

Here is the Weekly Church Mail 7/15/2024 from Panama Methodist Church.

Our **mission** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Our **vision** is to lovingly give every person in our community the opportunity to believe in and follow Jesus for life!

## Devotion from Pastor Paul

Do you have hope? - Romans 12:12

As you are reading this weekly devotional, do you feel hopeful at this very second? Did you feel hopeful all of last week? All of last month? Have you found that you have times of great hopefulness and everything else in between?

In over twelve years of serving as a pastor, I can personally say that I have had feelings of great hopefulness and everything in between. There are moments where I have felt the Holy Spirit moving and have seen what God was doing. Then there were moments where people suffered, or people that we loved dearly left this world to be with Jesus. Some times our hearts hurt.

Our lives and our walks with God on this earth, can be a strange mix of triumphs and struggles, and I believe that this mixture helps us really treasure our triumphs, and our times of hopefulness. If this weekly devotion finds you feeling hopeful, then praise God! If you are feeling hopeless or anything in between, know that others are feeling the same way too.

The great news for us is that Jesus gave us his church and the people in it. Whether through prayer meetings, Bible studies, small groups, Sunday worship, spending time with each other, etc., we can share the hope, joy, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ with other.

The way people share food at a dish to pass dinner, we can share the gifts that God has given us on a given day. Maybe you come with a lot of hope, and some people where you gather are hungry for more hope. Maybe you bring joy, mercy, etc. The point is, is that we need each other, and body of Christ is stronger with us in it!

In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, we read in 12:12 this:

***"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer"*** (Rom. 12:12, NRSV).

I truly hope that this weekly devotional finds you hope filled, but if not, may we all continue to share the gifts, the graces, and the abundance that God has

given us with each other. For when we do this we are all better, and all growing closer to Christ.

All glory to Christ our King,

Pastor Paul

## Upcoming Events

What's Happening This Week?

### **Monday, July 15**

God's Groceries @ 9:00a

God's Groceries @ 6:00p

### **Tuesday, July 16**

Band of Brothers @ 6:30p (Conference Room)

Rooted @ 6:30p (Library)

### **Wednesday, July 17**

Staff Meeting @ 9:30a (Pastor's Office)

Lunch Bunch @ 12:00p (Community Room)

Adult Bible Study @ 3:30p (Conference Room)

Prayer & Praise @ 5:00p (Conference Room)

### **Thursday, July 18**

God's Groceries @ 6:00p

Praise Team Practice @ 6:00p (Sanctuary)

### **Friday, July 19**

Youth Event @ 6:30p

### **Saturday, July 20**

Women's Breakfast @ 9:00a (Gallery/Cafe)

### **Sunday, July 21**

Prayer Meeting @ **\*8:45a** (*Conference Room*) **\*New Summer Time**

Worship! @ 10:15a

*Start of Family Bible Camp @ The Camp at Findley*



## Pray for our 2024 Campers!

<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>CAMP</u>	<u>Beginning Date</u>	<u>Ending Date</u>
Annelise	Graham	Miracle Mountain	7/21/24	7/26/24
Nathaneal	Graham	Miracle Mountain	7/21/24	7/26/24
Susannah	Graham	Servants Heart	6/17/24	6/22/24
Tobias	Graham	Miracle Mountain	7/21/24	7/26/24
Aiden	Keefer	Bethany Camp	7/7/24	7/12/24
Levi	Reynolds	Mission Meadows	7/8/24	7/12/24
Levi	Reynolds	Bliss Sum. B. Camp	7/14/24	7/19/24
Joel	Reynolds	Mission Meadows	7/8/24	7/12/24
Maggie	Keefer	Mission Meadows	7/8/24	7/12/24
Fiona	Cortright	Bethany Camp	7/21/24	7/26/24
Rosalyn	Lindquist	Bethany Camp	7/21/24	7/26/24
Owen	Kinney	Mission Meadows	7/21/24	7/27/24

**Are you interested in Camp? We have scholarships available!  
Come talk to Lisa or Pastor Paul to hear more about it!**

**Pray for our Campers!**



Are you wanting to go to camp?  
We have scholarships available!  
Come talk to Lisa or Pastor Paul and  
we can help you register!

## CAMP!

If you are interested in sending your child to camp, and would like to talk with us about our Camp Scholarship Program, reach out to Pastor Paul or Lisa in the office and we would be glad to help them out!



## Family Bible Camp!

The Camp at Findley

Anyone is free to register for Family Bible Camp the week of July 21-27th at The Camp at Findley! Guest Speaker: Bishop Mark Webb, and guest appearance by Steve and Stacy Taylor!

PMC Worship night is Friday, July 26th at their 7pm Worship portion. Bring a lawn chair and join us under the tent!



## Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 31

## Worship & Prayer Opportunities

**WORSHIP TIMES:** SUNDAY Mornings at 10:15am

**PRAYER TIMES:**

WEDNESDAY EVENING at 5pm (Conference Room)

SUNDAY MORNING at \*8:45am (Conference Room) \*New Summer Time

**NURSERY MINISTRY:**

The nursery will be staffed by Ministry Safe Trained volunteer staff, and two people will be present at all times. Please also know that all ages are always welcome to join us in the sanctuary - sitting with their family.

**DID YOU KNOW?** *Current and past sermons, as well as, the weekly bulletin are posted on the Church Website in audio and text-based format. Check them*



out and refer them to a friend. Many of you (and more) are "gathering" online and in-house for worship Sunday mornings.

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

7/14 - 98 in-house + 20 Facebook + 26 Livestream + 11 Subsplash

7/7 - 112 in-house + 39 Facebook + 0 Livestream + 10 Subsplash

6/30 - 142 in-house + 23 Facebook + 20 Livestream + 9 Subsplash

6/23 - 125 in-house + 14 Facebook + 20 Livestream + 10 Subsplash

You definitely are NOT worshipping alone!!

\*Unfortunately our livestream didn't cast to our Facebook page. Sorry for the inconvenience!

***Thank you to the Tech Team and Worship Team for helping us worship online and in-house.***

## **Online Giving/Streaming**

Now is the perfect time to make the shift to online giving to Panama Methodist Church. It's secure and very easy to register and begin tithing online. This is a difficult time, financially, for our nation and community. As you can, we are encouraging everyone to continue to do what you can to give to the church and other charities.

To sign up, go to the church website ([www.panamamethodist.org/giving](http://www.panamamethodist.org/giving)) and click on the Give Online button on the homepage. If you need help, please call the church office (716-782-4031) for assistance.

Join us at church, if you feel comfortable gathering, or you may worship with us via Livestream, Facebook, or on Subsplash!

The link to the Livestream is [www.livestream.com/panamaum](http://www.livestream.com/panamaum).

Join us on Facebook at

[facebook.com/panamamethodist](https://www.facebook.com/panamamethodist)

Download the app here:

<http://get.theapp.co/ybt5>

Share, like, and invite others to JOIN US!

**[Watch us Live Online Giving](#)**

## Mission and Outreach Opportunities

*...serving Christ...*

**God's Groceries Food Pantry** - The Panama area Food Pantry is hosted by our church, right here in our brand new addition. Contact Tina Swineford or call the office at 782-4031 **if you are interested in helping with this vital ministry.** Please realize that in an effort to better serve our community, God's Groceries Food Pantry will continue to keep both the Monday morning and evening hours (9:00-10:00a and 6:00-7:00p) as well as Thursday hours from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

**We are Live Streaming our worship!** If you missed worship this week, or want to tune in on a Sunday to worship where you are, you can login to our [Livestream link](#) or watch on our [facebook](#) page! You can also go to the [panamamethodist.org](http://panamamethodist.org) website and click on the livestream link. Also, you can watch past worship services and events.

**Ministry Safe** - Ministry Safe training is required for all Sunday School teachers and helpers, youth group leaders and helpers, Vacation Bible School leaders and helpers, and nursery and Children's ministry volunteers.

**Sunday Morning Hospitality Team!** The Sunday Morning Hospitality Team is looking for new servants! This is a great mission and ministry of welcome and invitation...please pray about how you can help. Thanks! Call the office for more information

## Discipleship Opportunities

Panama Methodist Church Discipleship Group Information  
**C.H.A.T.** (George and Trudy Anderson) First Friday of every month [gaanderson@windstream.net](mailto:gaanderson@windstream.net) 716-782-3252

**Band of Brothers** 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm (Conference Room)

**Rooted** 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm (Library)

**Class Meeting** Wednesdays at 6pm (Varies)

For more information concerning Discipleship Groups, contact the church at (716) 782-4031 [contact@panamamethodist.org](mailto:contact@panamamethodist.org)







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