



PAXTON MUSIC NEWS



Music Rehearsals Begin ~ Join Us!

The Paxtones (Handbell Choir)

Weekly rehearsals begin Thursday, September 9th at 6:15
(Rehearsals in the Junior Assembly Room for several weeks)

Adult Choir

Weekly rehearsals begin Thursday, September 9th at 7:30

Paxton Singers (Grades 6 to 12)

First rehearsal after church Sunday, September 12th

Alleluias (Pre-School)

Practice during the Sunday school hour beginning September 12th

Paxton Angels (Grades 1 to 6)

Rehearse after church on the stage in Fellowship Hall beginning September 12th

We look forward to welcoming all current, past and new members to all our music organizations. Contact the church office or any music staff member for further information.

"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them." Romans 12:6



Downtown Daily Bread

September

9th	Linda Brown Dawn Burnside Ginny Knoll
16th	Keith Birth Karen Cirillo Pat Mathias Jane Rising
30th	Janet Lackey Janet Maykovich Dagmar Rives Anne Verobish

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

To all those Paxton members who sent cards and happy thoughts during my recent illness, thank you so very much. They were all so very much appreciated and brought many smiles to me. I am doing much better and feeling well. Thanks in part to your cards!

Dori Williams



THE PACE

September 2010

MEMOIRS OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By Jo Jacoby

Dear Diary,

I'm kind of a sentimental person, I love new projects, the planning is invigorating and when the project is underway it's like a natural high, when it's complete it's fulfilling but a somewhat empty feeling creeps over me, like it's done, over, complete.

I had some real fulfilling experiences during VBS but my most precious by far was on the last day. I had not yet felt that empty feeling but I knew it was soon to come. Little did I know it just wasn't going to happen!

A five year old child sat on a chair next to me during the final assembly. I ask her to join the other kids, but she said she didn't want to do that. Suddenly I felt a touch on my skin under my shirt. My first instinct was to stop her but when I looked at her she had her thumb in the mouth and the biggest smile on her face. After several minutes she asked me to save her seat - she had to talk to a friend. She ran to her, whispered and came back to the same spot and repeated what she had been doing. She would look up at me with a smile that touched my heart.

I knew there was a family of five children being raised by their father without a mother involved in their lives that were coming to VBS, but I didn't know the names and it really didn't matter.

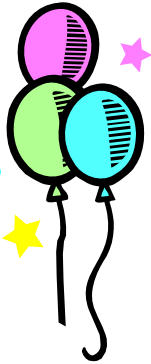
It was the end of the program and a young man came to me looking for his children to pick up, I reminded him of the picnic outside, he said he couldn't stay he had to go to work he had five children to support. Only then did I realize that she was one of his children.

This small event made my VBS experience a most rewarding one that I will never forget. I hope I've touched her heart the same way she touched mine, I will never forget this little angel.

Luke 18:16-17

But Jesus called the children to him and said "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Remember this! Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Christian Education, Administrator, Jo Jacoby



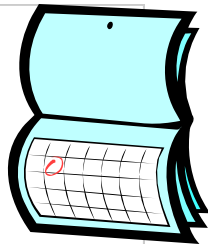
Rally Day kicks off the first day of the new Church School year on September 12. Meet in the Junior Assembly Room on the lower level at 8:45 a.m. All 4 year olds through Senior High are invited. Come for refreshments, activities, singing and meeting old and new friends.

Rally Day!!

Blessing of the Book Bags will take place during the Worship Service on September 12. Don't forget to bring your book bag, whether it's your favorite used one or a new one, bring it to the service!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



We are blessed to have Buzz Myers return after a hiatus of several years to present our Lenten Series for 2011. Watch for more details!

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Library Committee would like to thank those individuals that "loaned" their wedding photos for display in the library this summer. The display was enjoyed by many and brought back memories of our younger years.



In Celebration of the work, mission and the life of
Paxton Presbyterian Church

All are invited to share in a

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST

On Commitment Sunday ~ October 17, 2010

One seating at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

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Menu: Baked Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Cup,
Buttermilk Biscuits, Coffee, Tea, Juice

Please RSVP no later than October 4th

By using a blue reservation card, call the church office or
e-mail: office@paxtonchurch.org

FALL



LUNCHEON

The Presbyterian Women's Association will be hosting their annual Fall Luncheon on Wednesday, September 22nd at 12:00 PM.

The guest speaker will be Ms. Mary Klaus. She is a reporter for the Patriot News, a volunteer fire fighter for Chambers Hill Fire Company and a Hospice nurse.

She has traveled around the world with medical mission teams. Mary will be talking about her travels as a mission nurse.

A light meal will be served at a cost of \$4.00. Please use the blue reservation cards found in the pew racks or call the church office to RSVP by Friday, September 17th.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 17TH

This year we shall observe Commitment Sunday with our usual congregational breakfast at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Please consider this information as you and your family decide what your commitment to the Work of the Lord through Paxton Church will be for next year.

Recent IRS data tell us something about charitable donor generosity.

- * Households with an adjusted gross income of \$12,685 gave an average of \$1,469 (11 percent of their income).
- * Households with an average adjusted gross income of \$52,503 gave an average of \$2,094 (4 percent of their income).
- * Households with an average adjusted gross income of over \$100,000 gave an average of 2.5 percent of income to charity.

Conclusion: Having the means does not produce generosity.

People contribute out of a sense of thankfulness for God's blessings and out of obedience to Scripture.

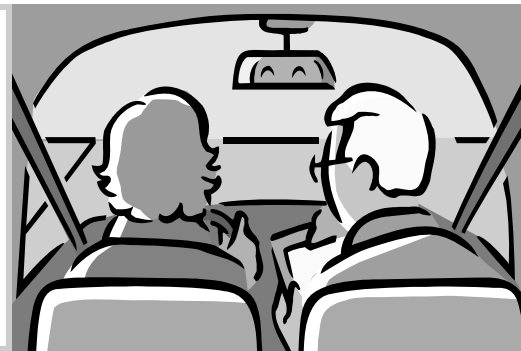
Research on denominational giving reveals the following:

- * Denomination whose members give, on average, more than 7 percent of their income: Mormons.
- * Denomination whose members give, on average, 5 to 6 percent of their income: Assemblies of God.
- * Denominations whose members give, on average, between 3 and 4 percent of their income: Reformed, Nazarene, Southern Baptist.
- * Denominations whose members give, on average, between 2 and 3 percent of their income: Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witnesses, Presbyterian (PCUSA).
- * Denominations whose members give, on average, between 1 and 2 percent of their income: United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Catholic.

Paxton determines its annual operational budget only after we receive pledge cards and determine our probable income.

God asks us to give an appropriate amount of percentage of our income. Only you can determine what is appropriate in your case.

55 and Older
Safe
Driving
Course



Evangelism and Membership has the opportunity this fall to offer those who are 55 and older a safe driving course here at the church. For those who have never taken a safe driving course a two-day course is necessary. A one day course is offered to those who have already had the course and three years has lapsed between then and now and are looking to brush up on their skills. Taking the course or the refresher course is a great way to hone skills and learn new safe driving techniques. Driving on today's roadways can be challenging. What techniques you may have learned years ago are now obsolete. The challenges to safe driving require drivers to pay all the more attention to

the driving task. Another bonus is a discount on your car insurance when you provide them with the information that you have taken the course.

This will be open to any one who would like to enroll and are 55 or older; church membership is not a requirement. Friends and neighbors are more than welcome. The more interest we can generate to fill up a class, will give us a better advantage to say YES, we can do this and set a date.

If you are interested call Jerry Davies 979-4177 or e-mail jerrydavies1951@comcast.net, put a note in his box or call the office.



Pastor Green officiated at the weddings of:

Thomas Burfeind & Lindsay Brown ~ May 15

Laurie Hamilton & Jared Henry ~ July 10

CONGRATULATIONS!

Stephen Ministry Update

Submitted by Beth Lancione

Paxton's Stephen Ministry begins its third year with the commissioning, on August 29th, of two additional Stephen Leaders, Jane Rising and Jane Sanford. Jane and Jane attended Stephen Leader training in Pittsburgh in early August and now join Paxton's Stephen Leader team to help to carry out the key responsibilities of maintaining and growing the Stephen Ministry program.

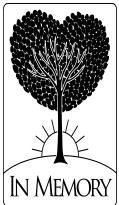
Paxton currently has eight Stephen Ministers who are paired with care receivers and are fulfilling their roles as Christian care-givers to those experiencing loss, change, illness, and other challenging circumstances. Because the needs for such care-giving are many, we plan to offer another 50-hour training session for Stephen Minister candidates, beginning January 2011 and running weekly through early May. Anyone who would like further information should contact Helen



Heidelbaugh (652-9377) or Beth Lancione (938-4327).

One of the cornerstones of Stephen Ministry is confidentiality. Each Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader is bound by this code and cannot reveal to others the identity of a care-receiver or information about that person's circumstances. This guarantee of confidentiality is a necessary component in order to build trust within the caring relationship.

However, the care-receiver is not equally limited and may talk about Stephen Ministry experiences with whomever he or she wishes. Therefore, family and friends of the care-receiver may know things which the Stephen Minister is not permitted to confirm or discuss with others. In such circumstances, we ask for the congregation's understanding of the promise of confidentiality all Stephen Ministers have made.



Paxton member, Eugene Rook entered the Church Triumphant on July 8th. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Lois, family, and friends.

Congratulations to Michelina and Joseph McAnulty on the birth of their son, John Leo on June 9, 2010. John Leo is the grandson of Jeanne and John Fortino.



This time of year makes us think, "I should try a new activity!"

We have several circles here at our church, and we could probably start new ones. Here is a brief rundown on opportunities for women of our congregation.

Circle 2 is a long time circle in our church with a steady group of women who use the Horizons Lesson Study. Elizabeth Moore is leader of Circle 2 which meets the first Tuesday of the month at 12:30 at church. Each woman brings a sandwich to divide and share, and the hostess provides dessert.

Tot Moms is a group of mothers of young children. Leading the women is Camille Fritz. Most meetings are evenings, and dinner out at a restaurant is part of the fellowship time. In summer they hold a family picnic. The women have shared prayer concerns and done several baking and other projects. Camille can share more information.

Unity Circle is the former Circle 3 and Circle 1 which merged. Unity Circle meets at the church at 12:30 on the second Tuesday of the month. Each person brings her own lunch. Members take

turns leading discussions on the Horizons lesson. The circle sometimes helps with projects such as Santa Shop preparation. Some of its donations help the YWCA. Carol McCall is the leader this year.

Circle 5 is a small group of busy women who have been meeting for several years and designing their own program. Sometimes they meet at a restaurant, or at someone's home. Diana Robertson is the leader this year.

Evensong is a group of women who gather on the third Tuesday in the evening. Each month there are snacks, sometimes study, a project to busy our hands to good work, and lots of conversation! Blanche Skinner is leader.

Sewing Circle meets Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. at church. They are the busy hands group, creating all sorts of gorgeous and useful fabric items: Humble quilts, baby quilts, pot-holders... good conversation, some tea and cookies? Barb Greenwood leads the stitchers.

Please talk to someone in one of these groups and try it out! We'd love to have you share in the fellowship!

Presbyterian Women of Paxton



Summer is fading and we are now entering that wonderful season known as autumn. I hope your summer has left you with pleasant memories and that autumn will present you with memorable opportunities.

PW's Board met in August to discuss on-going projects and possible additional ones. The Board always welcomes your input on possible projects and comments on the on-going projects. Since Board officers' terms expire in December, a nominating committee is being formed to present a slate of officers for the new term beginning in January. If you would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee or become a Board member, please call Carol McCall at 566-2786.

Circles will be starting up again this month. If you are not yet a circle member it might be a good time to look over the existing groups and see which one might be of special interest to you. If you would like to start a new group, PW would be happy to help you. If you are already a circle member you may know that PW dues can be given to your circle leader or PW treasurer, Hazel Peiffer (via PW's mail slot). PW may be the only organization you belong to where dues are any amount you choose to give or not. The dues, along with our annual soup sale and nights out, are used to support our local mission work.

PW continues to sell the Giant cards after the 10:00 service and with the congregation's wonderful support, have given \$4,000 to help "eat away the debt". On the first Saturday in November we will hold our annual soup sale in conjunction with Paxton's Health Fair. Quart soup containers will be available in October. A date has not yet been set for the Fall Tea. The Santa Shops will make their rounds again this year.

Although PW no longer has the basket out for Caitlin's Smiles crafts, we encourage everyone to independently continue to donate at their office at 3303 N. 6th St. Harrisburg, PA, 17111, (717) 412-4759. They open at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Let's keep those smiles coming!

And remember—
I am only one, yet I am one.
I cannot do everything, yet I can do something.

Love and prayers,
Nancy Knapp

Looking Ahead



Health Fair & Soup Sale

In just two months we will be holding the Fourth Annual Community Health Fair and PW Soup Sale at Paxton. This year's date is November 6.

We hope to have a good assortment of information and screenings for you, as well as for our neighbors. The Health Fair committee started planning last spring, but has a lot more work ahead as things are arranged. We'll be looking for assistants for set up the day before and workers such as runners, sign people, balloon fixers, direction folks, and clean up crew.

Our PW Soup Sale now has quite a good reputation. We hope that many of you will plan to create some tasty soups for that day.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE GREEN?

No, this article is not about our beloved pastor, but it does have to do with a conversation that took place at the summer staff retreat. The Paxton staff meets regularly throughout the year to review each week's scheduled happenings, but during the summer and again mid-year, a time is set aside to brainstorm ideas and plan for coordinating efforts among the many hearts and hands that work tirelessly to love and serve as God's people at Paxton.



In an effort to conserve paper, and perhaps also save some postal costs, the idea of sending

church information via "e-mail" instead of "snail mail" to those who might actually like or prefer this method of communication was discussed. We understand that not everyone would find this to be practical or even feasible, but we thought we could start by presenting the idea and asking for your feedback. Your thoughts are important, needed, and welcome. You can e-mail the church office with your comments (office@paxtonchurch.org), or simply drop a line in the suggestion box, which is located in the hallway near the office.

Thank you for joining in the conversation.

Submitted by Jeanne Bruce

Mission Month In Review

June 2010, Paxton's first Mission Month, an expanded version of 2009's Stay-Mission Un-trip, was a busy time for many Paxton members and a blessing to numerous local mission causes. During June, approximately 80 Paxton volunteers participated in many diverse projects, beginning with a picnic for the boys of the Joshua Group on June 1st and ending with work at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank on June 30th.

In between, volunteers: assembled activity kits for Caitlin's Smiles and hygiene kits for disaster relief; baked bread and cut carrots for Downtown Daily Bread and cleaned at the DDB facility; provided an entertaining auction for the residents of Homeland; repaired a house in Harrisburg with Rebuilding Together; did grounds-work and stable-mucking at the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association; tossed gloss for Ronald McDonald House; stuffed envelopes for the Red Cross; did landscaping and grounds maintenance at the church grove. In addition, 30 people attended the

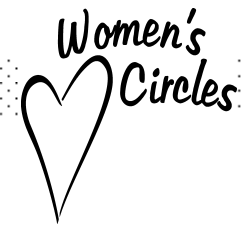
presentation by the Hinderliters on mission in Lithuania, and 21 bought Senators game tickets benefiting Camp Krislund.

One of the goals of Mission Month, besides the obvious purposes of helping the needy and supporting worthy causes, is to acquaint Paxton people with ways to become involved individually in the local community. Designating a particular month for mission is a means of focusing attention on the many needs of our neighbors, but it is not meant to imply that mission is a one-month-and-done endeavor. On the contrary, the needs are year-round, and our response should be year-round as well.

The Mission (un)Trip Committee thanks all who participated as volunteers on site and those who donated food, items, and materials for the various projects. Each contribution of time and goods helped to make Mission Month a success.



Presbyterian Women



SEWING CIRCLE will start this fall with a sewing session on Wednesday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us any Wednesday in Fellowship Hall.

CIRCLE 2 will meet at the church on Tuesday, September 7th at 12:30. Carol Himmelright will lead our new lesson study, Chapter 1. Elizabeth Moore will be our hostess and also give devotions.

UNITY CIRCLE will gather Tuesday, September 14 at 12:30 for our first meeting of the new season in room 202. Please bring a packed lunch for yourself. Nancy Knapp will lead the first lesson on the Revelation Bible Study. Carol McCall will provide beverages and dessert.

EVENSONG has enjoyed wonderful conversations and fellowship this past winter and spring. We look forward to continue making the connection this fall, starting, Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. Our projects, discussions, social time usually last about ninety minutes. Come join us every third Tuesday of the month and make new connections.

SANTA SHOP—Thank you for storing your donations! We will receive donated items downstairs in the Santa Shop Room (Costume Room) beginning October 1 and ending November 15th. This year, we will be accepting only new items, new mugs, new stuffed animals, new books. The only "used" item we can use is costume jewelry. Questions? Please contact Barb Greenwood.



Please continue to purchase Giant Gift Cards to help reduce or mortgage debt. Cards are available on Sunday mornings after church. Thanks for your support!

Financial Corner ~ Paul Remaly, Treasurer

	<u>July, 2010</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	32,563.46	296,730.76
Expense	30,893.39	293,853.79
Budgeted Expense	41,259.50	288,816.50

It seems hard to believe that we are looking at financial numbers for the September issue of PACE. Where has the summer of 2010 gone?

One necessary expenditure during the June-July period (that of paving our parking lot) has been primarily responsible for the above numbers indicating total expense of \$5,037.29 over budget year-to-date.

Efforts continue to reduce our debt service and we're making progress. As of July 31, 2010, our mortgage balance is \$428,042.50.

As always, remember to offer prayers for our Lord's continued guidance as we seek to do His will at Paxton.

Memorial Fund ~ Jane Sanford, Treasurer

Beginning Balance	\$26,609.42
Interest (Jan.-June 2010)	13.23
Deposits	5,762.00
Disbursements	<u>533.71</u>
	\$31,850.94

Memorial gifts received for:

Jonathan Scott	Michael Powers	Hilda Hall
Frances Higgins	Georgea Kohnlein	Charles Dissinger
John Mahey	Nancy Fleischer	Jane Albright
Martha Glise	Jeanne Paukner	

Ck. #272	\$200.00 - ABS Scholarship Fund
Ck. #273	170.00 - Rebinding of Church Registers
Ck. #1001	44.00 - Stamps
Ck. #1002	99.96 - Envelopes/Acknowledgement Cards
Service Chg.	19.75 - Checks

Liberian Peace Crosses

In response to continuing demand, additional Liberian Peace Crosses are available in the parlor beginning in September. You are invited to take one or more to share the news of Christ with those around you. A card explaining the crosses and their history goes along with each cross. For those of you who may not be aware of the story of the small metal crosses, here is a brief history of them.

In the aftermath of Liberia's Civil War, a number of craftspeople, including former combatants, have been moved by their faith in Christ to transform spent shell casings from small arms into crosses which witness to Christ's transforming power. By creating these crosses, craftspeople in Liberia transform instruments of death, spent shell casings, into symbols of peace and hope. While serving as a reminder of the brutal ugliness of war and crucifixion, the crosses also provide a reminder of God's redeeming transforming act in Jesus Christ.

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Isaiah 2:4

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Central Pennsylvania Food Bank Volunteer Opportunities In September, October and November

As part of Paxton's Mission Month there were two opportunities to volunteer at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. After working very hard at the food bank on both occasions, the same question was asked by several people. How can we do this more often?

This simple question reminded us that participating in mission should be year-round. In response, Paxton has signed up for group volunteer times at the food bank during the months of September, October, and November. Eight to ten volunteers will be needed during these designated times. Sign-up sheets will be available on the Mission bulletin board beginning in September. Let's start and make mission a regular part of our lives, and this is one way to make it so.

In June, we laughed, shared news, and got to know each other better, all while working toward making a difference in our community. Mark your calendars now, and sign up for this worthwhile activity while spending time with members of the Paxton Church family.

- * Monday, September 27 – 6-8
- * Friday, October 22 – 9-11:30
- * Monday, November 15 – 6-8

A Walk In the Woods

By Norman Daniels

The Grove Thanks You!

Thank you to Steve and Janice Barnes, Gail Burfeind, Dave Holt, Diane Jacobs, Jack and Trish Moore, the Charlie Schlegel family, and Blanche Skinner for adopting our beds. Your weeding and watering during the summer maintained the beauty of the beds, and helped the plants survive.



Thank you to Dave Holt, John Myers, and Ron Wix for watering the new-planted Grove trees during a very hot and dry summer. Because of your work, all the trees made it through a difficult time.

Thank you to Jim Holtzman for pruning bushes near our new entrance. Your effort made the plants neat and orderly.

Thank you to Ken Collins for helping to cut the tree marker posts, and Ken and Bill Sanford for helping to dig all the holes for those posts.

Also, **Thank you** to Dave Holt for helping to place the tree marker posts. Your efforts allowed our trees to be properly identified.

Tree Donation Chart

The Grove Tree Dedication Service September 19th

What better way to celebrate the gifts of our members' time, work, and treasure to improve our Grove than to rededicate our green park by honoring and remembering those for whom the trees were planted! Thirty-two new trees were added to our Grove during the summer. Come to our regular church service on September 19th and be part of this dedication.