

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

Welcome to this edition of Grace Notes. We are 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 PUMC and our community is in here...enjoy!

## **Leaders Who Lead by Following**

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." John C. Maxwell

"The secret to success is good leadership, and good leadership is all about making the lives of your team members or workers better." Tony Dungy

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Jesus Christ (Luke 9:23)

There's a significant difference between leading and following. When someone leads, he/she is the person that is out front, charting the course, checking the map, walking with purpose, and checking to make sure people are following where they are leading. Followers pay attention to the leader, prepare to do what the leader does, walk in step with the leader, keep their heads up so they can see when the leader changes direction, and helps the leader by checking on the people behind them. In both leading and following, there must be a relationship between the leader and the follower, and the other followers on the team or in the group.

John Maxwell and Tony Dungy lead groups of people to great things - success, wins, and more. They are great leaders who have lots of people following them. John and Tony (although I don't know them personally) would probably not ask the people they are leading to do anything that they would not be willing to do. That's one critical aspect of a good leader. Another critical aspect of a good leader is to lead by following. Both John and Tony are followers of Jesus Christ, and both have spent significant time leading others to Christ by being followers of Christ.

Not everyone is called to be a leader of people. Yet, if you're reading this, and feel like you are being asked to lead in any area of your life, I would like to invite you to start by following, instead of leading. Start by following (continued on the next page)

### **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.

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the One who is the only One worthy of ultimate allegiance. Leaders who lead by following are sure to be leading people in the right direction. As a church, we have a great opportunity in the next few months to lead people to Jesus - in worship, in discipleship, in mission, and in service. Follow Jesus - Lead Others to Jesus!

Blessings, Pastor Steve

**CENTERPOINT** 

As fall and cooler temperatures cover Western New York, the committed faithful continue to bless the CenterPoint fund. As of this writing, there are 92 commitments for a total of \$879,441.66. We are getting close to the \$900,000 goal. This month, \$13,781.34 has been received, bringing the total amount toward the goal to \$276,920.67.

Thank you for your faithful donations.

#### **HOUSEKEEPING NOTE:**

When using your white envelopes for making CenterPoint donations, please label them as CenterPoint. Labeling them as "Building Fund" could be interpreted as being for the Trustees' Fund, which is used for upkeep of the "Building". Also, please make sure that your name is on the envelope (whichever color that you use) so we can assure that proper credit is given.

s given.



As many of you know by now, we have elected to hold off on the start of construction for the CenterPoint project until the weather breaks in the Spring of 2018. This was done for a number of reasons, mainly due to timing issues with both the financial institution and the general contractor that have been selected for this project. Although this is a minor setback from a timing standpoint, God has a plan for this project and we will look forward to groundbreak-

ing in the Spring. This delay will not slow down getting financing in place, receiving proper approvals from the State of New York, and getting other pre-construction requirements completed so that construction can begin immediately in the Spring. In the meantime, we will focus on obtaining proper permitting and demolition of the Riddell property house and barn prior to winter so that the site is 100% ready for construction.

We ask that you continue to pray for this project and God's hand in Growing the Kingdom of God in Panama and the surrounding areas.

Vision 20/20 Team

#### WHITE GIFT FUND

Are you aware of a community need? We have a White Gift Fund with available ministry dollars. If you know of anyone with a need, please talk to Pastor Steve.

## **SUNDAY MORNING TEAM for OCTOBER**

#### **Ushers**

Pat and Kristy Catanese Howie and Jan Wheeler

# Nursery Helpers October 1

Birth-2: Tina Akam and Madie Pearson 3-4: Barb Tordella and Lilly Odell

#### October 8

Birth-2: Candy Scarem and Azzaria Hardin 3-4: Stacy Taylor and Alex Scarem

## October 15

Birth-2: Jenn Johnson and Dawn Sard 3-4: Ken and Katie Braun October 22

# Birth-2: Susie Davis and Kim Davis

3-4: Marge Vollmer and Graham Vollmer

October 29

Birth-2: Julia Nelson and Riley Seekings 3-4: Andrew Lescynski and Thea Kester

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. You may call Debbie in the Church office (M-TH) by calling 782-4031.

**THANK YOU!!** 

# Discovery Course for

### **New Members and Baptisms**

In October, Pastor Steve will be leading a new members and baptism course for anyone interested. The course will be two 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 PUMC, 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 classes will be October 22nd and 29th.
Baptisms and new members will be welcomed in November during worship. Sign up forms are available on the Welcome table soon. See you there!

# **Back to Sunday School!!**

Classes have begun again 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.

The children's classes and one adult class will be

using Answers Bible Curriculum (ABC) developed by Answers In Genesis to help equip children, teens and adults to stand on the authority of God's Word, to know what the Bible teaches, and why they believe it. Students will not only learn what God's Word says but they will also be encouraged to trust God's Word from the very beginning with solid apologetic materials. The lessons are synchronized across age groups so mom, dad, and kids of all ages can all learn the same material at the same time just at different depths! This encourages family discussion and discipleship.

Pre-K to Grade 2: Candy Scarem Grades 3-6: Becky Cable

Grades 7-12: Adam and Tory Irgang Adults: George Anderson, Horizontal Jesus by

Dr. Tony Evans

Adults: Jon Cable, Answers Bible Curriculum
Adults: Denny and Cindy Furlow, Goliath Must
Fall: Winning the Battle Against Your Giants
by Louie Giglio

Adults: Stacy Taylor, meeting Wednesdays-3:30pm
Adult Women: Marge Vollmer,
Battlefield of the Mind by Joyce Meyer

Come early, grab a cup of coffee and join us!



# CONNECTIONS

We are very excited to announce that Tara Hosier has been hired as a third child care provider for our Connections Ministry. Welcome, Tara!

The school year began with 20 kids or more in attendance most days! This ministry is a definite need for our community. What a blessing that PUMC is able to provide these children with a safe and healthy place to be after school. Snacks are still needed! If you donate, please keep in mind that we now have 20 or more children in attendance each day!

The new carpet that was installed in the Connections area has done wonderful things to help alleviate the noise level. (Although, with the gorgeous warm weather we had in September, most days the children were outside!) Thank you to the great Connections Team (and Bert Anderson) and the Trustee team who worked to make the room ready for the start of the year. Thank you to our three child care providers who do an AMAZING job with these children! It's going to be a wonderful year!

Stacy

## Recipe from the Parish Nurse

### Sweet Hawaiian Crockpot Chicken

2 lb. chicken tenderloin chunks

1 c. pineapple juice

1/2 c. brown sugar

1/3 c. soy sauce

Place all ingredients in crockpot and cook on low 4-5 hours., or on high 2-3 hours, until chicken is done.

Serve over rice or noodles of choice.

# YOU'RE INVITED!

To Panama United Methodist Church's



When: October 31st, 2017 Where: Panama UMC When: 5pm - 7pm

### FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Trunk Decorating Contest

\*All are welcome to participate!

Photo-booth

Cider, coffee, donuts

Call 716-782-4031 for more information!

# PARISH NURSE... ...GREAT NEWS!

Jody has returned to Parish Nurse duties and will be offering blood pressures and blood sugars (fast 4 hours for the sugars) the first Sunday of every month, beginning October 1 at 9am.

Since Jody's office is still intact at this point, that is where you will find her. Welcome back, Jody!

# Our Sympathy to the families of...

## Kathleen "Kathy" L. Peck

December 8, 1950 - September 12, 2017
Kathy is survived by her husband, Bill Peck and her children,
Rob (Wendy) Peck, Melissa (Glenn) Topolski and Ryan (Jen Cross) Peck.
also survived by her grandchildren Ian, Dylan, Marissa, Braden, Shawn and Colin

She is also survived by her grandchildren lan, Dylan, Marissa, Braden, Shawn and Colin, as well as 2 sisters and a brother.

Kathy was the secretary at the PUMC for 19 years, before retiring due to health complications.

Memorials may be made to the PUMC at 12 East Main Street, Panama;

The Panama Fire Department at 27 East Main Street, Panama; or to

Chautauqua County Hospice and Palliative Care, 20 W. Fairmount Ave, Lakewood.

# James R. Strawser

July 10, 1950 - September 23, 2017

James is survived by his wife, Kathryn, his children, Matthew (Kathryn) Strawser and Laura (James) Blasdell and grandchildren, Owen, Adaline and Aiden.

James is also survived by a brother and 3 sisters, including Kelly (Joe) Osborne.

Memorials may be made to either Chautauqua County 4-H 3542 Turner Road, Jamestown or to Cornell Co-op Grape Research Program, 6592 W. Main Road, Portland, NY 14769.

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

#### In need of meals?

W.A.M. offers the opportunity to provide meals to those who might need a little help. If you have a need for meals, due to illness, surgery, etc., or know someone who does, please let Kathy Foulk know.



# YOU'RE INVITED

When: Sunday, October 22, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: EAST RANDOLPH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Church Street, East Randolph

Why: The UMC Conference provides this program to enhance our relationships with youth and vulnerable adults. If you are over the age of 18 and are a Sunday School teacher, or Nursery worker, or volunteer in any way with our youth (youth group, driver for youth events, volunteer at Connections, etc.) or vulnerable adults, this program is

youth (youth group, driver for youth events, volunteer at Connections, etc.) or vulnerable adults, this program required. It meets the guidelines and policies established by the Upper New York Annual Conference Sexual

Ethics Committee.

Registration: Register by calling PUMC office at 782-4031 or use the sign-up sheet available at the welcome table.

Indicate if you are interested in car-pooling (as a passenger or driver).

REGISTRATIONS DUE BY OCTOBER 17TH



#### Safe Sanctuaries Guidelines Summary Panama United Methodist Church

Our congregation has established Safe Sanctuaries Guidelines in order to provide a safe environment for children, youth and vulnerable adults. Our Guidelines seek to provide an atmosphere where adults are free to teach and love children, youth and vulnerable adults, in a Christ-like manner, and children, youth and vulnerable adults can pursue their journey to know, love and serve God freely without fear.

The Safe Sanctuaries Guidelines includes:

#### **Guidelines**

- Staff/volunteers must be 18 or at least 5 years older than the oldest minor
- Volunteers must have a relationship with the church prior to supervising children
- Those working with children must complete appropriate information forms
- Supervising Volunteers and employees must consent to a background check
- All employees and volunteers must read and agree to abide by the SSP
- "Two person rule" shall be observed
  - o Two persons will be present at each event/activity
  - o The presence of an adult "roamer" may be the second person
- Persons convicted of sexual abuse will not work with children
- Training on Child Abuse prevention and detection will be provided

### **Physical Surroundings**

• All facilities must be clean and safe and open to view

#### **Transportation**

- Any event/activity involving transportation requires
  - Written permission forms signed by parents
  - o Drivers who are at least 21 years old

#### **Response and Reporting Plan**

- Adults making good faith reports have immunity from liability
- The Guidelines will be disseminated and explained
- Yearly training programs will be provided on child abuse awareness and response
- Abuse allegations will be reported promptly and involve the Pastor and SPRC Chair
- Confidentiality is necessary to protect the victim and the accused
- The Conference Director of Communications will handle media questions

Anyone interested in reading and/or having a copy of the entire Safe Sanctuaries Guidelines may request a copy from the church office.

# TO REPORT ABUSE: Contact the NY State Central Registry at 1 -800-342-3720 or any Law Enforcement Agency at 911.

Additionally, you may contact CAP at 716-338-9844 to obtain information about resources available in our county to help with advocacy, treatment, and legal help.

#### **AmazonSmile**

The PUMC is now listed as a charity under Smile.Amazon.com.

Amazon will pay 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Panama United Methodist Church.

- Anyone who shops at Amazon always needs to <u>access Amazon via</u> smile.amazon.com.
- Then you <u>choose a charity Panama</u> <u>United Methodist Church</u> (is how it's entered)
- Purchase anything you want and <u>0.5%</u> of the price of your <u>eligible</u> AmazonSmile purchases will be donated to the charity you choose.

# God's Groceries Food Pantry (Tina Swineford)

# **WE HAVE MOVED!!!!!**

The Food Pantry has moved to the old medical clinic (on the corner of Main and South Streets in Panama) This is a temporary move, due to the CenterPoint building project

Check the weekly church bulletin regarding weekly days and hours.

Be sure to keep updated on PUMC meetings and events by checking the online calendar and Pastor Steve's weekly Churchmail.

The PUMC website is www.panamaum.org
Did you know we are also on Facebook? Check us out at www.facebook.com/panamaum

You certainly wouldn't want to miss the "happenings" by being uninformed!

## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Matthew Komarek, *Glenn/Melissa Topolski*
- 2 Charlotte Baehr, Dave Calcaterra, Amy Caldwell
- 3 Pam Ireland
- 4 Steve Halpainy, Pat/Joyce Dole, Betsy/Jason Baehr
- 5 Kyle Hinsdale, Ariana Range
- 6 Levi Munsee, Krista Odell, *Don/Tabetha Butler*
- 7 Jim/Linda Roraback
- 9 Rose Hunt, Joe/Darcey Lyon, Dan/Casey McGaffick
- 10 Rebecca Wheeler
- 11 Tina/Mark Akam
- 12 Joe/Jean Edwards, Jeff/Jody Hay
- 13 David Anderson, Jim Roraback
- 14 Pam Cole
- 15 Ricky Eggleston, Stephanie Goodbear
- 17 Lee Crosby, Buck/Kristine Seekings
- 18 Carm Catanese, Joyce Edwards, Hugh/Gladys Wood
- 19 Mary Rappole, Adam/Tory Irgang
- 20 Tammy Hosier, Sue Woods
- 21 Juliet Chapman
- 22 Neil/Cindy Sturges
- 17 Kandi Torres, Charlie Loveless
- 18 John Brown, Stacy Furlow
- 19 Betty Crosby, Adam Irgang
- 20 Doug Hosier
- 28 Allison Halpainy, Brad/Shirley Osborne
- 30 Debbie Edwards, Joe Osborne
- 31 Dawn Sard, Melissa Wiggers

Are you planning on packing a box for Operation Christmas Child this year?

Gift suggestions include:
crayons, markers, pencils, sharpeners, glue
sticks, coloring books, water color sets, play
dough, stickers, jump rope, foam balls, doll,
stuffed animal, toothbrush (no toothpaste or candy
is allowed), bar soap, washcloth, hairbrush, comb,
non liquid lip balm, yoyo, personal note, etc. Go
to samaritanspurse.org for additional suggestions.
Just a nudge to start "stocking" up!

Boxes for packing are available at the PUMC.

# **PUMC Discipleship Group Information**

### **CHAT**

George and Trudy Anderson First Thursday of every month gaanderson@windstream.net; 782-3252

## **RADICAL**

Carl and Susie Davis

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month
appleoaktreefarm@yahoo.com or suesue5@windstream.net; 782-4611

## **Ladies of Light**

Cindy Furlow
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month; 7pm
cfurlow@chautauquamachinecom; 782-2775

## **Band of Brothers**

Craig Vollmer

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month; 7pm
craig.vollmer@gmail.com; 763-0879

## **Kyle and Brynne Hinsdale**

One Saturday per month kbhinsdale@windstream.net; 355-4382

# **We Care**

Thea Kester
Every other Thursday at noon at the Rowdy Rooster
rtkester@windstream.net; 782-4620

# Women and Missions (WAM)

Kathy Foulk

2nd Monday monthly at the Rowdy Rooster (April - December) ofoulks2@windstream.net; 782-4467 or 499-6437

For more information concerning PUMC Discipleship Groups, contact the church office at 782-4031 or at debbie.johnson@panamaum.org.
You may also contact Jon and Becky Cable, our Discipleship Group Leaders at 543-5050 or at jonbec95@gmail.com.

<u>Discipleship is a lifestyle filled with relationships;</u> a life of pouring yourself out for others.

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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> Pastor Steve's Office Hours 9:00am - Noon: M, T and W

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