

**CHURCH STAFF**

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Rev. Paul D. Caseman in Alaska

**PASTOR’S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - 9 a.m. - noon  
Tuesday - 9 a.m. - noon  
Wednesday - 9 a.m. - noon

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Jamestown, NY 14701

***From Pastor Steve’s Desk...***

Welcome to *GraceNotes!* Explore and find news and events of what God is doing through His people in Panama and around the world. Come serve, love, laugh, and experience at Panama UMC...

**Outside the Box**

So often, when we hear the term, “thinking outside the box,” it’s a motivation to think of some task or challenge differently than it’s been thought about before. It forces us to think in a way different than the norm. Thinking outside the box sometimes produces incredibly creative and fresh solutions. Thinking outside the box sometimes produces utter failure. In the process, though, failure can lead to increased learning and wisdom. I sort of like thinking outside the box...I seem to like to make changes that will increase our awareness that God is creative and wants us to always be seeing His different sides.

Starting on November 27, we will be celebrating the season of Advent. This season is a preparation time for Christmas – the day on which we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel (God with us). The theme for this year’s preparation for Christmas is, “Outside the Box: The Gift that Can’t Be Contained!” Thinking outside the box when it comes to Jesus being born forces us to look at the ways God is present in the world, how God is preparing for Jesus to return, and how we are to respond while we wait and work.

The first week (11/27), we will Open Up...expectation. This season is a time of great expectation as we prepare, wait, and watch for what God is doing to bring salvation to the world through Jesus. As you think about this season, what are you expecting to take out of the box? The same old gifts and toys? Or true joy?

December 4 will bring Open Up...acceptance. We are challenged every day to accept things we cannot change and move forward in God’s grace. Think about Joseph, who had to accept something unbelievable in a dream and vision. What would that look like in our community of faith? In the community in which you live? What is God calling us to hear and accept?

December 11 will be here before we know it. On that Sunday, we will focus on Open Up...family. Families are so important, especially during the holidays and family gatherings are

plentiful. For some, these become anxious times. What does it mean to you to be a member of the Christian family, celebrating together the birth of Jesus? We will hear the story of the shepherds out in the fields, being drawn into the family by angels.

December 18 will be Open Up...yourself. How do YOU fit into this story? What gifts are you discovering you have and how are you being led to use them for the church and for God's glory? The Innkeeper in Bethlehem had to be open to provide a small space for Mary and Joseph. Are you making space for the Messiah, Jesus?

The best news of all – the best GIFT that can't be contained – comes on December 25! We are blessed to have Christmas be on Sunday this year! The Worship Team is already planning and getting ready for a grand celebration! Truly, this can't be contained, for God is with us still! See you there as we go outside the box...

Shalom,  
Pastor Steve

In case you are not aware of this - Prayer Time has been changed to Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m. (instead of Wednesday evenings). This is to accommodate those who have other Wednesday evening commitments and would like the opportunity to join the group to pray for our church, our community, and each other. We hope to see you there!



**ALSO**.....The Prayer Chain list is being updated! We have the names of some new members but do not want to leave anyone out who desires to be part of this vital ministry. Would you be ready to pray when notified of a need and pass that request on to the next member? Your prayer request will be passed down to 20+ others who will pray, and continue to pray, about your situation.

If you would like to be a part of this network of prayers, please get in touch with Jean Edwards or call the PUMC office.

### Pastor Steve's November Schedule



- 1-5 Mission Trip - Haiti
- 6 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Sunday School/Worship  
12 p.m.: Lunch after Worship
- 7 7 p.m.: Prayer Team
- 8 1 p.m.: Visitations; 7 p.m.: Band of Brothers
- 9 6 p.m.: Praise Team Rehearsal; 7 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal
- 10 7 p.m.: Natural Church Development Team Meeting
- 11 Sabbath
- 13 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Sunday School/Worship;  
4:30 p.m.: Confirmation Class
- 14 6 p.m.: Worship Team Meeting; 7 p.m.: Prayer Team
- 15 1 p.m.: Visitations;  
6:30 p.m.: Nominations Team Meeting
- 16 12 p.m.: Lunch Bunch; 6 p.m.: Praise Team Rehearsal;  
7 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal; 8 p.m.: Church Council
- 17 9 a.m.: Leadership Development Team (PUMC)
- 18/19 Sabbath and Day Off
- 20 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Sunday School/Worship
- 21 6:30 p.m.: SPRC Meeting with DS;  
7 p.m.: Church Conference (all are invited)
- 22 1 p.m.: Visitations
- 23 6 p.m.: Praise Team Rehearsal; 7pm: Choir Rehearsal
- 24/25 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 25 Sabbath/Day Off
- 26 8 a.m.: Band of Brothers Men's Breakfast;  
2 p.m.: Worship Team Family Decorating
- 27 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Sunday School/Worship;  
4:30p.m.: Confirmation Class
- 28 7 p.m.: Prayer Team
- 29 1 p.m.: Visitations
- 30 6 p.m.: Praise Team Rehearsal; 7 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal



## HARVEST DINNER PROCEEDS

Thank you to everyone who donated money, time, and food for the very successful Harvest Dinner 2011. Without your help, the dinner would not have been possible.

Dinner Proceeds: \$3,151 (dinner - \$2,923; bazaar - \$228)

Proceeds have been divided as follows:

10% Tithe - \$326

Expenses (approximate) - \$1,200

Haiti - \$600

Food Pantry - \$450

Air Conditioning Unit - \$450

Youth Group - \$125

Thank you very much!

Julia and Bill

E and O Co-Chairmen

### **DON'T FORGET RED RIBBON SUNDAY**

#### **MISSION PROJECTS**

**CAMPBELL LABELS** for the Red Bird Mission School in Kentucky (also look for labels on Swanson products, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, and V8). Those of you who take the time to cut just the UPC code and logo from the product for us, we thank you.



**PENNIES** for the Domestic Abuse Program offered by the Salvation Army in Jamestown. As you read in the papers and media, you know that Domestic Abuse is on the increase and it is important to help when we can. Please drop your pennies and other small change in the box in the narthex.

\*\*\*We have sent a check for \$75 to this program which represents the pennies (and other change) collected over the past 18 months.

Thank you for your help - and keep up the good work!\*\*\*

**NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS** for GOD'S GROCERIES - things like toilet paper, soap (all kinds), toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, and anything else that you feel would help those who are having a difficult time making their money go further. The use of the Food Pantry is growing. Thanks for your help!



## *Sunday Morning Worship Team*

### *November*

#### *Lay Readers*

11/6 - Debbie Loveless

11/13 - George Anderson

11/20 - Doug Weise

11/27 - Thea Kester

#### *Ushers*

Tina Shaver, Logan Hickman

Charlie and Debbie Loveless

#### *Nursery Helpers*

11/6 - Stacy and Abby Taylor

11/13 - Thea Kester and Corinne Edwards

11/20 - Julia Nelson and Sarah Osborne

11/27 - Karen Morton and Lauren Tordella

### *December*

#### *Lay Readers*

12/4 - Tena Dills

12/11 - Jan Wheeler

12/18 - Barb Tordella

12/25 - Stacy Taylor

#### *Ushers*

Ted and Sharon Passarelli

George and Trudy Anderson

#### *Nursery Helpers*

12/4 - Kelly and Sarah Osborne

12/11 - Jennifer and Claire Apthorpe

12/18 - Barb and Lauren Tordella

12/25 - Tina Shaver and Logan Hickman



*With Sympathy to the family of...*

**Margaret P. Ireland**

June 23, 1928 - October 15, 2011

Mother of John, Jack, Jerry, Jeff and Ann (Schnars);  
Sister of Jane Nagel;  
Grandmother of 12; Great-grandmother of 6

The love of your church family is with you all during  
this time of loss and remembrance.  
Our prayers will continue to be with you as you go  
through this difficult time.

**Because of your faithfulness...**

Because of your faithful giving, we have received a total of  
\$16,976.94 through October 23, 2011, for the general fund.  
Additional monies received were designated as follows:

Plate cash and donations	242.00
Sunday School	433.10
Missions	605.00
Food Pantry	200.00
White Gift	50.00
Music Ministry	5.24
Youth Group Bottles & Cans	14.10
Campfire for Christ	602.00
Harvest Dinner	2,551.40
Memorials (to Trustee acct.)	215.00
World Communion Sunday	30.00

Balance in Trustees' Capital Fund Account - \$19,242.96.

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

OPERATION SHOEBOX - 2011



(Shoebox donations from 2010)

**Operation Shoebox 2011** is on its way! Ken and Katie  
are gearing up for a great collection this year and offer the fol-  
lowing details and ideas:

- Pick a gender and age for which to shop; information is available on the welcome table
- Suggested items for your shoebox: soap (in a bag), toothbrush and toothpaste, small toys or stuffed animals, crayons, coloring books, and balls (liquids, lotions, chocolate, toy guns, etc. should not be included).
- Plastic shoeboxes are nice but not necessary. If you use a "regular" shoebox, please wrap them, keeping the top wrapped separately. Do not wrap them shut.
- Make sure to label the box with boy/girl and check the age group.
- Money for shipping will be collected in the office.
- If you purchased extra items that do not fit into your shoe box, please feel free to bring them in and extra boxes will be made with them.
- Katie loves to shop and would be happy to make extra boxes with your monetary donation.
- Have fun shopping, knowing that with these shoe boxes we will share God's love and Word.
- A packing party will be held on November 13 after church. Ken and Katie are hoping for a full house!

**BRING YOUR SHOEBOXES TO CHURCH**  
**NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 13!!**

**...RECIPE FROM THE PARISH NURSE...**

Jody Marsh

**Fruity Indian Pudding**

3/4 c. butter  
3/4 c. packed brown sugar  
6 c. milk  
2/3 c. yellow cornmeal  
2 large eggs  
3/4 c. light molasses  
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 medium apple, peeled, cored, and chopped  
1/3 c. raisins  
Whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Grease a 9x13" glass or ceramic baking dish.

In a large heavy saucepan, bring the butter, sugar and 5 c. of milk to a simmer over medium heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar and melt the butter - about 5 minutes.

In a small bowl, stir together the cornmeal and remaining milk. Whisk gradually into the heated milk. Cook over medium heat until thickened, whisking frequently to make sure the mixture isn't sticking to the bottom of the pan, about 20 minutes. Remove the pan from heat.

Whisk together the eggs, molasses, cinnamon, and ginger in a medium bowl. Add them to the thickened cornmeal mixture, whisking everything together thoroughly. Then stir in the vanilla, apple, and raisins.

Transfer the pudding to the prepared dish. Bake until it's golden brown and the center no longer jiggles when the pudding is shaken, about 1 1/2 hours.

Serve the pudding warm or at room temperature, in bowls and topped with whipped cream or ice cream.

**NURSERY NOTE**

There is Nursery care available during Sunday morning worship for children **ages birth to 4 years old**. Two nursery helpers are available to care for your child/children so that you can get the most out of the worship experience. If any adult or youth (7th grade and above) is interested in participating in this ministry, please let Tina Shaver know. ALSO, if you are scheduled for Nursery and find you cannot fulfill that obligation, please let Tina know as soon as possible so she can make the necessary adjustments. Thanks!



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children's Church is available for all children in **KINDERGARTEN through GRADE 3** and are shepherded from the Sanctuary to Children's Church after the Children's Moment in Worship.

Children's Church is still in need of a few more people who are willing to give one month a year (about 30-45 minutes each week) to worship ministry for the children of our church.

If we are to fulfill our mission of introducing people to Christ and helping that relationship to grow, then we need some volunteers to step up to the plate. There is nothing more important than helping our children grow into strong, faithful, loving Christians.

We would like to be able to start this in January, so please...give the idea some prayerful thought.

In His Name,  
Thea Kester

**Card Shower**

*We would like to "shower" Joanne Scolton with "thinking of you" and "get well" cards. Joanne has been in the hospital since the beginning of July and is currently a patient at Buffalo General. We will be collecting cards at the Welcome Table from now until Sunday, Nov. 20 and then giving them to Krista to take to her mother. Your cards will be of great encouragement to Joanne.*

*Brenda*

## *Visitation Ministry*

### November 6

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116  
 David Sturges LSS A175  
 Phyllis Patterson HGreen 327  
 Ruth Ostrander HGreen 316  
 Kathy Smith TW 218  
 Van Luther TW 208  
 Bev Wilder TW 138

Diane Johnson  
 Diane Johnson  
 Trudy Anderson  
 Trudy Anderson  
 Jean Edwards  
 Jean Edwards  
 Jean Edwards

### November 13

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116  
 David Sturges LSS A175  
 Phyllis Patterson HGreen 327  
 Ruth Ostrander HGreen 316  
 Kathy Smith TW 218  
 Van Luther TW 208  
 Bev Wilder TW 138

Jack/Linda Sturges  
 Jack/Linda Sturges  
 Julia Nelson  
 Julia Nelson  
 Art/Jeanette Osborne  
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### November 20

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116  
 David Sturges LSS A175  
 Phyllis Patterson HGreen 327  
 Ruth Ostrander HGreen 316  
 Kathy Smith TW 218  
 Van Luther TW 208  
 Bev Wilder TW 138

Barbara Hart  
 Barbara Hart  
 Lester/Wyona Wevers  
 Lester/Wyona Wevers  
 Thea Kester  
 Thea Kester  
 Thea Kester

### November 27

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116  
 David Sturges LSS A175  
 Phyllis Patterson HGreen 327  
 Ruth Ostrander HGreen 316  
 Kathy Smith TW 218  
 Van Luther TW 208  
 Bev Wilder TW 138

Sharon Passarelli  
 Sharon Passarelli  
 Eloise Smith  
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 Everett King  
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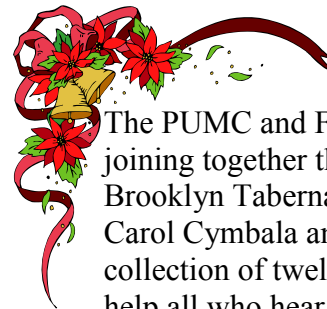
**No tapes for anyone - just a visit and a bulletin**

## **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all who have sent cards, visited, and prayed for me.

A special thank you to those who brought food and visits to Stan in my absence. It's such a blessing to be part of this church family.

Blessings to you all,  
 Elinor Sturges and Family



The PUMC and Findley Lake UM Church choirs are joining together this Christmas season to present "A Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir Christmas". Written by Carol Cymbala and Jason Michael Webb, this cantata is a collection of twelve original songs that were written to help all who hear it "experience the wonder of Christmas as never before". In "A Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir Christmas," there are beautiful, soaring solos and exciting, spirit-filled choir arrangements that will let the whole world know that our Savior has indeed come!

**Save the date!** There will be two presentations: Sunday, December 18 at 4 p.m. at the PUMC and Sunday, December 18 at 7 p.m. at Findley Lake UMC.

Please keep both choirs in your prayers as we embark on this exciting adventure!

Jesus has come! Tell the world He's come!

Julie Nagel and Dave Calvert  
 Music Directors

## **GOD'S GROCERIES FOOD PANTRY**

God's Groceries would like to take this Opportunity to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who accepted our Challenge the week of October 8-15th!! The food drive netted an enormous bounty of all kinds of food!!! This will definitely get us through this dry spell we have experienced from the Food Bank. Your generosity humbles me!

With Thanksgiving around the corner (and yes, it really is!), we will be putting a sign-up list on the welcome table for items to put into our Thanksgiving dinner bags. Last year we put together 25 bags, and this year we would like to expand that to 30. With your help, we will be able to provide dinners for all of our clients!!!!

Don't forget to check out the sign-up list on the welcome table for your chance to volunteer an hour of your time in the pantry. Everyone is needed and NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! We will train!



THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY!

Tabby

### **Women and Missions (WAM)**

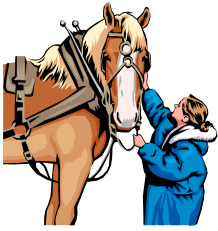
The next luncheon meeting of **Women and Missions** is Monday, November 14, at 11:45 a.m. at the Rowdy Rooster. Please join us when we gather informally, have lunch, and share together as women who care about those in our own neighborhoods and those around the world, as well.



## November Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

- 1 Wendy Beckerink, Mike Sard, Carol Simmes, Cindy Sturges, Joel Wiggers
  - 2 Chris Comstock
  - 3 Becky Barr, **Tom/Sally Baer**
  - 4 Tina Shaver
  - 5 Chris Blose, Jim Hunt
  - 6 Kelsey Johnson
  - 9 Linda Gleason, Logan Hickman, Lisa Wait
  - 10 Katie Braun, Corinne Ireland, Erica Ireland
  - 11 Abby Taylor, April Van Brunt
  - 12 Dick Crosby, Jean Edwards, Connor Hickman, Van Luther
  - 15 Sharon Passarelli, Jaik Halpainy
  - 16 Corey King, Christine Olson, Genesis Tremblay
  - 17 Merton Osborne
  - 19 Courtney Beckerink
  - 20 Peter Butler
  - 22 Valerie Pedigo, Natalie Woods
  - 24 Everett Bensink
  - 25 Kim Coleman, Mel Eggleston II, Gay Ostrander, Barb Trisquet
  - 26 Mary Lou Garfield, Gloria Scholton
  - 27 Jack Sturges, Stacy Taylor, **Tim/Tena Dills**
  - 28 Joanne Scolton
  - 29 Kevin Parkman, **Adam/Tia Kester**
  - 30 Fran Sard
- Looking ahead...**
- Dec. 1 - Bert Anderson, Brianna Marsh
  - 2 - Arianna Seekings
  - 3 - Judy Parkman
  - 5 - Tiffany Goldberg, Shelly Johnson, Rob Peck, Paige Weise, **Dennis/Cindy Furlow**

## News from the Christian Education Department



A BIG thank you to Ed Trisket for providing our Sunday School classes with a great hayride during Sunday School and to Pastor Steve for the awesome entertainment. We hope that you enjoyed this day and look forward to providing you with other “specials” throughout the year.

If you have not yet checked out our Sunday School classes, please do so. We have classes for all ages and something that will surely provide everyone with a blessing beyond belief.

As your Sunday School Chairs, we are excited about the excitement felt since our kickoff in September. If you would like to join in our teaching or helper positions, there is always room for more...and we would love to have you.

Please watch for our special Sunday School on November at which time Rainbow the Clown will be sharing the Love of Christ to our classes.

God's Blessing,  
George Anderson and Carm Catanese

### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:**

You have read previously in Grace Notes of the opportunity you have to help your neighbors with your gifts of food via the Food Pantry. Many of you have assisted the Haiti Team with their travel expenses and room and board expenses for their stay in Haiti.

There are other opportunities to help others financially, as well. Included in these opportunities are Trustee Team expenses involved in general upkeep of the church properties (replacing air conditioning units; gutters; sidewalks on east side; etc.).

If you choose to make donations to the Trustees, please mark your giving envelopes accordingly to ensure you are properly credited for your donation.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **FOOTNOTES FROM THE LIBRARY:**

Greetings from the library! It's taken awhile but we have been busy getting the library ready to be cataloged. We are ready to start our catalog cards so in no time you will be able to look up your books by author, title, and even subject! Almost like a REAL library!!!!

Below are some of the offerings recently added for your enjoyment. It's going to be a cold winter (so I am told) so you'll want to visit often for those great reads for those frigid nights!!

Please let me know if there are any titles or authors that you would like to see in your library.

### **Adult Fiction:**

Zion Covenant Series by Bodie Thoene (6 titles)

Sisters of the Quilt Series by Cindy Woodsmall (3 titles)

A Thousand Tomorrows, Leaving, Take Two, Reunion  
by Karen Kingsbury

The Atonement Child by Francine Rivers

Lydia's Charm by Wanda Brunstetter

Summer of the Midnight Sun by Tracie Peterson

### **Children's Fiction:**

The Joy Center collection of children's books

The Small One: A Good Samaritan by Katherine Brown

### **Children's VHS:**

Veggie Tales: Are You My Neighbor?  
The Toy That Saved Christmas

