



Paxton Pulse



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

From the Desk of Pastor Gary

By the time you read this, we may or may not know who the next President of the United States will be and who will control Congress. Yes, these things are important, but the most important thing to remember is that God is still in control. Although we think differently sometimes, God is still in control. We need to have the faith that above all else we follow Jesus' example and love all people.

During November, we will be highlighting the purpose of the Missions and Ministries of Paxton UMC. Here are the Missions and Ministries we will be lifting up each week:



November 3rd: We will hear about and then pray over the people headed to New Bern, NC, from November 3-9, to help repair homes damaged by a hurricane 2 years ago. We will also celebrate communion and All Saints Day in remembrance of those who have joined God in their eternal home.

November 10th: The Children's Ministry and Sew for Peace. We will be praying over both these community and global efforts to help others.

November 17th: Daystar will be highlighted in two ways. We will have someone from Daystar to tell us how they help others with addiction issues. Then we will have the opportunity to serve a Thanksgiving Meal to residents, their families and staff of Daystar.

November 24th: Harvest Home Sunday. You are asked to bring in non-perishable food, personal care, cleaning, or paper items (or all of them) to be distributed to local food banks. We will also learn about the food banks, the people who work and volunteer there and the clients served by them.

Blessings, Pastor Gary

Prayer Focus: Missions and Ministries of our church.

Small Prayer Group: A new small group is forming that will focus on prayer. If you are interested in being part of the group, please speak with Cindy Radich or Bill Toner.

The Annual Church Conference for Paxton UMC will be held on Sunday November 10th at 2 pm at Charlton UMC. All Paxton church members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday Services are 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Worship is in-person and streaming live or available anytime at www.facebook.com/paxtonumc and <https://www.youtube.com/@PaxtonUnitedMethodistChurc-v8y>. A children's nursery is available. ***See the enclosed calendar for Paxton UMC's services, ministries and missions during November and December.***

AA Meetings at 7 pm on Mondays and 6:30 pm on Tuesdays & Fridays.

Al -Anon Meetings 6:30 pm, Tuesdays.

Sew for Peace: Our last blessing for 2024 will be going to the Swatara Community Closet in November. We take a break from Thanksgiving through New Year and will return to Thursday mornings on Jan. 2. As you do your holiday shopping, please pick up some small toiletries and canned food for those in need and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

Boiler Replacement Update: Installation of the new boiler will begin on November 4th.

Golden Agers: Next meeting is November 12 at 12:30 for a potluck Thanksgiving meal. The first 2025 bus trip will be April 23: Winterthur & Wee Fancy Tea, DE (\$122 pp). For info about the club and other 2025 trips, see the bulletin board or contact Dotty Sellers at 717-564-9492.

Daystar Dinner: A Special Thanksgiving dinner will be served to the residents, their guests, staff and the Board of Daystar on November 24th. Volunteers are needed and welcomed in the kitchen, as servers and as visitors. Contact Bill Toner 717-497-8213.

Gift Cards – Great Holiday Gifts: Yes, it is that time of the year. The Paxton gift card program is a great way to do your shopping and at the same time help Paxton earn funds for its mission projects. We currently have cards on hand for: Cracker Barrel, Longhorn Steak House, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Red Robin, and Starbucks as well as Giant, Weis, Home Depot, Lowe's. In addition, gift cards can be ordered from Amazon, Bass Pro Shop, Boscov's, Cabela's, iTunes, Kohl's, Target and Walmart.



We will be putting orders in on December 1st and 8th. The last date to place an order is December 8th and you will receive the cards on December 15th. Please contact Bill or Nancy Toner (717-512-1547) for additional details or for a copy of the list and order forms. Thank You.

Holiday Season Helpers

It is expected that 20 angel tree ornaments representing Christmas gifts for 20 needy children in the Harrisburg area will be available to Paxton Church. Last year more than 6000 children were assisted with clothing and toys as a result of this outreach program involving many churches and organizations.

We will again ring the bell for the Salvation Army this year. Please consider sharing your time and talents on one of three Saturdays at Sam's Club on 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21. Thank you for being the hands and feet of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Please contact Kirby Beshore (717-602-2327) to volunteer.

Gift Giving Opportunities

As the Leadership committee continues to discuss and plan ways to respond to your comments on the Consecrated Life Sheets, we've created some new opportunities in the area of Gifts, which was one of the categories. The other categories were Prayer, Presence, Service and Witness. Under the category of Gifts many of you noted that you wanted to take a new step in giving financial resources to Paxton and to God, and specifically some of you noted you wanted the opportunity to finance special building improvement projects.

With that response noted, we developed a "wish list" or "special projects list" of sorts, which you can find on the back of this page. We will continue adding to this list as some items get completed. And, please, if you have additional ideas, share them with Scot Dundore, our Trustee Chair, or any member of the Leadership Committee.

The list includes an updated Assisted Listening System, which would provide high quality audio for those who need assistance hearing to fully participate in our worship service. A new Video/Projection System would improve everyone's ability to see the worship slides and videos more clearly, especially the congregants who need visual assistance, so they, too, can fully participate in our worship service. Some other items on our wish list are needed to update our well-used Sunday School classrooms, meeting rooms and fellowship hall. By adopting a room or part of a classroom, you'll be funding carpet replacement, painting and window treatments. See the list on the next page providing more details for the various projects.

If you have been looking for a way to give above and beyond, and one of the listed projects meets that need, just submit your donation in an envelope and earmark it for the special project you'd like to support.

If you have any questions or there is something not on the list you would like to support, please don't hesitate to speak with Cindy Radich, Bill Toner or any member of the leadership committee.



Pastor Gary can be reached at 717-332-2743 and gallshouse@susumc.org His normal office hours are 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Thursday. Please call ahead to ensure he is available.

Special Projects List

- 1. Assisted Listening System** – The old system has one working hearing device and performs okay at best. A new system would cost about \$1,100. It would provide up to four listening devices and a huge improvement in audio quality. This would assist any of our members that need help hearing the worship service clearly. Installation would be done by our in-house work group.
- 2. Sanctuary Video Screens** - Replace existing projectors and screens with large TV Monitors. The quality of picture would be greatly enhanced and improve the overall appearance of the sanctuary. The current estimated cost for a 100” TV is \$2500 each plus brackets to mount the TV and the cabling needed to hook it up. Installation would be done by our in-house work group.
- 3. Classroom #1 – Meeting Room**
 - a. Carpet - \$800
 - b. Paint – \$100
 - c. Window treatment - \$100
 - d. 12 new chairs - \$125 each
- 4. Smaller Classrooms - 2-3**
 - a. Carpet - \$800
 - b. Paint – \$100
 - c. Window treatment - \$100
- 5. Larger Classrooms - 4-9**
 - a. Carpet - TBD
 - b. Paint – \$200
 - c. Window treatment -\$100-200
- 6. Church office area**
 - a. Carpet - TBD
 - b. Paint - \$200
 - c. Window treatments - \$200
- 7. Large Classroom (beside the kitchen)**
 - a. Paint - \$200
 - b. Window treatments - \$500
- 8. Main Lobby and main Hallway**
 - a. Carpet - \$2000
 - b. Paint - \$300
 - c. Re-upholster Chairs - TBD
 - d. TV (32-45” screen), mounting & cables - \$300



Worship and Events

November

Mission and Ministry Month

We will spend the month highlighting various missions and ministries that Paxton United Methodist Church does that you might not be aware of and how you may become part of these exciting opportunities to share God's love within our community and around the world.

November 5 th	9:00AM to 5:00PM	Election Day – Paxton Church Sanctuary will be open if you wish to come in and spend time in prayer. Pray for our nation, its leaders, and for a time of peace.
November 6 th	4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Pilates Choir Rehearsal
November 10 th	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 2:00 PM	Worship – Mission and Ministry Month – Children's Ministry and Sew for Peace Bible Study – How Mission and Ministry is seen through the eye of the receiver Children's Sunday School Church Conference at Charlton UMC, 5920 Jonestown Road – All members are encouraged to attend.
November 13 th	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Breakfast and Bible Study – Peachtree Restaurant Pilates Choir Rehearsal
November 17 th	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Worship – Mission and Ministry Month - Daystar Bible Study – How Mission and Ministry is seen through the eye of the receiver Children's Sunday School Serving – Daystar – This is their Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner. We will need extra help serving and hosting Daystar residents, their families, and staff.

November 20th	10:00 AM	Breakfast and Bible Study – Peachtree Restaurant
	4:00 PM	Pilates
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
November 24 th	9:15 AM	Worship – Mission and Ministry Month – Harvest Sunday – Please bring in non-perishable food items and other items such as paper products, feminine hygiene, and cleaning supplies. We will hear how those items are distributed to our local food banks.
	10:30 AM	Bible Study – How Mission and Ministry is seen through the eye of the receiver
	11:30 AM	Children’s Sunday School

December

Advent and Christmas

December 1 st	First Sunday of Advent	A Christmas Carol – Hope
December 8 th	Second Sunday of Advent	A Christmas Carol – Love
December 15 th	Third Sunday of Advent	A Christmas Carol – Peace
December 22 nd	Fourth Sunday of Advent	A Christmas Carol – Joy

Christmas Worship Services



December 22nd 6:30 PM at Brookdale Retirement Community
Candlelight Service open to all people.

December 24th 6:30 PM Sacred Music of Christmas
7:00 PM Candlelight Worship Service

Our Christmas services start on December 22nd at 6:30 PM. We will be celebrating a Candlelight Worship Service with the residents and families of the Brookdale Retirement Community. Please join us in Scripture, Carols, and Prayers. Then afterward we will have a time of fellowship with Hot Chocolate and Cookies.

For our Christmas Eve Service we are looking for musicians and singers to share their God-given talents with everyone from 6:30 to 7:00 PM before worship begins. If you are interested, please let Pastor Gary know your intentions.