

From Pastor Steve's Desk...

Welcome to 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 and our community is in here...enjoy!

It's HERE!

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." Philippians 4:6-8

We've been doing some rehab in worship and bible study over the last few weeks. Now, we get the incredible opportunity to participate in the rehab of the church building! Starting in March, the former Fellowship Hall which has served our community and congregation so well over the past 60 years will be retired. To prepare for that, there have been servants from the Trustees and CenterPoint Team who have dismantled everything that needed to be dismantled. The next step is to remove the tiles and the glue holding the tiles down all these years, so that we can begin demolition in the next few weeks. As the rehab continues, you'll begin to see equipment on site, teammates from G.L. Olson on site, and maybe some mud, dust, and mess. In all of this, I offer the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4: Do not be anxious!

There are a couple things at play during this time leading up to and including the rehabilitation of Panama UMC. The first is that we're tempted to be anxious because we'll have to do things a little differently fo 1– months. We've already begun to work around not having a kitchen. Now, we'll have to use different door, new parking spots, alternate hallways, and maybe take the long way around. The bright spot is that we'll get more steps and burn come calories!

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.

From Pastor Steve's Desk, ... continued

The other thing at play is the meddling of our spiritual enemy who wants to cast doubt, create chaos, and instill fear and unrest. This is a real (and maybe more-so) as the physical disturbances. God never promised that we would have a change-free life...only that, in the midst of the changes, He would give us peace if we pray and petition God in every situation. In that way, we will be guarded from unrest and given a view of hope for the future.

Things WILL be changing around the church and community in the coming weeks. We'll be tempted to let that create dissension and conflict, giving into the fear of the unknown, or we'll be ready to embrace peace as the Holy Spirit guards our hearts and minds focused on Jesus and His vision for us. Together, in Him, we can do all things for our good and God's glory! If you have questions or comments, please let me know and we can walk through it together.

In His Grip, Pastor Steve

HOLY WEEK 2018 (March 25 - April 1)

- 3.25.18 **Palm Sunday** 10:15am **CenterPoint Groundbreaking Ceremony**; 11:15am
- 3.29.18 *One in Christ Worship* (Holy Thursday); 6:30pm; REG LENNA CIVIC CENTER, Jamestown;
- 3.30.18 Good Friday Worship; 7pm; Panama UMC
- 3.31.18 **Community Easter Egg Hunt** 10-11am; Panama UMC **Walk to the Crosses Worship**; 6pm; corner of Randolph Road and North Street, Panama; (<u>uneven terrain</u>)
- 4.1.18 **Resurrection Sunday!** Worship at 8:15am and 10:15am with a Continental breakfast served in the lobby from 9-10am. It will be a great morning of celebration and fellowship! Come worship the risen Christ!
- 4.8.18 *Confirmation and Baptism Sunday!* 10:15am

SUNDAY Morning Team - MARCH

Ushers

Don and Tabby Butler Buck and Kristine Seeking

Nursery Helpers March 4

Birth-2: Marge Vollmer and Graham Vollmer *March 11*

Birth-2: Adam and Tory Irgang *March 18*

Birth-2: Stacy Taylor and Kylie Schnars

March 25

Birth-2: Susie Davis and Kim Davis

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

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!!

Come and check out the *******LUNCH BUNCH*******

Find it on March's calendar and make plans to join us!

In need of meals?

W.A.M. has had another opportunity to provide meals.

Again, if you have a need for meals, please let Kathy Foulk know.

CONNECTIONS:

What a blessing Connections continues to be! We regularly have around 20 kids in attendance. Thank you for your snack donations. Please use the list below for snack suggestions. You can bring them in anytime and place them in the tub by the coat racks. The more unique, healthy and fun - the better.

THANK YOU!

Ritz, Townhouse or Club Crackers
Bugles

Cereal (any kind)

Graham Crackers

Granola Bars

Cheese Balls

Ranch Dressing

Popcorn (that we can pop)

Peanut Butter

Oranges

Fruit snacks

Carrots

Popcorn

Chips

Pretzels

Pudding

Chex Mix

Jello Cups

Cookies (any kind)

Yogurt

Apples

Grapes

Celery

Juice

SIDE NOTE: No animal crackers or goldfish, please. Idea postcards are available on the Welcome Table.

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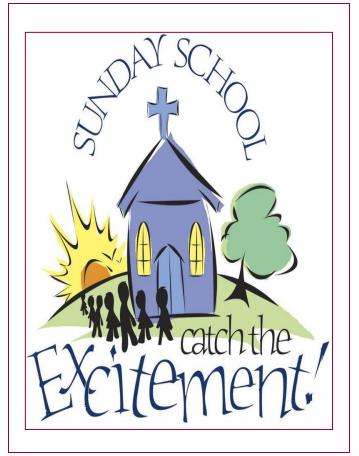
CAMPAIGN CORNE

We are grateful for the continued faithfulness of the congregation to the campaign. A financial update will be published in the April edition of Grace Notes.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTE:

You may have noticed that there is a "line item" for CenterPoint on our 2018 weekly giving envelopes. You can use this for your CenterPoint giving or continue to use the pink envelopes or utilize the convenience of online giving. In addition, if you utilize a separate plain envelope (pink) for CenterPoint donations, please make sure that your name is on it so we can assure that proper credit is given to you. If the donation is in cash rather than a check, we have no way of knowing to whom it belongs. Thank you!

*****If you have not received weekly giving envelopes, and/or you would like some, please call the office and let Debbie know, or see Cindy Cartwright on Sunday morning for help.*****



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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.

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, Complicated
Topics and Passages; searching the scriptures
for God to reveal the answers

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!

Blood pressures and sugars will be offered the first Sunday of every month in Pastor's office. Please use the office door across from the coat rack.

MISSION TEAM Highlights Ted and Sharon Passarelli

Village of Hope Health Center

In the past three decades, the Village of Hope School in Haiti has grown from a handful of children to now serving 650 students. There is a desperate need for health care and this prompted the Health Center. This Center serves students and their families, and also 70,000 community residents.

The VOHHC staff consists of Physicians, Nurses, Lab Techs, Pharmacist, Field Agents and Support Staff. Basic Primary health care services in include Physician care, lab tests, immunization clinics, malnourishment programs for babies expectant and nursing mothers, disease prevention education, midwife training and prescription drugs.

Financial contributions are needed and significant support is required. Please prayerfully consider partnering to help provide the average monthly costs include:

Doctor \$1700 Dental Program \$1000 Nurse \$400 Medications \$2100 Lab services \$1300 Child wellness services \$50

INDOOR WALKING

with Parish Nurse Jody!

WHERE?

Panama Central School

WHEN?

Monday nights from 6-7pm Meet at the Concession Stand near the North Gym doors. Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes We have varied walking groups... Slow pace and faster pace, so it's your choice how fast you prefer to walk. Come and fellowship while we exercise.

See you there!

Looking for a way to share God's love? Feeling hospitable?

Join the Sunday Morning Hospitality Team! We can use your help to greet people as they come in our doors and share a cup of coffee with them. If you would like to bake, purchase treats, make coffee, etc., please see Julia, Pam or Debbie This does not tie you into an every week commitment. We are also always looking for door greeters during the 9am hour. You can sign up on the Welcome Table or call the church office. YOU can be the happy, welcoming face newcomers encounter when they first enter God's house in Panama.





W.A.M. (Women. And. Missions) Kathy Foulk

Just a reminder that W.A.M. will not meet again until April.

We are still collecting soup labels and box tops, postage stamps and change.

If you know of anyone who has been in the hospital or may need some help with meals, please let Kathy know and we will arrange for some meals to be taken in.

CONNECTIONS

We are always in need of snacks and we thank you in advance for your generosity!



God's

Gro-

ceries Food Pantry

(at the 4 corners of Panama)

Monday Morning: 9-10am Monday Evening: 6-7pm Thursday Evening: 5-7pm

Questions? See Tina Swineford

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Dylan Peck, Keith/Cindy Miller
- 8 Jennifer Johnson
- 9 Sally Baer, Gregory Ireland, Wende Lescynski
- 11 Andrew Tordella
- 12 TC Davis, Rita Lenart
- 13 Nicholas Sard
- 14 Tate Catanese, Susie Davis, Patrick Dole, Jerry Ireland,
- 16 Steve Holmberg
- 18 Stephen Enlow
- 21 John Cartwright, Heather Schneider, Tyce Schneider
- 22 Asher Baehr, Bert Rappole, Mary and Bert Rappole
- 24 Adam Kester, Wendy Peck
- 25 Corey Osborne, Linda Roraback
- 26 Duane Baker, Hunter Waller
- 27 Ken Braun
- 28 Jeff/Brenda Ireland, Johnathan Miles
- 29 Dick/Julie Nagel
- 30 Nicholas Lenart, Steve Wiggers

A look ahead to April...

- 1 Caleb Caldwell, Adyn Hay, Rex Marsh
- 3 Kylie Schnnars
- 4 Bill Caldwell, Sam Catanese, Tara Hosier
- 6 Janice Franklin
- 7 Derek Hosier, Kyle Hosier

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Please sign up on the 2018 flower calendar if you would like flowers placed in church to honor a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. The calendar can be found on the bulletin board by the "kitchen" door. You may pay for them using your weekly offering envelopes.

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.

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

Hinsdale's

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 Panama Diner (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.

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CHURCH STAFF

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

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