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

[Greetings from Pastor Gary](#)

As the summer season keeps heating up, I pray so does your growth and love of God. One of my favorite things about summer is being able to eat "same day harvest corn on the cob". I know I shouldn't reduce the nutrition value of the corn, but for me, if the butter is not running down my arms and all over my face, I feel I am missing something. Not to put worshipping God on Sunday morning on the same level as eating corn; I feel that if I am not in a church on Sunday mornings my whole week is off kilter, and something is missing. What is missing is to be with a community of believers worshipping through singing, praying, reading Scripture, and listening to how I can apply the Scripture lessons to my life. I encourage you as you are on vacation this summer, take the time to visit other churches and worship services. Just because you are at the shore or in the mountains doesn't mean you have an excuse not to be with others praising God. (On a side note, I love Caramel Popcorn from the shore.)



We will be doing two worship series through summer and into September this season. The first is **Worship with Rejoicing**. We will be breaking down each part of our worship experience with the why and the how. Then the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8th we will begin a study in worship on Grace. We talk about, and sing about God's Amazing Grace, but do we really understand it.

I am looking forward to a summer filled with worship, fresh butter-soaked corn on the cob, caramel popcorn from the shore (Dollies or Fishers), and God's Amazing Grace.



Sunday, July 28 [Christmas in July !!](#)

Paxton will go caroling in the afternoon to a few of our homebound members. Instead of Christmas carols, we will sing some old favorites from our Sunday School days. If you'd like to be a caroler, please contact Ruth Higbee (717-329-3008).

[Thank you, Kim](#)

Kim McGovern, the office assistant, will be leaving us in July and joining her husband Jeff, who recently retired. They will be traveling, enjoying kids, grandchildren and just sharing life together. Kim has a can-do attitude and provides wonderful support to Pastor Gary, preparing weekly bulletins, slides, and the monthly newsletter, The Paxton Pulse.

Pastor Gary, the Leadership Team, RB, and the congregation thank you.

We pray God will grant you a blessed, wonderful, and enjoyable retirement.

[Sunday Services](#) are 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. **Worship is in-person and live on Facebook Live on anytime at www.facebook.com/paxtonumc**. A children's nursery is available.

[Bible Study](#) begins at 10:30 am each Sunday. We are now studying the Book of Revelation. The last book of the Bible is really God's word of hope and joy. Max Lucado's book [Life Lesson's from Revelation](#) brings these words to our everyday life.

[Book Study Group](#), [Choir Practice](#) & [Pilates](#) are on summer break, returning after Labor Day.

[AA Meetings](#) at 6:30 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Friday. [Al-Anon](#) 6:30 pm, Tuesdays.

[Sew for Peace](#) meets at 9 am Thursday. The congregation will bless clothing on July 21, 2024. The clothes will go to the Salem UCC church which services refugees in Harrisburg. They recently put out a plea for children's clothing in small sizes.

[Boiler Replacement Update](#) Unfortunately, after 50 years, the boiler – part of the heating system – must be replaced. A purchase order was given to a local vendor. By fall, the project should be complete. This is a \$30,000 unexpected and unbudgeted expense. We are grateful for all you give to Paxton now – your tithes, offerings, time, talents, and especially, your prayers. Thank you in advance if you can assist with additional funds for the boiler replacement.

[Golden Agers](#) *No meeting in July*. On August 13, at 12:30 pm, the Ecumenical Retirement Community is providing a picnic on their campus at 624 Wilhelm Rd. ***Reservations and tickets are required***. The Oct. trip to the Wolf Sanctuary has availability, but there is a waitlist for the Christmas show at the American Music Theatre. Family, friends -- everyone is welcome. Contact Dotty Sellers at 717-497-3940.

Sunday, July 7 --[Ronald McDonald House](#) – 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).

Sunday, July 21 --[Daystar Dinner](#) will be served at 4 pm, to Daystar residents, family, & friends. Volunteers welcomed in the kitchen, as servers & as visitors. Contact Bill Toner 717-497-8213.

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