



GRACE NOTES - September 2020
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From Pastor Steve's Desk...

Extraordinary People...
Extraordinary Lives

Part 2: Extraordinary Lives

What makes someone extraordinary? For that matter what is extraordinary? The dictionary definitions go something like this:

- 1) Beyond what is ordinary or unusual;
- 2) Highly exceptional; remarkable;
- 3) Employed or used for a special service, function, or occasion

My favorite of those definitions is the third one (always seems to be the case with me). *Employed or used for a special service, function, or occasion!* And if we think about our definition of *holy* (set apart for God's purposes), then we quickly connect the dots in this case.

Extraordinary, from a Christian perspective, means *set apart to be employed or used for God's special service, function, or occasion*. Awesome!

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 says:

26 Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

God is making you extraordinary when you agree to do his will in this world, when you agree to be set apart to be employed for God's special service.

Esther was extraordinary because she risked her life to save God's people from total destruction - to set employed for his purposes. David was extraordinary because he aligned himself with God's desire to forgive and build on his legacy for us today - to serve a holy function.

People like Abraham, Sarah, Peter, and Mary the Mother of Jesus. Each of these people were ordinary by human standards, but were extraordinary because they allowed God to use them for his holy purposes. You are included in that call to be extraordinary...be set apart for God's purposes.

I pray that you are enjoying the summer as much as possible, amidst the concern over everything that is happening in the world. Take some extra time to relax and find peace in God's creations. My door is always open...

Join me in being transformed into extraordinary people who Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World! See you in worship!

Shalom,
Pastor Steve

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.

Worship Update:

Since July 19th, we've been worshipping in the sanctuary. To keep us safe, we've been using hand sanitizer, wearing masks, except when seated or singing, been keeping a safe 6' physical distance and refraining from touching each other. I'm very proud of the team, the congregation, and all who've come to worship in-house. I'm also thankful of all who have continued to worship online. Thanks, specifically, goes to our Audio/Video Ministry Team who has done such a great job with in-house and online worship presentation.

If you have any questions about returning to the building for worship, please let us know. We'd love to have you join us in-house if you haven't yet.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve and the Worship Team

COMING THIS FALL.....

The Next Course for New Members and Baptisms

In October/November, Pastor Steve will be leading a new members and baptism course for anyone interested.

The course will be three weeks and will discover the basics of the Christian faith, what it means to grow in Christ, and your place in the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ here at Panama UMC.

If you are new to Panama UMC, this course is for you. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, this is the course for you. If you are interested, or have questions, please let Pastor Steve or Debbie Johnson know.

The first class will be either before or after worship depending on the will of the participants.

Baptisms and new members will be welcomed in November during worship. A sign up sheet will be available on the Welcome Table soon.

See you there.

.....COMING IN NOVEMBER to the PUMC.....

As has been a tradition of the PUMC for many years, this time of year brings the planning and excitement of our annual

HARVEST (TURKEY) DINNER

Due to Covid -19 guidelines and restrictions, we have decided to have this year's dinner **TO GO!**

We are just in the planning stages so please watch for details. We will still need many workers and donations so someone may be calling you!

The bazaar part of our tradition has been put on hold until 2021.

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 14th.**

Timing and God

Carol Hay

At one time, I was part of a faith-based study group. We were asked when we did our devotions and the majority of the group chose to start their day with prayer and Bible study. When I indicated I chose to do devotions in the late afternoon, it was met with raised eyebrows and shoulder shrugs. I got the message that my timing wasn't appropriate and the leader went on to say that starting our days with God set the tone for the day and put the right words in our minds.

I have always been a morning person - I like to start the day prepared for what lies ahead. In the late afternoon, I would steal a few minutes for myself before finishing up dinner preparations. I read my devotional, prayed for people I heard about or talked to throughout the day, gave thanks and asked forgiveness. During my career, if I stayed at school between the end of the workday and evening meetings, I spent a few minutes with a cup of tea and the Lord. But I often thought back to that study group and wondered if I failed to be a good Christian because I didn't start the day with devotions.

Recently, I read about a lady who remembered, as a young girl, visiting her grandmother on a farm and the busyness of the day until late afternoon when they had everything done and sat down to read scripture and pray before grandpa came in for the evening meal. Her story made me feel better! It isn't when we spend time with God, but that we do spend time with God.

I now have the luxury of doing devotions early morning, mid-day, late afternoon or in the evening - or all of the above! I'm happy with flexible schedules and I think God is good with it, too!



SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING

Now is the perfect time to make the shift to online giving to Panama UMC. It's secure and very easy to register and begin tithing online.

This is a difficult time, financially, for our nation and community. As you can, we are encouraging everyone to continue to do what you can to give to the church and other charities.

To sign up, go to the church website (www.panamaumc.org) and click on the Give Online button on the homepage. If you need help, please call the church office (716 - 782 - 4031) for assistance.

Mac 'N Broc Bake Jody Marsh, Parish Nurse

4 1/2 oz (1 1/4 c) uncooked whole grain elbow macaroni
4 c broccoli florets
2 tsp chopped garlic
1/2 tsp black pepper
1/3 c plus 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 c whole wheat Panko breadcrumbs
6 c roughly chopped cauliflower
3/4 tsp salt
3/4 c fat free milk

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray an 8x8 inch baking pan with nonstick spray.
2. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add pasta and broccoli. Cook both according to the instructions on the pasta package, about 8 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, place cauliflower in a large microwave safe bowl. Add 1/3 c water. Cover and microwave for 8 minutes, or until soft.
4. Transfer pasta and broccoli to a strainer to drain. Place in a large bowl.
5. To make the sauce, in a blender or food processor, combine cooked cauliflower, garlic, salt, and pepper. Add milk, 1/3 c cheese and 1/4 c water. Blend on high speed until smooth and uniform.
6. Add sauce to the large bowl, and stir to coat. Transfer to the baking pan and smooth out the top.
7. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and remaining 2 Tbsp of cheese, and bake until top is golden brown and entire dish is hot and bubbly, 15-20 minutes.
8. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving.

1/8th of Pan: 192 calories; 4g fat; 548g sodium; 29.5g carbs; 6g fiber; 6g sugar;
12.5g protein

ENJOY!

Bible Quizzing

Our season has officially begun - Woo Hoo! Three of our quizzers, Jubal, Josiah, and Jalynn have all graduated, leaving us with four quizzers. There were three quizzers in our league in need of a team so we added them to ours. So, our team of seven veteran quizzers are Josh Cable, Juliana Graham, DeShawn Smith, Gracie Cable, Lily Todd, Grace Haynes and Levi Graham. Our practices are every Thursday, alternating between Salamanca and Falconer. Our first Quiz tournament will be Saturday, September 26 at Hornell UMC. Our material this month is Matthew 1,3,6,10 and 26. Our team name this season is Chosen, taken from Matthew 22,14, "For many are called, but few are CHOSEN."

With Sympathy to the families of...

Calvin Carr

April 27, 1930 - July 31, 2020

At the time of his passing, Calvin was residing at Warren Manor.

He was a member of the PUMC. He enjoyed motorcycles, guitar and model airplanes. Calvin is survived by his children: David Carr, Lorraine Roberge (Atlanta, GA), Kathleen (Kurt) Possai (Coleraine, MN), and his stepchildren: Martin (Anita) Juul (Manassas, VA), and Kevin (Beth) Juul of Frewsburg.

He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, as well as his good friend, Eloise Smith, of Panama.

Memorials may be made to the Tanglewood Group Memory Garden Resident Christmas Fund,
560 Fairmount Ave., Jamestown, NY 14701.

Maddy Cole

August 2, 2020

Maddy passed away one day after celebrating her 67th anniversary on August 1, 2020, with her husband, Leon.

Maddy is survived by her daughter, Melissa (Stephen) Wiggers.

She was the grandmother of Jarrett (Eliizabeth) and Joel.

Maddy was the great-grandmother of 5 girls - Niomi, Addie, Sadie, Brooke and Maisie. .

Hiram Beckerink, Jr.

April 16, 1930 - August 22, 2020

A true Dutchman, Hiram was always involved in community activities.

He was a lifelong member of the Abbe Reformed Church in Clymer. Boiling sap into maple syrup was his favorite springtime hobby.

Hiram is survived by his wife of 69 years, Jane Manwaring Beckerink, Together they raised 5 children: Sonya Shampoe, Trudy (Duane) Williams, Keith (Sandra) Beckerink, Kevin (Valerie) Beckerink, and Tena (Timothy) Dills.

Hiram is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Abbe Reformed Church in Clymer, NY.

*The love and prayers of the church and community
are with you all as you continue
through this time of grief and adjustment.*

SEPTEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 **Ann/Shawn Schnars**
- 3 **Brian/Janice Franklin**
- 4 Pam Brown, **Sam/Carm Catanese**
- 5 Kim Davis, **Steve/Stacy Taylor**
- 6 **Duane/Emily Baker, Jerry/Gloria Scholton**
- 7 **Bert/Roberta Anderson**
- 10 Julie Dilley
- 11 Casey McGaffick
- 13 Robert Cartwright
- 14 Debbie Erlandson
- 15 Peter Komarek, **Jeff/Larissa Enlow**
- 16 Alyssa Woods
- 17 Roberta Anderson, **Chris/Carolyn Hughesman**
Jerry Scholton
- 18 Aiden Keefer, Andrew Lescynski
- 19 Daniel Cartwright, Carrie Munsee
- 23 Tony Sali, **Lester/Wyona Wevers**
- 24 **Jonathan/Jessica Komarek**
- 26 **Todd/Amanda Kolstee**
- 28 Charlie Auge, Dave Hinderer, Michael Range
- 29 Greg Edwards, **Jack/Linda Sturges**

Looking into October...

- 1 Matt Komarek, **Glenn/Melissa Topolski**
- 2 Amy Caldwell, David Calcaterra
- 3 Pam Ireland
- 4 Steve Halpainy, **Pat/Joyce Dole**
- 5 Kyle Hinsdale, Ariana Range
- 6 Krista Odell, **Don/Tabetha Butler**
- 7 **Jim/Linda Roraback**

...RECENT MARRIAGES...

May 30, 2020
Eric Schutt and Brittany Lenart
were married at Family Church in Jamestown.
Their new home address is:
5695 Button Valley Road
Ashville, NY 14701
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May 30, 2020
Patrick Caldwell and Kayla Gilkinson
were married at Trinity UMC in Frewsburg,
Their new home address is:
1880 Route 62
Frewsburg, NY 14738

God is the author of yet another chapter in your lives. May you be richly blessed as your future, together, unfolds. The love and blessings from your PUMC family are with you today and always.

Congratulations!
It's a girl!!

Sloane J. Rappold
was born on August 20, 2020
to Jay and Jenna (Nagel) Rappold.
in Erie, PA.
Sloane weighed 7lb. 7 oz. at birth
and was 19.5 inches long.
Grandparents are
Richard and Julie Nagel
and
Tom and Sherry Rappold.
Aunt Olivia is pretty happy, too!!

The new "Party of 3" is at home at
1422 W 37th St, Erie, PA 16508,
Welcome to the PUMC Family!

*We congratulate you on the birth of this child
and we pray God's richest blessings upon you
all as she grows in the love of Christ.*



Please come and share in the joy as Bill Peck and Debbie Erlandson are married. Please RSVP...see details above.

THANK YOU!

We would like to say thank you to those who supported the lunch Box Program this summer. We appreciate your generosity.

A special thank you goes to Dawn Sard, Carol hay, Sherry Joslyn, and Krissy Straight for their help with packing and distribution. We look forward to the next food distribution ministry.

CONNECTIONS

The Connections Team is ready to roll this year starting with the first day of school on September 8. We will be following Covid 19 guidelines as issued by Panama Central School and NYS. One of these guideline states that our snacks will be prepackaged for serving. Please consider donating snacks for Connections this year - and purchase individually wrapped items such as Welch's fruit snacks, cheese and crackers, meat sticks, fruit cups, goldfish and pudding cups.

We could also use monetary donations, as we will be purchasing additional disinfectant, cleaning supplies and gloves. We are determined to keep the cost down for our Connections families, maintain a safe environment and continue to share the love of Jesus!

Thank you so much to our three staff members who will be returning this year: Sandy Crossley, Joan Monroy and Tara Hosi-er. Please keep them in your prayers.



Snacks needed for our
After-School Ministry, please!

CONNECTIONS

This year they **MUST BE**
Pre-packaged and individually wrapped!

THANK YOU!!

Help Us, Please...

If you have had an address or phone number change in the last couple of years, please make sure to update the church office so that we have your correct contact information.

If you are fairly new in attending PUMC, please me sure that we have your address.

We are also interested in having the dates of your family's birthdays and anniversaries, first and last names, please.

These additions and/or corrections can be made by contacting Debbie in the office or by leaving Pam a message in the Newsletter mailbox in the workroom.

We have White Gift funds available.

Please talk to Pastor Steve
if you know of a need.



God's Groceries Food Pantry

can be accessed by using the
Church Street entrance.

Look for signs.

If there is a need, please call the church
office for additional information.
(782-4031)

Monday: 9-10am and 6-7pm
Thursday: 5-7pm

STORY TIME

Over the months of June, July and August, we have produced 36 episodes of Story Time, which involved the reading of a wide variety of stories that focused on certain themes. Our thanks goes out to Dawn Sard, Pam Sali, Trudy Anderson, Jessica Nelson, Tate Catanese, Tabby Butler and Carol Hay for being our storytellers and doing a beautiful job. We learned much about video production, recording, practical use of equipment, organization, and choosing themes and stories. Josh was instrumental in designing the framework of the video production and taught Gracie how to continue that.

These videos are available for viewing on the Panama UMC You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5X8TtRtgUTizrQofDINffNwVLG0fR5Tc> and they are categorized by theme. Hope you enjoy them!



Becky Cable

UPDATE FROM PASTOR STEVE AND THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Panama UMC friends,

Join us on Livestream at 10:15am on Sunday mornings (<https://livestream.com/panamaum>). Once you get to the Livestream landing page, simply look for the graphic that is for the date you are watching. You can watch past worship services on this landing page as well. You DO NOT need to Log In or Go Live. This is a free service and open to all.

As you connect and prepare for worship, check in on the chat to let us know you're watching. Any prayer requests, praises, glory sightings, or greetings can be submitted through that Chat system as well.

Also, Online Giving is always available and now might be a great time to check that out. The link to online giving is on our webpage (www.panamaum.org). Do your best to maintain giving during this time, but know we certainly understand the financial implications of this situation.

Finally, know that we are holding the church, our community, our world, our leaders, and you in our prayers during this time. If you have a need or know of a need, please don't hesitate to call the office at 716/782-4031.

...JustOne4Others...

January - Body Soap

February - Shampoo

March - Conditioner

April - Q-tips

May - Cotton Balls

June - Lotion

July - Hand Soap

August - Toothpaste

September - Toothbrushes

October - Mouthwash

November - Deodorant

December - Floss

Each month you are encouraged to purchase and donate "ONE" of the items listed above. [Questions? See Jody, Parish Nurse.](#)

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