Cindy Cartwright

The pictures below show a couple adorable additions to our new Children's area.  
What a nice bright spot in those new awesome rooms.  
Thanks to those whose contributions made these additions for our little ones possible.



### Looking ahead...Mark your calendars!

**April 6** - Bible Quiz Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser  
**April 11** - Easter Egg Hunt Meeting, 6pm  
**April 12/13** - Youth Retreat! "Prove It!"  
**April 14** - Abby's Bridal Shower! (1-3pm)  
**April 19** - Good Friday Worship, 7pm  
**April 20** - Easter Egg Hunt, 10am; Walk to the Crosses, 6pm  
**April 21** - Easter Worship, 8 and 10:15am; Breakfast @ 9am  
**April 28** - Bake Sale (Red Bird Fundraiser), 8:30 & 11:30am  
**May 3** - Johnstown Christian School Choir Concert, 7pm  
**May 26** - Chicken BBQ (Red Bird Fundraiser), 11:30 am  
**June 30** - Bake Sale (Red Bird Fundraiser), 8:30 & 11:30am  
**August 18 - 24, 2019** - Mission Trip to Red Bird Mission

### **W.A.M.**

#### **Women And Missions**

WAM is starting back up on April 8, We meet at the church at noon with your lunch, we fellowship over lunch and then we find ways we can be a blessing to our community. We don't have very many members, so please join us if you can. This doesn't mean you are committed to coming every month - just when you can!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## CAMPING

**TACO IN A BAG** lunch is back by popular demand!! This fundraiser will be for camping scholarships and will be held on May 5, **right after worship**. If you wish to donate items for the lunch, please see the sign up sheets which will be on the table outside the sanctuary. Please plan to attend and enjoy a delicious taco in a bag!



## **APRIL Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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

If the names of your immediate family are not included on our monthly birthday/anniversary list, please drop a note into the Newsletter mailbox in the office workroom or let Debbie in the office know. (First and last names as well as birthday and or anniversary dates). We would like to include you and yours!

### **Looking For Something To DO?**

**Please check the PUMC April calendar for meetings and events which you might like to attend. The calendar can be found on the last page of this edition of the newsletter.**

**Looks like it is a busy month.  
We hope you can find something  
of interest to you.**



### **God's Groceries Food Pantry**

The Pantry has moved back to PUMC!!  
If you have any questions, please call the church office for more information, or see Tina Swineford.

Monday Morning: 9-10am

Monday Evening: 6-7pm

Thursday Evening: 5-7pm

**...Missions and Outreach...**



### **Bible Quizzing** **Green Lake, Wisconsin, Here We Come!!**

**Living Water** finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 10 teams for the 2018-2019 season!! Super proud of these quizzers and their diligence in studying the gospel of John. We continue to meet weekly to practice and every Saturday in either Hornell or Olean to practice with our national teams. Jubal, Juliana and Josh are together on **His Own Sheep** and Josiah, Jalyynn and Gracie are on **What Is Truth?** of which I am the coach. We will be leaving for Wisconsin on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, spend the night in Gary, Indiana and arriving in Green Lake, Wisconsin on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> (Gracie's birthday:). Quizzing begins Thursday and continues through Saturday. We will return on Sunday. The days are filled with quizzing, laughter, worship and a bunch of fun! Please keep us in your prayers!

Our spaghetti dinner and silent auction on April 6 from 4:30 - 7pm is very important to help these kids compete at the national level. Please plan to enjoy Julia's spaghetti and meatballs and let Living Water serve you!

**Santisuk English School Mission Trip:  
January 9-March 9, 2019**



We want to thank everyone who prayed for us and followed us on our facebook page as we ministered in Bangkok, Thailand. We were there from January 9<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup> teaching conversational English, playing games and going on outings in and around Bangkok with many students. Their speaking and listening skills improved along with them being introduced to who God is, possibly for the first time, all within the classes we taught or helped in. We made many friends and had many wonderful experiences that we would love to share with all of you. If you haven't checked out our facebook page, it's Cable Family Santisuk English School 2019. You will find daily writings with pictures to show what we did on a given day. Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. You helped make a difference in Thailand.

The Cables

**...A Concert Opportunity...**

The Johnstown Christian School Tour Choir and Handbell Choir, under the direction of Ms. Kristen Lloyd, will be in concert at Panama United Methodist Church at 7pm on Friday, May 3rd. The evening's concert is entitled **"Outshout the Lies with God's Truth"** which features hymn arrangements, new choral pieces, accompanied and acappella selections. All songs are a testimony of our faith in Jesus Christ. The choirs are comprised of 40 high school students from JCS who will be sharing choral and handbell music such as Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power, Be Thou My Vision and The Perfect Wisdom of Our God!

if you are interested in hosting 2 or more Christian students from the choir for the night or assisting in the meal before the Friday evening service, please contact the church office.

**Come for an inspiring time of worship and praise!**

**Panama United Methodist Church**  
**Mission Statement**

We seek to love the Lord God by introducing people to His Son, Jesus Christ, and helping these relationships to grow.

Chautauqua Adult Day Services, "Where Every Day is a Good Day!", is a not for profit United Way Community Partner, which offers senior day programs for adults sixty years of age and older who live in the community. The day programs provide socialization, daily activities, breakfast and a hot noon time meal for participants. There is also a Community Recreation Program that helps persons participate in outings in the community and the sites offer ceramics, music programs, arts and crafts and much more on an ongoing basis. In addition to the fun activities, the programs are there to help caregivers get a break from taking care of a loved one.

Chautauqua Adult Day Services has four day programs in Chautauqua County located in Westfield, Jamestown, and Dunkirk. One of its sites in Jamestown, the Present Center, is a program specifically for older adults with Alzheimer's Disease. Funding is available.

For more information, please visit [www.seniordayprograms.com](http://www.seniordayprograms.com) or call Jamestown (716) 665-4899, Dunkirk (716) 366-8786 or Westfield (716) 326-6842.

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

We can't thank you enough for your support of our recent Bowl-a-thon and Baked Potato Bar. Students enjoyed the overnights and are getting excited for Kingdom Bound and Red Bird. Throughout the month of March, we have been studying "being Created in God's Image". In April, we will be studying "How Things are Changing" and "How Big Changes Are All Part of God's Plan".

**Lesson 1** - I'm Changing and That's A Good Thing—Luke 2:41-52

**Lesson 2** - I'm Changing Physically and Emotionally - 1Timothy 4:6-16 - Sword Drill Night

**Lesson 3** - I'm Changing Intellectually, Socially, and Spiritually - Hebrews 5:11-14

Candy Scarem - Director of Student Ministries

## IMPACT

Are you interested in encouraging students in grades 6-12 at PCS in their walk with Christ? IMPACT can use your help. The youth pastor from Panama Baptist has moved, leaving an opening. Gracefully, Kelsey has been able to step in and help. We are looking for someone who is interested in becoming an advisor. Meetings are on Wednesdays and Thursdays, when school is in session, from 11:55 - 1:15. If you are interested in advising, please contact Candy Scarem:

email at [walkofaith52@gmail.com](mailto:walkofaith52@gmail.com)

OR

cell/text at (814)-873-6742.

## KINGDOM BOUND

The Youth will be attending Kingdom Bound 2019 at Darien Lake, July 28 - August 1. This year students need to sign up and pay \$50 to reserve their ticket. Space is limited, We will depart from the Church on Sunday after worship. A bagged lunch will be provided. Students will return on Thursday. For non-active youth, the cost is \$150.

## PROVE IT HOW DOUBT CAN FUEL BELIEFS

April 12th, 7pm to April 13th, 4pm

Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for the Prove It Retreat.

This Retreat addresses the doubts many teenagers face when it comes to dependence on Jesus. By showing Jesus already knows and cares about their questions, students will walk away with a lifelong method for times they question God.

Four Square Tournament  
will take place during the retreat.

## YOUTH EVENTS

April 7	Easter Candy Sale
April 7	Youth Group 7-8:30
April 12/13	Prove It Retreat 4/12, starting at 7pm 4/13, ending at 4pm
April 14	Easter Candy Sale
April 14	Youth Group 7-8:30
April 20	Service Project 9:30-11:30
April 21	Easter - NO YOUTH
April 28	Youth Group 7-8:30
May 5	Youth Group 7-8:30

Mark your calendars...

June 22	End of School Year Fund-Raiser and Campout
July 14-19	Service Project - help with VBS
July 28-August 1	Kingdom Bound
August 18-24	Red Bird Mission Trip

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**Sarah Merritt**

Mark 10:16..."then he took the children in his arms and placed his hand on their heads and blessed them".

My 3rd - 5 grade Sunday School Class consists of two boys and one girl who can be challenging at times as well as a blessing.

We are learning the Bible! The kids learn about God's love as they hear the stories of the Bible. What is the most important thing children are learning in Sunday School? The answer is most often "the Bible". It is in Christian education settings that children learn the stories of the people of God and become familiar with God's teachings through their study of the Bible. It is in Sunday School that children develop a Christian understanding of the purposes of Scripture, and it is through their experiences in Sunday School that they learn to recognize God's call to them through the stories of the Bible as well as through the lives of the Christians who surround them.

Classes are in full swing and there is room for you! Classes are available for every age and our teachers are prepared and excited to share the enduring truths of God's Word.

Blessings,  
Sarah

<<<<< **Just One 4 Others** >>>>>

**The APRIL item of the month is**  
**Q-tips.**

Thank you all for supporting this mission! Donations of body soap and shampoo were made to our Food Pantry and to Jamestown Missons.

If you have any questions, please contact Jody, our Parish Nurse. Please place your donations in Jody's office in the hallway past the elevator.

Thank you to all who supported the  
March Red Cross Blood Drive.

**CHOCOLATE MUFFINS**  
**Parish Nurse Recipe of the Month**

1 box sugar free chocolate cake mix  
1 c. water  
1 c. yogurt

Mix all 3 ingredients together. Scoop into muffin tin (lightly sprayed with Pam cooking spray).

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.  
Makes approximately 26 muffins!

**St. Pauly Textile, Inc.**

Dear friends at Panama United Methodist Church,

We are focusing this year on diverting more clothing items and textiles away from landfills and sending them to people who can use them around the US and the World!

Thank you for continuing to collaborate with us on the St. Pauly Textile clothing drop off shed project! In 2018, roughly 10,946 garments of clothing were donated to your shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 1,327 people. This clothing is being used right now by people in one or more of 44 different countries (including the USU) to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this past year.

Your organization raised \$665.43 in 2018 through hosting this shed.

We ask that you continue to spread the word about the clothing shed to other community members. Thank you for all your support, and please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,  
The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

**If you have any questions regarding the PUMC clothing shed,**  
**please see Ted or Sharon Passarelli.**





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**Please check the calendar  
inside for weekly  
meetings and activities  
for the month of April.**

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