



Paxton Pulse



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

Greetings from Pastor Gary

Public Service Announcement 1: No wearing white after Labor Day (at least that's what they say). Who are "they" and why do "they" have a say in what we wear and do? Have you ever asked that question of why we allow "they" to tell us what to do? We are coming into a time of the year when not only is everything flavored with pumpkin spice, but the language around the upcoming election takes on a whole new level. I encourage you through the next several months, and beyond, to pray for guidance on how to respond to the pressures of "they" as "they" try to make silly rules to influence you. Continue to pray for calm and peace not only in our world and nation, but most importantly in our communities.

Public Service Announcement 2: Don't forget to join us on Sundays after worship for a new Bible Study on the Book of Jonah. Too often, like Jonah, we try to run away from God when God gives us a difficult task. But God's presence is everywhere, and we cannot outrun God. God has called us to be part of the communities in which we live. Whether it is our families, coworkers, golf buddies, or neighbors, we are called to be witnesses of God's love, grace, forgiveness, mercy, and the eternal life with God that is offered through Jesus Christ. Don't try to run away from this calling by the Lord. We may not see whales coming up the Susquehanna River, but let's not run anyway.

Blessings, Pastor Gary



Serenity Prayer (A thought from RB)

I think we all find life challenging these days. From the election noise, health issues, financial challenges and just the daily concerns of life. I find myself turning more & more over to the Lord, let HIS will be done! I also say my version of the serenity prayer quite often.

Please join me:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change (other people),
The courage to change the things I can (my attitude and actions),
And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen

Prayer Focus: the children, teachers, and support staff as they return to school or college.

Sunday Services are 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Worship is in-person and live on Facebook Live or at any time at www.facebook.com/paxtonumc. A children's nursery is available.

Looking for a way to serve at the church? We are assembling a team of people willing to cover the nursery during our church service, as well as a team to assist with children's Sunday School from 11:30-12:30 on Sundays beginning September 8. We could use **YOUR** help! Leave a message for Ruth Higbee at church or at 717-329-3008 or bobnruth2@gmail.com.



Bible Study will resume Sunday, September 8th at 10:30 am. Pastor Gary is starting a new series based on the Book of Jonah.

Book Study Group will resume its weekly sessions on **Wednesday September 11 at 10 am** at the Peach Tree Restaurant. Pastor Gary will start a new series based on connecting the Old and New Testaments. Come and join us for breakfast and discussion.

Choir Practice will resume after Labor Day. Date and time to be announced.

Pilates sessions are resuming at 4 pm on Wednesday, September 4.

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

AI -Anon Meetings 6:30 pm, Tuesdays.

Sew for Peace is on summer break until 9:30 am, Thursday September 26, 2024. Come join us. On Sunday September 22, the congregation will bless clothing going to Guatemala.

Boiler Replacement Update: The new boiler has arrived in the warehouse, and is still on schedule for fall installation. Unfortunately, a leaky pneumatic valve, costing an added \$5000, must be replaced to avoid future problems. The friends and congregation of Paxton UMC have been very generous, contributing \$28,425 towards the \$35,000 needed. Your continuing prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Golden Agers: Next meeting is September 10 at 12:30 for lunch and fellowship. For info about the club or bus trips, see bulletin board or contact Dotty Sellers at 717-497-3940.

Daystar Dinner: served at 4 pm, September 15 to Daystar residents, family, & friends. Volunteers welcomed in the kitchen, as servers & as visitors. Contact Bill Toner 717-497-8213.

The Mission Fund recently disbursed the proceeds from the sales of gift cards to the following groups: Penbrook UCC-Manna Food Pantry, Salvation Army, Rebuilding together, Coco Packs, Inc (children), and Operation Homefront (military). Please see Nancy Toner to purchase grocery store, restaurant, etc. gift cards to continue supporting Mission projects.

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.