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

### From the Desk of Pastor Gary

I want to begin by offering my heartfelt thanks to the entire Paxton Church family for your unwavering support as I pursued becoming an Associate Member of the Order of Elders in the Susquehanna Conference. I'm also deeply grateful for your prayers and blessings for both Cindy and me as we were recognized at this year's Annual Conference.



Rev. Gary Allshouse with his wife Cindy, along with Pastor Gary's mentor Rev. Ed Zeiders (left) and Bishop Héctor Antonio Burgos-Núñez at the annual meeting of the Susquehanna Conference.

As we move past the season between Easter and Pentecost, we reflect on what we've learned together about Jesus' call to be "Fishers of People." Our time of study and preparation has come to a close — now begins the work of living out that calling.

This summer, I invite you to join me in praying for those in our community. Ask God to plant a spark in their hearts that the Holy Spirit can fan into a blazing fire of faith and love for God. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church—may this season mark a new beginning in our lives as well, as God moves in powerful ways through us and among our families, friends, and neighbors.



**Let's Go Fishing—for People—for Jesus**



**June 8<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost – Commitment Sunday Service**

**Awarding of Cora Martin Weeber Scholarships**

Fellowship time & meet the scholarship recipients immediately after the service.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – Happy Father's Day**

**Prayer Focus:** Fishing for People

## God's Love

***For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.***

***The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:35,36 & 40 NIV)***

[Bible Study](#) resumes at 10:30 am on Sunday June 15 as Pastor Gary will wrap up our discussion about fishing for people, that is, disciples and followers for Jesus Christ our risen savior. A new summer Bible study will begin June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Pastor Gary if you feel called to assist him as co-leader of the discussion.

## [Gratitude and Updates](#)

### [Susquehanna Conference](#)

Pastor Gary and RB Wilbur, lay delegate, attended the annual conference of the United Methodist Church from May 29 -31, in Williamsport. In a solemn ceremony, Bishop Núñez recognized Pastor Gary as an Associate Member of the Order of Elders and acknowledged the support of his wife, Cindy. Pastor Gary is now entitled to be called Reverend and can perform marriage and communion services outside Paxton Church. The laity also voted on four amendments approved by the General Conference. The results of this worldwide voting will be announced in the fall. Please feel free to chat with Pastor Gary or RB if you have any questions.



### [Mother's Day Gift from Trinity Nepali Church](#)



The Trinity Nepali Community Church has been meeting in the Paxton UMC building for over a year. On Mother's Day they celebrated with special music and dance by the children, thanking God for all the mothers. Because of her support for their church, the women invited Ruth Higbee to participate and gave her a sari to match what all the mothers were wearing.



### **Happy Birthday Hannah Dundore!**

Hannah is spending the summer as a counselor at Camp Occohannock (ootbay.org). She will be turning 21 on June 28. We would like to bring her support and love through a birthday card shower. Her address is Camp Occohannock, attn. Hannah Dundore, 9403 Camp Lane, Belle Haven, VA 23306.



**Sew for Peace** meets every Thursday at 9 am. Please join us in praying for those who can no longer attend due to health issues. On June 15 during worship there will be a blessing of children's clothes sewn for Gethsemane UMC in Morrisdale when a group goes to the Woodland workcamp that afternoon. They also distribute blankets to the homeless and give hats and gloves for Christmas gifts so we will be donating those as well.

**Daystar Dinner** will be served on June 29th at 4 pm, for Daystar residents, family, & friends. Volunteers are welcome to help in the kitchen, serve & visit with our guests. Contact Bill Toner.

**Golden Agers** will meet June 10th for food, fun and fellowship. There will be no meeting in July. The annual picnic will be held August 12 in the pavilion located at the Ecumenical Retirement Community, 624 Wilhelm Road (just off Progress Ave.)

On September 2 there will be an Amish Farm and House visit as part of a Basket-filling tour though Lancaster area (\$141 PP). November 19 there will be a trip to Peddler's Village Pearl Buck's House. (\$129pp). 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.

### **Rise Against Hunger**

On Saturday, May 17th, over 40 volunteers – including a great-granddaughter, grandchild, parents, grandparents and friends – all had a wonderful time working together to build 10,100+ nutritious meals. This is one part of the effort to reduce hunger worldwide. These meals will be distributed in June to a school program in Zambia, Africa by Rise Against Hunger. Paxton achieved its goal of \$4,100 necessary to purchase supplies. Thank you so much to everyone who donated time, money, and prayer support. God's love abounds!



### **Cora Martin Weeber Student Scholarship Award Recipients**



Cora Martin Weeber, a member of Sixth Street and then of Paxton United Methodist Church, established a trust fund to provide scholarships for the use and benefit of “worthy children” of members of Paxton United Methodist Church, to assist in payment of their college tuition. The first scholarships were awarded in 1988. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, during the **Pentecost Sunday** service, the 2025 scholarship recipients will be announced. They are:

**Samuel Brunson** – Sam has been accepted at Clemson University where he plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. In high school, he excelled in academics and sports (lacrosse), while also helping others and working to save money for college. He has been on three mission trips with his family in addition to volunteering in his community. Sponsors- Dotty and Steve Sellers (Grandparents)

**Rebecca Deimler** – Rebecca has completed one year at West Virginia University where she has been working toward a degree in Music Business and Industry with a Law minor. She has a heart for service that continues to be expressed in hands-on personal care for individuals in need of love and support. Faith and music both give her strength to love and comfort others.  
Sponsor- Melissa Deimler (Mother).

**Trey Good** – Trey has finished his freshman year at Shippensburg University, where he plays football while pursuing a bachelor’s degree in business administration. Trey says, “My faith is the foundation of how I live each day.” He participates in community outreach through campus ministry.  
Sponsors- Yvonne and Craig Crotty (Grandparents).

**Sean Lehan** – Sean completed his first year at Widener University in Chester PA, working toward a degree in biomedical engineering. He has spent time this year mentoring and tutoring in science and math, has chaperoned at math competitions, and taught swimming for Boy Scouts. Sean sees the pressures of college life as challenges to set an example to others of God’s love in day-to-day life.  
Sponsor- Clair Shatto (Grandfather).

**Berlyn Levan** – Berlyn has decided to work toward a biology degree. She will study at HACC this coming year but expects to complete her degree with Penn State. She works at the Harrisburg airport, where she tries to spread goodwill and positivity to stressed and weary travelers. Her faith guides her decisions and actions. Sponsor- Judy Levan (Grandmother).

**Derek Petcash** – Derek is graduating from high school this spring and will be studying pre-med at Furman University in Greenville SC. He has played basketball since he was six years old, with his high school team reaching the state playoffs this year. He has mentored younger players and served as a counselor at summer basketball camp. He has also volunteered at events for young people with special needs. Sponsors- Dotty and Steve Sellers (Grandparents)

**Caroline Sandman** – Caroline finished her junior year in Ecology, Conservation, and Evolutionary Biology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she is a member of marching band and choir. She has found joy welcoming incoming freshmen into the university and the marching band, helping them make a smooth transition to college life. She says, “God calls us to serve one another and His creation!”  
Sponsor- Annie Carson (Grandmother).





## Paxton United Methodist Church

**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/@PaxtonUnitedMethodistChurc-v8y> and [www.facebook.com/paxtonumc](http://www.facebook.com/paxtonumc). A children's nursery is available. *The calendar below gives details of Paxton UMC's services, ministries and missions.*

	<u>June</u>	<u>Worship and Activities</u>
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Pentecost – Commitment Sunday – Awarding of Cora Martin Weeber Scholarships Fishing for People: The Great Sending Out
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time – Meet the Scholarship Recipients
	10:30 AM	No Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Trinity Nepali Community Church
	11:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Central PA Ornament Club (Fellowship Hall)
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	6: 30 PM	<b>Small Prayer Group</b>
	7:00 PM	AA Open Meeting
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Golden Agers
	6:15 PM	<b>Leadership Team Meeting</b>
	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Pilates
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	<b>Sew for Peace</b>
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	AA Meeting
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Fishing for People – Oh, The Stories We Will Tell
	10:30 AM	Bible Study – Wrap Up
	11:00 AM	Trinity Nepali Community Church
	11:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
	1:00 PM - 4:00PM	Private Event (Fellowship Hall)
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Pilates
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	<b>Sew for Peace</b>
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15 AM	Dear Children of God: OMG

	10:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Now That Faith Has Come New Summer Bible Study Begins Trinity Nepali Community Church Children's Sunday School
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 PM	AA Open Meeting
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Pilates
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	<b>Sew for Peace</b>
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	AA Meeting
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Dear Children of God: OMG Call to Freedom 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62
	10:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Summer Bible Study Begins Trinity Nepali Community Church Children's Sunday School
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	AA Open Meeting

## July

## Worship and Activities

July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4:00 PM	Pilates
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00 AM	<b>Sew for Peace</b>
July 4 <sup>th</sup>		Happy Independence Day -- <b>Office is Closed</b>
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:15 AM	Dear Children of God: OMG A New Creation is Everything 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:1-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
	10:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Summer Bible Study Trinity Nepali Community Church Children's Sunday School
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	AA Open Meeting
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Pilates
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	<b>Sew for Peace</b>



**Bible & Book Study Group** normally held on Wednesdays is on summer break until after Labor Day.

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