

**CHURCH STAFF**

Reverend Steven M. Taylor, Pastor  
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Krista Odell, Accompanist  
Art Osborne, Custodian  
Bert and Roberta Anderson in Haiti  
Dr. Mark and Diane Abbott in Spain  
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

**Mailing Address for Andersons in Haiti:**

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100 Airport Avenue  
Venice, FL 34285

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Christ First UMC  
663 Lakeview Ave.  
Jamestown, NY 14701

***From Pastor Steve’s Desk...***

Welcome to *GraceNotes!* Welcome to summer - the time of barbecues, vacations, hot weather, and summer ministries. For me, summer ministries are one of the best parts of our church life. Vacation Bible School, two worship services, Campfire for Christ, Family Bible Camp, Christian Camping, outdoor worship, and weddings, to name a few. In the pages that follow you’ll find all kinds of information and ways to be involved. We are blessed to be able to serve God in this exciting way. Please join us for all that you can this summer as we reach out and grow for Christ. 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...

***Finding Our Vision***

It’s amazing to me that Stacy, Ben, Abby, and I have been in Panama for one year. It seems like yesterday that we were moving in, finding our way around, and letting a couple hundred new people into our lives to love and be loved. We feel blessed to be in ministry here with you!

Someone asked me not too long ago, “What is your vision for the church?” I’ve pondered that question for several weeks, and, honestly, I don’t yet have a complete answer. Part of being the “new” pastor is that it takes a while to understand enough of the body of Christ here to begin to see where we are headed. I invite you to take time this summer to **start praying** with me about the vision for the future of the Panama UMC. We have so many talents, gifts, people, youth and children, connections, you name it! What is it that God is calling us to do with all our resources to make a Kingdom impact in this community and world?

Vision is something that comes from God, based on the congregation, its leaders, the pastor, and the context of ministry in which it is located. Vision for ministry is different than setting goals for the future (like, we want to see over 200 people in worship attendance each week). Goals are necessary, but goals tend to build on continuity with the past. Vision is more focused on how God is calling us to be kingdom builders in new ways using the spiritual gifts and passions that He has provided. Vision is not something that we develop quickly, but comes with deep prayer, searching our hearts, and unifying for the sake of Jesus Christ.

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*(From Pastor Steve's Desk..., continued)*

Coming this fall, we will be spending time exploring our spiritual gifts, which I believe will give us key insight into God's vision for the church. I encourage everyone to engage in that process as fully as possible, so that we can be united in our pursuit of God's vision.

Get outside this summer and enjoy all that God provides! Get to know your neighbors a little better and invite them to meet Jesus in some way. Here's to the start of another great year of ministry and mission at Panama United Methodist!

Shalom,  
*Pastor Steve*



*Wedding Congratulations*

*to*

*Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas (Kathleen Hite) Sard  
Married at the Hall of Philosophy, Chautauqua Institution  
May 29, 2011*

*and*

*Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Erica Ernewein) Butler  
Married at the Panama United Methodist Church  
June 11, 2011*

*We pray God's richest blessings upon your new lives  
as you have been joined together in marriage.*

***Nursery Note...*** There is nursery care available during Sunday morning worship for children up to kindergarten age. 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. Thanks!

**Pastor Steve's July Schedule**



- 1,2 Tent Camp; Sabbath and Day Off
- 3 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Worship/Communion
- 4 Office Closed for Independence Day
- 5 9 a.m.: UCAN Ministry at Gateway Center  
1 p.m.: Visitations  
3 p.m.: Marriage Prep-Babcock/Lescynski
- 6 Appointment in Pittsburgh  
6 p.m.: Praise Team  
7:30 p.m.: Trustees Meeting
- 7 7 p.m.: Sunday School Teacher's Meeting
- 8,9 Sabbath and Day Off
- 10 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Worship  
6 p.m.: Vacation Bible School
- 11 6 p.m.: Vacation Bible School
- 12 9 a.m.: UCAN (Gateway Center)  
1 p.m.: Visitations  
6 p.m.: Vacation Bible School
- 13 6 p.m.: Vacation Bible School
- 14 6 p.m.: Vacation Bible School
- 15, 16 Sabbath and Day Off
- 17 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Worship
- 19 9 a.m.: UCAN (Gateway Center)  
1 p.m.: Visitations
- 20 11:30 a.m.: Lunch Bunch  
6 p.m.: Praise Team
- 22,23 Sabbath and Day Off
- 23 8 a.m.: Band of Brothers Breakfast  
1 p.m.: Golf Outing (invite a friend)
- 24 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Worship/New Members Course/Worship
- 24-31 Family Bible Camp at Camp Findley
- 29 4 p.m.: Wedding Rehearsal-Babcock/Lescynski
- 30 3:30 p.m.: Wedding-Babcock/Lescynski
- 31 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Worship/New Members Course/Worship

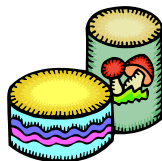
**DON'T FORGET RED RIBBON SUNDAY**  
**MISSION PROJECTS**

**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.

**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 that are having a difficult time making their money go further. The use of the Food Pantry is growing.



Save the Date!

You are cordially invited to an open house celebrating  
Jerry and Linda Ward's 40 years in ministry.  
Sunday, July 10, 2011; 1 - 4 p.m.  
Jamestown Audubon Society

Christine Ward Bancroft and Heidi Marie Miller

We look forward to joining our friends from Panama who have played such a significant role in the journey!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**CAMPFIRE FOR CHRIST**

August 5 and 6  
Outdoor worship (one service only) - August 6  
(weather permitting)  
Details to follow!



**Sunday Morning Worship Team**

**July**

**Lay Readers**

7/3 - Ted Passarelli  
7/10 - Carm Catanese  
7/17 - Dan McGaffick  
7/24 - Julie Nagel  
7/31 - Don Butler

**Ushers**

Marge and Craig Vollmer  
Pam and Jerry Ireland

**Nursery Helpers**

7/3 - Barb and Lauren Tordella  
7/10 - Carol Hay and Sarah Osborne  
7/17 - Stacy and Abby Taylor  
7/24 - Thea Kester and Corinne Edwards  
7/31 - Julia Nelson and Abby Taylor

**August**

**Lay Readers**

8/7 - Tim Dills  
8/14 - Mary Rappole  
8/21 - Jan Wheeler  
8/28 - Sam Catanese

**Ushers**

Fred and Shelly Croscut  
Doug and Carol Hay

**Nursery Helpers**

8/7 - Karen Morton and Lauren Tordella  
8/14 - Kelly and Sarah Osborne  
8/21 - Jennifer and Claire Apthorpe  
8/28 - Barb and Lauren Tordella

## *Visitation Ministry*

### **July 3**

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson H Green 327  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Sharon Passarelli  
Trudy Anderson  
Everett King  
Everett King

### **July 10**

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson H Green 327  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Diane Johnson  
Barbara Hart  
Jean Edwards  
Jean Edwards

### **July 17**

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson H Green 327  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Lester & Wyona Wevers  
Art & Jeanette Osborne  
Rachel Reardon  
Rachel Reardon

### **July 24**

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson H Green 327  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Bill Peck  
Julia Nelson  
Thea Kester  
Thea Kester

### **July 31**

Gerrie Simmons LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson H Green 327  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Jack & Linda Sturges  
Trudy Anderson  
Eloise Smith  
Eloise Smith

**No tapes for anyone - just a visit and a bulletin**



PANAMA UMC GOLF OUTING  
July 23, 2011; Shot Gun Start at 1 p.m.  
Timber Creek Golf Course

Hey, everyone! It's time to get those golf clubs out of the corner of the garage and get ready for some real fun! It's time for our E and O sponsored golf scramble. On Saturday, July 23, at Timber Creek Golf Course in Blockville. It will be some type of shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost is \$11 if you are a walker and \$15 if you plan to ride a cart.

You can put your own team together or you can meet at the course and we'll help you pair up with another group. We will have a variety of prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, low scores, and most balls in the pond. It's sure to be a lot of fun, and it's a great way to introduce some of your friends to our church family and perhaps we hope strengthen their walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are a lot of folks that you know that for some reason think that Christians just can't have any fun or don't know how to have fun. Invite them and let's show them we do have fun!

After the tournament, we'll enjoy some great food and fellowship to wrap up the day. The E and O Team will furnish hotdogs, burgers, and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass. We'll eat between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

We hope to see YOU there!

### **CROSSMEN CONCERT**

**The Crossmen will be in concert by the river in Brooklyn Square in Jamestown on Sunday, July 10, at 6 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Salvation Army.**

### **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.





**Women and Missions (WAM)**

The next luncheon meeting of *Women and Missions* is Monday, July 11, 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.

**Because of your faithfulness...**

Because of your faithful giving, we have received a total of \$17,070.27 during the month of June for the general fund. Additional monies received were designated as follows:

Plate cash and donations	407.00
Sunday School	306.75
Missions	1,040.00
JOY Center	110.00
Camping Scholarships	35.00
Food Pantry	100.00
White Gift	600.00
Music Ministry	42.67
Flowers	20.00
VBS	70.00
Anderson Support	100.00
E and O Bake Sale	401.90
Insurance Claim	3,877.93

Balance in Trustees' Capital Fund Account - \$15,470.68.

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

Greetings, all!

I was fortunate to be able to attend the ordination of Pastor Steve, and our friend Jim Pegan, at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center on June 11, 2011. I stowed away on Tim's plane and drove around with Tena while she shopped on Friday. She certainly put miles on that car, let me tell you! Thank goodness for GPS!



When I got to the Convention Center on Saturday morning, I quickly found a place in the corner of the room and listened while those in attendance continued with the business of the church. About 10:30, the Ordination Service began and how awesome it was to see the procession of the clergy enter the room. I don't think anyone saw me, but I was standing tall when it was Pastor Steve's turn to be ordained. At the reception, I saw lots of people I knew from days gone by (...Jerry and Linda Ward, John McNeill, Steve Wiggers, Carolyn Stow, and Pastor Tim, to name a few...). It was so good to touch base with them...well, to see them anyway. There were so many people, I just stayed put under the table with the cheese so I didn't get stepped on! It was such a joy to be able to share this with Pastor Steve and Pastor Jim. They are such blessings to their congregations, and I am so proud of the hard work they have done to come to this point in their Christian walk.

I hopped in with Jerry for the ride back to Panama and we stopped at Pastor Steve's mother's house in Lancaster for a bite to eat on the way home. That sure was nice of her to invite us to share in the celebration. Thanks, Wilma!

I've heard we will be having two services for the summer. I guess I'll have to get up extra early to share in both of those worship experiences. Although there is no Sunday School for the summer, Sunday mornings will be full of praise and worship. Hope you all can join us.

I'm also looking forward to VBS. Stacy and her crew have been working hard to make this a wonderful Christ filled experience for the children. I hope you can round up your neighbors and bring them to VBS. It promises to be a great week. I'll be hiding out in the kitchen...there are always such good snacks, in addition all of the other activities.

Guess that's it for now. I better go get some rest - I think it will be a busy month!

Blessings,  
*Charlie*

*J.O.Y. Center*  
**Class of 2011 Graduation**  
June 1, 2011

**Elizabeth Anderson**  
Daughter of Raymond and Marlene Anderson

**Jade Cole**  
Daughter of Chad and Nikole Cole

**Emma Cooper**  
Daughter of Steven and Heidi Cooper

**Corinne Hovey**  
Daughter of Owen and Denise Hovey

**Cole Johnson**  
Son of Bill and Kathy Johnson

**Ava Nyweide**  
Daughter of Crandall and Kathy Nyweide

**Haley Odell**  
Daughter of William and Grace Odell

**Brody Stravato**  
Son of Tony and Peggy Stravato

**Hayley Wyant**  
Daughter of John and Stephanie Wyant

**Pat Sobolewski and Sandy Crossley, Teachers**

On June 1, 2011, we held our final J.O.Y Center graduation. What a bitter-sweet time for our church family. After 32 years, the decision has been made to close the pre-school.

Again, our sincere thanks to all of you for your support over the past years as you volunteered whenever you were asked, donated items for use at the pre-school, gave regularly to J.O.Y Center to provide scholarships for those needing assistance with tuition and most of all, for your prayers.



**Food Pantry**

*Well, the votes are in and have been scientifically tabulated (Don counted them for me!). Insert the drum roll here...our food pantry's new name is..... **GOD'S GROCERIES!!!!** Thank you to Carol Hay for the submission and to all of you in the congregation who voted last Sunday.*

*And, as an added note, our pantry passed its inspection with flying colors!*

*Tabby*

**REMINDER:** A signup sheet is on the Welcome Table to volunteer to help in God's Groceries. We have expanded our hours and can use your help. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord and your community. Thanks in advance!

**SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES**

The Worship Team has announced that we will once again be having two different worship experiences for the PUMC family for the summer of 2011.

Beginning July 3 at 8 a.m., you "Early Risers" can sing praise music and hear God's Word in this informal and energized worship service led by Pastor Steve, Stacy, Ben and Abby. At 10:15 a.m., come worship the Lord with songs, prayers, scripture, and God's Word in our faithfully blended worship style.

At the Christian Education meeting in June, it was decided to take a different path than we have traditionally traveled. While it is by no means a permanent change, there will be no Sunday School during July and August. Please know that the Christian Ed Team will not be taking a break, but will begin formulating plans for a fantastic fall and promotion Sunday. We ask that you continue to lift up our teachers and staff while they strive to improve our Christian Education.

The 9 a.m. hour will be filled with prayer time and a new member's class (beginning July 24).

We hope you will be especially blessed this summer with these worship opportunities.



### High School Graduates

Christopher Enlow graduated from PCS and will be attending Houghton College to become a math educator

Derek Hosier graduated from PCS and will be attending JCC to become an athletic trainer.

Kyle Hosier graduated from PCS and will be attending Mercyhurst College to become an athletic trainer

Nikola Lehatsk, an exchange student from Slovakia, graduated from PCS and will be returning home to complete her education

### College Graduates

Emily Baer graduated from Elim Bible Institute. She will receive a B.A from Fredonia and then will go on to Law School.

Peter Butler graduated from Alfred University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Daniel Cartwright graduated with Bachelor's Degree from the University of Buffalo.

Marcy Furlow graduated from Gannon University with a Master of Science in Nursing with a concentration in nurse anesthesia. She will be working for Maple-Gate Anesthesiologists in Buffalo.

Andrea Gleason graduated with a Bachelors in Fine Arts from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. In August, she will be singing in downtown Disney and Las Vegas.

Jaik Halpainy graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Tara Hosier graduated with an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Jamestown Business College.

Erin (Ireland) Miller received her Masters of Science in Education and Allied Professions; School Counseling at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

Jenna Nagel graduated from Edinboro University of PA with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education. She is currently looking for a teaching job.

Bradley Osborne received a Juris Doctorate Degree, cum laude, from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Jennifer Sard graduated from JCC with an Associate Degree in Individual Studies. She will be attending SUNY Fredonia, majoring in Communications and Public Relations.

Nicholas Sard received his Master of Science in Biology from SUNY Fredonia. He will be entering a PHD program at Oregon State to study Fisheries Science with a concentration in Genetics.

Ashley Senske graduated from JCC and will be attending SUNY Fredonia in the fall.

## Vacation Bible School: Shake it Up Café

July 10 – July 14, 2011

6 – 8:30 pm



We are ready for an exciting week at PUMC during Vacation Bible School. The kids are going to hear great Bible stories, learn some new songs, and discover something fascinating during Discovery time. Oh, yes, they may even eat a great snack and play some fun games. We will be collecting canned goods for our food pantry all week. Each day is a fun colored theme.

Sunday: Color of the day: orange – bring an orange canned good (mandarin oranges, carrots, jello)

Monday: Color of the day: green – bring a green canned good (green beans, peas, spinach)

Tuesday: Color of the day: red – bring a red canned good (spaghetti sauce, canned pasta)

Wednesday: Color of the day: purple – bring a purple canned good (grape jelly, drink mix, jello)

Thursday: Color of the day: blue – bring a blue canned good (blueberry jelly, drink mix, jello, macaroni and cheese—in a blue box)

PUMC is the place to be July 10 – 14 from 6:00 – 8:30.

No one will want to miss it.... See you there!!

### **Outreach Opportunity**

Panama resident, Jeff Lubi, has been diagnosed with Leukemia and his family will be traveling to and from Buffalo while he undergoes treatment. Crouch's Garage has set up a gas account that you can donate towards to help the family with these expenses.