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

From the Desk of Pastor Gary

Next week, RB and I will be attending the Annual Conference of the [Susquehanna Conference](#) of the United Methodist Church. Each year, representatives from churches across the conference gather for what John Wesley called "Holy Conferencing." While the Book of Discipline requires this annual gathering, it is far more than simply a business meeting.



I will admit that this is one of those times when my inner "church nerd" comes alive. I enjoy studying the Book of Discipline, and I have a deep appreciation for Robert's Rules of Order. But beyond the reports, resolutions, and procedures, Annual Conference is also a deeply spiritual experience.

Every year, I leave Annual Conference feeling renewed in both heart and spirit. That renewal comes in many ways:

Fellowship — Reconnecting with old friends, meeting new people, and sharing conversations around meal tables reminds me that we are part of something much larger than ourselves.

Worship — Something powerful about hearing more than a thousand voices joined together in prayer, praise, and song.

Messages — Each worship service features different speakers whose sermons often challenge, encourage, and inspire those gathered.

Celebrations and Awards — Hearing the stories of churches throughout the conference faithfully serving their communities reminds me that God is continually at work in countless ways.

Resolutions and Ministry Discussions — Listening to people speak passionately about ministry and the future of the Church helps us discern together how God is calling us forward.

This year's conference will also include important conversations about the future direction of the Susquehanna Conference during this season of denominational change and transition.

Please keep all delegates, pastors, and leaders in your prayers throughout Annual Conference and in the year ahead. Pray that we may listen well, lead faithfully, and continue to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.

Grace and peace, Pastor Gary

P.S. Visitors are welcome to attend any part of the Annual Conference.

Focus: [Discipleship](#)

Regarding Discipleship Romans 12: 6-8 (NIV) says:



We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, then do it cheerfully.

2026 Cora Martin Weeber Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our 2026 Cora Martin Weeber Scholarship Recipients! All seven awardees show a remarkable commitment to knowing, growing, and sharing God's Love. We will celebrate these students during the church service on June 7.

Samuel Brunson – Sam has completed his first year at Clemson University where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil engineering. Sponsors- Dotty and Steve Sellers (Grandparents).

Rebecca Deimler – Rebecca has studied for two years at West Virginia University, working toward a degree in Music Business and Industry. Sponsor- Melissa Deimler (Mother).

Taydin Good – Taydin is graduating from East Pennsboro High School this spring, and plans to attend HACC in the fall, with a business/general course of study. Sponsors - Yvonne and Craig Crotty (Grandparents).

Trey Good – Trey has completed his sophomore year at Shippensburg University, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration. Sponsors - Yvonne and Craig Crotty (Grandparents).

Sean Lehan – Sean has finished his second year at Widener University in Chester PA, working toward a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering. Sponsor- Clair Shatto (Grandfather).

Berlyn Levan – Berlyn is attending HACC and plans to get an associate's degree in biology. Sponsor- Judy Levan (Grandmother).

Derek Petcash – Derek finished his freshman year in the biology program at Furman University in Greenville SC, interested in a career in medicine. Sponsors- Dotty and Steve Sellers (Grandparents).

Dates to Remember

June 3-6 Annual Conference of the Susquehanna Conference in Williamsport

June 7 Graduates and Scholarship Winners Recognized
Strawberry social right after Sunday service

June 14 Flag Day – Long May It Fly

June 21 Father's Day



Opportunities to Participate, Give and Serve



Strawberries and Peaches Socials – A Time for Fellowship

Join us right after Sunday service for a time of fellowship and sharing delicious summer fruits.

Sunday June 7 features strawberries and **August 2** celebrates summer with peaches and cream.

Golden Agers

The next meeting of the Susquehanna Golden Agers will be June 9 from 12:30 to 2:30 Please note there will be no meeting in July. In August there will be a picnic at the Ecumenical Retirement Community, just off Progress Avenue.

All are welcome. You do not need to be a member of Golden Agers to participate in the bus trips. Upcoming trips include Totem Pole Playhouse (July 22), Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre (Sept. 1), Kreider's Farm and Magic & Wonder Dinner theater (October 7) and Winter Wonderland at The American Music Theater in Lancaster (Dec. 1). See the bulletin board or contact Dotty Sellers at 717-564-9492 for more information & reservations.

Please pray for Bill Fox, a longtime member and officer of SGA who is experiencing health issues.

Sew for Peace

Sew for Peace meets Thursdays from 9-noon. On Sunday, May 17, a blessing was given upon the clothing we made that will be distributed to Shed of Grace, Lemoyne and baby blankets going to Harrisburg Hospital. On Sunday, June 21, there will be a blessing on the clothes we make for Gethsemane UMC in Morrisdale. Please contact Dotty Sellers (717-497-3940) for details.



Looking for help to Mow the lawn

To keep church expenses to a minimum, members and friends of Paxton Church have done much of the maintenance for the church and property. This includes mowing the lawn. This summer we could use some additional volunteers who would be willing to help with lawn mowing. If you are available, please reach out to Bill Toner (717-497-8213).

Transportation Assistance – Rides to Worship



There are people who long to worship in person, but need a ride to church. Are you one of those people? Or are you available to give a ride to worship and church activities, to someone who is not able to drive here themselves? Call the church office at 717.545.3530 to register your interest and availability or your need.

[Camp Occohannock Update](#)

Paxton Church's mission work team made another trip to Camp Occohannock, a United Methodist camp in Bell Haven VA (ootbay.org). The camp's director, Joel Coleman, grew up at Paxton UMC, son of pastors Judith and Larry Coleman.

Led by Bill Toner, the work group included Dotty & Steve Sellers, Missy Seibert, and Bob Frederick. The team worked on remodeling the kitchen in the director's home. They finished mounting cabinets, installing the floor, and doing electrical upgrades. The camp paid for materials while the work team provided the labor.

Thank you to the team for all the wonderful work done serving the Lord! Thank you, also, to Hannah Dundore, who will be a counselor at Camp Occohannock again this summer. Please pray for another successful camp season, as camp staff share God's Love with children in grades 3 through 12.



From left to right: 1. Mission Team hard at work! 2. An Occohannock sunset. 3. Can you find Hannah?

[Capital Campaign](#)

The Susquehanna Conference has announced the launch of the **Seedling Legacy Grant Program**. This grant program provides a sustainable fund dedicated to church buildings, renovations, and capital improvements - ensuring congregations have the resources they need to serve their communities effectively, now and for generations to come.

The Seedling Legacy Grant Program will empower local churches to renew, reimagine, and revitalize their facilities in ways that strengthen ministry and deepen community impact. Grants will support:

- Essential renovations and infrastructure improvements aligned with mission focuses
- Strategic capital investments that expand ministry capacity or enable new ministry initiatives
- Thoughtful alignment of resources with missional goals and community needs.

The Paxton Leadership team is now reviewing our potential projects to determine which ones may qualify for a Seedling grant.

Paxton's current Capital Campaign does continue. Please mark your donation clearly for the Capital Campaign. There will be envelopes available at the back of the church.



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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/@PaxtonUnitedMethodistChurc-v8y> and www.facebook.com/paxtonumc. A children's nursery is available. *The calendar below provides details of Paxton UMC's services, ministries, and missions.*

May

May 27 th	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Office Hours
	4:00 PM	Pilates – Choir Room
May 28 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
May 29 th	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Office Hours
	6:30 PM	AA Men's Meeting
May 30 th	10:00 AM	Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community Women's Bible Study and Music Practice
May 31 st	9:15 AM	Trinity Sunday Spirit in Partnership Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:00 AM	Sunday School – Bible Study in Room 2 The Meanings of Discipleship Week 6 - Trinity Worship Nepali Church
	Noon	Children's Bible Study

June

June 1 st	6:30 PM	AA Men's Meeting
June 2 nd	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
June 3 rd	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Office Hours
	4:00 PM	Pilates – Choir Room

June 4 th	9:00 AM 9:00 AM to 8:00PM	Sew for Peace Annual Conference in Williamsport
June 5 th	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 9:00 AM to 8:00PM 6:30 PM	Office Hours Annual Conference in Williamsport AA Men’s Meeting
June 6 th	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Annual Conference in Williamsport Pavillon, Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Rental
June 7 th	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM Noon	2 nd Sunday After Pentecost – Preparing a People To Be a Blessing The Lord’s Supper Recognizing Recipients of the Cora Martin Weeber Scholarships and All Graduates Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 Fellowship Time – Strawberry Festival Trinity Worship Nepali Church Children’s Bible Study
June 8 th	6:30 PM	AA Men’s Meeting
June 9 th	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
June 10 th	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 4:00 PM	Office Hours Pilates – Choir Room
June 11 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
June 12 th	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 6:30 PM	Office Hours AA Men’s Meeting
June 13 th	10:00 AM	Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community



Paxton celebrated Pentecost on Sunday, May 24. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!