



**CABIN WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**8:00 AM**

Join us for a fireside worship service!



**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**FEBRUARY 26**

**7:30 pm**



# THE PACE

February 2020

Dear Friends,

February is an awesome month, for me. Valentine's Day, Lincoln and Washington's birthdays, the Super Bowl (and Paxton's tailgate party), pitchers and catchers report for baseball spring training and the possibility of still more snow. On top of all that good stuff, there is Paxton's Annual Meeting after church on Sunday, February 2.

Annual Meetings can be interesting affairs in a congregation's life. While there is nothing to vote on at the meeting, there is always plenty to discuss. The actual Annual Report hints at many of the hills and valleys of church life. If someone wants to discuss or ask questions about a certain organization's report they may freely do so. As moderator of the meeting, I will ask the author of the report in question to speak to the question. As Presbyterians we believe strongly in the "priesthood of all believers", that everyone is called by God to serve in particular ways in a church's life. I am always thankful for our Presbyterian way of ordering church life.

An Annual Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to show gratitude for the grace of God which shines forth in the work of church committees.

I hope you can stay after church this Sunday and attend our Annual Meeting, which will take place in the sanctuary.

See you in church!

John Green



Presbyterian Women are accepting dues throughout the months of January and February. The dues we collect are used to support the ministries we contribute to and to help fund the efforts of PW in our church and community, such as Santa Shop, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day cards, Sewing Circle, and the Fall Tea. If you are a woman, you are a member of PW. There is no set amount for the dues. Pay what you can. Make checks payable to **PW of Paxton**. There will be envelopes in the Gathering Room addressed to PW of Paxton if you wish to donate cash. Please include your name. Dues can be put in the offering plate, put in the office or given to us at the Giant Table. If you write a check, specify **PW dues** in the memo line.

**UNITY CIRCLE** will meet February 4 at 12:00. Please bring a packed lunch. Hostesses Judy Lipman and Gina Rotz will provide beverages and dessert. Lorna Baer will give devotions and Carol Himmelright will continue the Ten Commandments lessons.

**Sewing Circle** meets every Wednesday at 9:30. If you can tie a knot, you can join us! We are always looking for donations of fabric, buttons, insulated drapes and thin blankets.

**Stamps!** PW collects your used postage stamps. Cut them right off your envelopes with a nice margin and donate them at the Giant card table in the Great Room.

**Book Share** continues this month until February 16. Left over books will be given to the Kline Library.

**Greeting card fronts** are welcome downstairs in the Donation Center in Fellowship Hall.

**Valentine Love Letters** is an opportunity for Paxton women to send a Valentine and an encouraging letter to a woman at the Bethesda Mission. Valentine packets that were taken on January 26 are due back on February 2.

ers. The first project round will end in mid-December, at which time the teams will break for the winter holidays and begin a new project in a new location in January.

There are three additional NCCC campuses located in Sacramento, Calif., Vinton, Iowa, and Vicksburg, Miss., each of which is a hub for its respective area of the country.

Before joining the NCCC, Moyer attended Central Dauphin East High School and James Madison University, from which she graduated in 2017, with a degree in Hospitality Management. Moyer said, "Throughout my service years, I have come to realize that volunteering is personally fulfilling to me. I am truly passionate about improving other peoples' quality of life, especially that of youth and young adults. Throughout my various service opportunities, I have realized that improving and strengthening my community has become increasingly important to me as I have grown older. I love the opportunities that AmeriCorps NCCC provides to improve communities on a much larger scale, and the fact that I get to serve in those communities across the country." Moyer is the daughter of Linette Burd and John Moyer.

AmeriCorps NCCC members, all 18 to 24 years old, complete at least 1,700 hours of service during the 10-month program. In exchange for their service, they receive \$6,195 to help pay for college. Other benefits include a small living stipend, room and board, leadership development, team building skills, and the knowledge that, through active citizenship, they can indeed make a difference. AmeriCorps NCCC is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. For more information about AmeriCorps NCCC, visit the website at [www.nationalservice.gov/nccc](http://www.nationalservice.gov/nccc).

## Around Paxton



### Local Hero Serving in AmeriCorps NCCC

Savannah Moyer of Harrisburg recently began an 11-month term of service in the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), an AmeriCorps program. Moyer, based out of the regional campus in Denver, is currently serving on her first project.

Founded in 1994, AmeriCorps NCCC is a residential national service program that supports disaster relief, the environment, infrastructure improvement, energy conservation, and urban and rural development. Over the past 25 years, over 1 million Americans have served the nation through the family of AmeriCorps programs. Currently, about 80,000 people serve in AmeriCorps programs nationwide each year, with nearly 2,000 of those in AmeriCorps NCCC.

As a Team Leader, Moyer is responsible for managing the daily activities of 10 to 12 Corps Members on their service projects. She serves as a role model, educator, safety manager, and liaison between the campus and project sponsor. She began her term of service with a month training in September.

Moyer then assisted with Corps Member training, which began in Denver in mid-October. This training emphasized teamwork, leadership development, communication, safety, and project preparation.

Twenty-one teams composed of nearly 250 Corps Members and Team Leaders began service projects in November throughout the Southwest Region. Some of the current projects include building affordable housing in Colorado, supporting at-risk youth in Missouri, and assisting with ongoing disaster recovery in Texas and Oklahoma, among a variety of oth-

### ***A SANTA THANK YOU...***

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated to, or prayed for the Santa Shop Program this year! This year we opened 16 shops and served 420 shoppers, who each shopped for an average of 8 family members. That's 3360 gifts! Donations of jewelry, buttons and fabric are accepted year-round, but please save your Santa Shop donations until October.



The gifts from the Giving Tree were delivered to Allison Hill After School Program on December 9th. The staff was so grateful and the gifts were distributed to the children at their Christmas party on December 17. Thank you again to everyone for your generosity!

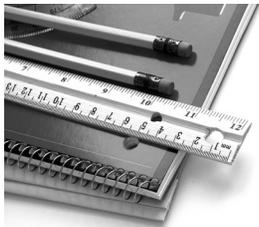
*Paxton Deacons*

### TERRIFIC TUESDAYS IS BACK!

The Evangelism & Membership Ministry is once again sponsoring a playtime for parents and their children on the first and third Tuesday of the month, beginning in February from 5:30-7:00 in the Great Room of the church. Snacks will be provided!



### Mission and Outreach Whole Church Activity for 2020



This year our whole church mission project will be with the Church World Service's School Kit project. It will be run similarly to last year's Rise Against Hunger project. School/educational supplies

will be purchased and the congregation will fill homemade school kits with these supplies. The kits will then be shipped to areas both nationally and internationally, where a disaster has effected the community. Please mark your calendars and save the date of April 26 for the assembling of the school kits.

Before April 26th we will be accepting donations through our coins for caring, Easter Egg sale, and individual donations which will be used to purchase supplies and cover the shipping of the school kits to disaster areas. We will need help from members of the congregation who have sewing machines and can do a quick stitch to sew the school bags together. Materials and instructions will be provided for this part of the project. We will distribute the materials the Sundays Easter Eggs are sold starting on February 23. Please return the completed bag and everything in the bag when you are done. The return date for the bags is March 29th.

More details about this important mission project will be given closer to April 26th. We know you will have a good time, with the opportunity for being a church family, working for others and doing God's work being a priceless experience. Thank you so much for all you do for the children of God.

### PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL!



All children turning 2, 3, or 4 years of age before September 2020 are eligible for our weekday church nursery school program!

2 Year Old Class—2 mornings/a week	\$110/month
3 & 4 Year Old Classes—3 mornings/wk	\$135/month
4 Year Old Class—5 mornings/a week	\$175/month

Registration forms are located on the literature rack in the main entrance hallway.

Please see Judy Frankford if you have any questions.



*We hold in Christian Memory:*  
Ruth Roadarmel-Smith ~ December 22, 2019

Lucas Robert Ruddy, son of Paul and Heidi (Weiser) Ruddy, received the Sacrament of Baptism at Paxton on January 5, 2020.



\* When the congregation attended communion, the members were given scriptural cards. The cards we have are dated 1896 - 1901 and were under the tenure of Rev. Luther Davis. You will currently find these cards in the historical display cases in the Gathering Room.

\* In the late 1880's, Mr. William Franklin Rutherford wrote that the Pulpit Bible used by Rev. John Elder and others was replaced by a new Bible about 1830. What became of the old Book was not known at that time. In 1835, thieves stole the Pulpit Bible and hymn books. The Bible was found by John Shaner, a "bound boy of John Bigger's secreted in the bottom of the oat bin connected with Mr. Bigger's stables at The Old Tavern Stand. It was tied up in an old bag together with the missing hymn books." It was none the worse from its usage and was returned to the Pulpit where it stayed until retired around 1887 and placed in the archives. During the reorganization of the archives a few years ago, an old pulpit Bible was found. It is missing both covers but inside, there is a date of 174\_ (part of the page is missing). Is this the missing Rev. Elder Bible? This will be displayed in February also in the Gathering Room display case for you to see.

The history of Paxton continues to be researched and written by the Paxton Historical Committee, but it seems that for each question answered, others appear. If you would like to be part of this quest, let us know – we would be glad to have you!

### Paxton Church

Spreading the Word of God for Nearly 300 Years

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## One Great HOUR OF SHARING

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs sup-

ported by OGHS—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Typically received during the season of Lent (February 26 - April 12) the offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need near and far. In fact, OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. OGHS envelopes will be in PACE and in the church pew racks. Please consider a donation. Thank you.

### MARKER/CRAYON RECYCLING



During February and March, the Mission committee will be collecting old, broken, unwanted crayons and old, dried up markers/highlighters. These items will be sent to be recycled, keeping them out of landfills. Look for the collection bin in the Gathering Room to deposit your old markers and crayons. Thank you for helping us protect our beautiful planet.



## It's an Egg-Citing time of year

The egg team is at it again, making milk and dark chocolate Peanut Butter eggs as well as dark chocolate Butter Cream, Coconut Cream, Raspberry and Orange Eggs. The sale of eggs will begin Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and eggs will be on sale until we run out. The cost of an egg will remain at \$1.25. Funds raised from the egg sale will benefit the Church World Service (CWS) School Kit project of Mission and Outreach. CWS Kits are small packages of supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to families and communities in need around the world – especially in the aftermath of disasters. On Sunday, April 26, the congregation will be assembling School Kits for Church World Service (the CROP Walk people.) More details will follow on this exciting new Mission project. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of all the mission projects at Paxton.



PAXTON CHURCH IS HOSTING THE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 MEETING OF THE CARLISLE PRESBYTERY.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SHARE OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH WITH OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST IN THE PRESBYTERY.

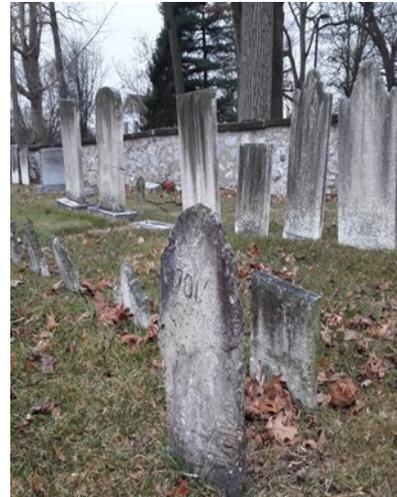
THERE WILL BE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THAT DAY.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.

*THANK YOU!*

## Historical tidbits

- \* Mr. Elder spoke of the 1808 renovation in which two huge wood stoves were placed in the sanctuary. However, the smoke from the stoves was so thick; it almost made it impossible for the congregation to see the minister in his pulpit!
- \* He also claimed that Andrew Montour, a member of our church and a veteran of our early wars, was really an Indian chief called SATTELIHU. His mother was the famous Madame Montour and his father was the Seneca warrior Roland Montour.



\* There is a mysterious stone - an old river stone with the date 1701 cut deeply into it. Chiseled markings can still be seen on the top cut, as the stone was shaped into a round top. I thought this was not an original date but a colonial cemetery expert told me it was original and one of the oldest kinds in this area. Where did it come from?

Why was this person buried here before a church, cemetery, or many white settlers were present? Is it the grave of Tammany who died in 1701? His son did have his quarters in Paxtang. But why here? The quest continues.

- \* Our archive contains a letter from the White House responding to an invitation to President Herbert Hoover to attend our rededication of our renovated sanctuary in 1931. The president's secretary declined saying, "...it is impossible for him to make any additional engagements for the present."

Soon after, white people came in greater numbers including John Harris about 1727. There is a tradition that Rev. George Gillespie preached at Paxtang in 1715, but if he did, he may have been preaching to the Native Americans. Paxton's first church was made of logs and was built around 1726 with Rev. James Anderson being a part-time minister. The Presbytery of Donegal was organized in 1732 and its first order of business was to organize the churches of Paxton and Derry (now Hershey area) and call Rev. William Bertram as minister for both churches.

The Rev. John Elder, a native of Scotland who had attended the University of Edinburgh, was called to be its minister in 1738. At one point, he was paid 60 pounds a year – half of it in bacon, hay, flax, linen, and other commodities. For the next 56 years, he served this small, frontier church and its area as minister, magistrate, and commissioned military officer. Around 1740, the present stone structure was started. The stones were gathered by members of the congregation who contributed their share in labor or money.

The first 25 years were relatively peaceful, but on October 20<sup>th</sup> 1755, John Harris wrote a letter to Gov. Morris informing him of the massacre at Penn's Creek near Selingsgrove. Rev. Elder wrote a similar letter on the 25<sup>th</sup>. A party of about 40 men from Paxtang went up river to bury the dead. On their way back, they were attacked and several were killed. This was the beginning of a number of decades of unrest on the frontier. During that time, Paxton's people continued to work and go to church. During services, guards were stationed on the hilltops, and outside the church doors. Rifles were stacked ready for use. This unrest led in 1763 to the formation of the Paxton Rangers and Paxton Boys.

## Paxton Presbyterian Church Security Update/Reminders for 2020

There will be a First Aid-CPR-AED Class scheduled (date TBD) for selected staff, teachers and leaders.

We have First Aid Kits at 4 locations within the church and one in the cabin. The AED is in the church office.

Most 911 calls will require emergency personnel to respond to the church for medical and police situations. Care may be refused by the individual, however, church liability recommends calling 911 when there is any doubt.

“ERR ON THE SIDE CAUTION”

We have completed the installation of Emergency Informational File Folders in selected classrooms and meeting locations throughout the church (includes cabin).

The file includes an evacuation map for each location, with primary and secondary exits, a copy of the PPC EAP, and Lockdown Protocol. All Leaders, Teachers, Guest Leaders, and Staff should review file.



We are currently committed to the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Thursday of every month. We typically provide 4 volunteers from 12 until 2 PM. We help set up, serve food and clean up. If you have any questions before you commit or if you would like to be added or deleted from the list for 2020 please contact Cathy Roland at 717-412-4697 or mica19682@gmail.com. We can always use more volunteers!

### FEBRUARY

13th Peggy Elder Dave Foreman Tara & Bob Frank	20th Diane Jacobs
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# The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

**Christian Character  
in a time of turmoil and division**



How to rejoice in every situation, overcome our anxieties and conflicts, reach out to others, show compassion to the poor, control our attitudes and our tongues are among the topics covered by the nine fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5. We cannot transform ourselves. Only through the work of the **Holy Spirit** can we change and grow in Christ. Who is the **Holy Spirit**? How can we become Spirit-filled and equipped to live our lives with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control? Let us start our journey together.

**March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 2020**

**Mondays 10:00-11:30 am**

## Historically Speaking

A Story of Our Early History and Historical Tidbits  
By Norman Daniels, Paxton Historical Committee

Often, while going through our archives, I find interesting stories. Due to the generosity of David Johnson, we have a copy of a speech given by a member of the Elder family many years ago. This forms the basis of the story below.

It is alleged (although under dispute) that the first European to travel through the Paxtang/Harrisburg area was Stephen Brule, an interpreter and explorer with Champlain. It is said that he spent the winter of 1615 exploring the Susquehanna Valley. Soon after Brule's exploration, a fur trade developed in this area and a fur trading post was set up in the Paxtang area to trade in beaver, sable, and deer. After 1707, Paxtang became a center of Indian trade and seemed to attract French traders.

After the defeat of the Susquehannocks, in 1674-75, the Turtle Clan of the Delawares moved into the Paxtang region. They were a peaceful tribe and were lead by Tammany; know as a "Delaware King." Tammany was quite an im-



portant figure who negotiated with William Penn and until relatively recently, was called the "Patron Saint of America." He was also depicted on a monument near the High Water Mark at Gettysburg (the Tammany Regiment). After he died in 1701, his son, Sassounan, was made the King and he headquartered in Paxtang from 1709-1715. During this time, this area continued to be a crossroads of prominent Indian traders.