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

[Greetings from Pastor Gary...](#)

We are starting a new year, 2025, another new beginning. So how many resolutions did you make? How many have you already broken? This year I invite you to try something new: I invite you just to be there. Where's there? Anywhere you can glorify God. In worship, in ministry, in mission –these are just a few places to be there. Be there in prayer and be there in studying scripture. This year let your presence be your present to God and to others.

In an effort for us to be present with each other in fellowship, the Leadership Team is seeking times when we can just do that. We are starting with a brunch after worship on January 12th. All you need to do is bring yourself (and maybe a guest). Would you be interested in a Game Night or maybe dinner at the church or in a restaurant? Perhaps a movie night, or grandparents and grandkids retreat on a Saturday? These are just a few ideas. Give us your thoughts by letting a member of the Leadership Team know and we will see how we can be present together.

Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you! Pastor Gary



[Gratitude for a Joyous Advent and Christmas Season.](#)

Thank you to all those who contributed to the decorating, music, singing, refreshments and participation in services at the Brookdale Retirement Community and Paxton UMC. It made for a joyous and wonderful Advent and Christmas season focusing on **Hope, Love, Peace and Joy**.



[Special Services and Activities in January](#)

January 5th – Covenant Sunday: John Wesley encouraged us to re-covenant with God and each other at least on the first Sunday of each new year.

January 12th – Remembering our Baptism: In worship, we will discuss whether our Baptism is individual or a community thing. Or is it both? *Then join us right after Worship for brunch and fellowship. All are welcome.*

January 19th – The Holy Spirit: What do you know and what do you believe? Join us after Sunday Worship for Bible study and discussion to deepen our understanding of the Holy Spirit.

[Prayer Focus:](#) The Holy Spirit

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 enclosed calendar for Paxton UMC's services, ministries and missions during January and February.***



Bell Ringers and Angels: A total of \$1,551 was raised for the Salvation Army as a result of caring and sharing bell ringers from our church. That means that 155 new coats could be provided for individuals needing them. Or 62 children could receive one new toy and one new piece of clothing. This is in addition to the 25 Angel Tree gifts our congregation provided. Thank you for putting your faith into action in our community.
– Kirby Beshore.

Golden Agers will meet January 14 for food, fun and fellowship. The first bus trip in 2025 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.

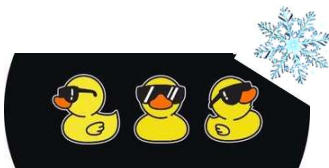
Daystar: There is no dinner program in January. We will serve a meal on February 16, 2025.

Sew for Peace resumes at 9 am Thursday morning, January 2. In January, we will be serving the Latino Community. In addition to the children cared for, they have a below-poverty-level elderly population that meets weekly. They have requested items for the elderly such as small toiletries of hand lotions, body wash, soap, toothpaste, low-sodium canned vegetables, low-sugar snacks, beans and rice. Please place items in the basket in the narthex.



Easter Eggs: Paxton church has a long-standing tradition of making Easter eggs. It is fun, a great way to interact with people, and helps support the church financially. Join us each Monday morning starting January 27. See Bill Toner to volunteer or to purchase eggs.

Ronald McDonald House: On Saturday, January 25th, Paxton Church will prepare an evening meal at the Ronald McDonald House for those folks staying in Hershey while their loved ones are in the hospital. Please let Andrea Smallacombe know if you will be there (570-460-8894).



Polar Duck Dip: Online Splash: This is the 17th year of this chilling event to raise funds for maintenance and upgrades at Camp Occohannock. Please see website (www.ootbay.org) to find how you can watch this event and provide support.

Check out our website (www.paxtonumc.org) for details about our activities and opportunities to serve the community, Paxton UMC, and the Lord.

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.

Paxton United Methodist Church Calendar

Worship and Events

January

January 2 nd	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
January 5 th	9:15 AM	Covenant Sunday – John Wesley encouraged us to re-covenant with God and each other at least on the first of each year. Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12
	10:30 AM	No Sunday School
	11:30 AM	Children’s Sunday School
January 8 th	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Peachtree Restaurant
	4:00 PM	Pilates
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
January 9 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
January 12 th	9:15 AM	Remembering Our Baptism – Is our Baptism individual or is it a community thing? Or both? Isaiah 43: 1-7; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Brunch after Worship
	11:30 AM	Children’s Sunday School
January 14 th	6:15 PM	Leadership Team Meeting
January 15 th	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Peachtree Restaurant
	4:00 PM	Pilates
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
January 16 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
January 17 th	11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Camp Occohannock – Take the plunge yourself or sponsor someone else. For more details go to www.oobay.org
January 19 th	9:15 AM	Where You Are: What Concern Is That? Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11
	10:30 AM	Bible Study – The Holy Spirit – What do you know and what do we believe
	11:30 AM	Children’s Sunday School
January 22 nd	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Peachtree Restaurant
	4:00 PM	Pilates
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
January 23 rd	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
January 25 th	2:00 PM	Ronald McDonald House (Contact Andrea)

January 26 th	9:15 AM	Where You Are: As Was His Custom Nehemiah 8: 1-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Luke 5:14-21
	10:30 AM	Bible Study – The Holy Spirit – What do you know and what do we believe
	11:30 AM	Children’s Sunday School
January 27 th	9:00 AM	Making Easter Eggs
January 28 th	9:00 AM	Packing Easter Eggs
January 29 th	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Peachtree Restaurant
	4:00 PM	Pilates
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
January 30 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace

February

February 2 nd	9:15 AM	Where You Are: In Your Hometown Jeremiah 1: 4-10; 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13; Luke 4: 21-30
	10:30 AM	Bible Study – The Holy Spirit – What do you know and what do we believe
	11:30 AM	Children’s Sunday School
February 3 rd	9:00 AM	Making Easter Eggs
February 4 th	9:00 AM	Packing Easter Eggs
February 5 th	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Peachtree Restaurant
	4:00 PM	Pilates
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
February 6 th	9:00 AM	Sew for Peace
February 9 th	9:15 AM	Where You Are: Left Everything and Followed Isaiah 6: 1-13; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11
	10:30 AM	Bible Study – The Holy Spirit – What do you know and what do we believe
	11:30 AM	Children’s Sunday School

Next Daystar Meal will be February 16th 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM