

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR SUNDAYS

The following Sunday's the children and youth choirs
will be singing at the 10:00 Worship.

February 5, 2012

March 4, 2012

April 1, 2012 ~ Palm Sunday

April 8, 2012 ~ Easter Sunday
(Sunrise Service ~ Paxton Singers only)

April 29, 2012 ~ Youth Sunday



Saturday, June 2 ~ "Spring Into Summer"

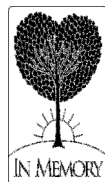
Sunday, June 3 ~ Music Recognition Sunday



Congratulations to:

Andrew and Meaghan Schmidt on the birth of their son, **Ryan Stephen**, on January 14, 2012. Ryan is the grandson of Judy Schmidt.

Rita Steckbeck and Steven Brim on the birth of their son, **Camden Jasir**, on January 14, 2012. Camden is the grandson of Ed and Carol Steckbeck.



Elizabeth M. Mory
12/31/2011

Margaret Lickel
1/13/2012



12/18/2011 ~ Rowan E. Blazi
Son of Tom and Beckie Blazi,
grandson of Kathie Zimmerman

12/24/2011 ~ Amelia J. Elder
Daughter of Josh and Michaelyn
Elder, granddaughter of Dave and
Peggy Elder

THE PACE

FEBRUARY 2012

Dear Friends,

Dan Miller lives in Franklin, Tennessee. He wrote a book entitled, "The Rudder of the Day". His theme is that the first 60 minutes of each day sets the stage for what the day will hold. He quotes from Henry Ward Beecher who said, "The first hour is the rudder of the day – the Golden Hour." This is Miller's point. "Be very careful how you start your morning. You are planting seeds for what the day will hold. If you get up late, grab a cup of coffee and a Twinkie, rush to work fuming at the idiots in traffic and drop down exhausted at your desk at 8:10, you have set the tone for your day. The importance of planting wholesome, life-enriching thoughts in our minds in that first hour of the day cannot be overemphasized."

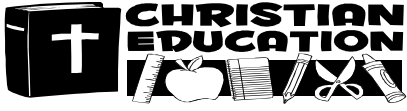
I am a morning person, so I like what Miller is saying. It reminds me of Paul's letter to the Philippian church where he said, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

What kinds of things do we put into our mind and soul? What do we feed our spirit? Frankly, there is a lot of junk and toxic stuff that we allow into our lives which damages our souls. The challenge for a Christian is to be intentional about those things that consume our thoughts and minds.

Here is a wonderful challenge. To be mindful of the kinds of books we read, movies we see, websites we visit. To be as conscious of what we allow into our souls as we are about what goes into our stomachs. What goes on inside our life is as important as what happens on the outside.

See you in church!

John Green



Jo Jacoby, Administrator

We welcome Souper Bowl of Caring, on Saturday February 4 & 5 at Paxton. Youth from throughout the Presbytery will come here on Saturday evening to enjoy fellowship, games, food and music. On Sunday February 5 our youth will be standing at the doors of the Sanctuary before and after the church service collecting cans of food and money to give to a local food pantry. As always we appreciate your support during this event.

**JONATHAN ALEXANDER BAER SCOTT
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Jonathan Alexander Baer Scott Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior who has been an active member of the Paxton congregation. Due to the generosity of an additional donor the amount awarded has been increased. Any graduating senior who is planning to attend a two-year/four-year college or university or technical/vocational school is eligible to apply. The deadline to apply is May 6th. If you are interested, please submit your application by emailing to Jo Jacoby (jo@paxtonchurch.org) the following information:

- √ Your name
- √ The name of your high school and date of graduation
- √ The institution of higher education you plan to attend
- √ The course of study you plan to pursue
- √ How you plan to use the scholarship

Please apply!



We need the name and address of your college student. Please email Jo Jacoby (jo@paxtonchurch.org) or call the church office. The youth will be collecting items and sending college care packages. Items needed are candy, snacks, toiletries, tissues, gift cards etc. Deadline is February 19th.

MEMORIAL FUND ~ 1/1/11-12/31/11

Beginning Balance	\$29,213.00
Deposits	9,700.00
Disbursements	- 14,920.14
	<u>\$23,992.86</u>

Memorial gifts received for:

Max Fleischer	Nancy Fleischer
Robert Killian	Charles Hanes
Jane O'dell Myers	Barbara Arnold
Richard Walker	Louise Walker
Carol Myers	Wayde Rovenolt
Ruth Crouse	Wanda Newhouse (in honor of service to church)
C.Ted Lick	John Walters
Dr Thomas Holtzman	Robert Koch
Michael Roland	Mary Phoenix
Richard Millard	Jane Albright

Disbursements:

\$ 1,382.60	Folding chairs, tables, & cart
88.00	USPS – Stamps
417.16	Hearing Devices
2,935.00	New door & lock
746.40	Snowblower
3,000.00	Office computers
76.50	Dry erase board for classroom
87.28	Communion plates (designated fund)
99.96	Acknowledgement cards/envelopes
171.24	Music folders (designated fund)
51.80	Library books (designated fund)
1,684.20	Table pad & hand bell (designated fund)
3,055.00	Special designated fund
1,125.00	Building fund (designated fund)

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Sanford
Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MINISTRY

Submitted by Jerry Davies

Happy New Year everyone. First, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of Paxton Church. The final numbers for 2011 will be in the Annual Report which will be available for your perusal before the Annual Meeting on January 29.

Secondly, I would like to thank Mary Myers for her leadership of this Ministry during some very trying economic times. Her leadership led to balanced budgets and our mortgage debt being lowered to \$274,000.

Lastly, according to our Book of Order, a full financial review of all books and records relating to finance will be completed once a year. The primary purposes of these reviews are to ensure good financial procedures and to help the congregation have confidence and trust in the stewardship of their contributions. These reviews will be completed in February and March. A copy of the completed reviews will be given to the appropriate treasurer as well as filed in the church office.

F. Y. I. There are 53 Sundays in 2012. For those who contribute weekly, the Church Management System will reflect your giving for 53 weeks.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



The cemetery committee is assisting a young man with his Eagle Scout Project. In addition to some needed repairs, each veteran's grave will have a metal marker attached to memorialize their service. We know the "war" veterans but not all "peace" time vets are marked. If you have a family member who is buried at Paxton and whose grave does not carry any veteran markings, please call Ron Wix at the church. We wish to honor all veterans.

FIVE WEEK LENTEN BIBLE STUDY Led by the Rev. Dr. John Schmidt, Honorably Retired



Presbyterian Women of Paxton



The UNITY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, February 14 at 12:30 in room 202 at the church. Please pack your lunch, and dessert and beverages will be provided. Kitty Janes will be the hostess and Lesson 5 of the Beatitudes series will be discussed.

CIRCLE 2 will meet at the church on Tuesday, February 7th at 12:30. Carol Himmelright will lead our lesson study, chapter 5 & 6. Jeanne Fortino will be our hostess and Elizabeth Moore will give devotions.

EVENSONG will meet Tuesday, February 7 at 10:30 in the Great Room. Wishing everyone a loving Valentine's Day!

The SEWING CIRCLE - We are urgently looking for rubber-backed insulated drapes, flannel sheets, and blankets. During these cold months the homeless need our warm Humble Quilts.

Mother's Day Cards - PW will once again send cartons of Mother's Day cards for soldiers in Afghanistan to select to send home to their mothers. We are looking for volunteers to take home a kit to make cards. Look in the Gathering Room for a kit today!

Valentine's Day at Bethesda Mission for Women and Children: PW will lead a group of loving Paxton members to Bethesda to share love and fellowship with the women there. Those who visited Bethesda for Christmas know what a special evening this can be. You are welcome to come along with us! Call Barb Greenwood to sign-up. We will be carpooling from the church on **Sunday, February 12, meet at 6:15.**

Santa Shop celebrated its 8th successful year!



Thanks to everyone who made Christmas so special to the poor in Harrisburg. 905 children and women shopped at 15 separate locations during the 90 hours of shops! It's time to save your donations for next October!

PW is now collecting:

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| ✓ 2012 calendars | ✓ Jewelry, new, used, or even broken |
| ✓ Sunday color comic pages | ✓ Bibles |
| ✓ Card fronts/any holidays | ✓ Insulated drapes, flannel sheets, fabric blankets |
| ✓ New blank note cards with envelopes | |

Hi Santa Shop Volunteers,

I know you don't want to hear it, because you are definitely on God's mission and your volunteer work is for your church, but I have to tell you I think this outreach is one of the best organized volunteer operations I have ever seen. The children and their families are considered with deep respect for cultural issues, which is very unusual. You are spreading God's love in such a warm and fun way! It totally boggles my mind to think of how much you collect since I didn't see the boxes for the other 16 sites. The fact that you would continue this work, which is physically, mentally and emotionally tiring after all of your surgeries, Barb, is further evidence of your belief in this mission. Your volunteers are all so loving and supportive, which is also a joy to behold. It was an honor to participate. Please keep me on your volunteer list if you plan to continue this work. I would also be happy to decorate brown bags, or other small tasks during the next year. I will go up to Camp Curtin on Monday to help things run smoothly in our absence. How nice of you to leave all those supplies for the PTA officers to handle on their own.

Your new admirer,

Carol Howard, PhD



Downtown Daily Bread Volunteers

February

- 9th** **Jeanne Bruce
Jim Bruce
Mimi Swayze
Calvin Swayze
Karen Cirillo**
- 16th** **Jeanne Hoopes
Arden Hoopes
Chuck Cain
Pat Mathias
Jay Maxwell**

My heartfelt thank you for your cards, phone calls and most of all your prayers on the recent death of my dear mother, Marion Trautman. A sincere thanks also to those who attended her memorial service which was a wonderful celebration of her life. Your thoughtfulness and compassion is so appreciated.

Love, Jo Ann Snyder

