



May 14—*Grace Agatha Hutchison*, daughter of Alli and Ian Hutchison, granddaughter of Janice Hutchison and great-granddaughter of Nancy Hutchison.

May 28—*Jackson Charles Lengler*, son of Jeffrey and Lauren Lengler and grandson of Nancy and Rich Lengler.



May 5— *Vera Rose Lysaght* received the Sacrament of Baptism. Vera is the daughter of Ryan and April Lysaght.

June 23—*Grace Agatha Hutchison* received the Sacrament of Baptism. Grace is the daughter of Alli and Ian Hutchison.

Church Security Procedures



The next step in upgrading Church Security in the Sanctuary will be the placement of “LOCKDOWN PEW CARDS” in the pews. The cards will outline our response and course of action in the event of any external and internal threats that may occur during our Sunday Worship Services (10AM to 11AM). Threats would include intruders, armed individuals, and actors with criminal or terroristic intent.

Please familiarize yourself and family with the instructions on the LOCKDOWN PEW CARDS (brown in color, shorter and similar to the EVACUATION CARDS already in the pews). The LOCKDOWN PEW CARDS will be placed in the pews beginning July 7, 2019.

More information and instruction will be forthcoming.



THE PACE

July/August 2019

Dear Friends,

I often hear people speak of church as something they go to. “Where do you go to church? Do you go to church?” Others refer to the church mainly in terms of things we do. As Presbyterians we have policies, procedures and committees to help us do the countless tasks of church life. We do church in that manner because we believe in the priesthood of all believers.

All of this is fine. But I believe, in the end, the church is fundamentally something we **are**. We are the church wherever we go.

A friend once wrote that “anyone who wants to follow Christ should see the church as an essential part of who they are – and conversely, to see themselves as essentially part of the body of Christ.”

That matters enormously. It is a matter of identity. There are countless ways of identifying ourselves. We say we are Republicans or Democrats, Liberals or Conservatives, a member of this or that group. We may claim our identity in terms of our sexuality, our athletic dexterity, our nationality or our economic status. But for the disciple of Jesus Christ our fundamental identity must lie within our connection to our Savior. We are part of the body of Christ. We are the church.

Wherever we go and whatever we do, we are the church for the world to see. And the world, and our local communities, are watching to see if we are welcoming, gracious, generous, loving and engaged in service.

The church is far more than simply the minister (thank goodness) or whatever happens on Sunday morning. The church is all of us, all the time. Church is where we go. Church is what we do. Most of all, church is who we are.

Ponder that these two months as we do our summer things. We are the church.

God’s peace,

John Green

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.

Thank you in advance for your support, as we support organizations in our local community!

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.

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



JULY VOLUNTEERS

11th Diane Jacobs
Karen Schmidt

18th Kitti Taylor
Bev Ziebell
Janet Walker

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

8th Jim Bruce
Steve Brindle

15th Paxton Youth Fellowship

29 Linda & Larry Brown
Peggy Elder
Sue McLain



Presbyterian Youth Triennium

Five of our young people will be traveling to Purdue University in July to attend this wonderful event from the 15th to the 21st. Please keep Aaron Bingaman, Tommy Nichter, Lelia Webb, Tyler Webb and Molly Corl in your prayers.

Downtown Daily Bread

The youth are scheduled to be serving lunch on Thursday August 15th.

Lock-in

Our summer Lock-In will be held in August. Date to be determined based on everyone's crazy schedules.

Please keep our young folks in your prayers as they enjoy their summer vacations.

Remember to let your friends, family and neighbors know that we have our doors open for all youth (6-12 grade) – church families or not.

Questions or Suggestions? Contact Dawn & John Palmer or Erin & Nino Giambrone (or drop a note in the office for us).



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM ALL PAXTON'S VETERANS

In the archives, we have a list of our World War 1 and 2 and two veterans who were represented by a star on our service flags. **However, we do not have any veteran information after World War 2.** If you or a family member served after 1945, would you please fill out the form below and put it in the collection plate so we can add your name to Paxton's history? OR you can email me at nld500@aol.com.

Your Name _____

Branch of Service _____

Unit _____

Dates of service (please list beginning and ending years)

Did you serve in a combat theater? _____

If yes, which? _____



Presbyterian Women

PW's Sewing Circle is busy again! **30** lap quilts were delivered to the UPMC Maternity Health Clinic. **35** quilts were given to Dauphin County Children and Youth. We are taking a break for the summer, but we welcome your flannel, flannel sheets, buttons, cottons all year round.

Take home a lap-quilt top kit for your summer sewing! Look for the basket in the Great Room by the Sunday snack table.



Paxton's Vacation Bible School 2019 Ages 2-8

Grab your hats and cameras!

We're going on a safari!

Where: Paxton Church

When: August 7-10 ~ 9am – 11:30 am

Join us for our FREE adventure!

Registration forms available in the church office OR

RSVP to Melissa Dougherty

Email: TheDoughertys4@comcast.net



**JOIN PAXTON IN THE PAXTANG
JULY 4TH PARADE**

The parade kicks off at 10:00am on July 4th. Please meet between 9:00-9:15 in the church parking lot.

Little Free Library



Paxton's Little Free Library continues to inspire a love of reading and build relationships with our neighbors by offering a free neighborhood book exchange. This spring the Mission and Outreach Ministry encouraged young readers from Paxtang Elementary School to take home books for summer reading and provided age appropriate books to the students at Paxton's Nursery School. In June we offered Krislund campers the opportunity to take as many books as they could read during the summer. The Little Free Library is not just for our neighbors, it's for all of us. When you come to church please take a moment to peruse the books and magazines available and take home one or two. And when you're done with your current book or magazine, consider dropping it off at the library for another reader. The motto of the Little Free Library® is **"Take a book; return a book."**

Little Free Pantry is in need of your support!

There are many people in our community who struggle with making ends meet. The time between pay checks or Social Security payments can be a difficult time to find the funds to purchase everyday food and personal needs. This past year, Paxton's Little Free Pantry has been providing nonperishable food and personal products to those in our neighborhood in need. Since the beginning of summer, there have been many occasions when the pantry is near empty or bare. This is both a good and sad predicament. We are helping our neighbors but are neighbors are in need of more of our help.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry is looking to you for help. Please consider purchasing a few extra items at the grocery store to donate to the pantry. Items to donate include canned fruits and vegetables, jello, pudding mix, tuna, peanut butter, paper towels, toilet paper. Items may be

YOU TOO CAN HELP OUT IN THE CHURCHYARD

One of our constant tasks is gathering small branches and taking care of flags, either removing damaged ones or straightening those that may have blown over. This is especially important during the grass mowing season as objects in the grass slow down the mowing crews. So, if you like to walk and don't mind some occasional bending, you are perfectly qualified.

Branches mostly accumulate next to the East wall near the Manse and the West wall adjacent to the parking lot. Collected branches may be placed on top of the wall for eventual collection. Damaged flags should be removed from the grave areas and deposited in a box, designated for this purpose, located under the sign in/out table near the church office.

Some other projects, where we could use volunteers, are straightening many of the leaning older small markers, spraying markers to remove mildew stains, filling low spots with available soil near the Manse and more. If you would like to be notified when we set up a work project day, leave your name with the church office or send an email to office@paxtonchurch.org. Your help would be much appreciated.



Paxton's library committee would like you to stop by the library in the coming weeks to see what is new. The space is being redefined to better serve those wishing to check out a book or look up material on the computer that is available.

When you stop by you will see a few new books and audio books. There are plenty more coming your way in the next several months. Also, don't forget that we welcome your suggestions on titles that we may wish to add.

See you in the stacks!

Library Committee Diana Robertson, Lisa Pletz, Pam Robertson, Olga Johnson, Blanche Skinner

The grove has been used for picnics since colonial times when, after having the first two hours of services, people would break for lunch, catch up on the latest news (and gossip?), and socialize giving a welcomed break from the lonely existence on the frontier. After lunch, it was back to the sanctuary for the second two-hour part of the service. This tradition of picnics has continued to this day. Above, we can see a July 29, 1903 photograph labeled "A view in Paxton Church Grove – our picnic day."

Whether it was colonial times, our June picnics with Mike Ross calling out "Strawberries," or our September picnic today, our grove has been an important part in the life of Paxton Church.



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placed directly in the pantry, or if it is full, in the workroom across from the church office.

Whether a need for food or a need to give, the Little Free Pantry is about neighbors helping neighbors, building community and assisting those who may need a little extra help. The motto of our Little Free Pantry is **"Take What You Need; Give What You Can."**

PLEASE NOTE: THE PANTRY ONLY ACCEPTS NEW UNOPENED AND UNEXPIRED FOOD AND PERSONAL ITEMS. THANK YOU!

Preparing for 2019 Santa Shop

Hello, faithful supporters!

Santa Shop must go on a diet this year. We must draw down on our storage inventory. This year we are **ONLY** asking for the following items:

jewelry- new, old, or broken	packs of crackers
tinsel and Easter grass	Hershey bars
unused wrapping paper	women's stretchy gloves
balls of all sizes	toiletries
2020 calendars	Preschool-size yarn hats
Crayons	and small scarves (store bought or handmade)

We don't need Christmas card fronts, comics, mugs, miscellaneous gifts, toys, bows, books, and all the other wonderful things you normally give us!

The donation period runs October 15- November 15. Donate your items in our Christmas play-pen in the Santa Shop Room. Thank you, everyone!!

Barb Greenwood

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Norm Daniels of the Paxton Historical Committee

WHAT WAS THE OLD PAXTON GROVE LIKE?

As you look at our well-manicured grove today, do you ever wonder what it was like over 100 years ago? Our old Trustee minutes shed some light on that question. At that time, the grove was officially called a “glebe.” Glebe is a British term for church land often lent to the clergy used to provide additional income. The minutes show, it was not used for clergy but often used to provide wood for sale for the benefit of the church.

One early problem that the church encountered was that horses were being tied everywhere and their chewing damaged trees, posts, and the church. In 1868, the Trustees prohibited that from happening and provided hitching posts – probably at the north end of the Churchyard wall.

There were also fences around the church property and in 1870, the Trustees voted to remove the old fence from the Parsonage stable (yes, he had one) to the northeast corner along the road and put in a new post and rail fence.

In July of 1899, a contract was given to completely enclose the Glebe with wire fence including two double gates for wagons on Paxtang Avenue and Sharon Avenue; a single gate on the public road east of the grounds; and one small gate for goat passage at a convenient point on Paxtang Avenue. At that time, goats from neighboring farms were used to “cut the grass.” By August, this idea was tabled because the necessary money could not be raised. Instead of wire, they planted a hedge of Tartarian Honeysuckle leaving spaces for the gates previously agreed upon. By November, the hedge committee had planted all except on the east side because there was concern there was too much shade for them to grow. The Trustees told them to “try the experiment.” We still have one surviving artifact of that honeysuckle hedge (or a descendent) just up the hill from the en-



trance on Paxtang Avenue. Next time you pass that way, look for it.

We know there were other outbuildings on the grounds besides the parsonage stable. One was a “house” (maybe shed?) used for storing benches and other things. In May, 1892 the Trustees approved a plan and formed a shed committee to use lumber piled in the grove to double the house’s size. The shed committee dutifully reported its progress at the subsequent Trustee meetings until **two years** later, when its final report read that: “... they had completed their work and the house has since been burned” (i.e.: it caught fire). I personally find humor in that.

Even in 1897, trees were a problem. Ninety-five trees were replaced due to age and storm. The Trustees also had to investigate the part of the graveyard wall near the entrance gate which was thrown out of line due a tree whose roots were growing under the wall and moving it. Two year later, a large ash tree was removed, and the walls and gate were repaired at the whopping cost of \$16.74. Last year, when we repaired our wall and removed a tree - it was a bit more expensive. In November 1908, the grove was enlarged with the addition of twenty-five more trees. This was the first time the word “grove” rather than “Glebe” was used in the official reports.

In 1901, construction of a new driveway and entrance for a cost of \$125.00 was reported. Additionally, an electric light was placed on the pillar at the new entrance. We were entering the modern century with outdoor lighting.

