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

### **Greetings from Pastor Gary**

I am very pleased to announce that on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> Hannah Dundore will be providing the message during our worship time together. Hannah was a counselor for an extended time this summer at Camp Occohannock. Hannah will provide pictures and stories from her time there. Camp Occohannock has a special place in the heart of Paxton United Methodist Church since a ministerial son of Paxton, Joel Coleman, is the director of the camp. We have had members go to the camp on mission building trips and this is how Hannah got connected to the camp. I look forward to hearing how she helped to lead others to Jesus Christ this past summer.

October 6<sup>th</sup> is also World Communion Sunday. Join us as we celebrate communion with our Christian siblings across the world.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, we have been invited to welcome the new bishop of the Susquehanna Conference – Bishop Héctor Antonio Burgos-Núñez. The gathering to greet our new bishop will be at Otterbein UMC, 647 Forge Road, Boiling Springs. If you need a ride from church, let me know.



Bishop Burgos-Núñez

Through the month of November, we will be celebrating the missions and ministries of Paxton and its members. We will have time during worship services for the members of different mission and ministry organizations to share an idea of what their group does and how you may join in on the fun.

Blessings, Pastor Gary

**Prayer Focus:** Those suffering from mental health & mental retardation issues, their family members and the professionals who care for them.

**Welcome, Bonnie!** On October 2, Bonnie Chandler will begin working as Paxton's Administrative Assistant, performing office tasks and assisting Pastor Gary.

**Sunday Services** are 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Worship is in-person and streaming live on FacebookLive, or available *anytime* on [www.facebook.com/paxtonumc](http://www.facebook.com/paxtonumc). A children's nursery is available. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, come join us as we share in World Communion Sunday.



**Bible Study:** Sunday 10:30 am. Pastor Gary is presenting a series based on the Book of Jonah.

**Book Study Group** meets every **Wednesday at 10 am** at the Peach Tree Restaurant. Pastor Gary's presentations are currently focused on connecting the Old and New Testaments. Come and join us for breakfast and the discussion.



**Choir Practice:** Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, October 9, at 7pm. Everyone welcome!

**Pilates classes** take place at 4 pm on Wednesdays.

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

**Al -Anon Meetings:** 6:30 pm, Tuesdays.

**Sew for Peace:** Cutters meet from 9 – noon on Thursdays at the church. Knitters and crocheters are needed to make hats, lap robes and prayer shawls. Come join us.

On Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> the congregation will bless the clothing going to Mission Central.

**Boiler Replacement Update:** Installation of the new boiler & leaky valve is scheduled to begin the first week of October. Contributions have reached \$30,600 towards the \$35,000 needed. Thank you for your support, generosity and prayers for this ongoing project

**Golden Agers:** Next meeting is October 8 at 12:30 for lunch and fellowship. For info about the club and 2025 trips, see the bulletin board or contact Dotty Sellers at 717-497-3940.

**Daystar Dinners:** The regular dinner will be served at 4 pm, October 20 to Daystar residents, family, & friends. A special Thanksgiving dinner will be served to the residents, their guests, staff and the Board of Daystar on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed and welcomed in the kitchen, as servers & as visitors. Contact Bill Toner at 717-497-8213.

**Upcoming Mission trip:** During the November 3<sup>rd</sup> worship service, Pastor Gary will bless a Paxton work group that will be going to New Bern, NC from November 3 to 9 to help people repair damage sustained in previous hurricanes. Volunteers are welcome. Bill Toner 717-497-8213.



**Harrisburg District Conference** is meeting on Sunday afternoon, September 29.

The attendees will join in worship, celebration and holy conferencing as they organize the Harrisburg District of the Susquehanna Conference. They will celebrate the ministry in our District, establish a new name for the District and affirm our District committees. More details will be provided later.

**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.