

**CHURCH STAFF**

Reverend Steven M. Taylor, Pastor  
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Art Osborne, Custodian  
Bert and Roberta Anderson in Haiti  
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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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***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...

**THE GIFTED LIFE**

...serving Christ...serving others...  
...with our gifts...  
...gifts from God...ready to serve...  
...serve Christ...

There is no greater pursuit in the life of the Christian church than to find out how we can use the special spiritual gifts that God has given us to serve others and serve Christ. It is *using our gifts for the common good and to glorify God*. What exactly do we mean by that?

Well, as we look at the world around us, we noticed something profound. We notice that the people in our community, the people in our churches, and the people in our families are all in need of being served. It's not that all of us are *needy*, but more that all of us have *needs*. One of the main needs we were created to have is a life-transforming relationship with God through Jesus Christ. As a church, our hearts burn with the desire for others to know Him. We even think that if more of the world would know Him better, many of our social problems would begin to disappear. Is that bold? You bet it is...Christ was bold! For the church, serving the common good is about using our gifts to convince others of the love and grace of God given to the world through Jesus. That's no easy task, but each day we can make a difference.

Glorifying God, then, becomes something that we do because of and in addition to serving the common good. When one person is shown love...we glorify God. When one person hears the gospel message of hope...we glorify God. When we hold fast to historic and biblical doctrines regarding sexual sin, serving the poor, and loving our neighbors...we glorify God. When we deny ourselves and take up the cross of Jesus...we glorify God. When we lose ourselves in the midst of allowing others to see the resurrected Christ...we glorify God. Bottom line: when people see

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Jesus in our actions, time, money, and words...we glorify God!

As we will explore in worship this Fall, God has put into place a group of people in His church who can meet the needs of all who come. This is made possible because the people who serve in this place have the complete set of spiritual gifts that the Apostle Paul talks about in 1 Corinthians 12. We have abundant life as a church because people are willing to identify their passions, identify their gifts, and figure out how to use them for the common good and to glorify God.

May this time be a holy time. May your prayers and bible reading be holy times. May all that we do and all that we say make a difference in the lives of those around us. May we be ready to serve Christ by using the gifts we have received. May it be so, Lord, may it be so!

Shalom,

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP at PUMC**

(weather permitting)

On Sunday, September 4th, our morning worship will be moved to the Pavilion at PUMC so that we can worship outdoors. Worship time will be at 10:15 a.m. Bring a lawn chair...dress casually...come and worship.

**See you there!**

**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 September Schedule**



- 1 7 p.m.: Sunday School Teachers/Helpers Mtg.
- 2 Sabbath
- 3 3:30 p.m.: Auge/Franklin Wedding
- 4 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Worship (Outdoors: 10:15 a.m. only)/ Communion
- 5 Office closed for Labor Day
- 6 1 p.m.: Visitations
- 7 6 p.m.: Praise Team; 7:30 p.m.: SPRC; 8 p.m.: Trustee Team
- 8 2 p.m.: REUNY Mtg. w/Bishop Matthews (Syracuse)
- 9 Sabbath
- 10 10 a.m.: Friends of Findley Mtg. at Camp Findley
- 11 9 a.m.: Sunday School Down Home Kick-off; 10:15 a.m.: Worship
- 12 7 p.m.: Worship Team Mtg.
- 13 1 p.m.: Visitations; 7 p.m.: Band of Brothers
- 14 6 p.m.: Praise Team; 7 p.m.: Choir
- 15 3 p.m.: Vaccination Appt.
- 16/17 Sabbath/Day Off; UNYCRM Retreat/Mtg. - Camp Aldersgate
- 18 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Sunday School/Worship
- 19 10:20 a.m.: Doctor Appt.; 7 p.m.: Prayer Team
- 20 1 p.m.: Visitations
- 21 11:30 a.m.: Lunch Bunch; 6 p.m.: Praise Team; 7 p.m.: Choir; 7:30 p.m.: Church Council
- 23 Sabbath
- 24 8 a.m.: Band of Brothers Men's Breakfast
- 25 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Sunday School/Worship
- 26 7 p.m.: Prayer Team
- 27 1 p.m.: Visitations; 6 p.m.: Praise Team; 7 p.m.: Choir
- 30 Sabbath

**God's Groceries**



**If you have extra produce from your gardens, the food pantry could use some to give away. Please have it at the church by the Sunday before to give it away on Monday.**

**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!

**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 V-8). 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 who are having a difficult time making their money go further. The use of the Food Pantry is growing. Thanks for your help!



**Friends of Findley**  
**Work Weekend at Camp Findley**

This October (Oct. 7-9), there is an opportunity to serve God with your hands and feet outside the walls of the church. The Friends of Findley are having a work weekend to get the camp ready for the winter season and retreat groups. The work weekend will be held from Friday through Sunday. Projects will include light construction, cleaning, trails maintenance, and gardening, along with food, fun, fellowship, and getting away from home for a few days at Camp. Lodging and food are provided for anyone who comes to work. Youth activities are planned for Saturday afternoon and evening. See Pastor Steve for details.



**Sunday Morning Worship Team**

**September**

**Lay Readers**

- 9/4 - Tory Irgang
- 9/11 - Craig Vollmer
- 9/18 - Joel Keefer
- 9/25 - Kyle Hinsdale

**Ushers**

Bill Peck, Art Osborne  
 Everett Bensink, Lee Crosby

**Nursery Helpers**

- 9/4 - Tina Shaver and Sarah Osborne
- 9/11 - Stacy and Abby Taylor
- 9/18 - Thea Kester and Corinne Edwards
- 9/25 - Julia Nelson and Sarah Osborne

**October**

**Lay Readers**


- 10/2 - Kristine Seekings
- 10/9 - Mark Morton
- 10/16 - Marge Vollmer
- 10/23 - Buck Seekings
- 10/30 - Brynne Hinsdale

**Ushers**

Jack and Linda Sturges  
 Mark and Karen Morton

**Nursery Helpers**

- 10/2 - Karen Morton and Abby Taylor
- 10/9 - Kelly and Sarah Osborne
- 10/16 - Jennifer and Claire Apthorpe
- 10/23 - Barb and Lauren Tordella
- 10/30 - Tina Shaver and Corinne Edwards



*With Sympathy...*

*..to the family of Allan Ramsey Riddell,  
husband of Eileen,  
father of Nancy Nelson and Lorne Riddell,  
who passed away on August 20, 2011.*

We, at the PUMC, will continue to lift you up in our prayers and surround you with our love and support during this time of sadness.

Oswald Chambers said it best... "Prayer does not equip us for greater works - it is the greater work!"

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 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 vital network of prayers, please get in touch with Susie Davis, Jean Edwards or call the PUMC office.



*Wedding Congratulations*

*Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Wendy (Babcock) Lescynski  
were united in marriage on  
Saturday, July 30, 2011.*

*Our prayers for a lifetime of love and laughter  
are with you both as you begin this next  
exciting chapter in your lives together.*



Dear PUMC Youth Group:

We hope you have had a terrific summer filled with lots of fun and adventure! Over the last two months we have come to a decision about our future role leading the Youth Group at Panama UMC. We have loved every minute we've spent with you during the last three years and have made awesome memories - Easter services, special fundraising dinners, overnights in Rochester and Syracuse, and of course, Super Sanctuary Jesus Ball! Because of additional responsibilities at our jobs, we feel it is necessary to step down from our role as leaders of the Youth Group. This has been a very difficult decision for us, but we feel it is the one God has led us to make.

Getting to know you individually has changed our lives. Although we knew some of you when we started, we have built relationships that far exceeded our expectations. While we won't see you every week at Youth Group meetings, we pray that you will continue to see us as people you can rely on to help when you're facing challenges. We have seen your faith grow as we spent time each week in fellowship and devotion together and believe God will continue to strengthen that foundation in the years ahead.

Panama UMC has already begun the process of identifying our replacements, and we will continue in our role until the new leaders are in place. In the meantime, please pray for the committee making this decision and trust that God will send someone absolutely perfect for the job. Youth Group will kick-off in September, and you will be hearing more specifics as the date gets closer.

Thank you for supporting us as your leaders with your attendance, enthusiasm, and love over the last three years. We have memories that will bring a smile to our faces forever, and friendships that we hope will last just as long.

In Christian Love,  
Adam and Tory

## Raising Truly Great Kids Conference

Bemus Point United Methodist Church  
Friday, October 7...6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Saturday, October 8...8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

On October 7 and 8, Dr. Tim Kimmel will be hosting a conference called "Raising Truly Great Kids" at the Bemus Point United Methodist Church. This is an event you don't want to miss if you are a parent, soon to be parent, single mother, single father, and/or grandparents - or know someone who is.

Raising Truly Great Kids is a fun, fast paced event that will give parents the tools they need to create a home where everyone feels loved and affirmed. Parents will go home with a clear job description of what it takes to make the most of this incredible opportunity. At the Raising Truly Great Kids Conference, parents will learn:

- > How to keep the big picture in mind as they deal with the day to day challenges
- > Effective discipline that changes a child's heart as well as their behavior
- > How to bring the best out of strong-willed children and kids who struggle with challenges like ADD and ADHD
- > How to get kids to obey and love their siblings
- > How to turn heartache to hope with a rebellious child
- > And most importantly, how to prepare a child's heart to receive God's love and plan for their life

### Conference Promo Special Through August 29th

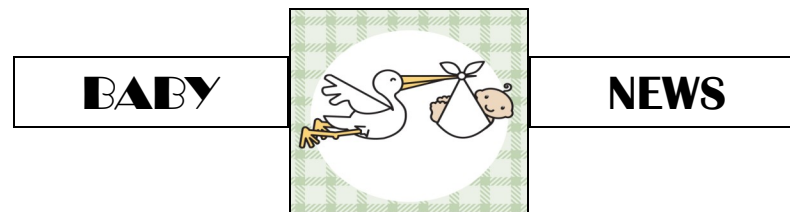
The conference promo special is \$39 buys 2 tickets, buy one/get one. This lasts until August 29th, at midnight when it will roll into a different price structure. The time to buy is now.

Call BPUMC at 386-3401 or visit the church website at [www.bpumc.com](http://www.bpumc.com). For more information about Family Matters and "Raising Truly Great Kids", visit [www.raisingtrulygreatkids.com](http://www.raisingtrulygreatkids.com).

### PUMC is offering full scholarships for the first 4 families to register!

Make your reservations NOW!

Please call our church office if you with any questions.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

It's a boy.....

Bowen William Bailey

August 2, 2011

6 lbs. 6.1 oz; 20 inches

Proud Parents

Max and Amy (Young) Bailey

Grandparents are

Janice Auge and Brian Franklin

From the *PARISH NURSE*...

### CHOCOLATE CARAMEL CAKE

1 box Devil's Food Cake Mix  
10 oz diet cola  
1 egg white  
6 oz fat free caramel ice cream topping  
7 oz reduced fat sweetened condensed milk  
1 c. Heath Bar Bits  
1 container fat free Cool Whip

Combine cake mix, diet cola and egg white. Mix and bake as directed in 9x13 pan.

During the last few minutes of baking, put caramel and sweetened condensed milk in saucepan and stir over medium heat until smooth.

Take cake out of oven and poke holes all over top with handle of wooden spoon. Pour caramel/milk mixture over warm cake, filling holes. Sprinkle 3/4 c. of Heath Bits over top (reserving 1/4 cup). Cool completely.

Cover with Cool Whip and sprinkle with remaining Heath Bits. Put in refrigerator until ready to serve.

## *Visitation Ministry*

### September 4

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

Jack/Linda Sturges  
 Jack/Linda Sturges  
 Trudy Anderson  
 Everett King  
 Everett King

### September 11

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

Sharon Passarelli  
 Sharon Passarelli  
 Jean Edwards  
 Barbara Hart  
 Barbara Hart

### September 18

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

Lester/Wyona Wevers  
 Lester/Wyona Wevers  
 Diane Johnson  
 Art/Jeanette Osborne  
 Art/Jeanette Osborne

### September 25

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

Thea Kester  
 Thea Kester  
 Julia Nelson  
 Bill Peck  
 Bill Peck

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

### *Evangelism and Outreach Team*

Meeting: Tuesday, September 6  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Hope to see you there!

### VILLAGE OF HOPE PICTURES



*Sanctuary Free Evangelical  
 Good Shepherd and Others*



*Ke'm cho mwen anvi jwe!  
 "Can't wait for recess!"*



*Back of the Health Center  
 looking northwest*



*West side of the building  
 looking east*



*Front of the building  
 handicap accessible ramp  
 under construction*



*Bert and Manuel*



### *Women and Missions (WAM)*

The next luncheon meeting of *Women and Missions* is Monday, September 12 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.

25 August 2011



Summer is winding down and thoughts turn to back to school. Many states have already started, some starting after Labor Day. If you would like to extend your summer vacation, why not transfer to Village of Hope School? President Martelly has delayed the start of school until October. Published reports indicate that it is so he has more time to implement his free education initiative. Unpublished reports say it's all politics. There is still no functioning body of government since the legislature has rejected each candidate that the president has presented for prime minister. So, our students will start a little later this year. Not a problem. The test results for Village of Hope School showed that 52 out of 54 sixth grade students passed the national exams. The results of the other grades aren't available yet.

We will take advantage of the delay by continuing to work on maintenance issues at the school. Much of the work had been completed by the Living Sanctuary/Good Shepherd team. The cafeteria and chapel have a fresh coat of paint. The faucets outside the dining room and in the bathrooms have been repaired. The playground equipment has been fixed and is ready for action. The blackboards have been refreshed. The VOH sign at the main road has been touched up (a special thanks to Lennie Fenton).

The Health Center is progressing. The walls are started. The septic tank and drywell are in place. In addition to the physical construction, we have been finalizing our plan for submission to MSPP (the Ministry of Health). Once we submit the plans, the authorization and accreditation process begins in earnest.

As we look forward, we are grateful that we have been spared the storms that have gone on around us. We ask for continued prayers for the Haitian people as they cope with the rains and threats of storms. Other prayer concerns include a safe and positive start to the school year, concerns for safe travel for upcoming teams, discernment as we work to what God has called us to, and prayers of thanksgiving for all He has given us.

Blessings,  
Bert & Roberta

## September Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

- 2 *Shawn/Ann Schnars*
- 4 Pam Brown, Jane Nagel, *Sam/Carm Catanese, Jim/Sharon Rea, Dale/Genesis Tremblay*
- 5 Kim Davis, *Steve/Stacy Taylor*
- 6 *Duane/Emily Baker, Jerry/Gloria Scholton*
- 7 *Bert/Roberta Anderson*
- 8 Jeanette Osborne
- 10 Julie Dilley
- 11 Tyler Beckerink, Casey McGaffick
- 13 Robert Cartwright, *James/Ashley Dempsey*
- 15 Peter Komarek, Joan Miktuk, *Jeff/Larissa Enlow*
- 16 Alyssa Woods, *Scott/Courtney Reardon*
- 17 Roberta Anderson, Jerry Scholton
- 18 Jonathan Collins, Aiden Keefer, Jim Rea
- 19 Daniel Cartwright, Kathy Gooch, Emily Hopkins
- 21 Michael Shreve
- 23 Tony Sali, *Lester/Wyona Wevers*
- 24 *Jonathan/Jessica Komarek*
- 26 *Todd/Amanda Kolstee*
- 27 Stephen Neilans
- 28 Charlie Auge, Dave Hinderer, Michael Range
- 29 Greg Edwards, Paula Wesolowski, *Jack/Linda Sturges*
- 30 Steve Dallas, Arthur Osborne, Scott Reardon, *Jon/Carolyn Wood*

*If we do not have birthdays or anniversaries for your family, please let Kathy know in the office or email Pam at [jireland4@stny.rr.com](mailto:jireland4@stny.rr.com), and we will add you to the list!*

## News from the Christian Education Department

It's September...fall is in the air...schools are starting...and it's time once again, for Sunday School to begin. We have children's classes: Nursery - 6th; Jr. High; and Senior High. Please consider staying for a class after dropping your children at their class. Classes begin September 11 with our "Down Home" breakfast at 9 a.m. Included below are descriptions of what our adult classes are doing.

### Cindy and Denny Furlow:

*Please join us as we continue our in-depth study of the first 11 chapters of Genesis. We will pick up in Chapter 2. Our focus is on the four major backdrops in our history: The Creation; The Fall; The Flood, and The Tower of Babel. What did they mean to those people then, and what do they mean to us today? How are we the same as the people of yesterday? How do we apply, God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow? We are an enthusiastic class of adults! We meet downstairs at the end of the hall. We hope to see you!*

### Kyle and Brynne Hinsdale:

"What is Heaven really going to be like? What will we look like? What will we do? Will there be marriage? Will Heaven get boring after awhile? We all have questions about Heaven, and now after 25 years of research, Dr. Randy Alcorn has answers based on Biblical truths." We are technically the young adult group but would welcome anyone who is a young adult at heart! We are located upstairs in the room across from the library.

### Jack and Linda Sturges:

*We will continue with our study: Parables From the Back Side. This is a very interesting study of the parables, with a different look. We are across from the library at the end of the hall. The author of this study, J. Ellsworth Kalas, is a former professor of Pastor Steve Taylor. LIVE...LOVE...LAUGH*

### Stacy Taylor:

The Senior Sunday School class dives into the Bible using a study book from A Union Gospel Press Publication. Discussion is light and to the point. This study is a great way to read God's word and gain a little more insight into each verse. Please join us! We are located at the end of the foyer across from the sanctuary.

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### George Anderson:

*H.U.G.S (Helping Us Grow Strong) is an adult multi-age group that meets in the Fellowship Hall. We are starting a new study by Bill Hybels: The Power of a Whisper. Learn how to live with one ear perpetually tuned to Heaven and how to meticulously obey every syllable of input received. You will learn how to discern the "voice" of God from other voices that vie for your attention and live fully for God.*

### Please join us!

*Carm Catanese and George Anderson*

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Starting this Fall, Pastor Steve will be organizing and leading a Confirmation Experience for any youth, 12 years old and older, who has not yet been confirmed and desires to become a professing member of the church. This is a call out to anyone who might be interested in this adventure.

The confirmation resource we will be using is called CREDO, a United Methodist curriculum that will guide the youth through three main areas of spiritual maturity: Knowing Your Story, Confirming Your Faith, and Living Your Commitment. The Confirmation Experience will include one weekend retreat (date to be determined) and 12 sessions at church. Each session will be 1.5 to 2 hours in length. We will determine the best day/time to meet when we know who is interested.

In addition, each youth in Confirmation will choose a mentor to walk with them for the entire experience. Be praying about your role as a mentor if one of the youth asks you to walk with them.

Please let Pastor Steve or the church office know that your youth, 12 years old or older, might want to be confirmed and become a professing member of the Panama UMC.