

## THIS and THAT



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** On June 6, also following worship, the PUMC softball team, will hold a spaghetti dinner in Fellowship Hall following morning worship. Receipts from

this dinner will help to defray some of the costs associated with the season's activities.

**Baked goods** are needed for the 10 a.m. Fellowship Time on Sunday mornings between Sunday School and Worship. Please sign up on the Welcome Table.

**LADIES:** Reserve October 8 and 9 on your 2010 calendars. Watch for more information in the bulletin and Grace Notes.

**DONATIONS TO HAITI:** Remember, to send your donations in care of CSI Ministries, 1714 West Royale Drive, Muncie, IN 47304-2240. Your checks should be marked for Health Center Haiti or Anderson support.

Remember, every Sunday, we will be collecting **loose change** for the **Food Pantry**.

A check for \$92 was sent to **The Salvation Army** in April to support their Abuse Program. The donation represented the pennies collected during the previous 12 months. Thanks to everyone that supports this mission of the church. The penny collection was originally started by the ladies group and support has continued for this program. Keep the pennies coming. We were down from last year...let's see if we can do better!

## From the Pastor's Desk

Here goes my last contribution to Grace Notes!!!.....

WOW! What a difference a month makes! I had no inkling that at this time last month, that this would be my last contribution to the revised Grace Notes. I have appreciated this column space for the last 13 years. This humble writing represents my last effort of 156 starts since July of 1997. I suppose one could list some of the significant world events that were unfolding at that time as a way of comparison on the passage of time. I won't do that. Instead I want to reflect on the movement of God in regard to pastoral changes.

The way of Pastor succession in the United Methodist Church is based on the appointment of Pastors to churches. Clergy are deployed by the discernment of Bishops and the cabinet comprised of District Superintendents. Church Staff Parish Relations Teams interview prospective Pastors for local fit. But long before this, these Pastors have been interviewed and approved by District and Annual Conference Boards of Ordained Ministry. Potential Pastors "in training" are assigned mentors to support and assist in formal theological training and supervised ministry. This training process, although not perfect, helps to insure a local United Methodist Church that a person appointed to serve has been thoroughly examined and prayerfully considered in regard to that local "fit".

I share all of this to say that I believe God has spoken once again in this Wesleyan way to deploy in ministry. Pastor Steve Taylor, and his wife, Staci, and children Ben and Abby, will be great additions to the ministry at Panama. Steve (if you forget his name I will be deeply offended!!) comes to United Methodist ministry with deep faith and considerable gifts and graces. I am encouraged and excited about leaving, knowing that my successor has a proven track record of successful ministry. Of course, I go to a strong ministry at Fredonia UMC that my predecessor Matt Stengel, has faithfully served. Although change continues to be a great human challenge, I believe these changes have God's fingerprints all over them.

Hey...do me a favor. Spend some time in appropriate grief and reflection. Gird up your prayer cloths for support for all in these days of change. Embrace the new with the enthusiasm that God is speaking. God is in control! God will not abandon us! Move forward for the best days ahead. "The hours may part  
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### NURSERY NOTE

If you are unable to be in the nursery for your scheduled Sunday, please ask another person to switch with you. Please let me know that you have switched, too. Thank you so much for your dedication to our young children.

Tina

us, but they soon bring us together again!” Your faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is the best admonition I can leave you with. Keep up the good work - we are watching you!

I offer this excerpt from David’s song of thanks; “ Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning: [Psalm 30:5, NRSV]. May God be always in both your nights and coming mornings.

In all things, Christ!

Rev. Steve Wiggers (AKA - Pastor Steve II)  
June 2010

## *Summer Church News*

Beginning July 11, we will change to two services each Sunday morning. One will be at 8:15 a.m. and the other will be at 10:15 a.m. Sunday School will be like the cream in an Oreo cookie - sandwiched right in the middle at 9 a.m. We hope to accommodate busy summer schedules.

ALSO: if you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested, in providing special music for the 10:15 service beginning on June 6, please contact Julie or the church office as soon as possible.

Check out the “Name That Tune” section of Grace Notes for suggestions of summer music selections.

Many of you were in church on Sunday, May 23, to hear Bert and Mary Rappole speak on their recent trip to Haiti. A media presentation was also viewed, regarding a fund raising campaign, entitled **“Heart for Haiti”**. The



premise of this campaign is ‘Together we can help rebuild, empower and give hope’.

**REBUILD:** Many teams in the past have been able to work in Haiti because of the team housing available with CSI. Work in Haiti is now restricted until repaired housing is available for teams to return to help. The clinic in Croix-des-Bouquet is in the planning stages of building a prosthesis center because of the number of amputations as a result of injuries due to the earthquake.

**EMPOWER:** The community relief program is not about buildings. It’s about helping people to assess community, personal and spiritual needs, as well as empowering neighbors to help neighbors.

**GIVE HOPE** through education. Building a solid structure, a new school, will increase student enrollment and increase grade levels. 30 children will attend school for free, with each sponsored teacher. Teachers will be empowered by continuing teacher development with Ohio State University.

**HOW CAN WE HELP?** The PUMC Ad Board approved a motion to support this campaign. We have been challenged by the Ad Board to raise \$20,000 in 6 months, from June 1 through December 31, 2010 This is above our regular weekly giving. The Ad Board believes we can do it...what do YOU think? You may give through your regular offering envelopes, marked “Heart for Haiti”. Updates of our progress will be found in each edition of Grace Notes. The Ad Board, and the people of Haiti, thank you in advance for your generosity.

**(Just an FYI - 95 cents of every \$1 goes directly to Haiti for the projects designated in this campaign.)**

*Harmony Express Gospel Show*

Saturday, June 12  
2:00pm and 7:00pm  
Lucille Ball Little Theater  
East Second St., Jamestown  
Presale tickets - \$10  
Group rate (10 or more) - \$8  
At the door - \$12

Our own "Crossmen" are among the groups  
that are participating.  
Come and see who their special guests are!

Tickets are available at the church office.

*Name That Tune!*



Summer is almost here. The Praise Team would like to give everyone at PUMC a chance to have some of their favorite songs used during our worship services. If you have one or more special "tunes" you want to sing during praise time, please fill out the form below and either drop it in the collection plate or leave it with Kathy in the church office.

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Now is your chance to lift your voice in praise by choosing your favorite "tune" for Jesus.

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*Sunday Morning Worship Team*

*June*

*Lay Readers*

June 6 - Brynne Hinsdale  
June 13 - Thea Kester  
June 20 - Shelley Croscut  
June 27 - Julie Nagel

*Ushers*

Buck and Kristine Seekings  
Joel and Jessica Keefer

*Nursery Helpers*

June 6 - Carol Hay and Emily Waller  
June 13 - Thea Kester and Corinne Edwards  
June 20 - Yvonne Calcaterra and Alyssa Jaeger  
June 27 - Karen Morton and Brittany Lenart

*July*

*Lay Readers*

July 4 - Linda Gleason  
July 11 - Sharon Passarelli  
July 18 - Greg Edwards  
July 25 - Fred Croscut

*Ushers*

Art Osborne, Bill Peck  
Jerry Ireland, Ed Trisket

*Nursery Helpers*

July 4 - Kelly and Sarah Osborne  
July 11 - Julia Nelson and Corinne Edwards  
July 18 - Adam and Tory Irgang  
July 25 - Barb and Lauren Tordella

## *Tape Ministry*

### ***June 6***

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* HGreen  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Bill Peck  
Rachel Reardon  
Pam Ireland  
Pam Ireland

### ***June 13***

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* HGreen  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Julia Nelson  
Barbara Hart  
Trudy Anderson  
Trudy Anderson

### ***June 20***

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* HGreen  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Sharon Passarelli  
Eloise Smith  
Everett King  
Everett King

### ***June 27***

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* HGreen  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

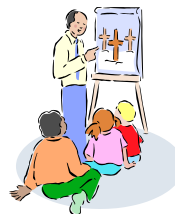
Lester & Wyona Wevers  
Thea Kester  
Art & Jeanette Osborne  
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**\*No Tape - just a short visit and a bulletin**

## *Thank You...*

Thank you for the many prayers, visits and calls over the years. The tape ministry was one way that mom stayed connected to her church family. Just knowing that in countless ways our family and friends are with us, makes the way easier. We are eternally grateful.

*The family of Violet Sturges*



## ***VBS - Vacation Bible School***

.....remember Circus Spectacular 2005, Take the Plunge 2006, Arctic Edge 2007, Son World Adventure Park 2008, and Son Rock Kids Camp 2009? PUMC will again present an awesome VBS 2010 with great fun, Bible stories, crafts, games, music and memories! Watch for dates and details to be announced very soon.

### **Benefit Auction**

For Shriners Hospital in Erie, PA  
Chautauqua Produce Auction Pavilion  
Route 474  
North Clymer, NY

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Auction will start at 9:00am

Donations for auction needed and appreciated.  
NO JUNK, please!

Chicken Barbeque & Variety of Food  
Chinese Auction  
Bake Sale

Sponsored by the Stateline Draft Horse Club  
&  
the Amish Community

For more information, please call:  
716-355-6287  
716-761-6773  
716-782-2871  
814-664-2789

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are very pleased to congratulate four young people from our congregation who attend Panama Central School. They were named Students of the Month. For the month of March, congratulations go to Derek Hosier. Students of the Month for April were Paige Munson, Jackie Stow and Kyle Hosier. We are very proud of these students for receiving this award. Keep up the good work!

### *Because of your faithfulness...*

Because of your faithfulness, we received \$18,154.94 during the first four weeks of May for the general fund. This is an average of \$4538.74 per week.

We received \$505 for Missions in May.  
Designated monies received are as follows:

- \$200 - Anderson support in Haiti
- \$420 - Tile Project
- \$120 - JOY Center
- \$190 - Royal Family Kids Camp
- \$50 - Camping Scholarships
- \$10 - Heart for Haiti
- \$855.00 - Memorials

To date, there is a balance of \$11,715.58 in the Trustees' account.

We thank you for your faithful giving in support of the ministries of the Panama United Methodist Church.

### *Prayer Chain*

If you have a concern you would like others to pray for, please call Susie Davis (782-4611) or Jean Edwards (782-2800). Your prayer request will be passed down the chain to 20+ others who will pray, and continue to pray, about your situation.



### *June Softball Schedule* (as of 5/28)

Tues., June 1  
PUMC vs. 1st Covenant at J & G 3

Tues., June 8  
PUMC vs. Family Church So. Tier at J & G 1

Fri., June 11  
PUMC vs. United Church Homes at Danielson  
**TAILGATE PARTY FOLLOWING GAME**  
Bring a dish to pass/table service  
Everything else will be furnished.

Tues., June 15  
PUMC vs. CMA at Bergman 2

Fri., June 18  
PUMC vs. CMA at J & G2

Tues., June 22  
PUMC vs. Family Church So. Tier at Bergman 2

Fri., June 25  
PUMC vs. 1st Covenant at J & G 3



All games begin at 6:30pm



## *Recipe...from the Parish Nurse*

### CROCK POT CHEESY CHICKEN SPAGHETTI

16 oz. dry spaghetti  
1 lb. 2% Velveeta  
1 can (12.5 oz) chicken breast, drained and flaked  
1 can fat free cream of chicken soup  
1 can fat free cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 c. water  
1 small onion, diced (optional)  
1 medium green pepper, diced (optional)

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain.

Spray slow cooker with Pam.

Mix all ingredients in slow cooker.

Cook on low 2-3 hours. Stir again just before serving.

## SPRING CLEAN UP Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped with the spring clean up day. The cupboards, stove and refrigerator look wonderful. The closets are hoed out. The dumpster is full. The gardens are happy and the windows shine (as best they can). The help made every job fun and the food was really, really good!

Thank you...and see you again in the fall!

Tena Dills  
Ad Board Chair



**A note from the cleaning crew**...if you use the stove and/or ovens, please make sure they are cleaned after each function. Also, there are a lot of items that have been left in the kitchen from dinners, etc. They are on a table in the foyer. Please pick yours up. After a couple of weeks, they will be disposed of properly. Check the coat rack, too!

Dear PUMC Church Family,

It's been awhile since I jotted you off a letter from my little corner of the church but there's been so much activity the last couple of weeks, I can hardly get any rest.



I heard that Pastor Steve and Melissa are leaving us to go to Fredonia. Things just won't be the same without them here and I want to wish them well. I think I also heard that we are getting yet another Pastor Steve...at least we won't forget his name! I am excited, too, because it sounds like a very musical family. It will also be fun to have kids back in the parsonage, Now that Jarrett and Joel are all grown up, it's been pretty quiet over there.

I was up in the cupboard in the kitchen when Linda started cleaning the other day...I high-tailed it out of there pretty quickly, let me tell you! What a bunch of busy bees we had working around here, inside and out! I did hear Jeanette say that if someone is putting on a dinner, that we have PLENTY of tea bags, coffee, Equal, Sweet and Low, sugar packets, salad dressings, syrup, mustard and ketchup and not to bother buying any for awhile. Let's use up what we have. I know I'll check the tall kitchen pantry if I need something.

I had just scooted upstairs to get out of the way, when I heard many footsteps in the hallway. I tried to hide under the old pump organ but some strong guys moved it out into the library hallway so you could see it better. Have you stopped in to check out the memorabilia room? I wish I had been here (way back in the day) and had met some of those people whose pictures I see every day. Stop in and check it out!

It makes me sad that the choir will be done for the summer. I do so love to hear them laugh and sing on Wednesday nights when I'm in the sound room. Why don't YOU consider joining them in the fall? I always make a joyful noise singing right along with them...but I don't think they can hear me! Guess I better be off...Pam is going to want to get this newsletter to press pretty soon. See you next month. I can't wait for VBS and all the exciting things that will be happening around here this summer.

*Love,  
Charlie*

## Youth Update

As summer approaches, everyone gets very busy and youth are no exception! We will wrap up our regular meetings in June with the following schedule

June 6 Youth at 6pm

June 13 Senior Dinner @ Adam & Tory's House

June 19 End of Year Party @ Devin's House

Please mark your calendars... July 9<sup>th</sup> will be a "lock-in" for all youth ages 12 - 18 right at our church. Of course, we will be doing lots of things and going lots of places, but we will be "locked in" for at least part of the night. This should be a perfect time for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders to get acquainted with the Youth Group, and for graduating seniors to pass the torch! More details coming soon.

The first weekend in August will again be Campfire for Christ and we hope to have a HUGE youth presence! We will camp out and keep the fire company until the wee hours. Begin planning your tent decorations so we can win the big prize.

Finally, Adam and I want to wish Adam Rupczyk, Hannah Schneider, and Jackie Stow well in their new adventures at college - you have been such a help to us and we will miss you very much!



Youth before the Early Service on Easter Sunday... some were VERY nervous! Don't they clean up nicely??



Youth on the merry-go-round at Lakewood Beach after ice cream at DQ and devotions by the playground!