

## GRACE NOTES - June 2021

### PANAMA UMC

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Lead Pastor



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

#### *Jesus the Son*

(This is part of a continuing series about the truth claims of the Apostles' Creed [AC])

Last month, we looked at our understanding of God the Father. This month, we look at the second statement of the Apostles' Creed: *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord...*

The second person of the Trinity is Jesus Christ the Son of God. The life and work of Jesus Christ is central to the Christian faith, and thus gets explicit description in the AD. Jesus Christ is not superior to or more powerful than the other persons of the Trinity, but is co-existent, co-eternal, and equal in power to God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

To believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, and our Lord is to accept the revelation of God's plan of salvation that entered the world through him. We are God's creation and we submit our lives to Jesus Christ as Lord.

One other introductory clarification that must be made is in regard to the human and divine nature of Jesus Christ. The fact the Jesus Christ was born as an infant human male informs us that he is fully human. The fact that he was born by a divine action, fulfilled God's plan of salvation, performed miracles, and perfectly followed God's will without sin informs us that he is also fully divine. This holy mystery is one that can never be fully explained.

We acknowledge as Christians that Jesus Christ is the central figure of our faith. But Jesus is more than an icon that we hang on the wall, or a good friend that we hang out with on Sunday morning. Jesus is the one and only Son of Almighty God! If we ponder that for a minute, we realize that Jesus deserves all of our honor and glory and praise! We are God's creation - not the other way around.

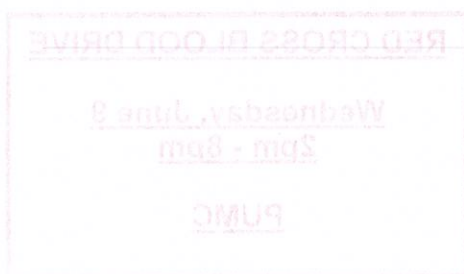
With that frame of reference, we come to a place where we are confronted with the reality of Jesus. Because he is God's Son, he is our Lord. But what does that mean? What does it mean to have a Lord?

If we were living in the times of peasants and kings, having a Lord would mean giving that Lord honor, doing what he commands, and also being cared for by that Lord - a provider. In the same way, Christ is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. To him we bow in reverence, to him we give glory, and it is him we obey.

We are told of the commands and example of Jesus in the Bible. It's to that we look for our guidance, life-changing wisdom, and the source of our faith. If we are to acknowledge that Jesus is our Lord, it means giving 1% of ourselves to following him as his disciple.

Next month, we will attempt to clarify, in detail, the nature of Jesus Christ and our Christian soteriology - our understanding of the work of Christ. This will give us an understanding of why we live for Christ!

Peace in our Savior,  
Pastor Steve





### **A look into June.....**

**June 5 - Men's Breakfast @ 8am; PUMC Gallery**

**June 13 - Chicken BBQ; 11:30am; Mission Team Fundraiser  
(TAKE OUT ONLY) (Suggested donation - \$12)  
Pick up in the Community Room, serving line**

**June 20 - Fathers' Day**

**June 20 - Family Sunday School @8:45**

**June 22 - Baccalaureate**

**June 27 - Honoring of our Graduates during worship**

**July 18-22 - Vacation Bible School; 6-8pm**

**Please check the JUNE calendar at the end of this newsletter  
to find additional "happenings" at PUMC.**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

Jessica Nelson

#### **Family Sunday School**

Come join us on Father's Day, June 20, for Family Sunday School at 8:45am.

We will have a special snack to share with our

Fathers/Grandfathers/Uncles and other special father-figures,  
as well as listen to a Bible story, and make some great crafts.

Thank you to everyone for making Family Sunday School such a success.

#### **Class Returning**

I am excited to say that Cindy and Dennis Furlow's class will be returning to the Church on June 13th for Sunday School at 9am. We look forward to seeing everyone back.

#### **Our last day of Sunday School classes for this year is June 27th.**

I would like to thank all the Christian Education team members and those members who have helped with teaching every week or when needed.

Also, thank you to everyone for making Family Sunday School such a success.



### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Wednesday, June 9**  
**2pm - 8pm**

**PUMC**





Many children are planning to attend Mission Meadows this year - and PUMC is helping to pay for each attendee with scholarship money. What a blessing! Thank you!

If your child is interested in attending Summer Camp - please contact Mission Meadows to register!

There are camps for grades K-6 and a Junior High Camp for grades 7, 8, and 9. We look forward to hearing about the wonderful adventures our children have this summer!

If your child is interested in attending Summer Camp, please contact Mission Meadows to register! You may call (716)386-5932 or visit [www.missionmeadows.com](http://www.missionmeadows.com). In person questions can be directed to Stacy Taylor, Jackie Haines or Susie Davis.

## MISSIONS TEAM FUNDRAISER CHICKEN BBQ

Sunday, June 13

11:30am, following morning worship

The **TAKE OUT ONLY** line will be available in the COMMUNITY ROOM.

**The suggested donation  
for this BBQ is \$12.**

We thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser.

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### JUNE 2021

June 6 - Lilly Odell and Trudy Anderson  
June 13 - Megan Reynolds and Summer Wolcott  
June 20 - Brenda Ireland and Larissa Enlow  
June 27 - Betsy Eggleston and Summer Wolcott

### JULY 2021

July 4 - Lilly Odell and Stacy Taylor  
July 11 - Summer Wolcott and Larissa Enlow  
July 18 - Brenda Ireland and Megan Reynolds  
July 25 - Lilly Odell and Betsy Eggleston

## **VBS...COMING SOON TO A PUMC NEAR YOU!!!!**

**VBS will be held IN PERSON this year on  
July 18-22 from 6-8pm.**

**Rocky Railway -**

**Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through  
Is our theme this year.**

**You might see lots of trains around the  
church between now and July!  
The VBS Team is working diligently for a  
safe, FUN and Spiritual week.**

**Registration will be available online.**

**We look forward to welcoming our com-  
munity to our Panama Church.**



STRONGER...TOGETHER...IN PRAYER!



**Come and check out the  
\*\*\*LUNCH BUNCH\*\*\*  
Wednesday, June 16  
11:45am**

Blood pressures and sugars will be offered the  
1st Sunday of every month  
in the Parish Nurse's office.  
Use the double doors near the coat room  
and go down the hall past the elevator.



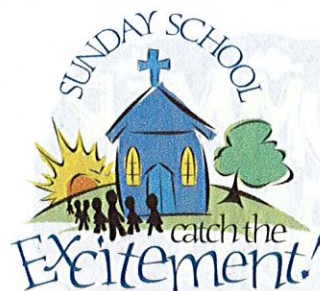
### **CLOTHING SHED**

We ask that you spread the word **about** the St. Pauly's Clothing Collection Shed found in the corner of the East Main Street parking lot. Proceeds from the clothing shed assist the Missions Team in their many projects, locally and around the world. Thank you for your support, and please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

### **CONNECTIONS**

**We are wrapping up yet another fabulous year at Connections!**  
**Thank you to our terrific staff:**  
**Sandy Crossley, Joan Monroy**  
**and Tara Hosier.**

**See you in the Fall!**



### **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.

Sunday School starts at 9am.

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

***Hope to see you there!***

### **Sunday Morning Classes**

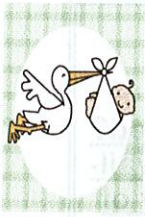
PreK-Grade 2: Summer and Kevin Wolcott  
Grades 3-5: Howie Wheeler  
Grades 6-8: Becky Cable  
Grades 9-12: Jess Nelson  
Adults: George Anderson  
Adults: Jon cable  
Adult Women: Marge Vollmer

Additional adult classes  
(other than Sunday morning)  
Adults: Cindy and Dennis Furlow - this class  
meets on Sunday afternoon at 2pm only on ZOOM. The are discussing the Tabernacle (symbolisms of Jesus) through all the temples. Please contact the church office for ZOOM information.  
Adults: Stacy Taylor - this class meets Wednesdays at 3:30pm in the Church

**STRONGER.....TOGETHER.....IN PRAYER!**



**Welcome to the PUMC Family...**



***Congratulations and best wishes to the Jake and Jenn Johnson family on the birth of their second daughter, Everlee June, on May 30, 2021. Everlee weighed 7lbs, 5 oz and was 21 inches long. Eloise Grace is going to be the best big sister!! Grandparents are Mike and Dawn Sard and Mark and Lisa Johnson. Great grandparents are Fran Sard and Elizabeth Montagna.***

***We congratulate you on the birth of this precious little one as she grows in the love of Christ.***

**Church Council News  
Carol Hay**

Just a reminder - Church Council is made up of leaders of all departments and teams within the church. We consider what is being done by each team and how we can collaborate to be better disciples, serving the community in the name of Jesus.

This year, our church added the Food Security Team as a way of coordinating all the food related ministries we do at PUMC. Besides the Food Pantry, we have gotten involved in the 5 & 2 Ministry to provide snacks for children who may not have enough food on the weekends, resurrected Lunch Bunch so seniors can enjoy a lunch and fellowship in our Community Room once a month, organized a process to deliver meals as a temporary assistance to an individual or family within our church, and made important connections at Panama School so when a food need arises, PUMC can help with immediate assistance for the family.

We all know the struggles schools had throughout the pandemic. To support our PCS faculty and staff, we have provided snacks, special treats, and words of encouragement throughout the past year.

Did you know our church spending plan includes a line item called "tithe"? Yes, the church sets aside money to donate to other organizations who are serving in our community. We have donated to the local fire department and to 501(c)3 organizations such as Love, Inc. and Community Helping Hands when a special need arises that fits within the mission of PUMC.

Although the Church Council is an administrative body - in place to ensure required procedures and regulatory details are completed - we are individually and as teams - disciples who follow Jesus by living as an act of worship, sharing love, listening for God's voice to direct, going where God leads, using resources to bless others, and being Jesus each day. It is a blessing to be part of a leadership team with so much compassion and vision.



## **JUNE Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 1 Kathy Foulk
- 2 Eric/Jennifer Scolton
- 3 Chuck/Judy Parkman
- 4 Nancy Dallas, Matt/Amanda Komarek
- 5 Ryan Peck
- 7 Cindy Crouch
- 8 Amanda Kolstee
- 9 Christopher Enlow, Sharon Rea
- 10 Elizabeth Comstock
- 11 Mike/Erica Butler
- 12 Lee/Betty Crosby
- 13 Dakota Catanese
- 14 Alyson Edwards, Lillian Odell
- 15 Scott/Wendy Trisket, Kim/Aaron Barton  
Andrew/Abigail Skahan
- 16 Jarrett Wiggers
- 17 Carol Hay
- 18 Don Butler, Kelly Range
- 19 Mason Komarek, David Woods, Larry  
Ostrander
- 21 Jennifer Anderson, Melissa Topolski
- 22 Gail/Nancy Dallas
- 23 Bryce/Katie Ireland
- 24 Lauren Tordella, Emily Gabriel,  
Kyle/Brynne Hinsdale, Steve/Melissa  
Wiggers
- 25 Pat Catanese
- 27 Ed Trisket, Jarrett/Elizabeth Wiggers
- 28 Dave/Yvonne Calcaterra, Rob/Wendy  
Peck, Chris/Dawn Comstock
- 30 Charlie/Debbie Loveless



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

**Questions? See Tina Swineford**

## **WHITE GIFT FUND**

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

## **The Meal Preparation Committee**

The Meal Preparation Committee is a service of the Food Security Team. Charged with providing meals to those recovering from a serious illness, surgery, injury or any need where a meal will help in the time of stress and medical decisions.

Anyone who knows of a family who will benefit from the receipt of a meal will refer the family to Pastor Steve or Jody Marsh, the Parish Nurse. When the Pastor or Parish Nurse is made aware of needs, they will refer the family to the Meal Preparation Committee. The Pastor and Nurse will confirm with the family that a meal will be accepted and will include any information regarding the number of people in the family and any food sensitivities. The referral will then be forwarded to the Meal Preparation Committee chairman.

The Meal Preparation Committee will:

1. Solicit and maintain a list of people who are will to prepare and deliver meals.
2. Accept referrals from the Pastor or Church Nurse.
3. Determine who will contact individuals to prepare/deliver the meal when needed,
4. Provide the person delivering the meal with contact information so they can arrange a convenient delivery time.
5. Promote ministry through Grace Notes and the church bulletin.

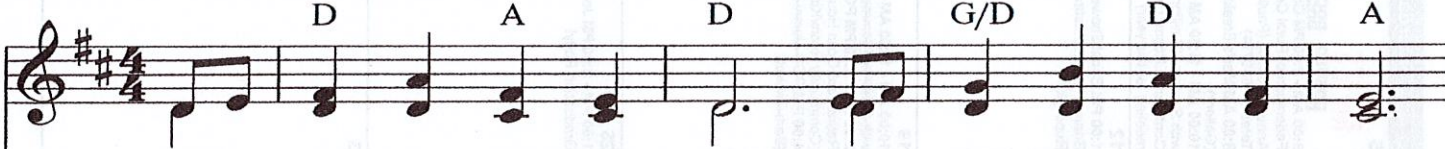
**If you are willing to prepare a meal for a family, please contact Kathy Foulk at 716-499-6437 or via email at [cleaning.granny@gmail.com](mailto:cleaning.granny@gmail.com).**

**You will be blessed!**




# This is My Father's World

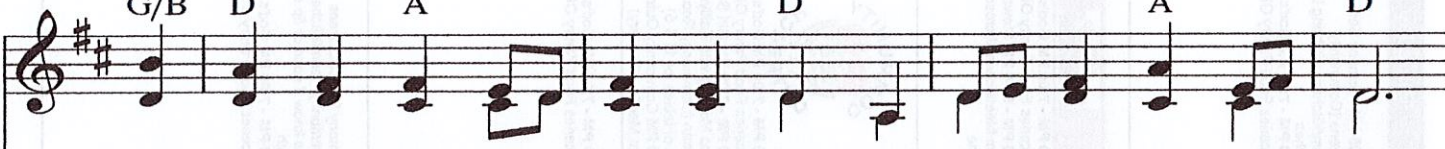
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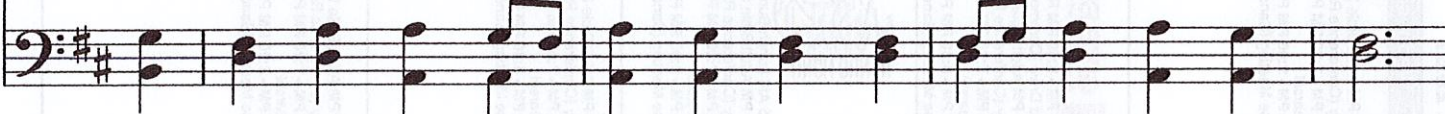
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 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise;  
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, oh let me ne'er for - get



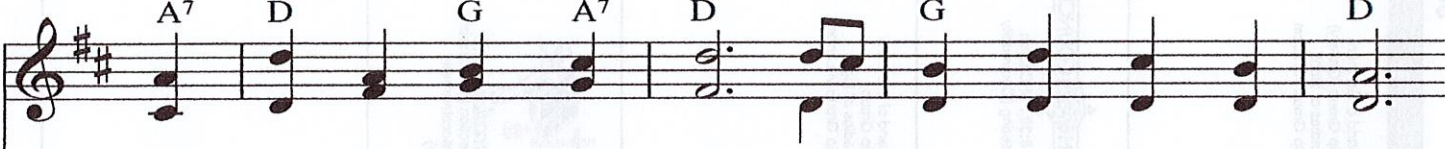
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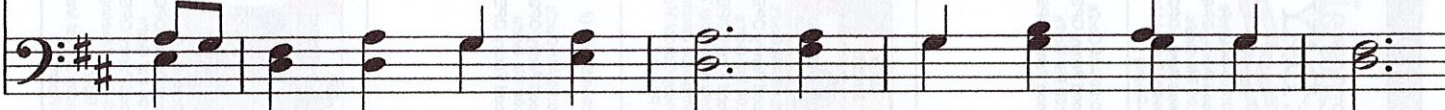
All na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
 That tho' the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Rul - er yet.



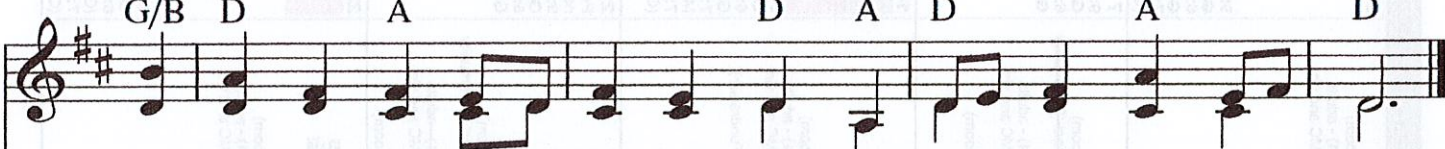
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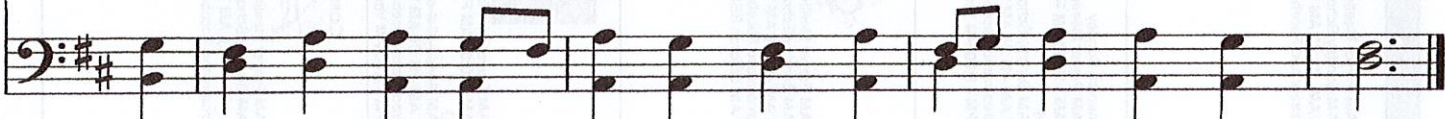
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 This is my Fa - ther's world! He shines in all that's fair;  
 This is my Fa - ther's world! The bat - tle is not done;



G/B D A D A D A D



Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the won - ders wrought.  
 In the rus - tling grass I hear Him pass— He speaks to me ev'ry - where.  
 Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.





# JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer Meeting (Conference Room) 9:00 AM Sunday School for Pre-K (age 4) - adults 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP! at PUMC and via Livestream and Facebook</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM God's Groceries Food Pantry-OPEN 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry-OPEN (Community Room) 7:00 PM Sunday-School-Meeting (Community Room)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Band of Brothers Discipleship Group (Gallery) 7:00 PM Ladies of Light Discipleship Group via zoom</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3:30 PM Adult Bible Study with Slacy (Conference Room) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer &amp; Praise Meeting (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 PM Harmony Senior Citizens (Community Room/Kitchen) will bring bagged lunches 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00 PM Teresa Ecker and friends to come in to set up for tomorrow's meeting 6:00 PM CHAT Care Group Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST</b> 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Chaut City Federation of Rural Cemeteries Annual Meeting (Pauline Edsall &amp; Teresa, 7639774) 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Gallery) 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Girl Scouts with Summer (Pavilion or Conference Room) (and final meeting for this year)</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Communion Sunday 8:15 AM Prayer Meeting (Conference Room) 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM Family-Sunday-School (Community Room) 9:00 AM Sunday School for Pre-K (age 4) - adults 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP! at PUMC and via Livestream and Facebook 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth (Community Room)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>CHURCH COUNCIL</b> 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Church Council Meeting (Community Room)</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>GIVE BLOOD</b> 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive (Community Room) 3:30 PM Adult Bible Study with Slacy (Conference Room) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer &amp; Praise Meeting (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY OUTREACH</b> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Stewardship Team Meeting via Microsoft Teams online</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 PM Home School Graduation Ceremony (Becky Cable)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 PM Bridal Shower for Branna Marsh (hosted by Shelly Rupczyk)</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:15 AM Prayer Meeting (Conference Room) 9:00 AM Sunday School for Pre-K (age 4) - adults 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP! at PUMC and via Livestream and Facebook 11:30 AM Chicken BBQ (Mission Team Fundraiser)</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>SAFETY SECURITY</b> 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 7:00 PM Safety &amp; Security Team Meeting (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Sunday School Meeting (Community Room)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 PM Band of Brothers Discipleship Group 7:00 PM Ladies of Light Discipleship Group via zoom</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>LUNCH BUNCH</b> 11:45 AM Lunch Bunch 3:30 PM Adult Bible Study with Slacy (Conference Room) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer &amp; Praise Meeting (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY OUTREACH</b> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop Meeting with Kaitlyn Froman (Community Room, 2 sets of tables for 11 &amp; 5) 6:00 PM Community Outreach Team Meeting (Nursery)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Girl Scouts with Summer (Community Room) 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM PCS Retirement Open House (Community Room/Kitchen) 4:00 PM PCS Alumni-Banquet (Becky Trickett)</p>
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