

Grace Notes, September 2021
Panama United Methodist Church;
Rev. Steven M. Taylor, Lead Pastor



From Pastor Steve's Desk...

The Broken Body

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

Last month, we looked at our understanding of the fourth statement in the Apostles' Creed:
[Jesus] *who suffered under Pontius Pilate...*

This month, we will look at the outcome of that suffering. [Jesus] *was crucified, died and was buried...*

This truth claim is taken from the Gospel accounts of the final days of Jesus' life on earth. The suffering that Jesus endured to initiate the redemptive work of the cross was completed when Jesus died a violent and painful death. Following that certain death, Jesus' body was buried in a tomb and sealed.

This torture, death, and burial were necessitated by the presence of sin in the world, from fallen humanity - sin that separates us from God. Sin entered the world through the fall of humanity by Adam and Eve. It is a mystery why God allowed sin to enter the world, but because of God's desire to allow creation to have free will, sin is a consequence of our imperfect, prideful, doubtful nature. We do know that sin and evil are realities with which we must struggle as we live our lives.

Because God can not be in the presence of sin due to God's holy nature, our sin is unacceptable to God. We, as humans, however, are powerless to make an atoning sacrifice to God for that sin. For that atonement, we depend on Jesus Christ. The several theories of atonement which are offered to clarify the work of Christ on the cross are the ransom theory (Jesus is the ransom to Satan for sinners), substitution (Jesus' death is sufficient sacrifice for our sin), substitution (Jesus bore the punishment for our sin), and the moral influence theory (the crucifixion persuades sinner to repent). Each of these theories holds a portion of the power of the claim that Jesus died to atone for our sins, and to pave the way for us to be 'at-one' with God.

The explicit claim that Jesus died and was buried is also partially in response to critics that would assert that Jesus was not really dead, or that he was not buried in a sealed tomb. The reason this criticism needed to be refuted was that Jesus' enemies were attempting to discredit the claims made by the eyewitnesses to the events in order to extinguish the movement. Jesus did die and was buried, for it was the job of the Roman soldier to ensure that Jesus was dead. And they were VERY good at their jobs.

Jesus' suffering and death are the culmination of a plan that God had for us. A plan that began with the wonderfully quiet birth of a Messiah baby boy, and ended with the death of the human body of Jesus. In between, God shows his love for you by giving you the gift of salvation in Christ.

Believe in Him, won't you? He was broken and died for YOU...and that's what I call LOVE.

Shalom,
Pastor Steve

PUMC Mission Statement

**We seek to love the Lord God by introducing people to His Son
Jesus Christ and helping this relationship grow.**

NEXT COURSE
New Members and Baptisms
COMING THIS FALL!

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 (in the office) 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!

Annual Church Conference
Sunday, October 17 at 1pm

Our annual state of the church and ministry update will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 17th at 1pm. A light lunch will be served for those who wish to stay after worship to attend the gathering. Area churches will also be present in the regional gathering. We will be providing information leading up to the meeting and look forward to your input. We will be talking about mission, vision, and what is in store for 2022 and beyond.

You're invited!

A look into September...

9/2 - Harmony Senior Citizens; 12pm

9/4 - Men's Breakfast; 8am Pavilion (or Gallery if raining)

9/6 - Labor Day

9/12 - SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF; 9am (outside, weather permitting)

9/12 - Mission Team Fund Raiser...Take Out Chicken BBQ **following worship**

(Take outs will be available at the kitchen pass-thru)

9/15 - LUNCH BUNCH; 11:45am

Please check the SEPTEMBER calendar at the end of this newsletter
To find regular monthly meeting reminders and
Additional "happenings" at PUMC.

With sympathy to the families of.....

Barak J. Cornell

Passed away on July 29, 2021

Marilyn Button Storms

Passed away on August 8, 2021

Linda Roraback

Passed away on August 10, 2021

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

AS YOU KNOW....
The MISSIONS TEAM CHICKEN
BBQ FUNDRAISER

was a
TOTAL success so.....
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

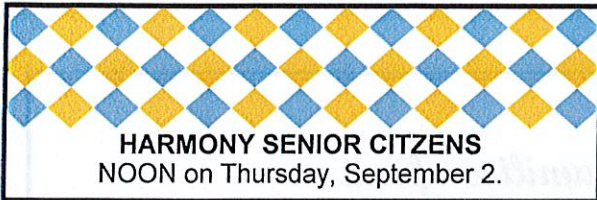
SEPTEMBER 12
following morning worship

This will be take out only.
Dinners will be served from the pass
thru between the kitchen and
the community room.
Please enter at the double doors.
in the Gallery.

Baptism...

Sloane J. Rappold,
daughter of
Jay and Jenna (Nagel) Rappold,
was welcomed into Baptism at the
Panama United Methodist Church
on Sunday, August 29, 2021
by Rev. Steven M. Taylor.

*We, as a community of believers, welcome
Sloane in Christian love and we pray
God's richest blessings upon her
as she grows and matures in her faith.*



HARMONY SENIOR CITIZENS
NOON on Thursday, September 2.

COFFEE (and goodies) IN THE CAFÉ

HOPE TO CONTINUE SEEING those happy faces that we saw this summer! !!
COFFEE time will continue into the fall.

For now, coffee will be ready and available starting between 8:30 and 8:45 and continuing until 10:15.

Prayer time will be in the Conference Room beginning at 8:45am.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 15
11:45am

Make plans to join us!

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.

JUST ONE 4 OTHERS

Each month we are encouraging you to purchase "ONE" of the items listed above. These will be offered to our Food Pantry, PCS, Love INC, and Jamestown Missions.

Questions? See Jody, our Parish Nurse.

The SEPTEMBER item of the month is
TOOTHBRUSHES

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.

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

SEPTEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Andrew Foulk, Ann/Shawn Schnars,
Brian/Janice Franklin,
- 4 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 Bob Cartwright
- 14 Debbie Peck
- 15 Peter Komarek, Joan Miktuk,
Jeff/Larissa Enlow
- 16 Alyssa Woods
- 17 Roberta Anderson, Jerry Scholton
Christopher/Carolyn Hughesman
- 18 Andrew Lescynski, Aiden Keefer
- 19 Daniel Cartwright, Carrie Munsee
- 23 Toney Sali, Lester/Wyona Wevers
- 24 Jonathan/Jessica Komarek
- 26 Todd/Amanda Kolstee
- 28 Charlie Auge, Dave Hinderer, Mike Range
- 29 Greg Edwards, Jack/Linda Sturges

A peek into October...

- 1 Matt Komarek, Glenn/Melissa Topolski
- 2 Amy Caldwell, Dave Calcaterra
- 3 Pam Ireland
- 4 Steve Halpainy, Pat/Joyce Dole
- 5 Kyle Hinsdale, Ariana Range
- 6 Krista Odell, Don/Tabby Butler



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF...
SEPTEMBER 12
9:00AM

BRING YOUR FAMILY!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

PICK UP CHICKEN
ON YOUR WAY HOME!!

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 cleanning.granny@gmail.com.

You will be blessed!

Food Security Team

PUMC is sponsoring a golf team at the 5 & 2 Ministry Golf Scramble on September 22th at Chautauqua Golf Course. Ted Passarelli, Don Butler, George Anderson and Jon Cable will represent PUMC.



Volunteer opportunities to help this ministry are available the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm when we pack the bags of food for the students. Let Roberta Anderson know if you are interested in helping.



Looking for some fellowship along with a bite to eat? Join our Lunch Bunch on the third Wednesday of the month in our Community Center at 11:45am. Lunch is provided by donation. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Foulk.



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

Questions? See Tina Swineford

CONNECTIONS **And the BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

It's September and Connections is up and running again! We appreciate any snack donations for up to 20 children. We have already had a few online Registrations ...Did you know that you can now register online for Connections? A few children were registered at the Back to School Bash.

Speaking of the Bash, what a fun event that was! We had many community children attend who enjoyed playing games and receiving school supplies, in the 80 degree, humid morning!

Back to Connections...we are looking for adults who would be willing to be on a substitute list. The hours are 3-5:30pm, and the job involves playing games with children, getting snack and reading a Bible story. What could possibly be more fun?? If that could be you, please let Stacy Taylor know!

Thanks for supporting our Connections Ministry!,

Needed for our After-School Ministry, please!

- Ritz, Townhouse or, Club crackers
- Popcorn chips
- Pretzels
- Chex Mix
- Cheese Balls
- Popcorn (that we can pop)
- Goldfish
- Bugles
- Cereal (any kind)
- Granola Bars
- Cookies (any kind)
- Ranch Dressing
- Peanut Butter
- Graham Crackers


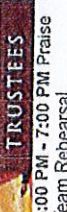








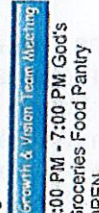
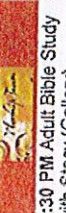
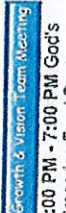



- Pudding
- Jello cups
- Yogurt
- Apples
- Oranges
- Grapes
- Fruit Snacks
- Celery
- Carrots
- Juice

CONNECTIONS

Thank you!!

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:15 AM Prayer Meeting (Conference Room) 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP! at PUMC and via Livestream and Facebook	30 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 6:00 PM Connections-Team Meeting (downstairs) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 7:00 PM Sunday-School Meeting (Community Room)	31  3:30 PM Adult Bible Study with Stacy (Gallery) 6:00 PM Connections Team Meeting (downstairs)	1  6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer & Praise Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Trustee Team Meeting (Community Room)	2  12:00 PM Harmony Senior Citizens (Community Room/Kitchen) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 6:30 PM Ministry Audit Meeting (G&V) in the Community Room	3  6:00 PM CHAT Care Group Meeting at George & Trudy's 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Quiz Practice (Community Room)	4  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Pavilion or Gallery if raining)
5 Communion Sunday 8:15 AM Prayer Meeting (Conference Room) 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM Family-Sunday-School (Community Room) 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP! at PUMC and via Livestream and Facebook	6  9:00 AM - 10:00 AM God's Groceries Food Pantry CLOSED 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry CLOSED	7 3:30 PM Adult Bible Study with Stacy (Gallery) 7:00 PM Band of Brothers Discipleship Group (Gallery)	8 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer & Praise Meeting (Sanctuary)	9  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 7:00 PM Missions Team Meeting (Community Room) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Stewardship Team Meeting via Microsoft Team online	10 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Quiz Practice (Community Room)	11
12  8:15 AM Prayer Meeting (Conference Room) 9:00 AM Sunday School Kick-off Event! 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM WORSHIP! at PUMC and via Livestream and Facebook 11:30 AM Chicken BBQ Take-out Dinner (Mission Team Fundraiser)	13  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 & Security Team Meeting (Community Room)	14 3:30 PM Adult Bible Study with Stacy (Gallery)	15  11:45 AM Lunch Bunch 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Prayer & Praise Meeting (Sanctuary)	16  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM God's Groceries Food Pantry OPEN 6:30 PM Ministry Audit Meeting (G&V) in the Community Room	17 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Quiz Practice (Community Room)	18
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