



Check out the new kids books in the Library.....

*Angels Sweep the Desert Floor*

*Letters to God*

*Everyday Blessings*

*Turner Mc Werner and Hooch the Pooch*

*The First Christmas*

*The Town that Forgot about Christmas Always*

*Fancy Nancy Halloween...or Bust!*

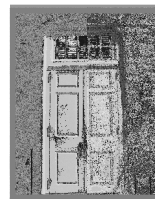
*Nana's Bible Stories*

*Wee Little Lamb*

*Children of God: Storybook Bible*

*Max & Rudy Happy Halloween*

*Piglet and Papa*



## THE PACE

NOVEMBER 2011

Dear Friends,

I have a nice piece of art work in my office that has the following words on it: there is always, always, always something to be thankful for.

Always? Always! There is always something to be thankful for.

I am going to take that as a challenge. This is my November challenge to myself. I would like to invite you to join me in this challenge. Every day find someone or something to be thankful for. Maybe this could be our Paxton Thanksgiving Challenge. You've heard of the Pepsi challenge? This is the Paxton Challenge. There is always, always, always something (or someone) to be thankful for.

It is not always easy or convenient to be thankful. Some days are troublesome. Circumstances wear us out. Frustrations or disappointments weigh us down. We find ourselves looking at someone else's life and wondering, why do they get all the good fortune? Why do they have the easy road while our path is strewn with obstacles? Sometimes (truth be told) we would rather complain than be thankful.

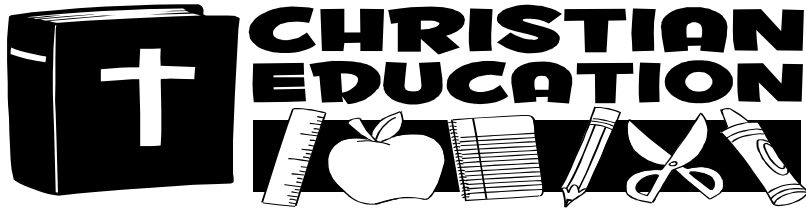
Then there are moments when we look upon another person's life that is obviously difficult and yet she or he always seems to find something to be thankful for. How do they do that?

The Apostle Paul told the Philippine church, "Rejoice in the Lord, always; again I say, rejoice." I think Paul would agree with my artwork. There is always something to be thankful for.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I pray that we have a wonderful Thanksgiving month. It isn't hard to be grumpy or crabby through the holidays. People expect grumpiness. We anticipate holiday crabbiness, even at church. It is refreshing to meet a genuinely thankful person. Let us be that kind of person.

See you in church!

John Green



Jo Jacoby, Administrator

Tree dedication chart

## 2011 ADVENT ACTIVITIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### November 6

Sign-ups for Advent Candle Lighting begins. The Sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. This opportunity is open to anyone. Scripts are provided and it is fun!



### November 20

Advent Workshop will be held following the worship service at 11:15 - 2:30. A soup and sandwich lunch will be provided followed by the workshop featuring numerous projects. This year we will be providing a backdrop for your photo opportunities...don't forget your camera! The workshop will end with caroling and a chance to show off your favorite dessert. Volunteers are needed to provide guidance in classes, help in the kitchen and clean-up. See Jo Jacoby for details. Invite your neighbors and friends, show them how much fun we have at Paxton.

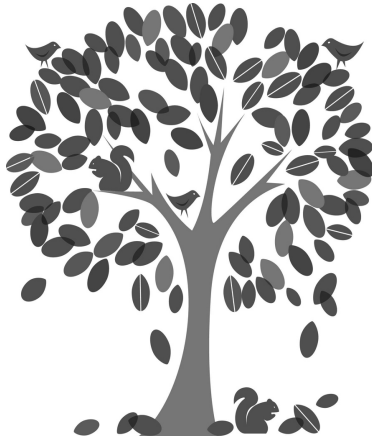
## A WALK IN THE WOODS By Norm Daniels

Fall has arrived and we are still working in the Grove **and your help will soon be needed!**

The Memorial/Honor Tree Dedication will be held on October 30 at 11:15. Please join us in the Grove on October 30th after church to dedicate the new Memorial/Honor trees. Your support through attendance as we honor the people for whom the trees were planted would be greatly appreciated. In case of rain, the service will be in the sanctuary.

Thank you to Rich Lengler, Dave Elder, and Bill Sanford who came out on October 8th to spread topsoil. A ton of stone and two tons of dirt were moved along the kitchen wall in the nook, to the east of the elevator wall, and the north side of the building. Hopefully, this will help stop water from coming inside the kitchen and basement.

Thank you also, to Ken Collins who cut the posts to hold the plaques and to Barb Arens who helped place the markers for the trees.



**Here is where we need all of you!** Please mark your calendar for the **Fall Clean-Up** on **November 19th at 9:00** with the rain date being December 3rd. This year's date is later because last year, half the leaves were still on the trees when we raked. **PLEASE come!** Bring rakes, gloves, water, tarps, and anything else you need to help us gather up the leaves.



Because of all the work by many people, the Grove is a beautiful place. Come and enjoy its fall wonders!

## O GAUGE TRAIN OPEN HOUSE FOR PAXTON CHURCH FAMILIES



The children and young at heart are invited to a model railroad open house at the home of Warren and Helen Heidelbaugh on the following dates:

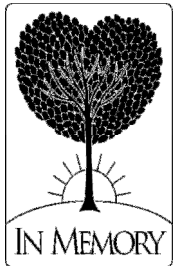
November 5, 2011 1:00 PM to 4 PM or

November 12, 2011 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Hopefully this will accommodate the schedule of families wishing to share this experience with their children.

Address: 4486 Olde Salem Road; Phone 652-9377 for questions.

# Around Paxton



Prayers of the congregation are offered for the friends and family of Mary Phoenix who entered the Church Triumphant on September 29 having been a member of Paxton Church since 1972.



**Gannon John Nelson** was baptized on October 16. Gannon is the son of Amanda and Dustin, grandson of Janice Hutchison and great-grandson of Nancy Hutchison.

Pastor Green recently officiated at the wedding of David Daniels and Charity Yeager at Paxton Church on October 15, 2011.



Congratulations to the newlyweds!

## RAKER'S NEEDED!



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## Financial Corner

by Paul Remaly, Treasurer

	<u>September, 2011</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$37,450.80	\$361,516.59
Expense	\$36,746.33	\$344,759.28
Budgeted Expense	\$39,727.58	\$357,548.22

September's expenses totaled slightly below income and well within our budget as the result of the effort and careful management of our membership. We need to proceed through the fourth quarter with similar continued attention. We are also working diligently to assemble our proposed budget for 2012. Our thanks for your contributions and our Lord's guidance.

At the end of September, the balance of our debt service at Centric Bank was \$296,117.84. We've come a long way thanks to your attention, care, and participation through pledges and contributions.

Once again we offer thanks for our Lord's continued guidance and pray for his presence as we seek his will for Paxton.

### Giant Gift Cards



As holidays approach we ask that you plan ahead for purchases of gift cards and sign up at the "Giant" table,

or call Carol McCall, 566-2786. We want to order adequate cards, and we do appreciate your help and support.

We will not sell on Christmas Day.



November 5th

# Paxton Music News



**Sunday, November 6** – All Youth and Children's Choirs sing at the 10:00 worship.

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>** - Christ the King and Communion – The Adult Choir will sing the anthem "Light Divine" by Pietro Mascagni, based on music from his opera CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA. The Paxtones will be using, for the first time, the newly acquired lowest bell in it's collection. It was purchased through generous contributions to the Memorial Fund for Jane Albright. The cost of this single handbell was over \$1,000. The Paxtones will ring one of Jane's favorite hymns "Amazing Grace", using this bell in her honor.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS MUSICAL HIGHLIGHTS



The Adult Choir will be featuring the music of John Rutter throughout the Advent Season and for the Christmas music program on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. One of the choir's favorite Rutter works is his REQUIEM, having sung most recently a movement from this on September 11.

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** – The children and youth present "In the Case of the Reluctant Innkeeper" at the 10:00 Worship. "Here comes the judge! Bethlehem court is in session with the Honorable Judge Jody Justice presiding. It's The People vs a certain "reluctant" innkeeper... reluctant to give a certain young couple a room for the night, that is!"

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** – BELL SUNDAY and the Christmas Music program, at 4:00 p.m. with all Paxton Choirs participating

### Alleluia and Angel Choirs

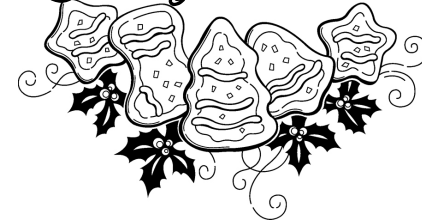
We are so thrilled to get off to a good start. Many new voices and singers brighten everyone's day. Just a reminder that the Little Lambs rehearse at from 9:30-9:45 at the end of church school. The Angel Choir leaves church during the offering at about 10:45 to rehearse.



Christmas practice is beginning now! Please join us! Pick your part!

## Cookie News

# Baking Spirits Bright!



## The Cookie Jar Poem

A house should have a cookie jar

For when it's half past three,

And children hurry home from school

As hungry as can be.

There's nothing quite so splendid

On which a child can sup,

As spicy, fluffy ginger cakes

And sweet milk in a cup.

A child should have some one waiting with a hug,

No matter what they bring home, a puppy or a bug.

For children only loiter when the bell rings to dismiss,

If no one's home to greet them with a cookie and a kiss.

Unknown

Paxton's Cookie Sale ~ December 10th

Mark your Calendar!

## 2011 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women

*Each year the Thank Offering travels the globe meeting needs around the world. Our offering in 2010 was used for 26 projects (14 in the United States and 12 internationally). It will provide health care for women and children, build a safe residence for high school girls, educate people with physical challenges, im-*

*prove food and water supplies and allow women increased economic opportunities. At least forty percent of the Thank Offering funds go to health related projects.*

*Your generosity to the 2011 Thank Offering will support similarly impressive programs.*

### Victorian Fall Tea



November 6th ~ 2:00 PM

Ladies and gentlemen you are cordially invited to attend a Victorian Tea. Imagine sitting in a parlor crowded with knick knacks, lace, silver, china, flowers and good friends. Enjoy finger sandwiches and sweets with your tea, while listening to soothing music. Formal dress is not required, but hats and gloves are welcome.

- The Congregational Life Ministry is sponsoring a "Night out at the Bears Game" on Saturday, January 21 at 7:00 PM. We have fifty tickets reserved for our group. If you would like to reserve a ticket, please contact Tara Frank at 583-1951 or btfrank@comcast.net. A sign-up table will be available in the Gathering Room following worship on December 3rd, 10th and 17th.
- The cost is \$12.50 per ticket and money is due by Sunday, December 18th.



### Campbell's UPC Labels Still Needed

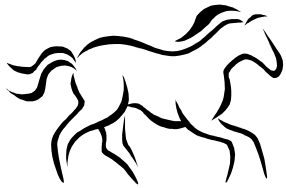
The Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg is grateful for Paxton's support of the UPC labels that we collect for them. Please note that V 8 Juice container lids are saved instead of the former UPC label. All Pepperidge Farms bread bags also have a UPC symbol that applies and can be saved. Please save the UPC code with the symbol for education that is beside the UPC bar code on the label of soups/gravy & other Campbell's products.

You can place these in the drawer in the collection center outside the Kirker's Room on the lower level. Your support is most appreciated.



Thank you to all who volunteered at Hershey Park this summer for the Neighborhood Center. The project remains a great fundraiser for the Center and volunteers receive a free pass to the park in return for each day of volunteer service.

## Volunteer Opportunities



CATRA is Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association that is located off of Route 81 in Grantville. They provide horseback riding therapy for developmentally challenged children and adults. They truly are an asset to the community. They are definitely deserving of our assistance!

***All 'hands' are needed 'on deck' to help make CATRA's Fall lessons a success. Please consider offering your time and talents to help our riders and horses. Volunteers are desperately needed to assist with day and evening lessons and animal care. Any amount of time is appreciated. This opportunity is great for homeschoolers, stay-at-home parents, retirees, seniors, laid off workers, church groups, scouts, college students, senior projects, CATRA riders, and any other horse/animal/people lovers!***

*Help keep smiles on our CATRA riders!*

## LEND A HAND

Volunteers are still desperately needed to help clean up from Lee's devastation. Please call **717-731-8888 to volunteer**. This work is hard and dirty! Each volunteer will report to a Site Coordinator, at a specific location, where some forms will be completed. At this time assignments to specific homes with clean-up needs will be made. The water has receded or been pumped, but mud and debris still need to be removed. Also, these areas will need to be pressure-washed and sanitized.

The work day will run from **9 AM - 5 PM** or until a volunteer is fatigued or the job is done. **Sunday work schedule is 1 - 6 PM so those volunteers can attend church services.** BRING A BAG LUNCH TO EAT AT THE JOBSITE. Lend A Hand will supply water and provide tools. If you have questions, please call **717-731-8888**. For questions about Lend A Hand see our website at [www.lendahand.net](http://www.lendahand.net). Thanks in advance for your willingness to help.

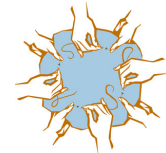
## Presbyterian Women of Paxton



**The UNITY CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, November 8 in room 202 at 12:30. Please bring your own packed lunch, and please plan your day so that you may vote before or after circle! The hostess will be Nancy Knapp.

**CIRCLE 2** will meet at the church on Tuesday, November 1 at 12:30. Carol Himmelright will lead the Chapter 3 lesson study. Carol will also be the hostess and Elizabeth Moore will give donations.

**The SEWING CIRCLE—BIB KITS** are here! If you or a friend sew at home, please consider taking home a bib kit. Included are supplies to make 5 bibs for Harrisburg's needy families. Why not try this easy, rewarding sewing project?



## PW Soup Sale

Saturday, November 5th ~ 9 AM - Noon



Calling all soup makers! PW is again in need of people willing to make soup for our Soup Sale.

This year, we would like information on the ingredients in the soup. (We always get a lot of questions about that.) Cards on which to list soup ingredients are on the bulletin board in the Gathering Room, after 9/11/11). Write down what kind(s) of soup you made and how many quarts of each there are. Include your name as well. Then list the ingredients that you used. Turn the card in when you bring the soup to church.

If your soup is frozen, you may bring it to the church anytime. Please put it in the downstairs freezer. Put your ingredients card in the envelope on the freezer.

Fresh soup may be brought in on Thursday or Friday, Nov. 3 or 4, during the day and put in the refrigerator in the downstairs kitchen. Put your written list in the envelope on the refrigerator. There will be PW people at the church on Friday evening, Nov. 4, from 5 - 7 pm if you need to bring it during the evening.

Thank you in advance for all your hard work.

PW Soup Sale committee (questions call Jeanne Fortino 564-2036)

**A special note:** The soup that sells the fastest is Chicken Corn soup.

## What Can You Donate to Santa Shop?

*Paxton Presbyterian Church is gearing up for its 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Santa Shop**. Donated items can be delivered to the church or to Barb Greenwood's porch at 3602 Brisban Street, Paxtang from October 15 to November 15.*



>Small new inexpensive gifts (Example: candle holders, bath soaps, stationery, new socks, children's toys, kitchen items, art supplies, scarves, gloves, etc!)

>New toys

>New men's socks

>New homemade crafts (like bazaar items)

>New books for all ages

>New MUGS (no mugs with advertising or from "conferences")

>Jewelry: new, used, broken

>New food items for those big brothers, dads and grandpas. (Example: packs of gum, power bars, granola bars, bottles of Gatorade, candy bars, snack crackers.)

>Wrapped candy canes and wrapped peppermints

>Any season flat or rolled wrapping paper. (We shred it into strips and use the "silly paper" to pad gift bags. A tradition!!)

>New bows!!

>Money – spent on postage, buying paper bags for giftwrap, printing photos.

>2012 calendars

>Military freebies like key chains, water bottles.

>Toiletries

>Team logo items

>New fast-food giveaways

Santa Shop Sites