



Paxton Pulse



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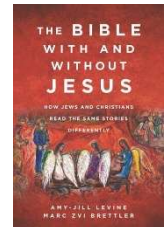
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Paxton United Methodist Church **Exists to Grow and Share God's Love**

From the Desk of Pastor Gary

When we get to this time of the year we always ask, "Where has the summer gone?" Schools are starting again. Football season is here. Vacations are over. And now we settle into our routines again. I always believed there are two New Years in each year: January 1st and the Sunday after Labor Day. This year that first Sunday after Labor Day is September 7th and it will be the day of New Beginnings here at Paxton Church.

- 1) A New Worship Series titled **"Let My People Know."** This seven-week series is about learning more about God so that we might strengthen our relationship with God.
- 2) We are restarting for some, and beginning for others, a Home Communion Ministry. We will be taking Communion to our friends of Paxton that cannot make it to worship on Sundays. **We will have a short gathering after worship August 31st to help you serve this vital ministry.** We will begin distributing Communion the week after September 7th Worship.
- 3) A New Sunday School Bible Study titled **"The Bible with and without Jesus."** We will learn how Christians and Jewish people read the same Bible stories differently. There is a weekly instructional video and a Participant Guide that I will order. The Guide provides readings that will allow you to be prepared to discuss the topic each week.
- 4) Our Wednesday Bible Study will start September 17th and we will be studying the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament this fall until Advent. We will be using the book **"Be Amazed"** by Warren W. Wiersbe. I used part of this book in our study of Jonah last fall.



I would like to express my appreciation to Jon, Skip and Liam for conducting the Sunday services while Cindy and I were on vacation.

Finally, we are always looking for new ideas for Fellowship Times at Paxton (i.e. game night, movie night...). If you have any ideas, please let a member of the Leadership Team know.

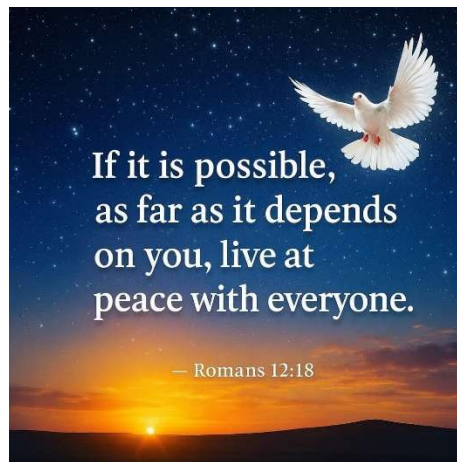
Dates to Remember:

August 31 – Training for those who will bring communion during home visits.

September 7 – Sunday school resumes.

September 17th – Bible study resumes at the Peachtree restaurant.

Prayer Focus: Peace



Home Communion Ministry

Paxton UMC is establishing a home visitation and communion program. We will begin distributing Communion the week after September 7th. We're still looking for volunteers who once a month would visit and offer communion to those who can't get to church due to health or other issues. Please let Pastor Gary know if you are willing to serve in this manner.

There will be a short gathering after worship August 31st to help guide those who will serve this vital ministry.

Hannah Returns

Hannah Dundore was Paxton's Missionary on the Bay this summer. She served as a counselor at Camp Occhohannock (ootbay.org). Throughout the summer she sent us photos and videos of her fellow counselors and young campers. Hannah would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support – especially the 25 water bottles and other items the Sew for Peace group sent to her, which she shared with her fellow counselors.



CORN SOUP SALE

You can't have a chicken corn soup sale and fundraiser without a lot of preparation. Thank you to all those who came out Monday, August 11 and helped husk, cook and take the corn off the cob. It was hard work but a great day of fellowship. **The soup sale is scheduled for October 17 -18.**



Sew for Peace

Sew for Peace meets every Thursday at 9am. September 28 there will be a blessing of children's dresses for Samaritan's Purse. In October we will be delivering our hat sets and blankets to Mission Central. In addition, they are asking for New/Gently Used Coats, Chapstick, Reusable Water Bottles, Gallon Size Ziplock Bags, New Children's Socks & Underwear, Personal Cleansing Disposable Wipes, Clothespins. There is a collection box in the Narthex if anyone wishes to donate any of these items.

Golden Agers

Golden Agers meet the second Tuesday of the month for food, fellowship & fun. The next meeting will be September 9th. Bus trips for the rest of this year are full, but we will have a new slate for 2026 which will be placed on the bulletin board when finalized. You do not need to be a member of Golden Agers to participate in the bus trips. See the bulletin board or contact Dotty Sellers at 717-564-9492.

Daystar Dinner

The next dinner will be served on September 21st at 4 pm, for residents, family, & friends. Volunteers are welcome to help in the kitchen, serve, and visit with our guests. Contact Bill Toner.

Handicap Parking Spots

Thank you to our tireless work crew which has done a wonderful job repainting the lines for handicap parking spaces.



Staying in Touch

Remember to stay in touch with one another. Especially those you haven't seen in a while who may be going through difficult times or experiencing health issues. Call, visit, text, or mail a card to let people know you are thinking about them.

Hearing Assistance System

A hearing assistance device is now available during worship in the sanctuary. See Bill or Cindy before any service, if you would like to use it.

Fellowship Time – Game Night

On July 27, twelve people spent time together over games like Yahtzee, Bananagrams, and Rack-O. Great fun was had by all. Special thanks to the team who cooked up burgers, baked brownies, and otherwise fueled the fellowship!

We will continue to look to the future for other opportunities to fellowship with one another. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to share them with the leadership team.

“Peace I leave
with you; my
peace I give you. I
do not give to you
as the world gives.
Do not let your
hearts be
troubled and do
not be afraid.”





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Sunday Services begin at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Worship is in-person and streaming live or available anytime at <https://www.youtube.com/@PaxtonUnitedMethodistChurch-v8y> and www.facebook.com/paxtonumc. A children's nursery is available. *The calendar below gives details of Paxton UMC's services, ministries and missions.*

August Worship and Events

August 24 th	9:15 AM	Dear Children of God Part 3 Cannot Be Shaken Jeremiah 1:4-10; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
	11:00 AM	Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community
	11:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
August 25 th	6:30 PM	AA Men's Meeting
August 26 th	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
August 27 th	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Office hours
	4:00 PM	Pilates
August 28 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
August 29 th	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Office hours
	6:30 PM	AA Meeting
August 30 th	10:00 AM to Noon	Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community Women's Bible Study and Music Practice
August 31 st	9:15 AM	Dear Children of God Part 3 Let Mutual Love Continue/Labor of Love Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14 Gathering after worship for Home Communion Ministry
	11:00 AM	Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community
	11:30 AM	Children's Sunday School

September Worship and Events

September 1 st	6:30 PM	AA Men's Meeting
September 2 nd	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
September 3 rd	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM 4:00 PM	Office hours Pilates
September 4 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
September 5 th	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM 6:30 PM	Office hours AA Meeting
September 6 th	10:00 AM to Noon	Trinty Worship Church Nepali Community Women's Bible Study and Music Practice
September 7th	9:15 AM	Let My People Know / Holy Communion Know the Lord
	10:30 AM	Sunday School Bible Study "The Bible with and without Jesus"
	11:00 AM	Trinty Worship Church Nepali Community
	11:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
September 8 th	6:30 PM	AA Men's Meeting
September 9 th	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
September 10 th	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM 4:00 PM	Office hours Pilates
September 11 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
September 12 th	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM 6:30 PM	Office hours AA Meeting
September 13 th	10:00 AM to Noon	Trinty Worship Church Nepali Community Women's Bible Study and Music Practice
September 14 th	9:15 AM	Let My People Know / Holy Communion Know the Lord
September 15 th	6:30 PM	AA Men's Meeting
September 16 th	6:15 PM 6:30 PM	Leadership Team Meeting AA and Al-Anon Meetings
September 17th	10:00 AM	Bible Study and Breakfast at the Peachtree Restaurant
	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Office hours
	4:00 PM	Pilates

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