

## ***Paxtonville UMC***

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***Our Mission:  
To make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.***

## **5th SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY**

February 5, 2017

Series: Practical Christianity: The Epistle of James

Today's theme: Don't Show Favoritism

A Service of Word and Table

### **PERIODIC LITANY (May be used at any time.)**

L: God is good.

**P: All the time.**

L: And all the time.

**P: God is good.**

**(You are invited to stand, as you are able, wherever a “\*” is marked. Bold print indicates congregational participation.)**

### **ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE**

PRELUDE

Cassidy Burns

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

**\*PRAISE SONG**

***Here I Am to Worship***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: It is here in the sanctuary of our God that we learn to fulfill the royal law of God's Word: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

**Congregation: May our praise and worship this day, remind us of God's love, forgiveness, and healing grace.**

**\*HYMN #121**

***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

Creating, loving, and healing God, we gather together this day, coming from different places and situations in life. In faith, we fall before you in praise and worship, desiring to be fed with your love and healed with your grace. Fill us with wonder, O God, that we may proclaim your good news for all to hear. Open up our ears, our mouths, and our hearts this day. In Christ Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Please join in singing *Jesus Loves the Little Children* as the children come forward.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**UNDERSTAND GOD'S LOVE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

James 2:1-13

PRAISE SONG

*Change My Heart, Oh God*

SERMON

“No Favoritism”  
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

*This Life*

Dawn Dietz

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On Screen

SILENT MEDITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**\*SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS**

MISSION MOMENT    Sierra Leone    Desiree Snook & Emeline Snook

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

UMH#13

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*(The elements will be served by intinction. The U.M.C. observes an “Open Table” where all are welcome to receive.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**PRACTICE GOD'S LOVE**

**\*HYMN OF PARTING #560**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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Next week we will continue our series “Practical Christianity: The Epistle of James” with our week two theme: “Show Faith” based on James 2:14-26. What will Pastor Brian talk about next week?

### **“A DISCIPLE’S PATH”**

During Lent our worship series will be based on the workbook “A Disciple’s Path” and some small groups will be using the study. P.B.’s Sunday school class will be starting it next week (Feb. 12) and there is room for a few more people to join in. If you are interested, please let PB know ASAP. Also, this study covers much of what he uses in the new members class, so if you are interested in becoming a member of the church, this class would be great for you.

### **CUTTERS NEEDED!**



The HUB has recently been given numerous used greeting cards to be used by Mission Central in their gift giving. But first our HUB needs to cut up/trim the pictures from these cards. If you would like to help, feel free to take some off the stack in the HUB tubs located in the hallway. If you would like to help, but are unsure of what needs accomplished feel free to speak to Holly Paige.

### **ONLINE DIRECTORY**

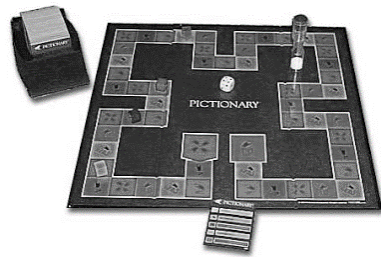
We are in the process of updating to an electronic directory and some of the information we currently have may be outdated or non-existent. Also, with this upgrade we will need your email address if you have one. Please contact Amanda Moyer in the office to be sure we have the correct info for you.

### **WW II AND PAXTONVILLE**

Would you like to know more about your family members experience in WW II? Would you want to know what was happening right here in Paxtonville to support the war effort? 16 million men and women served in the USA armed forces in WW II about 18% of the total population. Millions of people worked in industry and volunteer organizations to support the war effort. 1940 Paxtonville had a population of approximately 400 souls, the WW II honor roll that used to be in front of the church contain the names of 72 men and women serving, also 18%. Many more supported the war effort in industry and volunteering. Today most folks do not know where or how their family member served or supported. The “Homefront” is a general term for all the folks at home working to support the war effort, it is rarely addressed and little appreciated. Join us as we help you obtain the information on WW II service and how this community nurtured its family members caught up in this huge event on Tuesdays, February 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 6-8 pm in the PUMC Fellowship Hall. A signup sheet for the class can be found in the hallway outside the sanctuary. There is a limit of 60 participants, so please register soon. The fee for the class is \$5.00 per person to help offset printing and other costs.

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP**

General Fund	\$4,175.00
Sunday School	32.00
Initial	5.00
HUB	5.00
Land Development	10.00



**I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM,  
WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!**

Ready or not, it's been scheduled. Yep, our Annual Ice Cream & Game night has been put on the calendar for Sunday, February 19th @ 5:30 p.m.. So everyone should get ready to bring their favorite ice cream & games to help us enjoy a fantastic, fun evening together. *If you're planning to attend this fun evening event, please take a moment to let us know by signing-up on the sheet on the shelf in the hallway!*

**Our Vision:  
ENCOUNTER+UNDERSTAND+PRACTICE  
GOD'S LOVE**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Gary Gill</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Peggy Rearick</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Mary Kaufman</b>
<b>Sound Room</b>	<b>Greg Hetrick, Emeline Snook</b>
<b>Praise Team Singers</b>	<b>Scott &amp; Zach Umstead, Orry Walter</b>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...**

Del Ritter                      Lyn Levan                      Irene Walter

**FOR YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>Sunday, Feb. 5</b>	8 a.m. Prayer & Communion 9 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship
<b>Monday, Feb. 6</b>	2 p.m. Confirmation Class 9 a.m. Morning Mocha 7-8:30 p.m. Scouts
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 7</b>	1 p.m.- Fellowship Hall Reserved 7 p.m. SPRC Meeting
<b>Thursday, Feb. 9</b>	4 p.m.- Fellowship Hall Reserved 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting
<b>Saturday, Feb. 11</b>	10:30-3 Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>Sunday, Feb. 12</b>	8 a.m. Prayer & Communion 9 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship 2 p.m. Confirmation Class