

*Paxtonville UMC*  
*1281 Paxton Street, Paxtonville PA*  
*(570) 837-3158*  
*www.paxtonvilleumc.org*  
*Pastor Brian Lucas - [blucas@susumc.org](mailto:blucas@susumc.org)*



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

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY after PENTECOST**

July 2, 2017

Series: Second Chances: Moses: Another Reluctant Prophet  
Today's theme: A Burning Bush and A Reluctant Prophet  
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.)

PRE-SERVICE PATRIOTIC MUSIC

**ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE**

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

**\*PRAISE SONG**

*We Believe*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: Give thanks to the LORD. Call on God's holy name.

**Congregation: Sing praises to our God. Tell of God's wonderful works.**

WL: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Let the faithful glory in the LORD's awesome power.

**C: Shout to our God. Proclaim God's miracles and the judgments of God's mouth.**

WL: Give thanks to the LORD. Rejoice that the LORD has given us a land flowing with milk and honey.

**C: Let everything that draws breath praise the living God!**

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

Great I AM, you excite our curiosity, inviting us to turn aside from the ruts we travel in to find holy ground; you appear to us in a flame of fire, teasing open our imagination and revealing windows into our world we could not conceive of on our own. Surprise us once more, Living Flame. Reveal the wonder of our world as it may be – a world where love is genuine, a world where evil is hated and the saints are honored, a world where mutual affection abides, a world where hospitality is shown to strangers, a world where enemies are loved and cared for, a world where all may be one. Amen.

**\*HYMN #577**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

(Please join in singing the refrain of *O How I Love Jesus* twice through as the children come forward.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

UNDERSTAND GOD’S LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-10

PRAISE SONG

*Holy Ground*

SERMON

“The Bush and the Prophet”  
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

*When You Believe*

Adam Dietz & Tony Landis

DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UMH# 12

SILENT MEDITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**\*SHARING GOD’S LOVE**

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Do Something*

Video

**\*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 #374**

*Standing on the Promises*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Portions of today’s liturgy come from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2014* copyright ©2013 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission.

Next week we will continue our series: “Moses: Another Reluctant Prophet,” with our week three theme “The Exodus.” What will Pastor Brian talk about?

BACKPACKS FOR SCC&Y

Snyder County Children and Youth Services is preparing for their Ninth Annual "Back to School Fair" with a goal of providing backpacks filled with school supplies to local children in need. During the "fair" families who pre-register will receive age appropriate school supplies as well as information about services the SCC&Y provides. We can help this worthy mission in two ways: donation of items, or donation of money. If you would like to donate items, please retrieve a list from the Mission & Ministry table in the fellowship hall following the worship service. If you would like to make a monetary donation, simply mark your check or envelop with the memo "SCC&Y Backpacks." Donations of items and money will be accepted until Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and given to SCC&Y that week.

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP**

General Fund	\$3,744.00
Sunday School	40.00
Willow	25.00
UMCOR	50.00
Gideons	195.00
Pavilion	40.00

**SUPERHERO VBS**

Paxtonville United Methodist Church invites all children to soar with us at VBS Hero Central Vacation Bible School. This Superhero adventure experience includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible-Fun, super science, cool crafts, hands on mission hero work, delicious snacks, great games, and more.

The fun runs from Sunday, July 30 to Thursday, August 3. Time will be 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at PUMC.

We are still looking for Teachers, Helpers, and decorators. To be a part of all the SUPER fun at VBS Hero Central, please call Leta Doersam at 570-837-5861 or visit us online at [www.paxtonvilleumc.org](http://www.paxtonvilleumc.org).

Hope to see you there, Heroes!

Instead of looking over a sign-up sheet, signing up and then trying to remember what you choose to donate; here's a better idea. For all the snacks that will be needed; Amy McClellan is asking you to just give her a monetary donation and she will go to the grocery store to purchase all the needed supplies.

**BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL - JULY 15, 2017**

Breakfast (\$7.50) 7:00-10:00 a.m.  
 5K Run (\$35.00 breakfast included) 7:00 a.m., Register at 6:30 a.m.  
 Church & Community Yard Sales  
 Friday 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m. & Saturday 8:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
 Homemade Blueberry & Vanilla Ice Cream  
 Made using hit-N-Miss Engine 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.  
 Pastries/Snacks/Hot Dogs/Drinks/Blueberries for Sale (cup/quart)  
 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.  
 BBQ Chicken Lunch (\$7.50 platter, \$5 half chicken) 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.  
 Tombodu Display (50% proceeds benefit Tombodu UMC)  
 Door Prizes of 2 backpacks, and a cleaning bucket 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

5K registration forms & a helper list are on the Ministry & Mission table in the Fellowship Hall.

**BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL YARD SALE**

Do you have items around the house that you no longer need or use? Would you like to clear out some of those things? If so, please consider donating them to the church for the yard sale to be held on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 8-12 & Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 8-1. All donations should be in the Fellowship Hall no later than Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Anything not sold will be donated to Community Aid unless you choose to take it back. Please let Nancy Stull know if that is your choice. Thank you for your help.

The Center for Spiritual Formation has three upcoming retreats some of you might be interested in. The first is "The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life: J. Henri Nouwen Revisited" with Rev. Dr. G. Edwin Zeiders taking place from Friday, July 21st at 6:30 p.m. until Saturday, July 22nd at 3:30 p.m. The cost of this retreat will be \$135.00 which includes lodging, meals, and materials. The second is "Connecting with God: A Retreat for Young Adults" with Rev. Michelle Bodle taking place from Friday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. until Saturday, October 21st at 3:30 p.m. The cost of this retreat will be \$100.00 which includes lodging, meals, and materials. The third is "Practicing the Presence of God: A Silent Retreat in the Benedictine Tradition" with Rev. Kathy Harvey Nelson taking place from Monday, October 23rd at 6:30 p.m. until Wednesday, October 25th at 10 a.m. The cost of this retreat will be \$135.00 and includes lodging, meals, and materials. All of these retreats will be at the Center's Retreat at Orchard Hill in Millerstown. For more info, contact PB.

### GEC PROGRAM

The Growing Effective Churches (GEC) pilot program of which we are a part is underway. The clergy and laity groups have met a number of times for book study and relationship building. This will be continuing throughout the year with the laity discussing three books and the clergy working through about ten. In the fall/winter, each of the churches involved will be going through a consultation process which will help them celebrate their successful ministries and processes and giving suggestions on changing and "tweaking" others in order for each to be truly effective for the ministry and kingdom of God. Our church's consultation is scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>. Throughout the coming months, please wrap the laity and clergy of our church, each of our partner churches, and the entire process with prayer, seeking God's wisdom, guidance, and courage. Here are our partner churches: Trinity (Middleburg); Catawissa Ave (Sunbury); Roaring Creek Valley (Catawissa); Benton & Waller (Benton); Hope (Port Trevorton); and The Beacon (Bethany/Christ, Hughesville).

### ICE POPS NEEDED!

We will once again have a float in this year's Firemen's Parade which will be taking place on Thursday, August 10th and are planning on distributing ice pops along the route. Donations of ice pops (or financial contributions toward them) are welcome. Please bring them to the church by August 6th, pre-frozen if possible.

We did great last year and hope to do even better this year! Also, if you are interested in helping with the float (decorating, riding, walking and distributing), please contact Susan Lucas.



"Have you enjoyed hearing the choir during worship throughout the year? Are you musically inclined? Have you considered joining but thought you didn't have the time to commit? Well, we have restructured things a bit for next season, and will only be singing on the second Sunday of every month. Rehearsals will still be Wednesday nights at 7PM, but only the two weeks prior to our respective week on the calendar. We hope having this set schedule will be more appealing, especially to those who have many other obligations. This is a great opportunity to fellowship together, to give of ourselves, and to release stress. A list of other benefits can be found in this month's newsletter. For more information, or if you have any questions, please see Adam Dietz."

### BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL VENDORS

We are looking to see how many of you would like to have your own Vendor Table at the upcoming Blueberry Festival on Sat. July 15. If you would like to have a table the cost is 10.00, due on the day of the event. Please let Amanda Moyer (570-837-3158) in the church office, or Trudy Payne (570-939-1819) know if you would like to participate. Or you can go to our web site [www.paxtonvilleumc.org](http://www.paxtonvilleumc.org) to register.

### NEW MINISTRY TEAM SOLICITATION POLICY

As the Paxtonville U.M.C. continues to strive to fulfill its mission to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," we have discerned the need to adjust how we solicit congregational assistance in worthy ventures through the use of sign-up sheets and donations of goods, which do help us "PRACTICE God's Love."

All PUMC church ministries and programs are encouraged to seek help from the congregation in this way: the use of sign-up sheets specifying what help is needed (e.g. - wait staff, cooks, and clean-up crew at fund-raisers; teachers and helpers for VBS and Sunday school; timers and water distributors at 5Ks; etc.) along with specific times the help is needed. Since worship and Sunday school are two of the main ways we "ENCOUNTER and UNDERSTAND God's Love," these sign-up sheets will no longer be passed around during those times, but will be placed on the "Mission and Ministry Table" in the Fellowship Hall. Announcements will be placed in the bulletins, on the screens, and mentioned during the "Discipleship Announcements." It is suggested that whichever ministry or program is using a sign-up sheet, one team member should make his or her way to the table during the closing hymn to be prepared to speak with parishioners who come over. In an effort to be better stewards of our resources (including time and money), and to encourage parishioners to be better stewards and givers, we will no longer be asking for donations of food items (with the exception of baked goods) but will instead solicit monetary contributions toward specific fund-raisers as they occur. These monetary contributions can be added to the offering plates (please mark your checks or envelopes) or can be given directly to the ministry team member.

### *Our Mission:*

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


### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Rachael McCardle, Ann Markel</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Colleen Ritter</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Greg Hetrick</b>
<b>Sound Room</b>	<b>Bryan &amp; Emeline Snook</b>
<b>Praise Team Singers</b>	<b>Nate Zechman, Tommy Rubillo</b>

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Evelyn Holler	Jerry Hoy	Natalie Stem
John Reigle	Ben Umstead	Michael Gill
	Ron Kratzer	

### FOR YOUR CALENDARS

<b>Monday, July 3</b>	9 a.m. Morning Mocha
<b>Tuesday, July 4</b>	
<b>Thursday, July 6</b>	10-11:30 a.m. Soaking Prayer
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	8 a.m. Prayer and Communion 9 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship

*Today's altar flowers are in celebration of 2 anniversaries.  
Happy Anniversary to Tracy & Dennis Kuhns and Trudy & Jay Payne!*