



Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 10:30 AM

3500 Sharon Street Harrisburg, PA 17111

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WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP PREPARATION

**In preparing for our worship together please quiet yourself
and allow God's Spirit to ready your heart, mind, and soul.**

During this time, we invite you to sign the **guest book**, pass it down your row and back again and note friends and guests worshipping next to you. Please also complete a **prayer request card** at this time if you have a joy or concern for which you would like special prayers during the service. The ushers will collect them during the first hymn.

GREETINGS AND NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

MUSIC INTERLUDE

THE WORD GATHERS US

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, bring your gifts, your hopes, your whole selves.

We come with open hearts and willing hands.

God calls us into a community of sharing and trust.

In Christ's community, no one is forgotten.

Let us worship God, who gives abundantly and calls us to do the same.

* HYMN - No. 301

"Let Us Build a House"

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

Generous God, you pour out grace like rain, offering us all we need: time, space, gifts, and one another. We praise you for the early church's witness, for the generosity of your Spirit, and for every opportunity to live your love in real, shared ways. Receive our worship as a joyful offering of praise, belonging, and hope. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

* OUR RECOGNITION OF BROKENNESS

Generous God, you have given us so much – community, creativity, resources, time – but we confess we sometimes treat your gifts as ours alone. We withhold when we could give, stay quiet when we could speak, cling tightly when we could share. Forgive us, O God. Loosen our grip and open our hearts. Help us to live like the early church: faithful in fellowship, joyful in generosity, and devoted to one another. (silent confession)

* GOD'S ASSURANCE OF RECONCILIATION

* OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE - No. 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

* PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also, with you.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMS TO US

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

TEACHER APPRECIATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE ACTS Acts 2:42-47 (NT145)

ANTHEM "A Gaelic Blessing" -John Rutter

READING FROM THE LETTERS 2 Corinthians 8:8-15 (NT223)

SERMON "What's Mine is Yours"

HYMN - No. 767 "Together We Serve"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostles' Creed" -Traditional (p. 35)

THE WORD INVITES US

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation for the Offering

* Response of Praise - No. 606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER -Traditional (p. 35)

THE WORD SENDS US

* HYMN - No. 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

* INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

The () indicates that those who are able may stand.
The words printed in ***bold face italics type*** are said by all.

CCLI#2707192

Directing our worship today: Preacher, Rev. Dr. Kent Carter;
Worship Assistant, Geoffrey Vinton; Conversation with Our Children, Sam Frank;
Director of Music, Sue Beckley; Organist, Jeanne Bruce;
Director of Faith Formation, Michelle Sheppard; CEM Chair, Karen Herrold

Anthem

A Gaelic Blessing

-John Rutter

DEEP PEACE OF THE RUNNING WAVE TO YOU, DEEP
PEACE OF THE FLOWING AIR TO
YOU, DEEP PEACE OF THE QUIET EARTH TO YOU,
DEEP PEACE OF THE SHINING STARS
TO YOU, DEEP PEACE OF THE GENTLE NIGHT TO
YOU, MOON AND STARS POUR THEIR
HEALING LIGHT ON YOU, DEEP PEACE OF CHRIST
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD TO YOU,

DEEP PEACE OF CHRIST TO YOU.

Prayer Square

*Please keep the following church members and friends in
your prayers.*

MEMBERS

NANCY BINGAMAN, MARY BOWERS, JIM BRILLINGER, BRENDA
BRINKLEY, LARRY BROWN, DAVE FOREMAN, SHIRLEY GRUNDEN,
DAVE AND SALLY HOLT, DON HOOPES, NANCY HUTCHISON, JO
JACOBY, JIM KNIGHT, PENNY KNIGHT, CHARLIE MORY, NEDRA
MAXWELL, JOANNE MILLER, MARLA MULLINAX, DONNA POWERS,
LOUIS ROBERTSON, ELSIE WILLIAMS, DAVE WION, KATHIE

ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDS

BETTY CONTE, CORK DOWNEY, COLLEEN GERBER, DR. KENT GROFF,
FRED HECKLER, HELEN HEIDLEBAUGH, SHERRY HOWER, PASTOR
ANDY SCOTT AND FAMILY, DANIELLE SIMS, CLIFF STERN, SAM
WANUGA, CRISTY WEIGEL, DAVID WEISS, RON WIX, LYNN BUCK

WOODWARD

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER SQUARE
PLEASE CONTACT JANICE AT 717-418-1526 OR
MOMJAKH@AOL.COM

NEWS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL today are given to the Glory of God by the Detweiler Fund.

COMING IN WORSHIP SUNDAY, MAY 25 Join us for Week 4 of our *Alive with Purpose* series as we explore “Rooted and Renewed,” drawing from Luke 24:13–35 and Acts 2:42. We’ll reflect on the four pillars of the early church, worship, prayer, study, and fellowship, and how these spiritual rhythms still shape our lives today. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we discover that Christ walks with us, even when we don’t recognize him at first. Pastor Kent will be preaching.

SAFETY AND SECURITY The month of May is the most active month for tornados. In 2004, a tornado touched down outside the building that caused extensive tree damage and a power outage that lasted several days. If a tornado warning or emergency is announced during an event at the church, move quickly (do not run) to Fellowship Hall on the lower level. Please do not use the elevator unless necessary and assist others down the stairs if you are able. If moving to the lower level is not possible, shelter with someone in the bathrooms on the main level. Shelter-in-place until an announcement is made that it is safe to leave.

THE NEXT POOR AND HOMELESS DELIVERY WILL BE JUNE 5TH Summer items are in need such as Men’s long pants and shorts (especially sizes 34-36); men’s medium-sized shirts; and sneakers and sandals. Women’s clothing of all kinds in medium and large sizes. Children’s summer clothing would also be appreciated. Please drop off the clothing at Norm Daniels’ house (500 Bonnymead Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111) by 9:00 p.m. June 4th. Questions? Call or text Norm at 717-712-7494.

UNITY CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, June 3, at noon in the Great Room for their Annual Picnic. There will be no lesson but bring your picnic item. “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”- Psalm 133:1

MISSION MATTERS A huge “Thank You” to everyone that helped to make the chocolate egg sale a huge success. More than 25 volunteers helped to make, shape, dip, bag, sell the eggs, and of course, the tremendous support of the congregation that purchased the eggs. We raised \$1623.68 to help offset the cost of sending our teenagers and chaperones to the Youth Triennium this summer. Thank you for your continued support of our mission projects!

COMING SOON: KITCHEN REFRESH Exciting opportunities await! The church kitchen is getting a much-needed refresh. We have recently obtained our kitchen certification through the Department of Agriculture. This certification will enable us to better utilize our large kitchen to serve not only our congregation but also the surrounding community. Stay tuned for more information and volunteer opportunities!! Feel free to contact Dawn Palmer with any ideas, questions, concerns or information on how you can get involved with this new venture.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER will be Sunday April 12, 2026, save the date!

SPONSOR A GAME FOR VBS Vacation Bible School leaders are looking for a few favorites and a few new games to play this summer. A list of these games can be found outside the office with options to loan games or donate a new game to our VBS collection. Thank you.

REGISTRATION for Vacation Bible School is live, and you can find information and sign up links on the bulletin board outside the office, on our website, and on our social media. Please invite the children you know.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED There is so much fun to be had sharing faith and fun with the children of our church and community. This year's Vacation Bible School is July 14-17th from 5-7:30pm (and a free meal before). Please consider joining us for a day or the week. Information can be found on the VBS bulletin board outside the office.

USHERS MEETING There will be a meeting for all current ushers as well as new ushers on 6/1/2025 following Worship. This will be a brief meeting, please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please email Bob at bobfrank214@gmail.com.



God calls Paxton Presbyterian Church, a body of believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to demonstrate God's love in the world. We celebrate God's love by moving forward in Christ's work, always being open to change in obedience to his will through:

- Actively bringing people to Christ
- Being faithful stewards of God's gifts
- Generously using and sharing all that we have
- Nurturing faith through inspirational worship, prayer and study of the Gospel
- Being compassionate to all
- Lovingly serve humanity in mission to the local and global communities.

PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN'S MISSION

Week 3 – “What’s Mine Is Yours”
In Christ’s community, no one is forgotten

Scripture: Acts 2:42–47, 2 Corinthians 8:8–15

Reflect

- Where in your life have you experienced someone sharing generously with you?
- What gift—of time, talent, space, or compassion—might God be inviting you to offer this week?

This Week's Invitation: Ask God to show you one thing you have, material or spiritual, that could be a blessing to someone else. Then offer it freely, trusting that there will still be enough.

Live It Out: Generosity in Action

This week, consider one or more of these ways to share what you have:

- Invite someone to share a meal, a walk, or conversation.
- Offer your skills – cooking, building, teaching, caring – to serve someone else.
- Consider how Paxton’s spaces might bless others in the community.
- Say yes to helping with a church ministry or community event.
- Look for one thing you can give away this week, with joy.
- Pray about your gifts and how God might use them for someone else’s good.

From the Sermon

“What if someone in this neighborhood could find hope because they found a place in our sanctuary, seat in our meeting room, shade in our grove, or kindness in our kitchen?” – from the sermon, *What’s Mine Is Yours*

Remember

You don’t have to do everything. Just begin with one thing, done in faith and love. Let your generosity reflect the grace you have received.

- DOWNTOWN DAILY BREAD -

Food Pantry

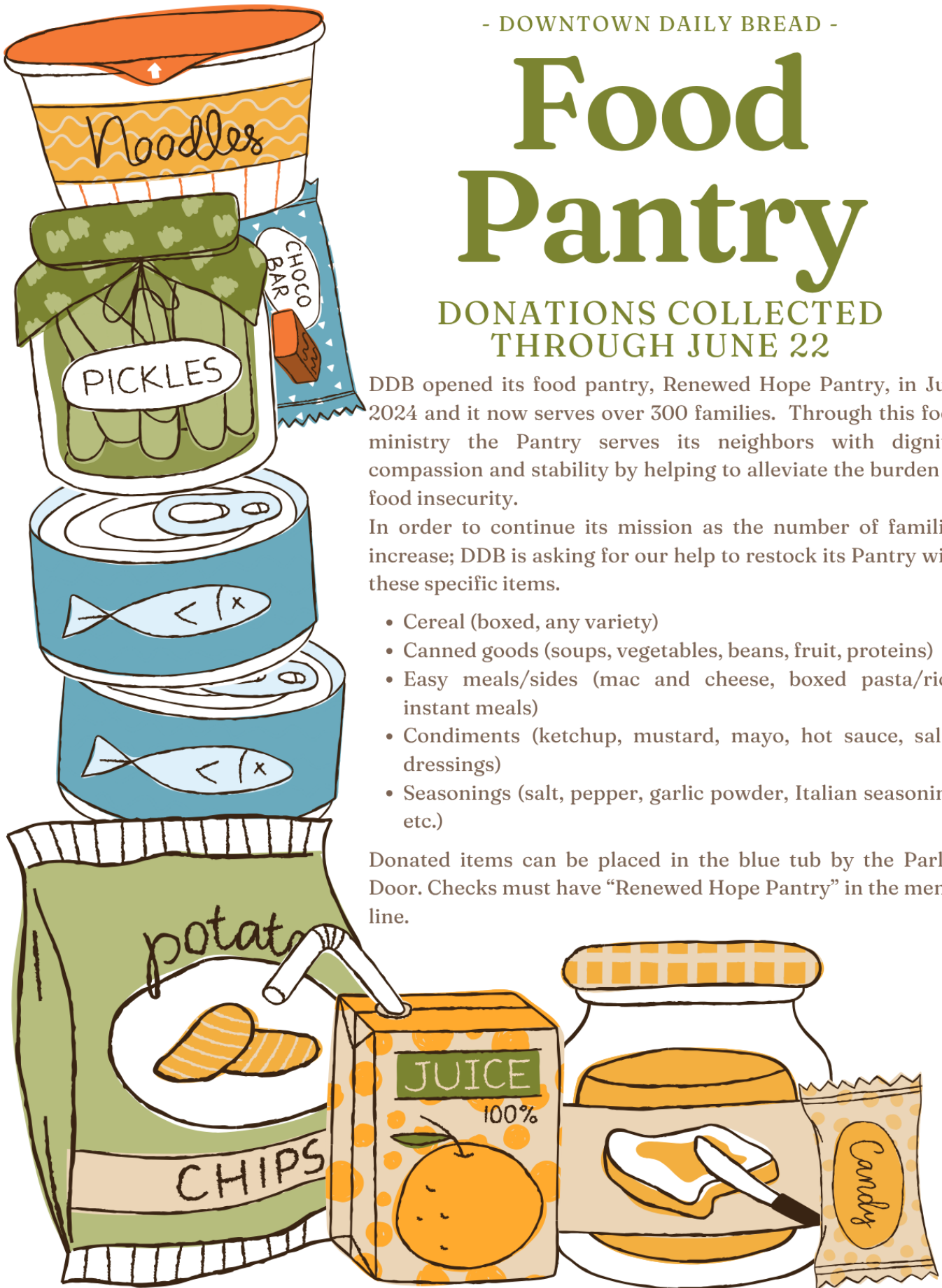
DONATIONS COLLECTED THROUGH JUNE 22

DDB opened its food pantry, Renewed Hope Pantry, in July 2024 and it now serves over 300 families. Through this food ministry the Pantry serves its neighbors with dignity, compassion and stability by helping to alleviate the burden of food insecurity.

In order to continue its mission as the number of families increase; DDB is asking for our help to restock its Pantry with these specific items.

- Cereal (boxed, any variety)
- Canned goods (soups, vegetables, beans, fruit, proteins)
- Easy meals/sides (mac and cheese, boxed pasta/rice, instant meals)
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, hot sauce, salad dressings)
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, garlic powder, Italian seasoning, etc.)

Donated items can be placed in the blue tub by the Parlor Door. Checks must have "Renewed Hope Pantry" in the memo line.



Graduate Recognition



KYLE PECK WILL SOON GRADUATE FROM CENTRAL DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL WITH HONORS. KYLE IS THE SON OF ERIN AND SHANE, BROTHER TO REAGAN AND GRANDSON OF CINDY AND BRUCE CAVANAUGH. IN HIGH SCHOOL KYLE DID THE PENN DOT INNOVATION CHALLENGE IN HIS JUNIOR YEAR AND WON THE REGIONAL COMPETITION. HE WAS ALSO THE FOOTBALL MANAGER, RUNNING THE DRONE FOR TEAM PRACTICES. KYLE PLANS TO MAJOR IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING IN COLLEGE NEXT YEAR AT PENN STATE HARRISBURG.



BEN SHEPPARD WILL GRADUATE FROM HERSHEY HIGH WHERE HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THEATRE, WIND SYMPHONY, STOCK AND EXCHANGE CLUB, AND STUDENT ATHLETE OUTREACH. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, MATH HONOR SOCIETY, AND LINK CREW. BEN ENJOYED PLAYING FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL FOR THE TROJANS. BEN SINGS IN THE SANCTUARY CHOIR FOR MARKET SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. HE WILL ATTEND HOBART & WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGE THIS FALL WHERE HE IS INTERESTED IN STUDYING ECONOMICS, PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. BEN IS THE SON OF MICHELLE SHEPPARD, BROTHER TO LUKE, MICAH, AND ADDI AND GRANDSON OF KATHIE ZIMMERMAN.



RACHEL HITZ GRADUATED FROM PENN STATE UNIVERSITY'S SMEAL COLLEGE OF BUSINESS WITH A B.S. IN SUPPLY CHAIN AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS. DURING HER TIME AT PENN STATE, RACHEL GAINED HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE AS A GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN PLANNING INTERN AT EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES AND AT FENNER PRECISION POLYMERS. OUTSIDE OF HER INTERNSHIPS, SHE SERVED IN MULTIPLE ROLES FOR PENN STATE THON™. RACHEL WAS ALSO VERY INVOLVED WITH ESSENCE OF JOY, PENN STATE'S RENOWNED CHOIR. THROUGH THE CHOIR, SHE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL, PERFORM WITH A GROUP THAT CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY, AND THE POWER OF MUSIC TO FOSTER COMMUNITY. STARTING THIS JULY, RACHEL WILL JOIN THE SUPPLY CHAIN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT EDWARDS LIFESCIENCES IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, WHERE SHE'S EAGER TO CONTINUE GROWING IN HER CAREER AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMPANY'S MISSION OF IMPROVING LIVES WORLDWIDE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Today we recognize the following Christian Education Teachers and Leaders:

Happy Barber

LaVerne Collins

Cindy and Charlie Mory

Laurie Bassler

Bob and Tara Frank

Mary Myers

Nancy Bingaman

Sam and Joe Frank

Dawn and John Palmer

Larry Brown

Erin and Nino Giambrone

Karen Schmidt

Jim and Jeanne Bruce

Dave Holt

Michelle and Addi Sheppard

Linette Burd

Cheryl Holtzman

Bethany Smith

Kent Carter

Susan Heimberger

Craig Staudenmaier

Karen Herrold

Andrew and Jess Vinton

Nancy Lengler

Brenda Vinton



MAY 18-25, 2025

Sunday, May 18	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
	10:00 AM	Fellowship	<i>Gathering Place</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	11:30 AM	Service Afternoon	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>
Monday, May 19	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
	6:00 PM	Stewardship	<i>Library</i>
Tuesday, May 20	11:45 AM	Church Staff Meeting	<i>Room 202</i>
	5:30 PM	Troop 35 Cub Scouts	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
Wednesday, May 21	9:30 AM	Sewing Circle	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	9:30 AM	PPNS Graduation	<i>Great Hall</i>
	5:30 PM	Penguin Project	<i>Great Room</i>
	7:00 PM	Session	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
Thursday, May 22	6:00 PM	Lion's Club Meeting	<i>Fellowship Hall</i>
	6:00 PM	Community Evangelical @ Paxton	<i>Bethany Field</i>
	7:30 PM	PNC	<i>Seekers' Room</i>
Sunday May 25	10:00 AM	Fellowship	<i>Gathering Place</i>
	10:30 AM	Worship Service	<i>Sanctuary</i>
	1:00 PM	Nepali Speaking Community Church	<i>Great Room</i>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office is open to the public

9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday

If you need to visit the office or building at another time, please call the office.

The office will be closed on May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day.

Paxton Presbyterian Church Staff

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For a confidential referral please contact a Stephen Leader.

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B $\flat$ C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B $\flat$ F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B $\flat$

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re-vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B $\flat$ A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B $\flat$ F (C7)

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
B $\flat$ F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
B $\flat$ F E $\flat$ Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm F7 B $\flat$

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 where, Lord, (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)