



THE PACE

July/August 2017

Howlin brothers

Dear Friends,

Many years ago in his book "Life Together" German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer discussed the importance of listening. He wrote, "The first service that one owes to others in the fellowship consists in listening to them. Just as love to God begins with listening to His Word, so the beginning of love for the brethren is learning to listen to them. Christians, especially ministers, so often think they must always contribute something when they are in the company of others, that this is the one service they have to offer. They forget that listening can be a greater service than speaking." Amen to that!

It is a proper thing for Christians, and churches, to weigh in on issues of the day from the perspective of our faith in Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, such discussions often turn to shouting matches where we may try to demonize those with whom we disagree. The first casualty of such moments is often love, or any sense of compassion.

If we listened more, listened with our hearts, listened with a sense of compassion for the person who is speaking, listened without being defensive then maybe we could reach a point where we honestly love those with whom we disagree.

There is a line from the New Testament book of James that says, "What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." The point is to use the brief time we have (and time is brief for all of us) to love and build each other up, not to tear down.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and can find some time to relax and enjoy God's creation. This is also a wonderful time to practice our listening skills. So enjoy, listen and be still.

See you in church!



PATRIOTIC SONGS & MORE!

JOIN US, SUNDAY, JULY 2 ~ 9:30 AM

FOR OUR SUMMER HYMN SING

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 10, 2017



JOIN US, immediately following church at the pavilion (Saussaman Field), weather permitting. The picnic will be held in Fellowship Hall if inclement weather. If your name begins with A-M please bring a dessert...N-Z please

bring a side dish.



We will once again be having our annual service for the Blessing of the Pets. The date is Sunday July 16th at 4:00 pm in the grove by the cabin. The free will offering will be given to the Humane Society.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Jim Bruce of the Paxton Historical Committee

The congregation of Reverend John Elder would have sung the Psalms of David; and they would have been led in their singing by a "precenter." The precenter would "read the line" to the congregation before they sang it. Around 1850, at Paxton, the choir took the place of the precenter.

Until the Civil War the various Presbyterian bodies that now comprise the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) used psalms predominantly, singing hymns only now and then, especially in informal gatherings. The Presbyterian songbook, *Psalms and Hymns Adapted to Social, Private and Public Worship in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*, published in 1843 still had a clearly defined psalter section.

After the Civil War the use of hymns increased greatly. In the Presbyterian Hymnal published in 1874 by the northern branch of the church, psalms were mixed in with hymns.

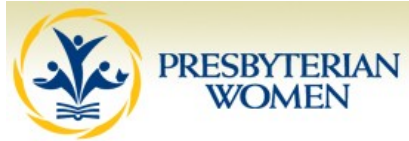
There was no organ in Paxton until 1858—and it was only a "melodean" or pump reed organ. Early Presbyterians called the pipe organs in Lutheran Churches "the Devil's Band."

PAXTON CHURCH - SPREADING THE WORD FOR NEARLY 300 YEARS.



Paxton Presbyterian Nursery is looking for a popcorn machine to use during the Fall Festival on October 7. If you have one we could borrow please contact Judy Frankford in the church office.

Thank You!



PW is now collecting used stamps. When you get a letter, think of us! Tear off the stamps and drop in the donation can on the GIANT table in the Great Room.

The Sewing Circle welcomes your unwanted fabric, blankets, insulated drapes, buttons, and flannel sheets. Deliver to the closet downstairs next to the stage. Thanks!

Choir recognition

ADULT FIRST AID, CPR & AED TRAINING



The Safety and Security Committee will be conducting a two day Adult First Aid, CPR and AED training course for new and expiring applicants. The dates and times for the course is Tuesday, September 26 and Thursday, September 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

The cost is \$27 per person with a maximum of 12 attendees. The Safety and Security Committee will cover the cost for each member participating, although contributions towards the cost would be appreciated. Please contact the church office to register.

Downtown Daily Bread Volunteers

July 13 — **Dave & Barb Foreman**

July 20—**Paxton Youth Group**

August 10—**Linette Burd, Bev Ziebell**

August 17— **Lenker Manor/Paxtang Women's Club**

Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve at DDB and for honoring our commitment. If you are unable to serve please contact someone on the substitute list so that DDB is not short-handed. Thank You!

BACK TO SCHOOL ALREADY??

No, just time to start thinking about Back to School supplies! The Mission and Outreach Ministry is asking for your support in collecting new school supplies for the children who participate in programs at The Joshua Group, Allison Hill Ministries and The Center for Champions. All three Harrisburg City non-profits provide educational opportunities and mentoring for children in nurturing and supportive environments.

We will be collecting the following supplies during the months of July and August. Please place your donations in the container under the Mission Matters board located by Coffee Central.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Copy paper
Ball point pens – black or blue
Pencils
Crayons
Markers
Spiral Notebooks
Glue Sticks



Highlighters
Erasers
Pocket Folders
Boxes of Tissues
Hand Sanitizer

Coins for Caring



During the children's message each Sunday, containers are passed around collecting loose change - nickels, pennies, dimes, quarters – and even bills if you have a spare and don't know what to do with it! The collected funds will be used to support the following mission projects as designated by the Mission & Outreach Ministry.

July: Humane Society
August: Ronald McDonald House

Summer Highlights at Paxton



Sunday, July 2~9:30

Join us to sing "Patriotic Songs & More"

Sunday, July 9

Picnic at the Senators Game ~ 1:30

6:00 pm "Howlin' Brothers" ~ "Music in the Grove"

(see details, page 8)

Sunday, July 16 ~ 11:00am

Sundae Sunday, following 10:00 worship

4:00pm ~ Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, July 23

Worship in the Grove ~8:00AM

Sunday, August 6

10:00 Communion Worship

Sunday, August 13 ~ Laity Sunday

August 16, 17, 18, 19th

Vacation Bible School for ages 2-5

(see details on back cover)

Sunday, August 20

Sundae Sunday, following 10:00 worship