



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

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

From Pastor Steve's Desk...

Dead doesn't mean dead...

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

Are you ready? Are you prepared? I've asked that question quite a few times lately from the pulpit and in small groups. It's November and we are fast approaching the glory and wonder of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Let's be ready!

This month, as we continue to take a closer look at the truth claims in the Apostle's Creed, we get to the climax of the journey, as far as our earthly Jesus goes. He's been beaten and murdered, put in the grave, been to hell and back, and now he does something that has transformed the world. Jesus is raised from the dead...when dead wasn't really dead for good!

On the third day he rose again

The resurrection account of Jesus is recorded in the Gospels from the eye-witnesses to the event. Various men and women witnessed the empty tomb, the missing guards, angels, and the linens that had been wrapped around Jesus' body. More importantly, they witnessed the risen Christ himself, talking and standing with them. This truth claim is essential to the Christian faith and central to the validity of Jesus' words, which claimed that he would rise after three days. It also represents victory over Satan, fuels our hope in God's promises, and provides a tangible idea of our coming destiny.

Three days after Jesus has been placed in the tomb, he was risen from the dead and took on a glorified human body. The act of rising from the dead is not something that Jesus himself accomplished, but he "was raised" from the dead by the divine power of the Triune God. The disciples and those that were following Jesus had not completely understood the breadth of his role in God's plan. The resurrection was the new beginning that convinced the disciples that Jesus truly was the Messiah, that he triumphed over death, and was divine. This added validity, also then, to the other claims of Jesus, his description of the kingdom of God, and his commandments and teachings.

Jesus appeared to the men and women that he encountered just after the resurrection and was in a glorified human body. Resurrection is not simply a matter for Jesus of returning to the completely divine nature from whence he existed prior to the incarnation. Following the incarnation and his life and death, Jesus is resurrected in bodily form, albeit glorified. We see evidence that the body Jesus has after the resurrection exhibits scars and holes that were made during the crucifixion. However, the major internal damage and causes of death have been restored and Jesus is resurrected into a renewed body.

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PUMC Mission Statement

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

The effect of this truth claim is that just as Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, will be raised from the dead. Just as Jesus lives in heaven as a human and divine being, we, too, will live as glorified humans in heaven.

We can give thanks for the hope for the future, when we will come into our own glorified bodies, bowing before our Lord and Savior, placing at his feet all that we have stored up in heaven! Eternally praising him, worshipping him, and basking in his love. May it be soon!

It's coming...be prepared!

*Peace and Shalom,
Pastor Steve*

NEXT COURSE for New Members and Baptisms coming this Fall!

Starting November 7, 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.

It will also dive deeper into our Intentional Discipleship Plan called SHIFT. 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 after worship on November 7 for 45 minutes. Baptisms and new members will be welcomed in November during worship. A sign-up sheet is available in the Lobby by the Sanctuary.

See you there!

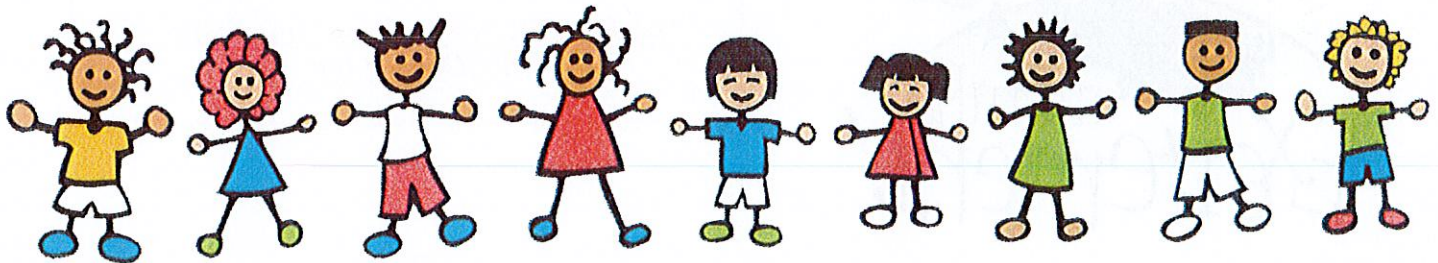
A Look into November...

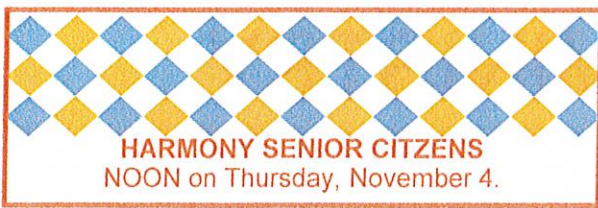
- 2 - General Election; 6am-9pm
- 4 - Harmony Senior Citizens; noon; Community Room
- 6 - Ladies Breakfast; 8am; Vollmer's home
- 6 - Men's Breakfast; 8am; Gallery
- 7 - New Members Class; 11:30am; Conference Room
- 11 - United Senior Council; 9:30-noon; Community Room
- 14 - New Members Class; 11:30am; Conference Room
- 17 - Lunch Bunch; 11:45am; Community Room
- 18 - Bible Quiz practice; 6:30-8pm
- 19 - Bible Quiz Fall Tournament; 12pm - 11:00pm
- 20 - New Members Class; 11:30am; Conference
- 25 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Please check the **NOVEMBER** calendar at the end of this newsletter to find regularly scheduled meetings and additional "happenings" at PUMC!

NURSERY MINISTRY

DATE	ATTENDANTS		UNAVAILABLE
November 7	Betsy	Trudy	
November 14		Larissa	Jess N., Adam-CM
November 21	Elizabeth W.	Howie and Erika	Jess N., Wende
November 28	Jessica N	Summer	Brenda, Howie-CM
December 5	Wende	Megan	
December 12	Gracie	Brenda	
December 19	Larissa	Elizabeth W	Stacy, Adam-CM
December 26	Betsy	Jessica	Brenda, Stacy
January 2	Summer	Gracie	Stacy, Howie-CM
January 9	Howie and Erika	Betsy	
January 16	Wende	Jess	
January 23	Larissa	Brenda	Adam-CM
January 30	Stacy	Elizabeth W	

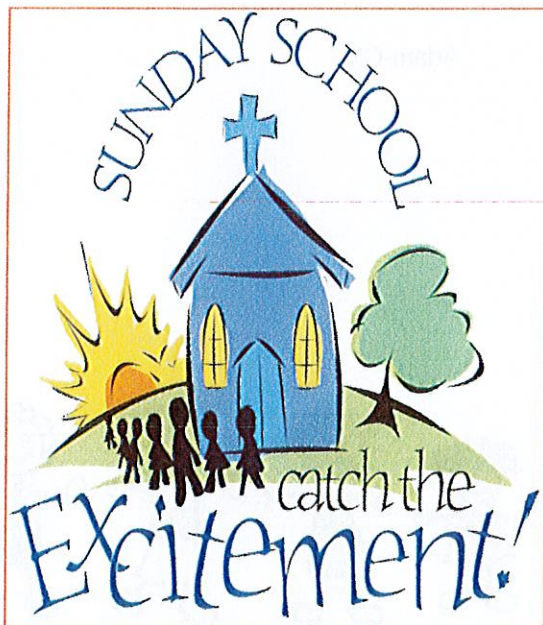




HARMONY SENIOR CITIZENS
NOON on Thursday, November 4.

Come and check out the
*****LUNCH BUNCH*****
November 17
11:45am
Make plans to join us!

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.



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.
Coffee, tea and goodies will be ready
and available by 8:15
and continuing until 10:15.
Prayer time will be in the Conference
Room beginning at 8:45am.

If you would like to donate a "goodie", please let
Julia or Pam know. At this time, we would appre-
ciate individually packaged cookies, crackers, etc.
for our coffee time. Small sandwich ziplock bags
work great for this preparation.

Thank you!

Please, help us spread the word that
the St Pauley's clothing shed
can be found in the corner of the East
Main Street parking lot.
Proceeds from the clothing shed as-
sist 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 NOVEMBER item of the month is
DEODERANT.

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

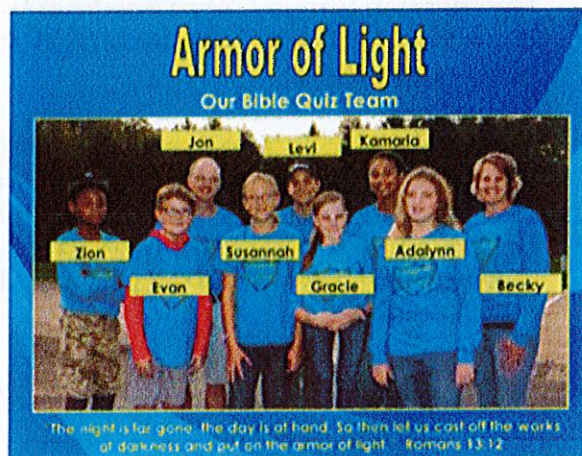
NOVEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Mike Sard, Carol Simmes, Cindy Sturges, Joel Wiggers
- 2 Chris Comstock
- 3 *Tom/Sally Baer*
- 4 Tina Akam
- 8 Elena Komarek
- 9 Lisa Edwards, Linda Gleason, Logan Hickman
- 10 Erica Dix, Corinne Ireland, Katie Braun
- 11 April VanBrunt, Abigail Skahan, Marlie Seekings
- 12 Jean Edwards, Connor Hickman
- 15 Jaik Halpainy
- 16 Genesis Moore
- 19 Stephanie Landin
- 20 Peter Butler
- 21 Evan Lescynski
- 25 Barb Trisket, Mel Eggleston II
- 26 Mary Lou Garfield, Gloria Scholton
- 27 Stacy Taylor, *Tim/Tena Dills*
- 28 Kevin Parkman
- 30 Fran Sard

Looking into December...

- 1 Bert Anderson, Brianna (Marsh) Ford
- 3 Judy Parkman
- 4 Rob Peck, Paige Weise, *Dennis/Cindy Furlow*
- 5 Eloise Smith

BIBLE QUIZZING



Armor of Light had a great showing at the October 23rd competition, coming in third place! Kamaria placed as the top rookie and Gracie placed as number one quizzier of the day!!

So proud of these quizzers! They are studying diligently and are striving to learn their material to be team players. Can I give a shout for Evan Lescynski...I challenged him to learn the entire second chapter of James and he did it! Evan is nine years old! I love the excitement of competition but my heart just thrills at the fruit that comes and will continue to come from sowing the Word of God in the hearts of these children.

We are preparing for the Turkey Tourney on November 19-20th, two days packed with quizzing, worship and fun! Come out and support the teams, you'll be amazed and encouraged!

All for Jesus,
Coach Becky



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jessica Nelson



Sunday School classes are up and running! There is still time to join a class. We have classes from PreK to Adult. Our PreK to Adult classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9-10. We do have one adult class that meets on Tuesday at 3:30 at the church. Come and check out a class or two!

The Christian Education team is looking for substitute teachers. If you are interested in being a substitute teacher for one of our classes, please let Jess Nelson know or call the church office. We are also looking for people to "roam" the classrooms during the Sunday School hour as part of our Safe Sanctuary program. We are looking to set up a rotating calendar so it will not be every week. IF you are interested, please contact Debbie at the church office.



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

Come join us to watch the movie, "STAR"

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd from 6-8pm. Wear your PJ's and bring a blanket if you'd like. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

.....ALL AGES ARE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED

CONNECTIONS

Connections 2021/2022 is up and running!!
We appreciate any snack donations
for up to 20 children.

The list on the right includes suggestions for any snack donations you might wish to make. Donations may be dropped off in the bins which are located in the in the west side entrance hall off the parking lot.

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 with your prayers, snacks and donations!

Needed for our After-School Ministry, please!

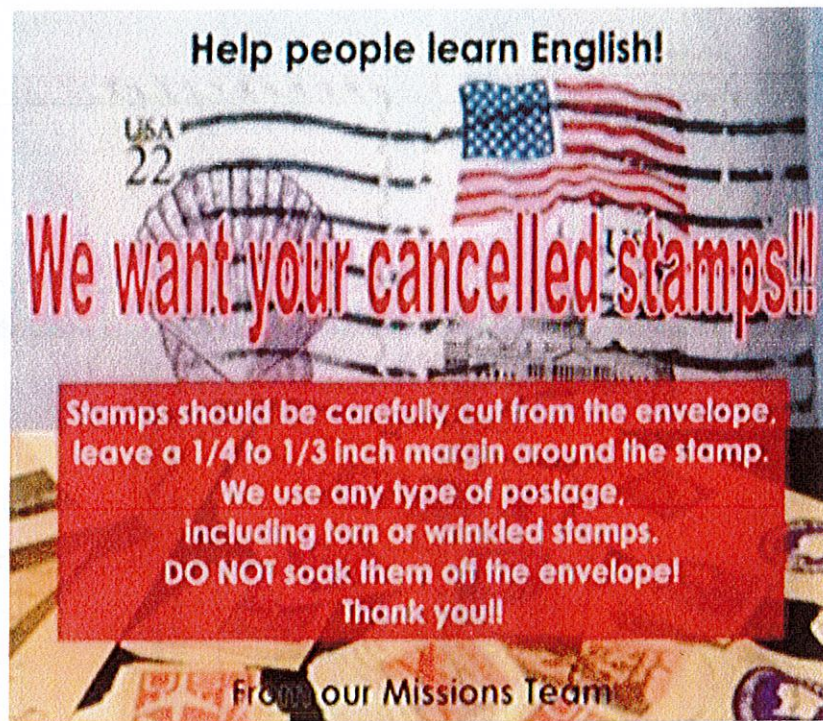
- Ritz, Townhouse or, Club crackers
- Popcorn chips
- Pretzels
- Chex Mix
- Cheese Balls
- Popcorn (that we can pop)
- Goldfish
- Bugles
- Cereal (any kind)
- Granola Bars
- Cookies (any kind)
- Ranch Dressing
- Peanut Butter
- Graham Crackers



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



Thank you!



The information above will likely be useful with the holidays close by. When you receive Christmas cards (or others throughout the year), don't throw the envelope out before you "collect the stamp".


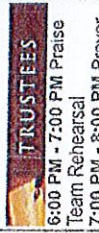








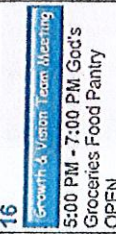



Several years ago, the Bollers (Rick and Mary Alice) had a relative (I think) in a facility in Florida that had it's residents keep busy removing stamps from envelopes to support the work of missions. This Alliance Stamp Ministry, located in Fort Myers, FL, has been in existence since it's inception in 1971. Cancelled stamps are cut off envelopes to specifications as noted in the picture above.

Jeannette Osborne and the women of our PUMC WAM (Women and Missions) picked up this project and opened it up to the church. Since Jeannette's passing and the dissolving of WAM, Ted Passarelli and our PUMC Mission Team continue to support this ministry. Used stamps can be resold to stamp distributors, who sell them to collectors. Common stamps are sold in 25 pound boxes to wholesalers. The Alliance Stamp Ministry receives thousands of used stamps from all over the world. Stamps are divided into categories such as commemorative, foreign, love, Christmas, airmail, high value, off paper and computer generated stamps. Any type of postage stamp can be used, including torn or wrinkled stamps. **One thing to remember is DO NOT soak them off the envelope.** Simply cut the to the specifications above.

We hope you will join in on this ongoing missions project. There should be a container on the welcome table in the Narthex for your stamp donation. You could simply keep them in an envelope at home, as you cut them, and bring them to church on any given Sunday. You could also put them in the Missions "mailbox" on the wall in the office workroom. Ted will take care of mailing them periodically to the Stamp Ministry in Florida. With Christmas coming, now might be a good time to get in the habit of collecting them as you bring in your mail. It would only take a minute or two!

Thanks in advance for your support of our STAMP MINISTRY!

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) 7:00 PM Trustee Team Meeting (Community Room)	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
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