



Paxton Pulse



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

From the Desk of Pastor Gary

As we turn the calendar to November, we cannot escape the fact that things are definitely changing—and not just the weather. We have moved past the spooky decorations and scary television programs to seeing the first commercials for the Christmas season.

Many years ago, Advent used to be seven weeks long. It was a season of preparation—not only for remembering the first Christmas, but also for renewing our awareness of the **Hope, Love, Joy, Peace, Grace, Mercy, and Salvation** that we experience through our relationship with Jesus Christ.

However, before we rush ahead to Advent, I don't want us to overlook the importance of November. It's a busy month at Paxton Church, filled with opportunities to live out our gratitude. One special occasion I want to highlight is **Harvest Home Sunday on November 23rd**.

This is a time to give thanks for all that God has provided and to express that thanks through giving to others. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and household goods to be presented to area food banks. These donations can be placed in the altar area, where they will be blessed before distribution.

As I write this, the federal government is shut down, and our state is still without an operating budget. Many individuals and families are feeling the strain—those already receiving SNAP benefits, as well as government workers currently without paychecks. Food insecurity is growing all around us.

Yet, in the midst of this uncertainty, we have an opportunity to shine the light of Christ. We don't need to invent new programs; we simply need to **support the existing ministries**—our local food banks, shelters, and community aid organizations—with our gifts and our time.

Let's share the abundance that God has entrusted to us. As we approach Thanksgiving, may our gratitude overflow into acts of generosity and compassion, so that others may also experience the goodness of God through us.

Grace and peace, **Pastor Gary**

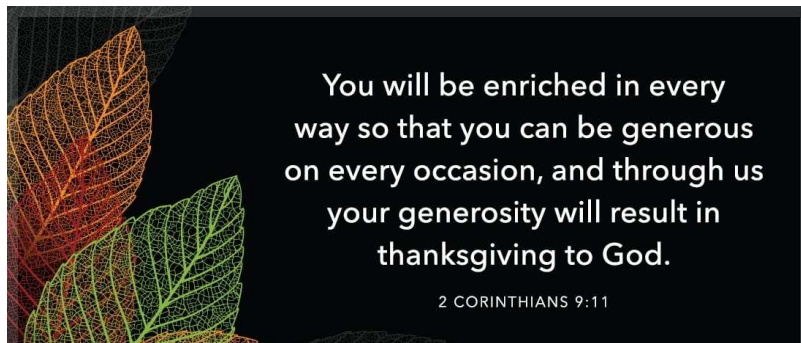
Dates to Remember

November 2 – All Saints Sunday and communion.

November 4 – Election Day

November 16 – Paxton UMC annual conference - 2 pm at Calvary United Methodist Church, 4700 Locust Lane.

November 23 – Harvest Sunday – Please bring non-perishable foods and essential items



Prayer Focus: New Growth with God

Chicken Corn Soup Sale

Big thank you to Bill, Skip, and all the many volunteers who helped to make the chicken corn soup sale a success. Almost 300 quarts of soup were made, packaged and sold. After expenses, this resulted in \$2,400 income to Paxton Church General Fund.



Sew for Peace

Sew for Peace meets every Thursday at 9am. On Nov. 16 there will be a blessing of items going to Crossroads Christian Ministries in support of the Steelton-Highspire area and hospital bags that will go to Caitlin's Smiles. This will be the last distribution of 2025 as the group will take a break for Christmas from Nov. 27 through Jan. 1, 2026. We are looking forward to starting our 21st year when we return on Jan. 8, 2026.

Golden Agers

Susquehanna Golden Agers will hold a pot-luck meal on Nov. 11 to celebrate Thanksgiving and honor veterans. December's meeting will be off-site. Regular meetings will resume on January 12th. New trips are posted on the bulletin board. All are welcome.

Bus trips for the rest of this year are full. Dottie has created some new adventures for 2026. 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.

Capital Campaign

The five-year capital improvement program being undertaken to upgrade, replace and renovate various areas of the church is off to a good start. A number of projects to improve the lighting and sound system have already been completed. The next project will be replacing the roof & gutter between the Sanctuary and the education/children's wing.

At this point we have achieved almost 70% of our goal for 2025, with contributions totaling \$14,500. Thank you, Paxton, for your generosity.

Please mark your donation clearly for the Capital Campaign. There will be envelopes available at the back of the church.



Opportunities to Participate, Give and Serve
During the
Holiday Season

United Women in Faith – Annual Day Conference

The Susquehanna Conference United Women in Faith will hold its Annual Day - Pathways to Hope - on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at St Paul UMC in Chambersburg PA. For agenda and details, please go to the conference website (susumc.org) and search under the Ministries tab, for United Women in Faith.

Paxton UMC Annual Conference.

The annual conference Paxton UMC will be held at 2 PM on November 16 at Calvary United Methodist Church, 4700 Locust Lane. All church members are invited.



Christmas Card Making

Everyone is invited to come and make Christmas cards. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10 AM on Saturday, November 8. Anyone may join us. Bring a friend. Light lunch here afterward. Contact Missy Seibert with questions: 717-649-4509.

Daystar Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner

A Thanksgiving dinner will be served on November 16 at 4 pm, for residents, family, & friends. We will need extra volunteers that day because we will be serving 90 to 100 people. Volunteers are welcome to help in the kitchen, serve, and visit with our guests. Contact Bill Toner.

Harvest & Home Sunday: November 23

We will be collecting non-perishable items to be placed at the altar to be blessed. These items will be shared with the local food pantries we sponsor.



Reach out to someone.

Remember to stay in touch with one another. Especially those you haven't seen in a while. Call, visit, text, or mail a card to let people know you are thinking about them. Let them know that God loves them !

[Help Decorate the Church](#)

At 10 am on November 29, the last Saturday of November, come and help as we decorate the sanctuary, several trees, and the narthex. It won't take long but it will be lots of fun.



[Be an Angel](#)

Coming in mid-November there will be 25 angel ornaments on a tree in the narthex. Each represents the wishes of a needy child in the Harrisburg area. Last year more than 6000 children were assisted with clothing and toys as a result of this outreach program involving churches and organizations.

[Santa's Helpers](#)

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.



[Pray](#)

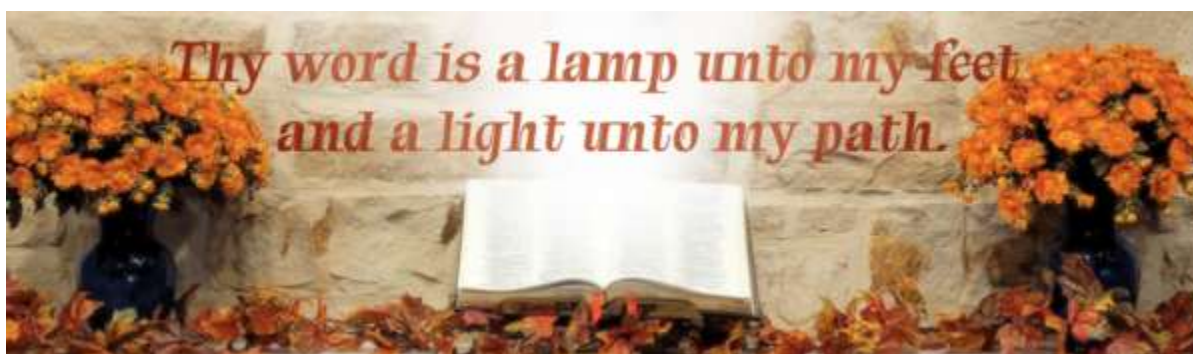
Please pray for those who might be lonely, going through challenging times or experiencing health issues. We pray especially for the Pastor's wife Cindy, who broke her shoulder, and for Micheal, the church custodian.

[Gift Cards are a Great Holiday Gift](#)

Yes, it is that time of the year. The Paxton gift card program is a wonderful way to do your shopping and at the same time raise money for mission projects. We currently have cards on hand for the following: Cracker Barrel, Longhorn Steak House, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Red Robin, Giant, Home Depot, Lowe's, and Weis. We also have an order form that lists additional places for which gift cards are available. The list includes Amazon, Bass Pro, Boscov, Cabela's, iTunes, Kohl's, Starbucks, Target, and Walmart.

We will be putting orders in November 30 and December 7th. The last date to place an order is December 7th and you will receive the cards on December 14th. Please see Bill or Nancy Toner for additional details or for a copy of the list/order form. Thank You.





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. A children's nursery is available. *The calendar below gives details of Paxton UMC's services, ministries, and missions.*

November

November 2nd	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM Noon-4 PM	All Saints Day After Worship Fellowship with a Baked Potato Bar Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community Children's Sunday School Child Dedication Celebration (Fellowship Hall) Private Party
November 3rd	6:30 PM	AA Men's Meeting
November 4 th	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
November 5 th	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Office Hours Bible Study and Breakfast at the Peachtree Restaurant - The 12 Minor Prophets of the Old Testament – Joel week 1 Pilates
November 6 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
November 7 th	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM 6:30 PM	Office hours AA Meeting
November 8 th	10:00 AM 10:00 AM to Noon	Community Christmas Card Making Event & Lunch Afterward ~ All welcome Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community Women's Bible Study and Music Practice
November 9 th	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM Noon – 4:00 PM	The Days Are Surely Coming – The Latter Splendor This is a Pre-Advent Series. A time to look at Advent before the Christmas Season takes over. Sunday School Bible Study "The Bible with and without Jesus" Week 5 – "The Sign of Jonah" Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community Children's Sunday School Private Party (Fellowship Hall)

November 10 th	6:30 PM	AA Men's Meeting
November 11 th	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
November 12 th	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Office Hours Bible Study and Breakfast at the Peachtree Restaurant - The 12 Minor Prophets of the Old Testament – Joel week 2 Pilates
November 13 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
November 14 th	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM 6:30 PM	Office hours AA Meeting
November 15 th	10:00 AM to Noon	Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community Women's Bible Study and Music Practice
November 16 th	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:30 AM 2:00 PM Noon – 6:00 PM	The Days Are Surely Coming – Rejoice Forever in Creation This is a Pre-Advent Series. A time to look at Advent before the Christmas Season takes over. Sunday School Bible Study "The Bible with and without Jesus" Week 6 Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community Children's Sunday School Annual church conference, held at Calvary UMC Daystar Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal
November 17 th	6:30 PM	AA Men's Meeting
November 18 th	6:30 PM	AA and Al-Anon Meetings
November 19 th	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Office Hours Bible Study and Breakfast at the Peachtree Restaurant - The 12 Minor Prophets --Joel week 3 Pilates
November 20 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
November 21 st	9:00 AM to 2:00 PM 6:30 PM	Office hours AA Meeting
November 22 nd	10:00 AM to Noon	Trinity Worship Church Nepali Community Women's Bible Study and Music Practice

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